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EXPANSION OF OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MORE than ordinary interest attaches to the proceedings of the Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was convened on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall, in compliance with a requisition delivered by the Treasurer and other prominent members of the Executive. For a considerable time past it has been obvious that, if the Institution is to be maintained in its efficiency, care must be taken to provide against the encroachments which has recently been threatened upon the premises of our School grounds by the "progressive builder." The question is one that has been already many times before the Craft, and arguments have been advanced both in favour of and against the purchase of additional land, in order to ward off the erection of buildings in too near proximity to our Schools. These discussions, which have received frequent consideration in our columns, have in the main tended towards the support of the proposal to extend the boundaries of the existing area at Battersea-rise, and the chief objection urged by the economists has been that of the excessive price asked for the small plot of ground required to meet the exigencies of the case. Unquestionably the figure asked—two thousand five hundred pounds—for a little corner piece of land abutting on the Wandsworth-road is a large one; yet at the same time it must be considered that of recent years land available for building purposes has enormously increased in value in all our suburban districts, and St. John's Hill is no exception to the rule. Being aware of this—as all men of business must be—the owner, Mr. William Evill, finds himself in the happy position of holding the trump card in his hand; and, without describing the transaction as on all fours with the demand for fabulous compensation often made when property is required for public purposes, we do not see there is much reason to complain that he requires what he considers a reasonably good price for the plot of ground needed for the special uses of the Institution. It is rightly considered by the Executive that it would be highly advantageous to make this addition to their existing property; and after negotiations and deliberations it has at length been resolved, on the motion of Bro. Ralph Clutton J.G.D., who is one of the Vice-Patrons of the Institution, that the negotiations between the House Committee and Mr. Evill for the purchase of the two houses and grounds adjoining the Junior School of this Institution, for the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds be approved, and that the Trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect. There is no doubt that now, the matter is left in the hands of a practical and business-like set of men, we shall speedily hear of a satisfactory settlement of the whole question, and that the Girls' School will be in possession of sufficient space for the development of its advantages and the maintenance of the thorough efficiency of the Institution at any rate for some years to come.

Several other matters more or less important and interesting to the Craft generally were brought up at the meeting, foremost amongst which was the motion by the Grand Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., to alter Law XXIV. in such a way as to provide that no candidate for admission to the School shall be disqualified by reason of her age exceeding eleven years at the time of election, in

cases where such excess would not have arisen had the election been held on the second Saturday in April of that year. We can only assume that cases of this description would occur but very seldom, and the resolution being prompted no doubt by an instance that actually cropped up, in which the age was limited to the week or day, the proposition was so fair and equitable, on the face of it, that there could be no reason why it should not be adopted.

The manner in which the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen should be commemorated was the next subject brought under the notice of the Special Court, on a motion by Bro. W. Brown, Vice-President. In the absence of the brother who had given notice of the motion, it was formally brought forward by Brother Horace Brooks Marshall Past Grand Treasurer. It was to the effect that in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the election in April next, thereby admitting of the whole of the candidates on the list without contest. This is gratifying news all round—to the subscribers and others who take an interest in the Girls' School, to the candidates and their friends, and to none more than the Executive themselves. It will also stand on record as a graceful and beneficent means of celebrating an event which is to be marked in some way or other by almost every public institution in the kingdom, and will be far more satisfactory to the Craft generally than would have been any proposal for a festivity in which only a small section of the brethren could participate. The only drawback to the otherwise unqualified value of this proposition is that the upsetting of the election, even under exceptional cases, is calculated to lead to some confusion so far as regards those who hold accumulated votes. Many brethren, adopting a system which we do not hesitate to deprecate in every shape and form,—of borrowing and forestalling votes,—have incurred heavy responsibilities; and this "walk over," if we may so speak, will completely revolutionize the arrangements that may have been made for the exchange or repayment of borrowed votes. For instance, a brother holding five hundred Girls' votes which he wished to exchange will, in the absence of an election, find them worthless; so that practically his entire capital in the way of voting power has been "burked." Thus, while congratulating the Executive and the Subscribers alike upon a scheme which will place the advantages of the School at the feet of five additional candidates, there is reason to fear that the absence of an election will cause confusion in individual voting operations which it will take a considerable time to adjust.

Probably, however, the proposal by the President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. Robert Grey, to rescind Law LVI., viz.:—"No girl shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase, or otherwise, who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates," formed the most debateable part of the proceedings of the Special Court on Monday last. This matter had been thoroughly considered and fought out long since, and a rule was passed some five years ago that two children of the same family should not be admitted into the School. Bro. Grey, in advancing his proposition, admitted that the whole subject had been well and carefully weighed, and the result was that the plan applied only under exceptional circumstances. It must be obvious to all that it is most advantageous for two sisters to be educated in the same school, to say nothing of the stronger tie of mutual affection that would bind them

together when living and learning under the same roof. Bro. Webb, in opposing the resolution, advanced a somewhat adverse opinion, and pointed out that it was questionable whether any advantage was gained by two children of the same family being educated together, inasmuch as the benefits derivable from our Masonic Institutions should be distributed as widely as possible. Another argument was that the experience gained by friends and supporters of a candidate in the working of an election gave them an advantage over those who had acquired no such experience; probably there might be something in this, but it hardly militates against the general question. The other argument—that the most deserving candidates do not receive the largest amount of support—is almost too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment; and it was no wonder it fell flatly on the ears of the Court. Strength, like water, will always find its level, and so it will prove in all such cases as that now under consideration. If a man is in possession of a hundred votes he has not obtained them surreptitiously, or by any unfair or indirect means; and he is perfectly at liberty to utilise them, if he pleases, on behalf of two members of the same family, just as he might for two strangers, provided the candidates are deserving. If a brother can secure the support of those who hold the motive power of admission to the School, we see no ground upon which such action can be challenged. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Institution, taking up the argument, said he should not have intruded upon the attention of the Court but for certain tendencies in the discussion which foreshadowed a bearing upon the rules of the other Institution, with which he was himself more intimately associated. If this resolution were carried in the Girls' School a similar one would necessarily be brought forward in reference to the establishment at Wood-green; and consequently he felt bound to say a word upon the question, although he refrained from doing so under ordinary circumstances. In his opinion it was a question that should not be too hastily decided. The laws were carefully considered and revised five years ago, when the decision was arrived at that it was not advisable to receive more than one member of a family into the School. He therefore suggested, as a saving clause, that a limitation should be made where the number of a family was large, and in this matter all who are interested in our Educational Institutions will concur. For example, if there are only three children in a family, it would be inexpedient, or considered unfair, if more than one were admitted to the School. But where there are nine or ten, or even twelve, "olive branches" left dependent, the circumstances should be fairly taken into consideration. The poor widowed mother might be a deserving object; her husband might have done credit to the Institutions during his lifetime, but in the end perhaps the result might be the leaving of a numerous progeny. Is the widow to be precluded from the benefits of the School because she has already one little daughter a pupil in the Institution? For the purpose of the argument we may fairly reckon that in very few families would there be more than six children of ages that render them dependent upon the mother; and if the line were drawn that one in three should be eligible for candidature, we think that is an equitable solution, and a sound basis on which to act. On these grounds, and without suggesting to the management, Bro. Binckes was evidently of opinion that the matter should be referred to a joint Committee of the Boys' and Girls' Schools for consideration, and that a report should be presented by them, say in six months time. A resolution might in that way be formulated for acceptance at the Election Court in October next. Bro. Grey gracefully fell in with the views expressed by the Secretary of the Boys' Institution; and it was afterwards moved by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, that it should be referred to the October Quarterly Court, when the conclusions of the joint Committees of the two Schools might be laid before the Subscribers for their approval. Those who attended the Election would then be in a position to deal with the question thoroughly and finally. Of course the Subscribers would be afforded every facility of having the views of such special Committee before them, and in this way an amicable and workable settlement of the whole question might be arrived at. Taken as a whole, some very excellent work was done at Monday's Special Court, from which sound practical results may confidently be looked for.

ABOVE SUPERSTITION.

"WE are all superstitious," said a distinguished author in the early part of this century. This is a stinging truth that few like to admit, yet, when closely examined, it is found to be true. To free one from himself is the work of a life-time, and even then it cannot be done always. It matters not how the streak of superstition crept into the soul, on certain occasions it will, in spite of all we can do, crop out.

There is a superstitious awe pervading the minds of many in regard to the overpowering influence of the devil. Under the old mythology, two opposing powers or forces were contending against each other for the dominion over men's souls; the one force was good, the other evil; one power the Creator and Preserver, the other the Destroyer; one the angel of life, the other the swift-winged messenger of death. Man was to placate the one, and to avoid the other. One is God, the Only, the other the Devil. To be led captive by the latter was to suffer all the terrible agonies of a burning hell, filled with blue blazes, sulphurous fumes, and the shrieks of the lost. As men received more light they mounted higher than the literal flames, and bid defiance to such awful scenes. Not hell-scared nor hell-bound frightened them so much as the subordination of their own intellects, the dethronement of reason to passion. Life at once became something to live for. It meant something to do for self and for others. In short, it was putting the devil and hell down in himself, and placing the rational man on top—the crowning act of true manhood. This is a battle against superstition, against priestcraft and a defunct theology, that humanity is rapidly outgrowing. Man changes his body, flesh, skin and bones, almost as rapidly as he does his garments. These coverings are only the garments of his soul, which outlives and outlasts them all.

To find out how far we have marched up the road of progress, and at every weary step how many old, worn out garments of superstition have been thrown aside along that dreary march, it is only necessary to compare our present stock of absurd ideas of the great forces that surround us with the full invoice of the barbarous nations of the earth. Much has been dropped, and more will be thrown overboard in due time. Men have written large treatises on this subject, without exhausting it, so wide spread is this net which has enveloped the whole human race.

As higher ideas of duty have become better known to the masses, and juster views more widely disseminated in regard to the phenomena of nature, the cloud mist of ignorance and superstition pushed backward to the more benighted regions of the earth, the people, like a slumbering giant aroused to consciousness at last, have put their heads above the darkness which has so long enveloped them. The clearer atmosphere enables them to brush away the shadows, and look at objects in a clearer light.

But only portions of the race have emerged into this upper element, while the larger bulk are surging, and striving, and groping in darkness below. They cannot see because screens are placed close to their eyes. All light is cut off. Darkly they walk, and more darkly do they think. Clinging to them closely are the old garments of a dead past. To get out of this wilderness has been the work of ages, and nations have passed from infancy to old age, died, and been almost forgotten, in attempting to reach a more exalted position.

