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JUDAISM AND FREEMASONRY.

THE spirit of universality which is the characteristic of Freemasonry, and the toleration it shows towards all classes of the community—and, we may add, the toleration it receives—has led to some peculiar incidents in the history of the Craft. Probably the banner of Freemasonry is the only one under which such mixed gatherings are possible as are sometimes witnessed in Masonic Lodges, and it would indeed be strange if, at times, some little friction was not caused between the various bodies congregated together. An instance has recently occurred fully illustrating this, and proving that it is absolutely necessary to sometimes adopt our ritual to circumstances, rather than to maintain a rigid observance of the actual letter of our ceremonies. It appears the corner stone of a new Synagogue was to be laid at an American town, and the Masonic Order was honoured in being asked to perform the ceremony with Masonic rites, the Grand Master of the District himself undertaking to conduct the work. All went well, observes one of the Jewish journals, "until the presiding official came out with the following declaration:—'To the glory of God, and under the patronage of the holy saints—Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist—I declare this stone to be well formed, &c.'" Here was a serious mistake to be made in Freemasonry, although, perhaps, the official concerned would justify himself by saying he had strictly adhered to Masonic ritual. But does he suppose that Freemasonry is so bigoted as to prohibit a departure from mere form under such circumstances, or is he such a strict disciplinarian as to refuse to obey the spirit of Freemasonry even at the cost of its outward form? What is possible for our Jewish brethren to do under such conditions? If they are true to their creed they can hardly complete their Synagogue on the foundation thus laid, and no one could blame them for going back, and trying to cancel, as far as possible, the proceedings of that Masonic celebration. They have unfortunately been led into error which they can be excused for not providing for, but the same can hardly be said for the Mason who pronounced the blessing on the stone. He, at least, knew exactly what he was working for, and unless the words were uttered unintentionally it certainly proves he had not made himself master of the situation.

This calls to our mind a somewhat similar occurrence that took place in a London Lodge some few years back. The Worshipful Master had a Jewish candidate for the first degree on the night of his installation, and as small discrepancies had crept into the ceremonies in this Lodge, when other Jews had been admitted or advanced, the new Master had prepared himself, and was determined to be exact as required by the peculiar circumstances of the case. His intentions were fully known in the Lodge, the

members of which had been "lectured" on the subject more than once. In this case all went well until the Obligation. The Master was correct in asking the candidate to be covered, and, looking round to see the effect of his careful preparation, called upon the gentlemen before him for his "christian" and surname in full. The effect was electrical, and we have often wondered what was that brother's first impression of Freemasonry. The outburst that followed the Master's slip only lasted a few seconds, but it was sufficient to entirely upset the gravity of the situation. The brother who made this slight mistake was fully alive to the ceremony he would be called upon to take part in, and had rehearsed the necessary ritual time after time, yet when the moment came he made the slip, and this may have been the case with the Craftsman who called for the patronage of the two Saints John for a Jewish Synagogue. On the other hand, as we have hinted above, there are some men among us who would consider it wrong to omit such a portion of the ritual from any one of the Masonic ceremonies. Are they entitled to be classed as Freemasons? Certainly not, and it is most gratifying to think that the large majority of the Craft would not uphold them in their bigotry. Freemasonry is essentially free to all classes and conditions of men, and in admitting all sorts it is distinctly understood that in its ceremonies there is nothing which in any way interferes with the peculiar religious views of the members. All that is required is a belief in a Supreme Being, and under such conditions we are able to receive the Jew as the Christian, the Mohammedan as the Hindu—on this basis then it must be wrong to associate in our ceremonies the name of any saint, or anything that cannot be acceptable to all classes alike. Of course it will never be possible to wholly disassociate the names of the two Saints John from Freemasonry, but it is possible to reduce reference to them to a minimum—also to a vanishing point—such as is the system adopted in England, a system that might well be followed in some parts of America and other quarters of the globe.

MYSTERY.

An extract from an address by Bro. Charles H. Gould, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Montana, at Great Falls, 31st October 1889.

MYSTERY, simple in its usual definition, but considered from its influence upon Freemasonry, and upon the influence it has exerted upon the destiny of the human family, is as boundless as the universe. Anything mysterious in its character, whether it be the mystery of Freemasonry, religion, or any proposition or creed designed to make men better for having investigated its teachings, is morally certain to call out the opposition of

the bigoted and narrow-minded few who have burdened the earth with their presence since God said, "Let there be light."

The word mystery, to these self-constituted critics, is a potent emblem invented by Pluto for the purpose of leading mortals to immoral practices and disreputable companionships; but to the God-trusting and truth-loving, the word has a far different meaning. To them it is the key to a beautiful system of allegories written by Omnipotent fingers, and designed to lead man by peaceful paths to the pure springs and sweet waters of morality and virtue, where he may drink and be satisfied, even as God has promised in His Word, whose promises you accepted and on whose glowing pages your hands were placed, my brethren, ere you were permitted to cross the tessellated border and stand unchallenged upon the checkered pavement of Freemasonry.