In this utilitarian age, should each one ask himself what superstitious ideas he carries about with himself, he would probably be astonished at the number which makes up such a large per centage of his feelings and emotions. Self-inspection is the only means by which these inherited tendencies may be overcome. In our actions, modes of thought, and associations, they hang to us with a tenacity that defies reason and education. By day and by night they are with us. As we pass the church, or the graveyard, the roaring waterfall, or the pebbly brook, that same indescribable feeling, that unaccountable dread of displeasing some hidden power, dogs our footsteps every moment. It travels with all, the brave and the timid, high and low, one and all, it leaves not off only as the mind rises to the contemplation of higher themes than those of mere dread and awe.—*Kansas Light.*

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SOME FURTHER REASONING WITH
BRO. LANE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I REPEAT what I stated before, that Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" is a very valuable work, and for this very reason I take the liberty of questioning why I should believe in his *dictum* that Lodge No. 79 was warranted for America? also, why he supposed that the warrant was never used? To the latter question Bro. Lane makes no answer at all, while his answer to the former question merely indicates his superabundant faith in what he finds in Lodge lists. In short, he seems to think that whatever evidence is furnished by a Lodge list compiler, or even a Lodge list mender, is infallible. Our good brother says:—

"That the Publisher or Editor of the Dublin edition of Smith's Pocket Companion of 1735 must have had at the time some valid and satisfactory reason for inserting in his reprint the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia, the probability being that he found it recorded in an engraved Lodge list of 1731, a copy of which is unfortunately now unknown."

Now, I agree with Bro. Lane that the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Pocket Companion had some reason for inserting the Hoop, &c., into the vacant place after 79, but it does not follow that "he must have had a valid reason," for if the 1731 Lodge list had assigned No. 79 to Philadelphia, surely Bro. Pine, who engraved all the Lodge lists from 1723, would have known it, but in his engraved Lodge list for 1734, No. 79 is followed by a blank; and so it is in the original edition of the Pocket Companion of 1735; and even in Rawlinson's Lodge list of 1733 No. 79 is vacant. On the other hand, it is certainly not very uncommon for Masonic writers to jump at wrong conclusions, or to repeat wrong conclusions of other Masonic jumpers. Nor can I admit that Lodge list compilers are necessarily free from that Masonic frailty, jumping. Pine's Lodge list of 1734 furnishes conclusive evidence that Lodge list compilers could repeat nonsense, the same as Masonic writers in other departments have repeatedly done, for Bro. Pine informs us that Lodge No. 65, St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, dates back to "the reign of Julius Cæsar." Now, as I cannot believe Bro. Pine, the very first of all Lodge list compilers, why must I believe that the Dublin reprinter of a Lodge list must have had valid reason?

Bro. Lane further says, that Bell's letter harmonized with his theory, but the fact is Bell's letter disproves his theory. Bell wrote that "a party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern in Water Street." Franklin's Lodge also used to hold its meetings at the Tun Tavern, until it removed in 1735 to Market Street; and we have no evidence that either Bell or the Franklin, St. John's, Lodge had ever held a meeting at the Hoop Tavern. Now, there is no doubt that previous to 1734 there was but one Lodge in Philadelphia, and there can be no doubt that in 1734 there were no more than two Lodges in Philadelphia, viz., Franklin's Lodge, composed of "old brethren" and "true brethren," and another Lodge composed of rebels and foreigners, who made Masons for a bowl of punch. If, therefore, any Lodge ever held meetings at the Hoop before 1735 it must have been, what I shall call the "Bowl of Punch Lodge." Now, can Bro. Lane really believe that Warrant No. 79 was sent to the Bowl of Punch Lodge at the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia, in 1734, while Franklin's respectable Lodge, consisting of "old brethren" and "true brethren," had no authority at all, as Franklin's letter of 28th November 1734, to Henry Price, of Boston, clearly implies?

Bro. Lane advances another curious theory. I presume that we all know the meaning of "Old Style" and of "New Style," hence writers of the first half of the last century would sometimes call—we will say—between 1st January 1731 and 25th March following as either belonging to 1730 or to 1731; hence, suppose No. 79 was constituted between 1st January and 25th March 1731, some writers would call No. 79 a 1730 Lodge, and others would call it a 1731 Lodge. This being understood, I agree with Bro. Lane that No. 79 was a 1731 Lodge, but I differ with him on another point. I believe that No. 79 of the Castle at Highgate removed in 1731 or 1732 to St. Martin's Lane, and that from 1731 to 1740 (when the No. of the Lodge was changed) the Highgate Lodge was the only 79 that figured on the English Grand Lodge Register.

While Bro. Lane believes that one Lodge with No. 79 was constituted in Highgate in 1731, and another Lodge with No. 79 was constituted in St. Martin's Lane in 1732, and a third Lodge No. 79 was warranted for America;—none know in what year;—all of which I am to believe because a Dublin Lodge list tinker in 1735 located No. 79 at the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia.

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Lane, I cannot agree with him about his three seventy-niners on the English Lodge lists of between 1731 and 1735, and I doubt very much whether either Bro. Woodford, Bro. Gould, Bro. Abbott, Bro. Sadler, or any other equally well informed Mason (with the exception perhaps of Bro. Hughan) would endorse Bro. Lane's new theory.

BOSTON, U.S., 7th March 1887.

GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

THE *Freemasons' Repository* for February presents the features of the esteemed friend and brother whose name is placed at the head of this article. The engraving is excellent, the lines being well defined and sharply drawn, and there is an artistic finish stamped upon the picture which adds to its attractiveness. That it is a truthful likeness will not be questioned by those who have the acquaintance of Bro. Burnham. The expression may be a trifle stern, for it represents the features in repose, as when fixed in earnest thought and resolve, but it is the look not infrequently seen upon the face of our brother and detracts nothing from the value of the portrait.

The subject of this sketch was born in Pelham, N.H., in the year 1832. He is a descendant in the eighth generation of that John Burnham who came in his youth from Norwich, Norfolk Co., England, to America. This was in 1635. On attaining manhood he was admitted a freeman in Massachusetts Bay Colony, and became influential in the affairs of the Association. He rendered good service in the Pequot war, and showed that patriotic spirit which has characterized his descendants in a marked degree, for the family has been represented in every war fought in this country since the early colonial period.

Bro. Burnham, like so many youths New Hampshire born, wended his way to Boston at an early age, where he engaged in telegraphy for several years. He afterwards entered the service of the New England Roofing Company, and while thus employed he removed to Providence, R.I., where he has since resided. Soon after removing to Providence, civil war broke out, and he was quick to respond to his country's call. He enlisted as a private in Company B, First Regiment of the Rhode Island Detached Militia, and later was second lieutenant in the Ninth Rhode Island Volunteers. He was afterwards commissioned second lieutenant in the Fourteenth Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. This last commission, however, he did not accept, but entered again upon the pursuits of peace, taking a position in the office of Messrs. Doyle and Joslin, auctioneers and commission dealers in real estate and stocks. While with this firm he gave proof of his business capabilities, and especially of that untiring energy which is so noticeable an attribute of his character. He was active and efficient in the prosecution of whatever interests he took in hand.

In 1870 the firm of Doyle and Joslin dissolved, and the subject of this paper succeeded to the business, which he still carries on. He has gained a valuable experience regarding real estate in Providence and the vicinity, so that his advice is sought as that of a man whose judgment can be relied upon.

He has always shown an interest in public affairs and for many years he has been an active force in municipal matters. He was elected to the Common Council of Providence for five successive years, he has since been elected for seven successive years to the Board of Aldermen, making twelve years of efficient service in these departments. He has served on many important committees in both branches of the City Council. For two years he was one of the representatives of the city in the State Legislature, serving on the Committee of Finance, and exercising a good degree of influence in all matters of important legislation.

In military affairs his interest has been shown in various ways. He is a member of the United Train of Artillery and holds the rank of Major in that ancient organization.

He has filled, and is now holding, many positions of trust and responsibility, being a Director in the Roger Williams Saving Fund and Loan Association, and also Chairman of its Committee on Securities. He is clerk and member of the Board of Trustees of the Church of the Mediator in Providence.

Bro. Burnham was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Providence, September 1861. He served as Secretary in 1865-6; as Master in 1870-1; and was elected Treasurer in 1873, serving in the last named office from that time until now. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1865, receiving the degree in Providence R.A. Chapter. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in 1868, and held the office, by successive re-elections, for seven years. By special vote he was made a permanent member of that Grand Body. He was Knighted in St. John's Commandery, 4th November 1867, and elected Recorder of the Commandery in December of the same year. He served in this office two years. He was Commander of St. John's in 1876. In the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island he was called to many important positions, being advanced to the head of the Grand Body in October 1885. His administration of affairs, alike energetic and prudent, gave general satisfaction.

Thus we have sketched the Masonic career of Bro. Burnham as shown by some of the facts and figures available. We ought to add that he is a member of both the Cryptic and Scottish Rites, and has an intelligent appreciation of Freemasonry as expressed in all its various departments. He is acquainted with the history of the Institution, and well versed in the ritual and ceremonial of the different degrees and orders. In the various Masonic offices he has held he has shown the characteristics of promptness, zeal and ability, always endeavouring to make the work instructive according to its designed import. As a presiding officer in subordinate and Grand Bodies he has evinced a quick and ready thought, and a skill in directing affairs, that have contributed not a little to the rapid and pleasant despatch of business. Both as a private member of the Fraternity and as an official he has made good proof of his interest in Freemasonry and his zeal for its advancement. He has always been ready to give and do in its behalf; never more pleased than when some new and better expression is made of its genius and power. Thus he was specially interested in the building of Freemasons' Hall, Providence. He was one of the projectors of the movement; one of the petitioners for the Charter, and the first meeting of the incorporators was called by him. He has been a director in the Freemasons' Hall Company from the time of its organization. And so it is he holds a place of deserved esteem in the community and the Masonic Brotherhood. His brethren of the Mystic tie will join with his many friends outside the organization in hearty wishes that he may be spared for many years of honoured usefulness, and that light and blessing may attend him always.

ROBERT BURNS AS POET LAUREATE OF FREEMASONRY.

BY BRO. ROB MORRIS.

ON the 1st March 1787, just a century since, Robert Burns, of Ayrshire, "the poet-plowman" of Scotland, was crowned *Poet Laureate of Freemasonry*. This only national honour he ever received was conferred under the auspices of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of Edinburgh, Scotland, and in the ancient Hall still used by that venerable Lodge. The visitor to "Auld Reekie" will readily find it. Turning into the little street called St. John, through the Canongate, he will see on his right four houses, the first of which was the residence of Dr. Tobias Smollett, novelist and historian; the second is the venerable Hall itself; the third is a building occupied a century since by the banking concern of Douglas, Heron and Co., the fourth was the city residence of Grand Master Lord Elcho, whose gracious recognition of Burns during the memorable winter of 1786-7 has indissolubly linked his name with that of the poet. References will be made to Grand Master Elcho (or *Francis Charteris*, as he was called) further on. On the opposite side of this little street lived Lord Monboddo, known in his own times for great talents as writer and statesman. His principal work, "The Origin and Progress of Language," in four volumes, was a classic in his day. He too was a Freemason and a fast friend of Robert Burns.

I think that no detailed account of the Masonic Lanreation of Burns has ever appeared in this country; and as the occasion itself was memorable and the circumstances curious, I yield to an expressed wish of many friends to make up this Centennial paper, partly from facts derived from books, partly from those gathered in various parts of Scotland during my visits there. As the successor to the title of

Masonic Poet Laureate, it would seem reasonable that I do this to honour one of such transcendent genius that his "shoe-latchet I am not worthy to unloose." But few even of Burns' admirers realize how much his success was due to the interest taken in his affairs by his Masonic brethren.

As a preface to this paper some allusions must be made to the birth and training of the Bard. He was born in Kyle, Ayrshire, about a mile and a half south of the city of Ayr, 25th January 1759, and died at Dumfries 21st July 1796, aged 37 years. The place of his birth, the last time I saw it, was used as a low sort of grog-shop! Robert was exceedingly well educated, considering the poverty of his father, and his station in life. From early youth he was a devourer of books, and those, too, mainly of a substantial class. With a smattering of French he had considerable mathematics, a fair knowledge of music, and was, even at eleven years, esteemed a good grammarian. At seventeen he attended dancing-school; at nineteen, a school of applied mathematics (surveying, drawing, &c.) Practically, he was a superior farmer. At sixteen he wrote songs. In brief, those who call him *unlettered* do greatly err, for even in this day of free schools and diffused knowledge but few of our boys have such a general and thorough culture as had Robert Burns.

In 1781, at the age of twenty-two, he became a Freemason, in the Lodge of Tarbolton, and for five years was marked for his prompt attendance and the earnestness with which he performed every Masonic duty that devolved upon him. It has been well said that he entered this Fraternity with all the enthusiasm of his social and philanthropic nature. The antiquity of the Masonic Fraternity, its suggestive and beautiful emblems, and the high character enjoyed by many of his fellow-members, won his utmost respect. The Masonic Tie introduced him into circles he might never have reached.

Dugald Stewart the metaphysician, Wallace the county sheriff, Ballantyne the banker, at Ayr, and other men of good social standing, were regular attendants upon the Lodge at Tarbolton, and entered the inner circle of his friends.

Many passages in the poems of Burns prove how deeply the peculiar instructions of Freemasonry had affected him. Here is one:

A' ye whom social pleasure charms,
Whose hearts the tide of kindness warms,
Wha hold your being on the terms,
"Each aid the others,"
Come to my bowl, come to my arms,
My friends, my Brothers!

All the writings of this man prove how ardently attached he was to Freemasonry which, through its large membership, held out the irresistible hand of fellowship to him. His attendance upon his Lodge was very constant, as the minute books prove, and such was the grateful sense entertained of his services by the Craft, that from 27th July 1784 to 1st March 1786 he was usually placed, in the absence of Sheriff Wallace, in charge of the Lodge as Deputy Master. At these meetings he learned the basis-principle of Freemasonry—Equality. The thought embodied in his famous poem, "A man's a man for a' that," was conceived in the Masonic Lodge. Professor Wilson says of him, that few were excluded from the largeness of his heart. He could sympathise with all, provided that by the stroke of his keen-tempered steel he could elicit some spark of humanity from the flint of theirs. Where else save in the Masonic connection could Burns have learned these things? His genius and humour, his mirth and glee, his fun and frolic, his exhilarated imagination found their fitting exercise only in the social meetings of the Lodge, the refreshment after the serious matters composing the Masonic work were fitly done.

But this paper is not to be a eulogium of Freemasonry, only in so far as Freemasonry affected the life and fortunes of Roberts Burns. Up to the spring of 1786, though some of his finest productions were in existence, yet all were unpublished. They were in manuscript only. Copies in his own handwriting are extant, showing how much of his time had been spent in gratifying the desire of his friends for these autographs. Numbers of these were prevalent through Ayrshire and surrounding counties, but no publisher, so far as we know, had ever suggested their publication. That these immortal productions were rescued from oblivion is due to the far-seeing liberality of the Freemasons.

It is known that in the summer of 1786 Burns was in great straits. His errors had placed him under the terrors of the law. He admits that he was skulking from the constable. He had actually engaged to leave the country for the West Indies, and had he been able to command money for his passage, the calamity alluded to had certainly befallen him. But he was absolutely destitute. It was then that the Masonic Brethren rallied to his relief. Sheriff Wallace and other influential Masons undertook to guarantee the issue of a collection of his poems, thirty-eight in number. A printer at Kilmarnock (Wilson) was secured, and in a little rude office, whose stock of type was barely equal to a forme of eight pages, the first edition of 600 copies was worked off; the Masons having pledged themselves to Wilson for 350 copies in advance. Twice a week the poor fellow—poor in means, but rich in genius and hope—walked ten miles to read proofs at Wilson's office, and then back again the same day, often upon no better diet than oatmeal porridge or cold johnny-cake.

How timely was this publication is seen in his various poems of farewell. That addressed to his Lodge, at Tarbolton, will recur to every Masonic reader. Here is the first verse:

Adieu! a heart-warm, fond adieu!
Dear Brothers of the Mystic Tie!
Ye favoured, ye enlightened few,
Companions of my social joy!
Though I to foreign lands must hie,
Pursuing fortune's slidd'ry ba',
With melting heart, and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, tho' far awa'.

Out of the sale of 600 books, Burns, by the zealous and influential assistance of his Masonic Brethren, paid the printer, paid some few pressing debts and found himself in possession of a balance of nearly one hundred dollars. About half of this went to the purchase of a steerage ticket to Jamaica. He had sent his trunk to Greenock, from which port he was to ship, and was footing it to that city, turning his back for ever, as he supposed, upon Scotland, when he fell in with a clergyman of his acquaintance, who showed him a letter from Dr. Blacklock, of Edinburgh, a brother-poet of some eminence, in which it was suggested that "if Burns would visit the metropolis a larger and more profitable edition of his book could be got out under the auspices of the nobility and gentry of Scotland."

This was the turning point in his life. He recovered his baggage and measured, on foot, the seventy miles that separated Greenock from Edinburgh.

Arrived there he took a room with an old friend, in a retired part of the city, at the cost of about ten dollars a month. He had not funds for such a garb as befitted his entrance into good society, but an anonymous friend sent him fifty dollars. Then he began the career and reached the honorarium to which this paper is directed.

Burns arrived in Edinburgh 28th November 1786. On the 30th he walked in the procession of Grand Lodge to hear a Masonic Oration. 6th December he was a visitor at a session of the Scottish Parliament. On the 7th he made his first visit to a Masonic Lodge, the Canongate Kilwinning, and was introduced to Past Master Bro. Henry Erskine, one of the most brilliant men of the period. As a poet and a writer of elegant prose no man in Edinburgh stood higher. The potency of his wit, says a biographer, and his brilliancy of comic humour were prominent features in his character. In all respects, save that of position, Erskine was the counterpart of Robert Burns. At the meeting of 7th December there were present deputations from the Grand Lodge and from seven of the Lodges of Edinburgh and vicinity. On the same occasion Burns was introduced to the Earl of Glencairn, who took so important a part afterwards in advancing the interests of the poet. This gentleman was the 14th Earl of that ancient family. He had been ordained as a clergyman. He was brother-in-law both of Grand Master Buchan and of Henry Erskine. Bro. Burns always reckoned the Earl of Glencairn as his best friend, and upon the death of the latter, 24th September 1791, he wrote an affecting monody, of which here is a stanza:

The bridegroom may forget the bride
Was made his wedded wife yestreen;
The monarch may forget the crown
That on his head an hour has been;
The mother may forget the child
That smiles so sweetly on her knee;
But I'll remember thee, Glencairn,
And a' that thou hast done for me!

On the 9th December, the *Lounger* gave Burns a most eulogistic notice in the form of an extended review of his poems (the Kilmar-nock edition). On the 13th December the *Edinburgh Evening Courant* published a complimentary epistle to Burns, denominating him "prince of poets and plowmen." On the 14th (so swiftly did the kindness of Masonic friends materialize) the printer Creech announced a second and enlarged edition of Burns. The Earl of Glencairn had gone security to the printer and subscribed for forty copies.

On the 12th January 1787 Burns visited Lodge Mary's Chapel at the official visitation of Grand Master Charteris (Lord Elcho), where the city Lodges were present in full pomp. At the banquet which followed, the Grand Master complimented our poet with the toast "Caledonia and Caledonia's Bard, Bro. Burns." Repeated acclamations followed. On the 15th January Burns attended the Theatre Royal to witness the "School for Scandal." On the 1st February he visited Canongate Kilwinning Lodge the second time, and was elected an Honorary Member, "as a great poetic writer." The Master was Bro. Alexander Ferguson, a gentleman of superior attainments, to which friendship Burns often alluded both in prose and verse. He died three months before the poet. Charles Moore was Deputy Master, a gentleman whose society was much sought after for his agreeable manners. Bro. John Miller was Junior Warden, an author who published, the same year, "Historical View of the English Government."

Late in February it was announced that on the meeting of 1st March a tribute would be paid to Brother Burns, and the subscription for his forthcoming volume promoted. The meeting opened at half past six p.m. Two candidates were initiated and two raised at that meeting. The list of persons present, members and visitors, is not preserved. It was the last meeting of the season. All the record says is to the effect that at an early part of the evening the Worshipful Master Ferguson conferred upon Robert Burns the title of Poet-Laureate. Meantime the subscriptions for his new edition, also the printing, were considerably advanced, and the honour of the 1st of March must have added greatly to his notoriety among the Craft far and near.

In his after writings it is seen that Burns took delight in the designation of Bard, and esteemed the honour of the Laureateship at the highest.

To please you and praise you
Ye ken your Laureate scorns,
The prayer still you share still
Of grateful Minstrel, Burns.