It would be utterly useless, and Masonically unusual, to honour the first-mentioned by answering their arguments, or noticing their existence, although I shall allude to them more particularly before closing. But with the last-mentioned, I hold all things in common, and to them, to you, my brethren of the mystic tie, feeling assured that whatever I may say which has merit will be cordially received, and that if, unfortunately, I give expression to thoughts inappropriate to the occasion, they will be excused by an application of the fraternal charity which should ever prevail among Masons.

Let us begin with the first words which fell upon our expectant ears when, on bended knees, we asked to be received among the sons of Light. "And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Phœbus had not fashioned the royal chariot of the sun; Diana, of the crescent moon, had not hung her silver bow in the western horizon, and Sirius, the dog-star, had not set his silent watch in the sky. The mountains were not; neither hill nor verdant plain, nor smiling valley, to greet the tardy morning; no leafy groves invited weary life to cool shadows, dreamy rest, and "balmy sleep;" no bursting bud or perfect flower or ripening fruit; no dewy morn or fervent noon or evening's cooling breath; no bright-plumed bird shook the dew from his breast, and rose on buoyant wing to warble his morning hymn to the Creator; no babbling brook or rippling lake to break the awful silence; no life; but the quietness of death was everywhere. The inky dome of a starless sky settled down upon an inanimate world; Night held her court in the halls of silence, and the black waves of a sunless ocean fell with remorseless fury upon the surf-line of chaos.

"Let there be light, the Almighty spoke;
Refulgent beams from chaos broke
T'illuminate the rising earth."

The purple wing of the first sun flashed across the firmament like the blade of a scimitar; jocund Day smiled as startled Night spread her sable wings and flew to the uttermost parts of the earth. The mountains shook the waves from their rugged shoulders and lifted their proud heads above the clouds to catch the golden glory of the first morning; hills nestled, like broods of frightened fledglings, at the feet of their lordly neighbours, contented to rest in their protecting shadows. Valley and plain, mountain peak and rocky canyon, flashing lake and restless ocean, singing brook and thundering cataract, acknowledged the mystery of Creation.

God willed it, and the earth was carpeted with green, interspersed with clinging vines and plants of fiery splendour. His hand scattered the seed, and the magnolia threw its delicious fragrance to the southern gale; the oak arose like a slumbering giant from the bosom of the plain, and in its strength bid a defiance to the storms; the pine tree flung its green banner to the winds and stood on solemn duty guarding the portals of the north; the crash of avalanches, the rumbling of mighty torrents, the cyclonic whirl of ocean storms, the songs of birds, the chants of rejoicing angels, and the voice of man proclaimed the "mysterious" power and the goodness of God.

As it was mystery at the beginning, so it will be mystery at the ending; my brethren, man born of woman is as prone to mystery as smoke to join the clouds; "as the hart thirsteth for the water brooks," so man has an insatiable thirst for the mysterious.

When the Almighty sent the first pair out into the world to wring from an unwilling soil the bread to sustain physical life, He gave them two particular blessings, which

have clung to them through all the ages as only Divine favours can cling to man; one was connubial love, designed to people the earth with multitudes like unto the stars of the firmament and heaven with angelic hosts.

The second was love for the mysterious, designed by the Great Architect to be the Archimedian lever which should lift mankind from the clay of sensual depravity and the mire of ignorance to the high grounds and pure atmosphere of spiritual and intellectual excellence.

Man in his wilful blindness may fail to see the trail, but the instinct, the desire, is firmly rooted in the bed-rock of his nature, and like the "untutored savage" he may "see God in the trees and hear Him in the winds," if he will only read the mysterious characters that his Creator has strewn with lavish hand all along his pathway.

To ancient imagination, all nature was peopled with invisible beings, who in mysterious power governed all objects. The firmament of heaven, the earth and the waters under the earth were in the vassalage of some spirit or deity of higher or lower degree. The husbandman scattered no seeds; the woodman entered not the sacred forest; the mariner refused to "smite the sounding furrow;" the hunter joined not the chase or bent the supple bow; the warrior planted his spear in the earth and refused to try the hazard of arms, and the most ardent lover sought not the bower of beauty, till by libations, sacrifices, or hastily muttered prayer, they had sought the favour of their guardian deities.

Surrounded by such influences, we find little reason to wonder that the mysteries of Freemasonry were more than a thousand years old when the star of Bethlehem arose and angel choristers sang, "Peace on earth, good will towards men."

Love for the mysterious is "the Christian's vital breath." To study the mystery of theology the scholar burns the midnight oil, forsakes the world and its transient pleasures to dwell in an atmosphere of purity and love.