On the 25th June following, he was present at the annual election of Canongate Kilwinning, at which Lord Torpichen was elected Master, a Brother who was initiated 7th December previous, the very night of Burns' first visit. He had been made Deputy Grand Master the same month (December), and was now elected Master of Canongate Kilwinning. Burns was fully recognised at that meeting as Poet Laureate. On his return to Edinburgh, after a summer journey through Scotland, he attended the meetings of his Lodge and was

always recognized by his title. A full length statue of the Bard is now suspended above the place he occupied, of which I retain a vivid recollection.—*Keystone.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday evening, 17th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Charles Weeden. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Perl S.W. and W.M. elect, F. Perl J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, J. C. Stillwell P.M. Treas., R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, J. E. Cnubb S.D., C. H. Ockelford I.G.; P.M.'s T. Bartlett, H. J. Gabb, T. J. Casworth, W. Pierpoint, L. C. Haslip and A. J. Potter; Bros. R. White, J. B. Smith, A. Levesque, E. Levesque, J. Downing, T. R. Richards, L. Brown, H. L. Allardice, T. Cammack, J. Arnold, L. Wild, J. A. Cox, R. Goshenou, F. M. Wenborn, J. Band, T. Woods, H. Milsom, A. K. Turbefeild, Tyler, &c. The visitors included Bros. C. M. Gray P.M. 1920 P.G.O. Sarrey, Joseph Driscoll P.M. 30, B. Haynes I.P.M. 27, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 77, G. H. Stephens P.M. 1623, E. Korr 24 New York, H. John P.M. 742, E. H. Barrett 1519, C. Reichelman 177, G. A. Weston 177, Jas. Rowe 1559, J. Simpson 1076, J. F. Saunders 1507, W. Welsford 1321, H. Parkin 1319, H. W. Schartau 1549, F. F. Clive 1319, W. Comtes 1922, and others. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound and flourishing condition, was submitted and unanimously approved. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and two brethren were passed, the ceremony being worked in the most admirable manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Subsequently Bro. Augustus Perl was presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the rite was solemnly and impressively performed by the Immediate Past Master, and the manner in which Bro. Weeden acquitted himself in this important part of the day's proceedings elicited the unqualified approbation of all present. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. C. Weeden I.P.M., F. Perl S.W., E. Cnubb J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, J. C. Stillwell P.M. Treas., R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, C. H. Ockelford S.D., J. R. Cordail J.D., J. B. Smith I.G., H. Millson D.r. of Cers., J. Bolton W.S., T. B. Richards Assist. W.S., A. K. Turbefeild Tyler. The charges to the Master, Wardens and brethren were most ably and impressively delivered, and after the transaction of some routine business, Lodge was closed amidst the utmost harmony and good feeling. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to the throne-room, where an excellent banquet was provided, in the style for which Bros. Ritter and Clifford have long been proverbial, the arrangements being most satisfactorily carried out under the superintendence of Bro. Marchant. The banquet was presided over in genial manner by the newly installed Worshipful Master, who seemed to have made unusually liberal arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. Thus during dinner a choice selection of music was rendered by members of Mr. Stanley's orchestral band, consisting of Mr. A. Stanley, Mr. F. Georgy, and Mr. A. Lerner (violins), Mr. A. Cornish (cello) Mr. S. Stannard (bass), Mr. F. Jenkins (flute), Mr. J. Jackson (piccolo), Mr. J. Thurston (clarionette), Mr. C. Townley and Mr. W. Smith (cornets), Mr. T. Jones (euphonium), and Mr. W. Layton (pianoforte). A unique and recherché menu and programme was placed before the guests, this artistic feature of the evening's entertainment having been capitally executed by Messrs. Potter Brothers, of Kingsland. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said Freemasons as a body were the most loyal of Her Majesty's subjects, and they wished her in the 50th year of her rule all health and happiness, "long to reign over us." The toast was received with musical honours, the National Anthem being sung by a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, with Bro. Carl Reichelmann, organist of the Domestic Lodge, at the piano. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, the W.M. referred to the enormous strides Freemasonry had taken since His Royal Highness's accession to the office of Grand Master, ten years ago; and said he could not conclude with a sentiment more in accordance with his own feelings than the quotation from Henry IV. that appeared on the toast list:—"The immediate Heir of England; the hope and expectation of our time; it is the Prince of Wales." A suitable tribute was paid to the Grand Officers, "who you all know are honourable men" (Julius Cæsar); after which the Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so observed that Bro. Perl would, during his term of office, show the brethren that he was thoroughly capable of discharging the important duties of the office, and of rendering the ritual in a way that would be a credit to himself and satisfactory to the Lodge. They all held Bro. Perl in very high esteem and regard, and their W.M. reciprocated fully that sentiment by studying the best interests of all the brethren in the Lodge. With the heartiest good wishes he hoped his successor would enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with acclamation, and the Worshipful Master in responding thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and Bro. Weeden for the kindly expressions he had used towards himself. It was just six years ago that very night that he sat on the right of the then W.M. as an initiate, and he really must admit that he felt exceedingly proud to find himself in the position to which by their kindness he had this day been exalted. That honour was due entirely to the kindly feelings of the brethren towards him. He had always endeavoured to do his best in any of

the offices they had placed him in, and he felt delighted to be there as the Master of the Lodge in which he had so many personal friends. He could scarcely say how deeply grateful he was for their many acts of kindness towards him. He had never regretted joining Freemasonry, and especially the New Concord Lodge; he was always pleased that he had done so; and had ever had the utmost good feeling shown towards him; this he could not fail to appreciate. He concluded by again thanking them for the great honour they had conferred upon him. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master the W.M. said he considered himself very fortunate in having by his side a worker like Bro. Weeden, who was so well up in the ceremonies of the Craft. Bro. Weeden had done his duty perfectly during his year of office; he had been kind and courteous in his behaviour towards every brother of the Lodge, and was willing to aid those who needed his assistance. In asking his acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, he said no brother had ever earned such an honour more deservedly than had Bro. Weeden. He could scarcely tell him how pleased he was to ask him to stand and receive it, and hoped he might live to wear it for many years, as a memento of the respect and esteem in which he was held by every member of the Lodge, and a recognition of how his work had been appreciated. On behalf of the Lodge he placed that jewel on Bro. Weeden's breast, in the hope that it might long serve to remind him of the happy time he had spent in the New Concord Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. C. H. WEEDEN,

By the members of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, in appreciation
of the zeal and assiduity displayed by him as presiding
Worshipful Master.
1886-1887.

Bro. Weeden I.P.M. in acknowledging the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, said it had been the height of his ambition to become the W.M. of the New Concord Lodge, and he had tried, as many other brethren would try when they had filled the minor offices, to discharge the duties of the chair satisfactorily. He was deeply sensible of the kind words that had emanated from the proposer of the toast. It had been a pleasure to him to be in the Lodge to render what service he could to it, and trusted he might be spared to do the same for many years to come. In thanking them for their handsome gift, he said the greatest jewel any one could have was to enjoy the appreciation and affection of those with whom they might have been associated for so long a time as he had with this Lodge. The W.M. then extended a cordial welcome to the Visitors, and said he was delighted to see so many present; the New Concord Lodge had always been noted for the number of visitors who attended its assemblies, and he was pleased that this was no exception to the rule. Suitable replies were made by Bros. C. M. Gray, Jones, H. John, B. Haynes, J. Driscoll, and R. Pierpoint, the latter of whom congratulated the W.M. upon the judicious selection of his officers, and expressed his opinion that he had a crew on board the ship New Concord second to none in any Lodge in London. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters, speaking of their unabated and constant watchfulness over the best interests of the Lodge; and the toast was responded to by Bros. Bartlett, Gabb, W. Pierpoint, Stilwell, Potter, and L. C. Haslip, the latter of whom proposed the Masonic Charities, making an earnest appeal to the brethren for their continued support, especially as prominent brethren of the Lodge had signified their intention of going up as Stewards to the respective Festivals. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Officers of the Lodge, spoke of the able manner in which each had passed through the minor positions, and expressed confidence that they would prove a valuable aid to him in carrying out the work of the Lodge during his year of office. He expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. R. Cordell, whom they hoped would speedily be restored to health, and thus be enabled to resume his position in the Lodge. The Senior Warden, after complimenting the W.M. upon his attaining to the position he now filled, and Bro. Weeden upon the excellent way in which he had performed the installation ceremony, said he should endeavour to emulate the example which had been set him by his predecessors, so that when he followed, as he hoped to do, to the chair he might be able to acquit himself with satisfaction. The Junior Warden having also briefly responded, the list was closed in fitting manner by the Tyler. The toasts were interspersed by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, assisted by several friends, with Bro. Carl Riechelmann, Organist of the Domestic Lodge, presiding ably at the pianoforte. The recitations by Mr. Churcher, who gave his services gratuitously, as a personal friend of the Worshipful Master, were exceedingly good, and elicited unbounded expressions of appreciation, his clever delineations keeping the company in a titter of merriment throughout the whole of his performances.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 9th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There were present Bros. W. Ravenscroft W.M., W. P. Ivey P.M. as I.P.M., Henry Creed S.W., William Hickie J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., J. Greenaway Sec., Charles Slaughter S.D., W. A. Hukins J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., H. G. Sherwin Organist, J. Sparrow I.G., F. Brown, E. W. Ridley, T. P. Stewart Stewards; J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., and P.M.'s E. Margrett, W. W. Ridley, and Arthur Welch; Bros. W. Collins, S. Biggs, E. P. Steer, W. Margrett, S. Knight, William C. Long, W. M. Colebrook, R. W. Bennett, B. E. Hodder. Visitors—Edward Horne, M.D., S.W. 310, and Kell 414, Henry Lewis W.M. 915, Francis H. Weeden P.M. 1887, William Sherwood J.W. 414, Robert Bradley P.M. 414 Provincial Grand Secretary, Alexander Sellar P.M. 414, Sidney

Payne W.M. 1887, George F. Slade 1817, John R. Cook 414, Charles W. Cox P.M. Secretary 1566, John W. Martin W.M. 414, Francis J. Ferguson P.M. 414, C. Stephens P.M. 414 Prov. Grand Treas., Cyril B. Tubbs J.W. 2013, W. Treverton 1638, J. M. Hannan, M.D., S.D. 1399, George Gadd 1247. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Treverton, of 1638, was ballotted for as a joining member, and approved. Again the ballot was brought into requisition, for Mr. W. B. Reed, who desired to enter the Order. In this case also the candidate was approved. Lodge was opened in second degree, when Bro. Silver answered the usual questions and was entrusted. After he had left the Lodge, it was opened in third degree; the candidate was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. Messrs. Robert Francis Hart and William B. Reed were now initiated, the charge being given in a masterly manner by Bro. A. Welch. The new by-laws, approved at the last regular Lodge, were confirmed. The W.M. gave notice of motion that a Jubilee present of £10 10s from the funds of the Lodge be presented to the Treasurer, for his services during the past fourteen years. Lodge closed and adjourned.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THERE was a very satisfactory attendance of the members of, and visitors to, this Lodge on Thursday, the 17th inst., when Bro. Francis Carter was installed into the chair of K.S. Though comparatively a young Lodge, it contains within itself all the elements of solidity and strength, the members generally taking a warm interest in its affairs, sparing no pains or trouble to make everything go on smoothly and harmoniously. The result of this has been to cultivate that spirit of hearty cohesion and unity which is so essential to the well-being of any Lodge; and the way in which the work is invariably carried out is in itself an assurance of the continued progress and prosperity of the Wallington Lodge. The brethren assembled at the Public Hall, Carlshalton, when Lodge was opened with the customary rites, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Bishop, supported by Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.S.B. Surrey I.P.M., F. Carter S.W., W. Russell Crowe P.M. Treas., L. A. Mesronze P.M. Sec., G. W. Filmer S.D., H. D. Aslett J.D., J. A. Taylor I.G., W. Pile P.M., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, &c. The Visitors included Bros. F. West D.P.G.M. Surrey, J. H. Casson P.M. 850 P.P.G.O. Derby, A. R. G. Carter W.M. 1728, J. P. Joaquim P.M. 508, E. Crutchloe 1385, J. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, J. Kilvington S.D. 1790, H. M. Mobbs W.M. 2096 Prov. G.S.D. Surrey, G. Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, W. R. Church 1347 P.P.G.P. Surrey, C. Everist P.M. 720, H. J. Talentire 1320, H. G. Vickers Junior Warden 1632 Past Grand Organist Surrey, W. W. Lee 1897, W. M. Morgan Past Master 211. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the usual preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, pursuant to notice, moved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the Worshipful Master on his retirement, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the year 1886-87. This was unanimously agreed to, and the compliment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Bishop, who then proposed that the sum of five guineas be added to Bro. Pile's list as Steward to the Girls' School, from the Charity Fund of the Lodge; the motion was carried nem. con. The other motion standing in the name of the W.M., viz., "That any member residing more than ten miles from the place of meeting of the Lodge may, at his own request, be made a country member; such membership to involve the payment of an annual subscription of £1 1s, but not to entitle such member to any participation in banquets or to hold office in the Lodge," was adjourned. On the motion of Bro. Carter, it was resolved that the following be added to Rule 11:—"That all fees for visitors be paid at the meeting immediately following that on which they were incurred, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward to every brother, with his summons, a list of payments due by him to the Lodge for visitors' fees, subscriptions, or arrears." A Committee was then appointed to consider, and, if necessary, revise the by-laws; and the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, was received and adopted. Bro. John Walter Jones was passed to the second degree, and Bro. John Matthew Coates raised to M.M., both ceremonies being most efficiently rendered by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Francis Carter was then presented as the W.M. elect, and that ceremony was also performed by the out-going Master, in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon himself and the Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. having been greeted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. A. Bishop I.P.M., G. W. Filmer S.W., H. D. Aslett J.W., W. Russell Crowe P.M. 190 Treas. W. Pile P.G. Standard Bearer P.M. Sec., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour Chap., J. A. Taylor S.D., F. A. Norton J.D., J. Edwards I.G., and A. Rowley Tyler. Bros. J. G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. P.M. D.C., J. Rewcastle Org., and W. Harwood Stwd., being absent, their investiture was deferred. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in eloquent style by the Immediate Past Master, who was afterwards presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. In acknowledging the gift Bro. Bishop said it would serve to remind him of many happy hours spent amongst the brethren of the Lodge, in which he had taken a deep interest in the past and should continue to do in the future. The W.M. gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that a Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. L. A. Mesronze P.M., who had been compelled to resign the position of Secretary, which he had filled with so much zeal and ability ever since the formation of the Lodge. He also proposed that jewels should be presented to their excellent Treasurer Bro. Crowe P.M., and to Bro. Harwood, in recognition of their valuable services. Before closing, Bro. F. West, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, asked to be permitted to say a few words,

as the condition of his health would prevent him from joining the brethren at the banquet table. He congratulated the Lodge upon its admirable working, and the high efficiency displayed by all who had taken part in it. He also congratulated the W.M. upon having attained to his present position, and said he felt convinced Bro. Carter would successfully maintain the prestige which the Lodge had so deservedly enjoyed in the past. The I.P.M. moved that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the newly-installed Master for his kindness in presenting the Lodge with two handsome kneeling stools; and some other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then repaired to the Grayhound Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Verdon, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the company were highly appreciated. The loyal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed the Provincial Grand Officers present and past. In doing so he expressed regret at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. West. He paid a great tribute of praise to the Provincial Grand Officers for the manner in which they discharged their duties, and associated with the toast the name of Bro. H. M. Hobbs S.G.D. Surrey. Bro. Hobbs, in the course of his response, thanked the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast, and congratulated them upon having won such eulogium in the Lodge room from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, assuring the brethren he considered it a very pleasant duty, for Bro. Carter was the initiate after himself, and had followed him in due order through all offices in the Lodge. He was sure that in their W.M. they had a brother who would do all in his power to sustain the reputation the Lodge had earned, and concluded by wishing Bro. Carter a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M., in reply, returned thanks for the good feeling which the brethren had evinced towards him, though he was not sure he deserved all that had been said. After the flattering remarks that had fallen from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master he should have to do his best to keep up the standard of the Lodge, and he should spare no efforts in that direction. Those brethren who, like himself, had been placed in the position of Worshipful Master for the first time would know that he had more thoughts than words on the present occasion, so he would conclude by again thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him. He next welcomed the Visitors, for whom Bros. G. Dixon, Kilvington, and J. H. Casson severally responded. In proposing the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, the W.M. referred again to the marked ability which Bro. Bishop had displayed in carrying out the duties of his office, and the same ability had been shown in the working of the ceremonies of that day, and especially the installation. The kindness and geniality of the I.P.M. had especially contributed to his success, and he had never exerted any authority that was irksome to the members. Bros. Pile and Baldwin, both Past Masters of the Lodge, took considerable trouble to see the Lodge worked successfully, and altogether the brethren should be proud of their Past Masters. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Bishop, Pile, and Baldwin; and the W.M. in giving the Masonic Charities, made an earnest appeal to the brethren to support Bro. Pile, who intended going up as a Steward to the next Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. W. W. Morgan, whose name had been coupled with the toast, said the condition of the Benevolent Institution had been one that had demanded, and he felt it had received, the earnest attention of the Craft. The unprecedentedly large number of candidates this year necessitated a special and earnest appeal for increased support, and this had been admirably responded to. At the same time it must not be forgotten that the other Institutions were equally deserving, and although the Girls' School would doubtless be in a position to take on the whole of its candidates without a contest this time, if the Executive did so it must not be imagined that it meant we must overlook the claims of that Institution; to achieve this much desired result it required immense resources to meet the current demands. No doubt a special effort would be made during the Jubilee year in the cause of Masonic Charity, and he hoped all the Institutions would participate in the increase of subscriptions that may flow in; so that when the days of their respective Festivals arrive the Girls' and Boys' Schools would benefit proportionately, as the Benevolent Institution had already done. It was gratifying to know that Bro. Pile, who had just accepted the post of Secretary of the Lodge, would serve as a Steward for the Girls' School, and he hoped that brother might be enabled to take up a substantial list. He would not detain them further at that late hour, but on behalf of the executive of the Institutions he took the opportunity of thanking the Wallington Lodge for the steady and consistent efforts it had always made in the cause of Charity. The Officers of the Lodge were complimented, and they returned thanks, and the Tyler closed the proceedings in the usual way. The speeches were interspersed by some capital singing and recitations, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Pitt W.M., Rush S.W., Hills J.W., Jardine S.D., Whitehouse J.D., Eiselmann I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Ball Secretary, and numerous other brethren. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pitt, the explanation of the tracing board of the degree and of several portions of the ceremonial being given by the Preceptor. Lodge was closed according to ancient form to the first degree, when a communication from Bro. Paddle P.M. and Treasurer, excusing his absence on account of the serious illness of his wife, was read, and the sympathy of the brethren was earnestly accorded to that worthy brother. The arrangements for the smoking concert, on the 24th inst., were com-

pleted, and the occasion bids fair to prove a great success. The Lodge was closed in due form.

The concert referred to above was given on Thursday, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., when some hundred gentlemen were present. Sharp to time, Bro. James Stevens, the Preceptor, took the chair; he was ably supported by Bro. Barratt Vice, while Bros. Paddell and Ball looked after the comforts of those present, and helped materially to their enjoyment. A capital selection of songs was got through, the following being the list, with the names of those who took part:—"The Yeoman's Wedding," Mr. Edwin Wesley; "Oh, hear the wild winds blow," "Just in time," "Will o' the Wisp," "The gallants of England," Mr. George Wright; "I am waiting," Mr. John Wesley; "The Bedouin's love song," The Desert, "In sheltered vale," Mr. W. H. Webb; "I will come," "Just as well," Mr. A. T. Foreman; "Mary of Arzyle," Frank Salter; "Love's request," "You'll remember me," Mr. J. H. Watts; "Take it, Bob," Mr. J. Maoder; "The moon has raised," the brothers Wesley; "Deutsch's Tunkled," Mr. Kitting; "The Old Brigade," and "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. F. Johnston; "In the days of Auld Lang Syne," "Over go the show," "There's nothing in it," "Every little doggy has his day," Mr. Stevie Langton; "Love's old sweet song," Mr. William Brand; "Alice, where art thou?" "Only once more," Mr. A. Taylor; "Three jolly sailor boys," Mr. J. Margetts; "Right before the Missis, too," Mr. Bell; "Our Fishing Club," "Isay no more to Mary Ann," Mr. Duncan Collie; "I did it," Mr. J. H. Bennett; "The Chafers," "When evening's twilight," Messrs. W. Brand, F. Salter, J. and E. Wesley. In the course of the evening a vote of thanks to Bros. Stevens and Barratt was proposed by Bro. Paddell, and unanimously agreed to. Both brethren briefly responded, after which Bros. Paddell and Ball were complimented on the arrangements they had conceived and so successfully carried out. Mr. Wright acknowledged the vote of thanks given to the singers, which was proposed by Bro. Stevens. The evening was brought to a conclusion by all joining in the National Anthem.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., Bros. Craggs W.M., Lindfield S.W., Cross J.W., F. Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Smyth S.D., Klein J.D., Stonnill I.G., Wood 1642, Coch-rane 1056, Stroud 55; P.M.'s Josey, Alais, &c.; Bros. Cavers, Lewis, Whittell, Marsh, Cockerill, Jennings, Chanffronier, Lichtenfeld, Vandyk, Larter, Higginson, Ball, Curtis, Head. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis candidate. The second and third sections were worked. Bro. Lewis was elected a member, and Bro. Lindfield appointed W.M. for 31st inst. Two ballots took place on account of the Creton Masonic Benevolent Association, which resulted in favour of Bros. Craggs and Spiegel P.M.