To study the source and history of the mystery of Ancient Craft Masonry Rob Morris, of blessed memory, left home and native land to dwell among strangers. The dangers of ocean travel, the heat and dust of arid plains and sandy deserts, the angry glance of Bedouins, or the threatened violence of infidels, awakened no alarm in his faithful breast, and sent not a tremour of fear to a heart dedicated to God and devoted to the mystery of Masonry.

If the mystery of our Order had no other plea for its existence than that its heroic and Christian disciple, Rob Morris, joined the East and West to each other by a fraternal bond of affection, which time cannot corrode, but which will abide until empires crumble into dust and are forgotten; it would be young a thousand years hence.

Every useful art and science, every comfort and convenience, every prayerful thought or reverential emotion that has made life worth living, and advanced man to a nearer walk with his Creator, is the direct result of his restless desire to drop a plumb-line into the depths of the ocean of mystery which surrounds him.

It is said that the return of the seasons, the beauty and variety of man's natural surroundings, the wondrous display of planetary systems, each particular planet held in its orbit by a mysterious power utterly beyond his comprehension, gave man his first idea of order and symmetry. It did far more than this. It fired his heart with a noble ambition to study the mysteries of his surroundings and improve his opportunities, he had only to cast an observing eye about him, to see that an All-Wise hand had scattered blessings innumerable all along the path of his mortal existence, and left him only the task—sometimes simple, more often complicated—of divesting them of some portion of their mysterious character and adapting them to his use.

It took a Franklin with a silken cord more potent than bands of steel or hammered gold, to draw the mystery of electricity from the clouds and adapt it to the use of his fellows.

Watts, in a silent reverie at his mother's ingleside, discovered the mysterious power of steam, and its benefits to man are beyond the computation of mathematicians.

Newton studied nature till in an unguarded moment she allowed him to catch a glance at the secret of gravitation, and then dropped the curtain to her mysteries forever.

The mystery of navigation charmed Columbus from the marts of trade to the courts of kings; mystery lent magical charms to his arguments; mystery filled his sails, stood at the wheel and guided his frail craft over her own

mysterious and unknown sea, till a continent arose with a majestic sweep across his bow, and millions of men, who enjoy freedom, divested of king-craft and bigotry—freedom, from which the chaff of persecution and abridgment of personalities has been winnowed by the zephyrs of liberty—will speak his name with grateful lips through all the coming ages.

Had this love for the mysterious been left out of our nature, this land of freedom had been unknown; the inspiration of liberty had never been felt; the patriotism which renders this country invincible in war, and noble and just in peace, respected abroad and revered at home, had been an unknown quantity.

The roar of the mighty cataract of the Great Falls of the Missouri river, whose reverberations almost reach our ears from this place, the ponderous force soon to be harnessed for the use of man, would only reach the ears of wild men and savage beasts. This little city, bright and beautiful as an artists' dream, soon to be the seat of industry where happy homes will multiply, where free schools, free churches and a free press shall join hand in hand with an elbow touch that makes the whole world akin, in the grand march towards the very pinnacle of earthly happiness, had not been a possibility. Great is mystery?

Most Worshipful sir, no words of mine can add to the glory or detract from the fame of the mystery of Ancient Craft Masonry. Earth's most celebrated orators and most grave and reverend philosophers have sounded its praises, enriched its literature and widened the circle of its influence, since Apollo first turned his lyre.

My brethren, the cement of my weak philosophy can add nothing to the Temple whose foundations were laid upon the bed-rock of Eternal Truth, before Miriam, the exalted, "sounded the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea," the ark of whose covenant was guarded by the angels of the Most High; ages before Nebuchadnezzar swung the gardens of Semiramis in the air, or herded with the beasts on Chaldean plains; whose brazen pillars held the deposits of the Craft before the wolf-suckled twins laid the foundations of the Roman empire, or mediated the Sabine rape to gratify the lusts of their thick-necked followers; whose glittering minarets pointed to the Pleiades centuries before the egotistical Xerxes wedded the ocean waves in his pride or scourged them in his disappointment and fury; whose "Holy of Holies" was filled with the glory of Divine presence, while the material for the Sphinx still slumbered in the mountains which guarded the valley of the historic Nile, and before Thebes opened her hundred gates to the armed hosts of Rameses. Great indeed is the antiquity of the mystery of Freemasonry.

It seems to gratify the inmost nature of the pessimist to note the failings of humanity. He scornfully points the skeleton finger of his criticism at the professed Christian who in a moment of weakness succumbs to the wiles of the ungodly, and inwardly thanks the gods that he is not as other men. He remarks with evident satisfaction that "Masons are not always patterns of morality and virtue," as they should be, and condemns the mystery of religion and Masonry as unworthy of esteem; he fails to see "sermons in stones," and good in every thing, but sets himself up as a judge of the frailties of his brother man, forgetting the charitable instincts of the human heart, which admit that man never yet attained perfection, and fails to remember with reverential awe that Divinity has said "Judge not."