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THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no contested Election in April next, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

RESOLVED—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Election of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

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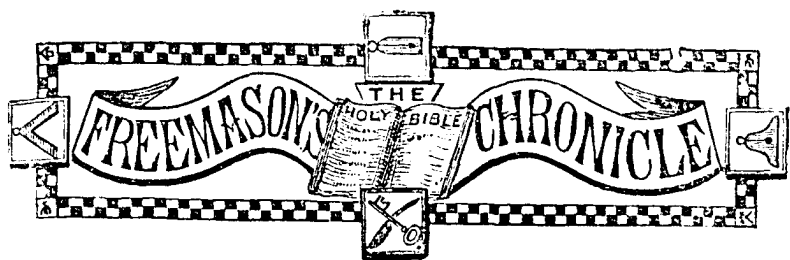
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CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

A GATHERING of a peculiarly interesting and distinctive character took place on Thursday evening, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, consecrated the Anglo-American Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. A numerous body of brethren assembled at four o'clock, when the Grand Secretary assumed the chair, and appointed Bros. Thom. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, to the Senior Warden's chair, Dr. Turtle Pigott as Junior Warden, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as Chaplain, Edgar Bowyer Past Grand Stand. Bearer as Inner Guard. The other brethren present were:—Bros. General Brownrigg, H. D. Sandeman F. A. Philbrick, T. Fenn, Dr. Meadows, J. L. Thomas, H. Trueman Wood (D. of C.), P. Cunliffe-Owen, G. Lambert, Col. Saunders, T. H. Tilton, J. C. Parkinson, S. Pope, P. de Laude Long, Glover, H. Garrod, Con.-Gen. Waller, A. M. Broadley, Prince Ibrahim Hilmy Pasha, W. A. Baskcomb, Colonel Hare, H. Sadler, Gates, Arnold, Rogers, W. Groves, Coltart, G. Kenning, Gen. R. H. Cunliffe, Col. Haldane, J. S. Cumberland, W. Lake, C. F. Matier, T. W. C. Jones, Meyer, Murray, Hubbard, G. H. Lambert, Dr. Cross, Lennox Browne, G. Plucknett, T. Donald, W. Crawford, D. Harris, Wooleman, A. Woodliffe, R. Bangham, J. Williams, Roberts, Chapman, T. R. Watts, Stinson, Gibson, Edwards, W. H. Baker, Little, W. E. Bush, Major Foster, F. Hardle, C. Grassi, A. Leon, G. P. Bertini, W. W. Lee, W. W. Morgan, G. Coleman, Corby, Harris, A. A. Pendlebury, T. Ball, P. Parsons, Robins, Adams, Burnett, Mackway, Schartau, F. Olive, Ralph, C. Stuart Lodge, T. Reynolds, M. Pigott, F. Binckes, Knapp Henderson, W. J. Vian, Quitman, Barnard, Soman, T. Burnside, Perry, Brindley, Burroughs, Bayton, F. Gulliford, C. F. Casel, Docker, A. Meyers, Wilkie Jones, Drew, Canderlier, L. Cornean, Williams, W. Penrose, Woodruffe, Charles Lambert, J. Rowe, G. Coop, F. W. Frigont, A. Frigont, Wheatley, Fairclough, Jackson, J. T. Rowe, J. Woodward, Laundry, Richards, G. J. Dunkley, H. Hambling, C. A. Iiter, George Everett, W. Pentridge, Javal Webb, &c., &c. Lodge having been formally opened, the Consecrating Officer, in explaining the nature of the meeting, said for a very long period—certainly for the last twenty-five years—there had been resident in the metropolis a large number of brethren whose nationality was American, and those brethren, being Masons of standing, were very naturally desirous of exercising their privileges and enjoying social intercourse in a Lodge where they could meet on a common platform with their English brethren. Considering that there were already upwards of 350 Lodges in the London district, it had for some time past been held that it was inadvisable to grant any new warrants except under very exceptional circumstances. In the present case special circumstances had arisen, and after mature consideration, a warrant had been sanctioned for the formation of the Anglo-American Lodge, which he trusted might prove of advantage and mutual benefit to brethren of the United States and England who were brought in contact with each other, either professionally or commercially. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D. of England, had been designated as the first Worshipful Master, and unquestionably this was a most satisfactory selection, inasmuch as that worthy brother was the representative here of a great many Grand Lodges and was well known for his active zeal in Freemasonry. Bro. Adolphus Clark P.M. was the Senior Warden, and Bro. Frederick Kedge the Junior Warden designate; and he (the Consecrating Officer) asked the brethren if they approved the names which had been mentioned as the first Officers of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the address a short, but admirable oration was delivered by the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, chaplain who said—

A very distinguished American writer, Judge Haliborton, in describing how, in a far west colony, a crowd of needy adventurers—men who to all outward appearance seemed unlikely to become good citizens—recognising the value of law and order, set themselves to work to form rules for their own government, and in a very short time settled down as a well-organised community. He describes all this as only “Sam Slick” can, and adds the following remark:—“What people on earth could do this but the Anglo-Saxon?” What better text for the few words I have to speak to you to-night. We are welcoming a new Lodge, which has in view the great object of drawing together our American and our English brethren. We both belong to the great Anglo-Saxon family, and are both proud of such descent. Rightly are we proud. There is no race, not even the old Greek or Roman, which has produced so many great, so many noble, in every station of life. None have faced dangers and difficulties with so much courage; none have been greater in literature, or art or science. Look at the world's roll call of soldiers, sailors, statesmen, poets, artists, philanthropists, and divines, and you will find that great list full of Anglo-Saxon names. And look also at the crowd—the pawns on the great chess board of the Universe. What people so intelligent, so industrious, so free, so keenly appreciative of all that is good and true; so justly impatient of all that is base and dishonest as the people in whose veins runs the Anglo-Saxon blood? And yet, brethren, do not let us shut our eyes to the fact that too often the various countries

and colonies of this great family spend, mis-spend, their great faculties in watching for one another's faults, looking out for points of difference, rather than in joining hand to hand, and strength to strength in their work. Perhaps the reason of this is that men of the same family are naturally keen in the preception of one another's faults. The failings of our own relations stand out before our eyes more distinctly than those of a stranger. The inconsistencies and the littlenesses, and the peculiarities of our brethren jar more upon our feelings than those of another race. It is to this reason that I attribute the fact that the American and the Englishman so often misunderstand one another, and are hindered from realising that brotherly affection which does exist though it lies hidden beneath the surface. You see our faults, and we see yours. We both of us employ upon one another that power of judgment which is given for home use and not for exercise upon our neighbours. Intent upon the odious work of criticising our brother's peculiarities we forget that in his eyes our imperfections stand out with special clearness. An American speaking or writing about England; an Englishman speaking or writing about America; both find it hard to do so perfectly fairly, because both cannot fail to see too clearly the points of difference, and both are too apt to enshrine themselves in a fictitious position of infallibility, and from thence to formulate judicial sentences upon the shortcomings of their own kinsmen. Let this unmasonic spirit never find a place in the Anglo-American Lodge. Let us rather strive to discover what is good in each, and to show the world how strong a power for good the Anglo-Saxon race is. Let every man employ the gavel upon his own excrescences, and leave his neighbour to do a like work for himself. Let us each learn from our brother. I believe there is much that an American can teach an Englishman, much also that an Englishman can teach an American. And further, do not let us be ashamed to make use of our brother's work. One man's skill lies in this direction, another man's in the opposite. Our ancient brethren recognised this fact. Every Craftsman was set to do that work which he could do best, and what he produced was used in conjunction with other work, different in kind but no less beautiful. Every work was a masterpiece—it lent beauty to and it borrowed beauty from other works. Both in nature and in art absolute uniformity is impossible; it is the skilful blending together of good details which is the perfection of every structure. So, brethren, strive in your Lodge to harmonize the peculiar excellencies of our two great nations, and when the world recognises a society strong and useful, because it rises above the narrow limits of prejudice and passion, it will say, with the writer from whom I have borrowed my sentiment,—What people on earth could do this but the Anglo-Saxon?

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and on its completion Bro. Brackstone Baker was duly installed as Worshipful Master; he in turn invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Adolphus Clarke S.W., Frederick Kedge J.W., J. B. Cumming Treasurer, G. Reynolds Secretary, Consul-General T. Waller S.D., J. J. Woolley J.D., and G. H. Reynolds I.G. The addresses were then delivered by the Grand Secretary in his usually fluent manner, and on the motion of the Worshipful Master a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Shadwell Clerke for his kindness in attending and performing the consecration ceremony in such masterly manner. The usual compliment of honorary membership was paid to the Grand Officers who took part in the proceedings, and some routine business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed in form. Subsequently an elegant banquet was partaken of, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. In giving the health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Worshipful Master referred to her as the daughter of a Mason, the mother of Masons, and the grandmother of Masons. She continued to evince a deep interest in Freemasonry, of which she was the Patroness. This was a toast which he was sure would heartily commend itself to the brethren of both nationalities, and he asked them to drink to it with loyalty and enthusiasm. The National Anthem having been sung, the Worshipful Master proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in course of his remarks said it had been his good fortune to serve under three Grand Masters of England, namely, the Earl of Zetland, the Marquess of Ripon, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was gratifying to know that the Heir Apparent to the British Crown was certainly more popular than any of his predecessors, and his accession to office had given such an impetus to Freemasonry as it had never before received. Bro. A. Clark Senior Warden next gave the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, and in doing so remarked that there never was a more disinterested body of Grand Officers than those who at present administered the affairs of Grand Lodge. The same rule applied to that body as did to the members of private Lodges, and unless they pulled together they could expect neither harmony nor success. But in this respect the Grand Officers worked with the utmost unity and goodwill, and thus the result was eminently satisfactory to the whole Craft. General Studholme Brownrigg, in reply, said the fact of his having been called upon to do so was a matter of accident, inasmuch as the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick Q.C., had not yet been able to put in an appearance, owing to other pressing engagements. He (the speaker) had been 45 years a Mason, and had witnessed during that time many consecrations; but seldom, if ever, had he seen the ceremonies more beautifully rendered than they had been that day. He referred to the Oration which had been delivered by the acting Grand Chaplain, and which had been so graciously received by the brethren. He spoke of the cordiality of Masonic and national feeling which existed between English and American brethren. The health of the Worshipful Master and success to the Anglo-American Lodge was proposed by the Grand Secretary, who in the course of his address spoke of the fitness of Bro. Brackstone Baker for the position to which he had been elected, being well-known as the representative at Grand Lodge of England of no less than fifteen Grand Lodges of America. That in itself gave him a pre-eminent