I acknowledge with sorrow that Masons and Christians alike, being human, are liable to err—neither the one nor the other will deny the fact. Lucifer was an angel of light, but he fell.

Men have led good and pure lives, walking uprightly before God and man, till age bleached their locks and bent their forms, and then ended their days in a felon's cell. Women have attained motherhood, led prattling children to the feet of the Saviour, guided their tender feet through the intricate paths of the world, till their years and experience fitted them for the cares and duties of life, and then weak humanity gave way to the temper, and the erstwhile Christian wife and mother departed from the path of virtue. But why should the frailties of the few be noted, when the world is full of noble men who exemplify in their daily lives the moral teachings of Freemasonry and Christianity? Why should we observe the fall of one unfortunate woman, unless to pity and reclaim, when the influence of Christian wives and mothers, daughters and

sisters, have made so many lives sublime; have been the pillar of strength, the column of beauty and the capstone of virtue to every great moral reform since the days of civilisation?

I deny the right of any person to stand outside the mystery of religion or Freemasonry and criticise their power for good. Such a criticism is manifestly mistaken and unfair. As light sprang from the tomb of impenetrable darkness, glorifying the heavens, warming and vivifying the earth, and filling with life and beauty that which was "without form and void," so the science of the mystery of Freemasonry, springing from the dark avenues of the remote past, throws its refulgent beams over the pathway of man; breaks through the dark clouds of superstition, draws aside the veil of ignorance and falls like a heavenly benediction upon his wayward heart.

As the tent of the Indian recedes before the tread of the pioneer; as night gives away to approaching dawn, so bigotry and intolerance give away before the moral teachings of Freemasonry.

These facts are indisputable and undeniable, and while Masonry has the Bible for her compass and sails not a point away from the north star of her teachings, it can sail over all the foaming seas of bigotry ever invented by man or inspired by the devil, as safely as the albatross sleeps upon the tossing wave, and as truly as the dove wings her way to her cot.

When Ulysses, the mythological hero, was married to the beautiful Penelope, and the happy pair were about to sail for the groom's home in Ithaca, the bride's father attempted to dissuade her from leaving the ancestral home. He pictured his lonely life and childless old age in such pathetic language that even the stern heart of his warrior son-in-law was moved to pity, and he gave his consent for her to go with him or remain with her father.

Penelope dropped her veil and turned away; her father urged her no longer, but on the spot where they parted was erected a statue to modesty. Penelope owed a daughter's duty to her father, but the duties of the wife were paramount to those of the daughter. Masons owe certain duties to the world which are in nowise to be neglected, but they owe paramount duties to themselves.

By living moral and upright lives before the world and by dropping the veil of mystery before their temple, and by allowing none to pass through the door of the preparation room, who by nature or habit are unfitted to become "living stones in that spiritual building eternal in the heavens" before whose awful portals all mankind must pass in judgment, they may reasonably hope to set an example before the profane, worthy of imitation, and leave a monument to virtue "more enduring than brass, more splendid than gems of the Orient."—*Voice of Masonry*.

At the January meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Bro. Harry Nash, the S.W. of the past year, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Alfred Green P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Spawforth was raised, and Bro. Hall passed. The installation meeting will take place on Tuesday, the 11th instant.

The Masons of Otley have for several years past held a ball at Otley, in aid of the Masonic Charities, and on Friday, the 24th ult., another enjoyable gathering took place in the Mechanics' Hall, which was luxuriously furnished and decorated for the occasion. There was a large and fashionable attendance. Mr. H. Fall's band occupied the orchestra.

On and after Monday, the 3rd instant, the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, will meet at the St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance). Bro. Ernest Farwig P.M. is the Preceptor. The Lodge will be opened every Monday evening, at 8 o'clock precisely.

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GOSSIP ABOUT FREEMASONRY; ITS HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

A Paper read by Bro. S. Vallentine, P.M. and Z. No. 9, to the Brethren of the Albion Lodge of Instruction, 2nd November 1889.

(Continued from page 51.)

THE Sacred Law could have held but short supremacy over the minds of the people. Josiah's unworthy son Jehoicam was conquered and became captive to Nebuchadnezzar, and it was again disused and apparently lost. A copy, however, is said to have been secreted by Hildah the Prophetess, and was discovered during the building of the second Temple. Here tradition again steps forward, telling us, by means of the Apocryphal Book of Esaias and the not always correct Josephus, that Zerubbabel was permitted to resume the re-building of the second Temple by favour of Darius, such privilege having been obtained by the influence of the king's concubine Apané, who was pleased by the victory of Zerubbabel in a poetic contest, the theme given being as to which was most powerful, "The King, Wine, or Woman," he having awarded the superiority to the latter. Apané, in her delight at this compliment, urged the monarch to issue the necessary decree. On the commencement of the work Ezra devoted himself to the arrangement of the Sacred Books. According to Dean Milman, much of the Hebrew Literature was lost at the time of the captivity, including the ancient book of Jashir (see Joshua x. 13), that of the Wars of the Lord, the writings of God, and Iddo the Prophet, and those of Solomon on Natural History.

Succeeding this, troublous times again encompassed the Jews. Alexander the Great sent a colony of that people to Alexandria, and it is reported that the Egyptians made claim against them, and appealed to that ruler to enforce it. It was that they should be condemned to reimburse the value of the gold, silver and precious stones which their ancestors had lent them at their departure from Egypt under Moses. The Jews allowed the justice of the claim of the Egyptians, and consented to pay them, provided that they too would satisfy their demand for the services of four hundred years which their fathers had rendered to the Egyptians. Alexander decided that the claims of the Egyptians and those of the Jews balanced each other. The Jewish triumph was but short-lived, for Ptolemy, one of Alexander's generals, having made himself master of Egypt, invaded Judea and carried into captivity one hundred thousand of its inhabitants, whom he sold as slaves to the Egyptians. But yet again another gleam of sunshine came over this people when Ptolemy's son Philadelphus restored freedom to these unfortunates. Under this sovereign, and at the request of the Israelites resident at Alexandria, the Septuagint was produced, containing perhaps the first translation of the Pentateuch into Greek. It is said Ptolemy desired the High Priest at Jerusalem to select men who were thoroughly acquainted with the Hebrew language to assist in the translation. John, in his work on the Hebrew Commonwealth, asserts that the Jews who had established themselves in Egypt valued the Septuagint highly because they had lost their knowledge of Hebrew. It is not impossible that many of the authorities and works of reference consulted for the objects of their labour may have been lost to the world by the destruction of the Alexandrian Library. However, this work and the Latin translations of it were adopted by the ecclesiastical authorities of the Christian Church until the at that time so-called "Modern Solomon," James I., sanctioned by his Royal will the English version of the Scriptures, now used and known as the Authorised Version. It has been said that of 47 persons who were appointed to make this translation only three of them understood Hebrew, and of these two died before the completion of the work. It appears to my thinking that amid all these vicissitudes some portions of the purely historical parts of the Bible may have been confused. I cannot imagine that the violations of the unities of time, such as we find in many portions of it, could have been in the original. Of course I am not in any way alluding to the sacred portions of it. God's holy will and word has been at all times impressed on the hearts of some good and worthy men, of whom many lived to propagate it, and died in defence of it. It needed not for this purpose to be written on linen or

papyrus, vellum or crape. God willed his word should live, and it lives.

In its genealogies of the Patriarchs errors of some ignorant or presumptuous transcribers have found admission, otherwise we could scarcely find the two chapters of Genesis, iv. and v., in contradiction, and that, after a clear statement of the line from Adam to Noah in the first of these chapters the other should abruptly commence, "this is the book of the generations of Adam," and then proceed to materially alter this line. Has this been done accidentally, or purposely, with the object to direct attention from the circumstance that the man saved by God to repopulate the earth was descended not from the so-called pious race of Seth, but from that of the so-called accursed Cain.

I think chapter iv. originally contained, as it now does, the generations of Cain; chapter v. only that of Seth, that is to say from Enos to Jared. Chapter iv. contains no mention of the family of Seth, because it only professes to give that of Cain; but chapter v., "The book of the generations of Adam," has no mention either of Cain, Abel, or Cain's son Enoch; verses 25 and 26 of chapter iv. I take to be an addition to that chapter for the purpose, through the similarity of the names of Enoch and Enos, that it might be said that in the days of the latter men began to call on the name of the Lord. If the opinion of Maimonides that I have read to you be correct, then men did not call on the Lord in the days of Enos. And what says the Talmud:—"Seth lived 105 years, and begat Enos. Then the people increased, and grew many upon the face of the earth, and they polluted their souls by sin and rebellion against the Lord. Their wickedness and transgressions increased day by day. They forgot the Eternal who had formed them, and given them the earth as a possession. They made images of copper and iron, of wood and of stone, to which they prostrated themselves in worship. During the entire lifetime of Enoch the people continued thus unrighteous. During this time there was neither sowing or reaping. There was a grievous famine in the land, for when the people became corrupt the land was also corrupted, and instead of fruit for men's subsistence it brought forth thistles." Yet another statement; Eusebius attributes to the people of those days "a brutal and disorderly mode of life. They wandered lawless through the desert like savage and fierce animals, destroying the intellectuality of man, and exterminating the very seeds of reason and culture of the human mind by the excesses of determined wickedness, and by a total surrender of themselves to every species of iniquity." If these statements have even but a small stratum of truth in their foundation, it materially helps my theory that the city of Enoch was the first refuge, and a rallying point for those who worshipped God Most High, and who cultivated "the seeds of reason," from which grew that which we now call Freemasonry. We must put from our minds a not uncommon idea that Adam's family for an unusually long period consisted only of Cain and Abel. Early writers, or traditionalists, for they appear to have been nearly one and the same, say that his family comprised thirty-three sons and twenty-seven daughters, and certainly Cain's expression, "every one that findeth me shall slay me," requires some such explanation; and "every one" can only allude either to children begat by Abel, or of brethren of Cain and Abel and their tribes or families, who execrated the crime and he who committed it.