claim to be the first Worshipful Master of the Anglo-American Lodge. He (the W.M.) was initiated in Canada, and was now a Past Grand Deacon of England, in which position, as in all others, he had done good suit and service to Freemasonry. He trusted Bro. Baker might have a happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master, having returned thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, dilated at some length upon the origin and progress of Freemasonry in America. Eulogising the manner in which the ceremony of consecration had been performed by the Consecrating Officer, he said that, as he had already told them, he had served under three Grand Masters, so also had he served under three Grand Secretaries, viz., Bros. Gray Clark, John Hervey, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke. He spoke of the earnestness and zeal with which each of these brethren had applied themselves to the onerous duties of their office; but without drawing invidious comparisons, he did not hesitate to say that their present Grand Secretary was more energetic, able, and popular than either of his predecessors. In responding, Colonel Shadwell Clerke disclaimed much of the eulogy that had been showered upon him by the proposer of the toast. He did not wish to arrogate to himself all the honour and glory of the proceedings of the day; he could refer with nothing but admiration to the eloquent oration to which they had listened in the Lodge-room from their Chaplain, and which had given unbounded satisfaction to the brethren. Their rev. brother had, however, been called away to attend to other important duties, and where he was afraid there would not even be a dinner; moreover, at the end of those duties he had a long distance to travel, and could not well reach home before midnight. After alluding in felicitous terms to the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. T. Fenn, Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, and others, he said there was one point he omitted to mention in Lodge, and that was the sad news that had just been reported from America, namely, the death of Bro. Alfred Goodall, whose name was as "a household word" both to English and American Masons. That esteemed brother had just died very suddenly, and by his death the Craft had sustained a severe and irreparable loss. Bro. S. Pope gave Our American Joining Brethren, and in doing so humorously observed that it was fortunate for himself that their American brethren had set up for themselves a local habitation and name in London, for he suffered so intensely when on the sea, that he should never be able to undertake a voyage across the Atlantic to see how Masonry was worked in America. Bro. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York, responded in a practical address, alluding in interesting manner to the progress of Freemasonry in America, and expressing the pleasure it afforded him that Grand Lodge had sanctioned the happy idea of forming an Anglo-American Lodge in this country. This was, perhaps, not to be wondered at when they considered that men of such advanced proclivities as were the Americans had no home of their own in this country in which they could exercise their Masonic functions. The Americans entertained feelings of the most respectful admiration for English Freemasons and English Freemasonry, and no toast ever received a more cordial reception in America than the one having reference to the Prince of Wales as the head of English Freemasonry. Consul-General Waller also responded, in a lengthy and eloquent speech, though at the outset he questioned whether the brethren had not had already quite enough of "Hail! Columbia" that evening. Reverting to the qualms which Bro. Pope had confessed to in view of a voyage across the Atlantic, the speaker humorously said the terrors of the ocean would not be the only dangers he would have to encounter, for once they had welcomed him in America, it would be no easy task for a brother of his popularity to escape from their fraternal embraces. Masonry acknowledged but one flag, namely that of distress; in that regard this flag floated over every nation and people. He then went on to say that half a century ago there were only 30,000 Masons in America, whereas there were at the present moment 600,000; this Anglo-American Lodge would have a tendency to cement the brethren on both sides of the Atlantic in stronger and more enduring bonds of amity and brotherly love. No sensible American but would be highly gratified and impressed with the fact of this Lodge being inaugurated, and he predicted for it a long and brilliant career. Bro. Kedge J.W. having proposed the Visitors, in cordial terms, Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. replied, extolling the admirable address to which they had just listened from Bro. Consul-General Waller. When he (the speaker) visited America he expected to find it all prairie, plain and desert, but he found everything had succumbed to the onward march of civilization. Masonry was in a flourishing condition there, as it was in England, and the establishment of this Lodge would go far to unite the two nationalities in the common bond of Masonic love and affection. Bro. Prince Ibrahim Hilmey Pasha, brother of the reigning sovereign in Egypt, also briefly replied, observing that he little thought he should be called upon to respond to a toast on this the occasion of his second appearance only in a Masonic Lodge. He assured them he esteemed it a very great honour to be associated with the Craft, and he appreciated much the privilege of being permitted to respond to so important a toast. He wished the Lodge every success. The toast of the Masonic Charities, proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He expressed great pleasure in having entrusted to him such a duty on the occasion of the consecration of a Lodge especially representing two English-speaking nations. The W.M. had said at the outset that brevity of speech would be the order of the evening, but he thought he might be allowed to follow the precept of the W.M. in acknowledging the cordial manner in which the toast of the Charities had been received by the brethren present. He was but a poor utilitarian member of the Order, but he, too, must be permitted to pay a tribute of admiration to the eloquent and touching address of Bro. Consul-General Waller. He made passing allusion to the death of Bro. Goodall, which had been mentioned by Grand Secretary, and described it as an event which would be regretted by Freemasons on both sides of the Atlantic. After referring to the gratifying success which attended the recent Festival of the Royal

Masonic Benevolent Institution, he said the Boys' School was a somewhat unfashionable branch of the Masonic Charities. Any reference to the Girls' Institution was sure to evoke sentiment and feelings of sympathy; this was not the case with the Boys', on whose behalf he must say a word or two. The lads who were maintained and educated at the Boys' School would form no inconsiderable section of the fathers of the future, and would exercise no little influence on the destinies of the country in days to come. He was deeply indebted to Bro. Major Geo. Lambert—who was ever ready to lend a helping hand in the cause of Charity—offering himself as a Steward from this new Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Binckes went on to argue at some length that the Institution with which he was more intimately associated was the most needy of the three, at the same time he would venture to say it was the most deserving. The other Institutions were possessed of funded property, which materially assisted the carrying on of the work done in them; but this was not the case with the Boys' School. If the funded property of that Institution were equal to that of the others he should consider his labours consummated. Referring to certain allegations that the expenditure in connection with the Boys' School was extravagant, all he asked was that the brethren should investigate the figures for themselves. At no time in the history of the School had the average expenditure been more than from £17 to £48 per head per annum, and in the past year that average had been reduced to £10, as against £45 in the preceding year. He trusted the Boys' School, in common with the other Institutions, would benefit from the special efforts which would be made in connection with the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, and he had faith that such confidence would not be misplaced. Having referred to the fact that he had been for 26 years an advocate of this branch of our Institutions, he concluded with an earnest appeal for continued and enlarged support to the Boys' School. The Officers of the Lodge formed the subject of the next toast, and on their behalf a suitable and practical response was made by Bro. George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer. The proceedings were shortly afterwards closed in the usual manner by the Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau. Nothing could excel the admirable manner in which the comforts and enjoyment of the distinguished company of guests were studied by the proprietors of the Criterion, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, whose catering and attendance elicited the most unqualified expressions of appreciation from all the brethren present.

Obituary.

BRO. ANTHONY HARRISON SCARD.

MANY of our brethren in the City will have learned with sincere regret of the death of Bro. Anthony Scard, which occurred under painfully sudden circumstances on Wednesday evening last. About half past eight o'clock a gentleman was observed to fall, in the Walworth-road, and on the arrival of a local medical man, about three minutes later, he pronounced life extinct. The deceased Brother was at once conveyed to his residence in the Kennington-road, where it was explained that he left home in the forenoon, apparently in his usual health, for the City, where he had business to transact. It was on his way homeward that he was suddenly overtaken by the hand of death, the immediate cause being heart disease. We have not yet ascertained the Lodge to which Bro. Scard belonged, but he was well known in many of our City Lodges, and a familiar figure at various summer banquets, where he was characterised by a vivacity almost amounting to eccentricity. He had been for many years a guardian of the City of London, where he was proverbial for the interest he took, particularly in the apprenticing of pauper children; indeed he spoke on a kindred subject only the day preceding his death, at a meeting of the guardians in Bartholomew-close. His sudden removal, at the comparatively early age of sixty-one years, will be a source of unfeigned regret to a wide circle of friends.

It is with unfeigned regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Roberts, the beloved wife of Bro. J. Roberts P.M. and P.Z. Prosperity Lodge and Chapter. The sad event took place, somewhat suddenly, at 32 Lawrence Lane, Chancery, on the 8th instant. The deceased lady was well known to the members of Lodge 65; she always took an interest in the Masonic Institutions, and entered thoroughly into any scheme that would add to the comfort and happiness of those less fortunately circumstanced.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemish, which have arisen from the presence of matters forbade by water from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well high all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by the purifying and operative doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—Mr. Edward Terry's season at this theatre is now fast drawing to a close. By his clever acting and the support given him he has achieved a gratifying success. By special request, the "Churchwarden" has been withdrawn, though still in the height of its popularity. This has enabled the manager to provide for twelve special performances of Pinero's eccentric comedy "In Chancery." On Monday Mr. Terry appeared in his original character of Montague Joliffe. His wonderfully funny rendering of the part kept the house in roars of laughter. He was well supported by Mr. T. C. Valentine, who gave a good rendering of the quarrelsome and irritable characteristics of Capt. McCafferty. Mr. J. Clulow was easy as Dr. Titus, the medical attendant of the Captain. Mr. J. G. Taylor, who took the part of Hinxman, the detective, was especially good. Mr. W. Calvert (John) was scarcely up to his usual form. The characters of Buzzard and Gawge were taken by Messrs. T. Eames and W. Chandler respectively. Miss Edith Maunder played Mrs. Smith in finished style; but so excellent an actress as Miss Cowper had scarcely sufficient to do as Mrs. Jackson. Still, what was assigned her was done gracefully. Miss Maria Jones as Patricia McCafferty gave a good rendering of the part. The petite comedietta, "My Cousin," by Mr. J. J. Hewson, was afterwards produced, for the first time in London. The piece saw the light in the provinces. Although styled original, it savours strongly of "Our Boys." Mr. Terry essays the part of John Perryble, a retired soap-boiler, who is continually talking of pigs and bees. His son has been sent to London to get an insight of the world. From the metropolis he writes to his father, that he has fallen in love with an orphan, but for some unknown reason this orphan has left London; at the same time he announces his intention to return home. The father is somewhat put out by this letter; he desires his son shall marry his cousin. The son returns home, and brings a friend, George Pleadwell, a barrister. Meantime a governess has entered the service of the retired soap-boiler; judge the son's surprise when he recognises in this governess his loved one. This lady eventually proves to be the orphan of the sister of Perryble, the only offspring of an unhappy marriage. After the usual mystifications, Perryble jun. is allowed to pair off with the orphan, and George Pleadwell makes up to the cousin, originally intended for the younger Perryble. It is almost needless to say Mr. Terry was funny as Perryble sen. Mr. J. Clulow as Pleadwell was somewhat heavy. Miss Maria Jones was good as Mrs. Perryble. Clara the rich cousin was daintily played by Miss Cowper; while Clara the orphan was portrayed in a quiet and becoming manner by Miss Stanhope.