Mr. Whiston made a calculation that at the period of the Deluge the population of the world had increased to hundreds of millions. Historians of these times appear to agree that the family and followers of the "wicked" Cain dwelled in the plains, the pious children of the pious Seth, one of whom was Enos, dwelt in the mountains, and I presume a blood feud existed between them. We are told that consequent upon the death of Abel, Cain with his wife and adherents had been driven from the altars of Adam, and he had become a wanderer. The Talmud says of this:—"And Cain went forth a wanderer from the presence of his Maker, forth to the land on the east of Eden. Now, after this time, when God began to give Cain rest," (which I take to mean mental rest, or greater quietude to his troubled conscience), "his wife conceived and bare a son, and Cain called his son Enoch, because God had at last given him rest upon the earth." The feud, after lasting very many years, was at last healed, as feuds have been often healed since those antique times, by the beauty of woman and the love of pleasures. An Arabian writer, cited by Selden, says that the children of Seth had sworn by the blood of

Abel that they would never leave the mountainous country which they inhabited to go down into the valley where the children of Cain lived, and he goes on to say that the inducement to violate this oath was the beauty of Naamah and the music of Jubal. The tests we now consider as tokens of civilization were therefore possessed in a higher degree by the family of Cain than by that of Abel. It is not then difficult to understand that men, leaving their rough mountain homes and descending into a pleasant country where much conducive to comfort was to be found, the dwellings designed perhaps with some regard to order and comfort by Enoch, ornamented by the naturally artistic, though probably rough, creations of Tubal Cain, and the skill of the beautiful Naamah, to whom the introduction of weaving has been attributed, Jubal's muse cheering its hearers, while Jaleel and his followers, "dwelling in tents," watched over the safety of the city and provided it with its supplies of food, should, after seeing and partaking of their comforts and pleasures, be anxious to exchange their wild life for that of a more peaceful character. Of Tubal Cain, to whom our attention is called, and who then disappears, he, as I have before noted, is said to have been the Vulcan of Greek mythology, and that Naamah was the Venus, and as it is admitted that the Greeks and Romans adopted that of the Egyptians as the basis of theirs, the statement that Mizraim built a Temple in honour of Vulcan is not an unlikely one, Tubal Cain being really to whom it was dedicated. It has been attempted to point out a somewhat similarity of name between them. Thus, strike off the first two letters from Tubal Cain and you have Bal Cain, which in course of time became pronounced as Vulcan; the relationship of Mizraim to Tubal Cain and Naamah not being very far distant, these two being son and daughter of Lamech, who was great-grandfather of Mizraim; I may on another occasion attempt to connect the visit of Abraham to Egypt with this origin, and the Patriarch's position as leader of all worshippers of the True God and of those men within whom existed the germs of that we now call Freemasonry.

I have now brought my subject to the time when the first Freemason, by whom I mean Enoch, made himself prominent. Enoch, who walked with and was called by God; but as I cannot enter into a subject so important in a Masonic point of view within compass of a paper, I thank you for your attention, and close my evening's Gossip with you.

MARK MASONRY.

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FRIENDSHIP, UNANIMITY, AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 191.

ON Monday, the 20th ult., a goodly muster of brethren assembled at their headquarters, Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. J. T. Dunsford (who was unanimously elected by ballot at the last meeting) as W.M. of the Lodge, as successor to Bro. E. Fry Wade. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, and the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. Fry Wade I.P.M., G. B. Laffan S.W., G. Strawbridge J.W., C. Lucette P.M. Treasurer, F. J. Saunders Secretary, Dr. Kemmis D.C., T. Floyd Norris M.O., B. C. Board S.O., Dr. F. W. S. Wicksteed J.O., A. Basil Cottam R.M., T. H. Railton S.D., Dr. Peskett J.D., J. B. Sincok I.G., T. L. Laxton Chaplain, W. Webber Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., the Secretary was directed to forward a vote of sympathy to Brother Dr. Kemmis, who is now slowly recovering from a severe illness, together with an earnest hope that he will speedily be restored to his former health and strength. Afterwards the brethren partook of a capital repast, under the presidency of the W.M., and the customary toast list was gone through.

Messrs Dean and Son (160A Fleet Street, E.C.) announce a new volume by Mr. E. P. Scott, entitled "Stanley and his Heroic Relief of Emu Pasha," which will contain biographical sketches of Stanley and Emin Pasha, and an interesting account of the Mahdi's rising. The work, which will be published at half a crown, will contain a map, and fourteen other illustrations.

Mr. Fred C. Milford's shilling novel "What became of him?" is to be published by Messrs Dean and Son, who will also publish Mr. Albert Vandham's exciting story "Accessory after the Fact," which is translated from the original of M. René de Camors.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Globe.—Mr. F. R. Benson's second venture is the "The Taming of the Shrew," which was produced last week and will be repeated every Thursday and Friday evening until further notice, for his picturesque revival of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is, we are glad to notice, still attracting great audiences. Mr. Benson has not aimed at any new arrangement of the play, as is the fashion now-a-days, but has very wisely omitted the introduction at Athens, which is unnecessary, and the curtain rises on the conversation between Lucentio and Tranio in the Public Place, at Padua. Mrs. Benson assumes the rôle of Katherina, and, while fully realising the hot-tempered vixen, does not forget that she is the daughter of a gentleman, and is therefore a lady by birth and education. The look of startled surprise when she is first confronted with Petruchio, and the various phases of "the taming down" are carefully depicted, and were readily recognised by the audience. Mr. Benson's rendering of Petruchio, though rather of a boisterous character, partook more of the light-hearted determined man than the extravagant blusterer he is sometimes represented, and though there are a few points, particularly in the third act, that require rounding off, he may safely be congratulated upon his conception. The remaining characters do not afford their representatives much chance of distinguishing themselves, but Mr. Herbert Ross makes a humorous Tranio; Mr. Otto Stuart looks and speaks well as Lucentio, and Mr. Walter Shaw is a capital Biondello; Miss Marion Grey is graceful as Bianca; Messrs. Athol Forde, G. R. Weir, G. F. Black, and G. M. Howard furnish very fair representations of their respective parts, and Miss M. Townsend, who is introduced in the fourth act, gives an admirable rendering of Bishop's popular song, "Should he upbraid." The scenery and costumes are both well designed, and the music and dances are in good taste and very pretty. Mr. Benson has now established a reputation for an earnest desire to represent our immortal poet in an intelligent and scholarly manner, and his future productions will be eagerly looked for.

Criterion.—The remarks we made on the recent production of "Caste" at this theatre may almost be repeated as regards the revival of Mr. Henry J. Byron's comedy, "Cyril's Success." The public theatrical taste has so changed during the last twenty years that the delicate humour and genial cynicism of the dramatic authors of the last generation is passed by almost unnoticed, and it may even be said unappreciated, by present audiences. It must not be inferred that the performers are in any way to blame for this, as the play is well acted, and every one tries, and indeed succeeds, in giving a highly intelligible rendering of the piece; but it may be readily understood that where a company has been indiscriminately gathered together for the performance of a piece, it must necessarily be inferior to one that has been carefully trained under the supervision of an author. Miss Olga Brandon, as the neglected wife of Cyril Cuthbert, gives an impersonation that is full of feeling, though at times a trifle too mournful. The hero is capably rendered by Mr. Leonard Boyne, especially in the last act, when he thoroughly aroused the enthusiasm of the spectators. Mr. David James is also admirable as Matthew Pincher, and shows the work of a finished artist. Mr. Arthur Elwood is seen to great advantage as Major Treherne, and considerably assists the action of the piece. Miss Compton looks the part of Mrs. Singleton Bliss to the life. Miss Frances (query Fanny Moore) is well placed as Titeboy, and Miss Branton adequately represented Miss Grannett. The revival should prove attractive to those who have the interest of the stage at heart, and may safely be recommended as a foil to the more garish attractions at present in vogue.

Royal Aquarium.—The latest recruit to the ranks of Psycho-Physiology is a Doctor Onofroff, who gave a private performance before a number of representatives of the Press, last Tuesday, in the theatre adjoining this popular place of amusement. The Doctor has been well adapted by nature for the character he desires to assume, being tall and slim with large dark eyes, while the paleness of his face contrasts strongly with the blackness of his hair. Dr. Onofroff stated in his introductory address that he cannot explain the means by which his experiments are brought about. He feels that he is impelled by some psychic force that causes him to obey the will of the medium, who must concentrate his thoughts entirely upon the object or matter decided upon, and be in thorough sympathy with the performer. He also said that he did not claim to be successful in every case, and an extraordinary failure was made with Mr. Stewart Cumberland, himself a thoughtful reader, that could hardly be accounted for. A committee of press men having been formed, it was decided that the first experiment should take the idea of a person being murdered. The Doctor was blindfolded, not that it was necessary, but to prevent his attention being diverted by the audience. He then succeeded in tracing the "murderer," the person supposed to be murdered, the weapon, which was a small penknife concealed in the lining of a hat, and also the exact spot where the wound was made. His second experiment was still more extraordinary. A member of the committee willed that the Doctor should unfasten his coat, take the programme therefrom and burn it at a footlight in front of the stage. This was accomplished satisfactorily, as were also some other "thoughts" desired by some persons among the audience. The programme stated that the thought reading would take place without actual contact with the medium; but in each instance there was contact, because the Doctor commenced by touching the medium, and sometimes was constantly placing his hands upon him as though he were seeking inspiration. There can be no doubt as to the genuineness of the performance, which was highly interesting, and the Doctor received the hearty applause of the spectators at its termination.