Gaiety.—Miss Amy Roselle's promised matinée was duly celebrated on Thursday, when was produced a new comedy in three acts by Mr. H. M. Paull. This gentleman, a novice in dramatic work, has shown some sound ideas, and if his present offering does prove successful—we can scarcely hope it will—we may anticipate another work shortly from him. The piece under notice is of a complicated character; if we take it as a faithful presentation of the morals of the present day they must indeed be at a low mark. That it has some telling lines we cannot dispute, but on the whole the piece is one we should not care to see re-acted. If Mr. Paull has pictured his own views he must have a poor opinion of men and women. He deals too much with romance, and this alone might wreck a work of more pretension. Still "The Great Felicidad" may be accepted, as from a young author who is expected to do better next time. We may state here that "The Great Felicidad" is the name of a mine in South America; the frauds in connection with this mine, coupled with the incompatibility of temper displayed by the married personages, is really all the material the play is made up of. Two characters—Walter Prothero and Mrs. Armstrong—might have proved interesting but for their frequent references to the past; while the malicious nature of Gay Kensett is certainly in as inane a strain as the other characters. The sterling ability of the principals did a great deal for the piece, Messrs. Arthur Dacre, Brandon Thomas, F. H. Macklin, Geo. Canninge, the Misses Amy Roselle and Cissy Grahame, with Mrs. Geo. Canninge filling the most important rôles. As is usual on such occasions, at the end the ladies and gentlemen engaged were summoned, while the author also bowed his acknowledgments. We are told that Mrs. Nye Chart, the lessee of the Theatre Royal Brighton, who witnessed the performance, immediately made an offer to Miss Roselle and her company to appear at Brighton. This they will do next Thursday afternoon.

Surrey.—Mr. George Conquest, the popular lessee of this theatre, has done well in reviving "New Babylon." The piece, first produced at the Holborn Theatre, was one of the earliest Mr. Paul Meritt wrote, and although containing nothing really good, it has the advantage of having several exciting scenes, well worked up and here capitally staged. What more does a Surrey audience want? If we judge from appearance, its answer would be—Nothing. Nightly a crowded house is the result of Mr. Conquest's last effort to provide amusement for his patrons.

Miss Kate Vaughan will make her first appearance as Peg Woffington, in "Masks and Faces," at the Opera Comique this (Saturday) evening. The minute and elaborate care which has characterised the production of the comedies in Miss Vaughan's repertoire is such as is seldom or never bestowed on pieces which are destined for only a fortnight's run. Even more pains have been taken over Tom Taylor's and Charles Reade's charming play than over any of the other revivals, so that when Miss Vaughan essays the rôle of her fascinating forerunner of the footlights nothing shall be lacking in the way of artistically sumptuous and appropriate surroundings, including the costumes by Mrs. May (with the exception

of Miss Vaughan's, which are the work of Miss Fisher), the new scenery by Mr. E. Bankes, and the furniture by Mr. Lyons. The cast includes Mr. Forbes Robertson as Sir Charles Pomander; Mr. Lewis Waller (who leaves the Strand Theatre to join Miss Vaughan's company) as Ernest Vane; Mr. Lionel Brough in the part small, but full of possibilities, of Colley Cibber; Mr. James Fernandez as Triplet, Miss Gwynne as Mrs. Vane, Miss S. Vaughan as Kitty Clive, and Miss Kate Vaughan as Peg Woffington. Miss Vaughan has determined to wind up with the rhyming "tag" originally spoken at the Adelphi.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, when there was a full attendance, under the presidency of Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice-President. The recommendations made at the February meeting, to the extent of £230, were confirmed, and a list of new cases was presented, from forty-four localities. Two of these cases were dismissed, and five were deferred. The total amount awarded to the remainder was £1125. There was one recommendation of £150, two for £75 each, two for £50 each, six for £40 each, and seven for £30 each. Nine grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

The installation meeting of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, was held at Uxbridge on Monday. A full report of the proceedings, which were of an eminently gratifying character, will be given next week.

There was an exceptionally good attendance of the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, on Thursday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when upwards of forty Visitors were invited to witness the installation of Bro. W. Walker as W.M., in succession to Bro. R. Dyson. The latter was presented with a Past Master's jewel in Lodge, and at the banquet that followed he was made the recipient of a splendidly fitted liqueur case, which was accompanied by a massive gold bracelet for Mrs. Dyson. A full report of these interesting proceedings will be given in our next issue.

We understand that Bro. Adolphus E. Church, P.M. 51 P.P.G.P. Essex, has been appointed Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Colchester, of which the Grand Registrar of England (Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C.) is Recorder. Bro. Church has for some years held the appointment of Borough Coroner.

The members of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, which meets at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, assembled on Thursday, 24th instant. Companions W. Radcliffe Z., E. M. Money H., F. Brasted J., J. E. Sheffield S.N., J. M. Scarlett P.S. The Companions mustered pretty well, and the ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed.

Bro. Stevie Langton, one of those who so well contributed to the enjoyment of those who attended The Great City Lodge of Instruction Smoking Concert, on Thursday, begs to announce his first annual benefit smoking concert for next Wednesday, at "Ye Old Bell," Knight Rider Street, Addle Hill, E.C. We may also announce that Mr. Duncan Collie will take a benefit at the Prince Albert Hotel, Albert Bridge Road, Battersea, S.W., on the 21st April. We wish both these gentlemen a successful evening.

The following Festivals took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 26th March:—

Monday—Grand Masters Lodge, British Lodge, Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Tuesday—Royal Savoy Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge Festival. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity, Jordan Lodge, St. Olive's Cinderella. Thursday—Mount Moriah Lodge, Grenadiers' Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter. Friday—Peace and Harmony Lodge, Jerusalem Lodge, London Inverness Ball. Saturday—St. James's Soirée.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleson, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Muggieridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Panistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 28th MARCH.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Peto Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 7348—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 7282—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MARCH.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1561—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1644—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1821—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1839—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1860—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1891—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1896—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1911—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1972—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1940—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1985—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Canon Street, 8.3.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 298—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1558—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halcyon, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 121—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 K.T.—Plains of Taber, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 30th MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Miter, Canterbury Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 218—United Strength, The Hope, St. John's Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
 58—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
 842—Whittington, Red Lion, Portico-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Nowby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 9. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Wilton-street, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 672—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Room, King Street, Manchester
 1293—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 31st MARCH.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Leamouth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Muscat Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1635—Trebeur, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Groaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
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 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbur at 8. (Instruction)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Huddfield, Herts. at 8. (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 1st APRIL.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albion Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Lambeth, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (In)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1156—Men of Britain, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1156—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Cameron, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
 K.T. 131—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
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 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
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453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
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 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
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 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
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SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
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THE JUBILEE AND THE LADIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If one might judge from the "signs of the times," it is pretty clear that the wives, sweethearts and sisters of Masons are to have their share in the festivities that are being arranged in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. This is only what one might have expected from a body of men than whom "no mortal can more the ladies adore," and I am heartily pleased to hear that in many of our influential Lodges committees have been formed to arrange the preliminaries necessary for the thorough enjoyment of the brethren and their female friends. It is customary with many of our Lodges to arrange summer banquets and excursions, in which the fair sex form so charming an element, and dear are the recollections which many of us cherish of delightful excursions to Richmond, Kempton Park, and many other salubrious spots within easy distance of the metropolis. The same plan exists, though probably not to such an extent, in the Provinces, though I have still the happiest reminiscences of such gatherings under the auspices of the good old Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, where these affairs are, or were at any rate, most energetically and successfully carried out. In some parts of the country two or more Lodges combine in efforts of this sort, and thus make up what may almost be designated "monster pic-nics." Although the réunions are to all intents and purposes Masonic, yet there is a certain amount of latitude shown on such occasions, and male acquaintances who are not Masons are frequently amongst the invited guests. I have always—though proverbially not a "ladies' man"—entertained a strong opinion that the setting apart of special occasions in which the female part of our family may participate in the social features of our Institution is a good idea, one that should be encouraged to the utmost extent, consistent with prudence. Such experiments, wherever tried, have invariably proved successful, and have left a most favourable impression on the minds of all concerned, and especially our spouses. The tendency of such meetings is to make the Lodge more popular with home, and when this happy state exists it makes life much more agreeable for the Craftsmen. Most ladies have a natural curiosity regarding the Lodge and its workings. With some there is great confidence that the work and object is of the highest order, yet with others a reverse opinion may prevail. These gatherings must counteract the adverse opinions, and satisfy all that the Lodge is an excellent Institution, where a good work is performed, and where the female is equally remembered. There can be little doubt that "poor Mrs Caudle" formed a much better opinion of Freemasonry after she had been invited to a few of these entertainments—if forsooth there were any in those days—than she did at the time she delivered her famous "curtain lecture!"

Without entering further into the general question of admitting ladies to a participation in the social element of Freemasonry, I sincerely trust that the example being set by the members of the Domestic and some other of our more influential Lodges will be followed during the Jubilee year, and that the "leafy month of June" may witness many a joyous gathering, in sequestered nook and sylvan glen in the suburbs of London, in honour of the auspicious event. Such an unselfish and liberal means of commemorating the Jubilee would find favour with a vast majority of the Brethren of the Craft, and none, I am sure, would more unanimously applaud the idea than the ladies themselves.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

VETERAN.

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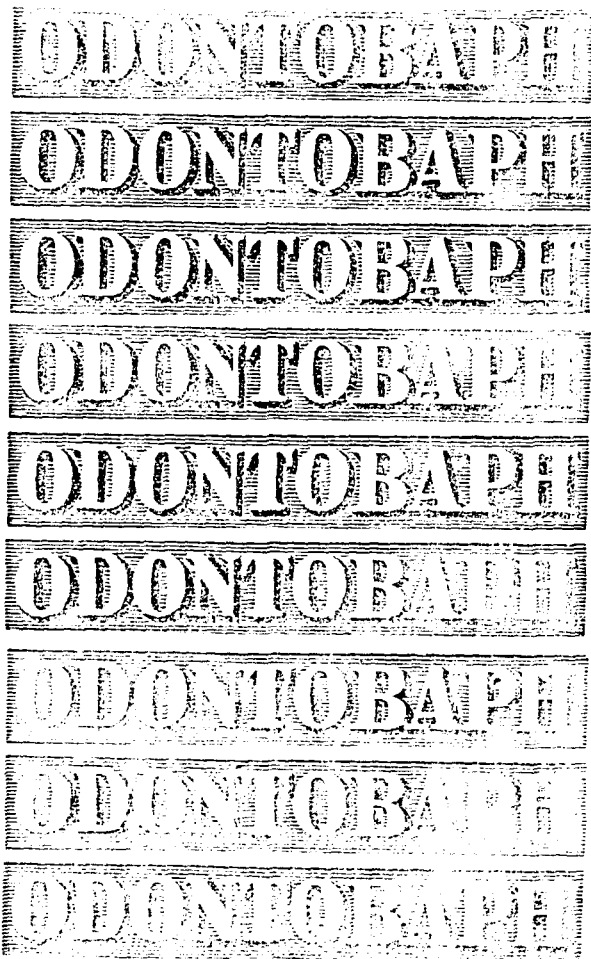
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