Royal Albert Hall.—On Saturday last Mr. Kirwan gave the first of a series of dramatic recitals in the West Theatre at the Royal

Albert Hall. The recitals are to take place on every Saturday at three o'clock, up to and including Saturday, 10th May, with the exception only of Easter Eve, 5th April. Last Saturday the pretty little theatre was full to overflowing. Mr. Kirwan recited no less than nine pieces. He began with Longfellow's "Carillon" and "Belfry of Bruges," followed by that somewhat curious poem, Palgrave's "Trafalgar;" next the "Painter who pleased Nobody," which is amusing, and a great contrast to that which was immediately to follow. This was "Phædra," from Lewis Morris's "The Epic of Hades." It is that part of the poem where the shade of Phædra, in Tartarus, recounts the story of her love for young Hippolytus, and his tragic death. Although in the delivery of the former pieces Mr. Kirwan had shown that he was a good elocutionist, who fully appreciated the authors he interpreted, and was well able to hold his own with other reciters of the day, he had done nothing to prepare us for the marvellous power and dramatic force of his rendering of "Phædra." It was evident that Mr. Kirwan prefers strong pieces, and we prefer to hear him in them. There were two other items in the programme with which we were particularly pleased. These were "How Richard Doubleditch got his Promotion"—in which the manly tenderness of Dickens's story was fully represented in voice and manner—and Lewis Carroll's "The Lang Courtin'"—with which the programme ended. Mr. Kirwan has a good presence and a good voice. The only fault that we have to find with him is that sometimes when he lowered his voice it was difficult to follow what he said. This may be in part due to the defective acoustic properties of the theatre, but, whatever the cause, Mr. Kirwan will do well to guard against it in future. The entertainment was divided into two parts, between which Mr. Richard Mackway's choir of boys sang in a manner that pleased the audience, as it could not help doing. In a book of programmes for the whole series we notice that part songs and glees appear in each. It is, we think, a novel idea, having this particular kind of music at a dramatic recital, and we congratulate Mr. Kirwan on it, and on his good fortune in having it carried out under Mr. Mackway, which is in itself a guarantee that it will be well done. In looking through Mr. Kirwan's programmes, what strikes us most is how few pieces they contain which we have heard recited by others, and of what high literary merit nearly all the pieces are. Considering their quality, we shall perhaps best describe Mr. Kirwan's performances if we call them literary recitals. This is Mr. Kirwan's second season at the Albert Hall, where he migrated last year from Steinway Hall. The success of the opening performance betokens a prosperous season.

St. Andrew's Hall.—A grand concert and entertainment, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, took place on Saturday last, at St. Andrew's Hall, Newman Street, Oxford Street, under the patronage of V.W. Bros. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar. The concert was arranged by Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S. We are unable to speak of the artistes concerned other than in words of praise, but we were particularly pleased with the singing of Mrs. Norman, who was deservedly applauded for her tuneful rendering of "It was a dream." This lady gave as an encore "Robin Adair." Mr. J. H. Ricketson sang "My Queen" and "Annie Laurie" in good style, while the really magnificent voice of Mr. Richard Evans was heard in "Good Company," and for encore "Forget me not." Mr. Frank Lindo was much applauded for his humorous recitation, and on recall gave a powerful rendering of a selection from "Claudian." Prof. Arnstein contributed a well-executed violin solo, while Mr. Rutter on the banjo was most entertaining. The Polytechnic School Choir appeared early in the evening and gave a vocal waltz, their voices blending harmoniously. The singing of Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Atkinson, and Miss Clara Douglas was also much appreciated. We were sorry to hear that Bro. Franklin Clive was unable to appear through indisposition. In the second part Mr. Charles Bertram and Mdle. Caprice gave their celebrated sleight of hand performance; this consisted of tricks with cards, &c., which were cleverly executed, and much enjoyed by the audience. We must not omit to mention Mr. Edward R. Terry's able assistance at the piano. Altogether the concert was a success artistically, and we trust financially, and the audience left, thoroughly satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

We understand that a new comedy is in active rehearsal at the Garrick and will be produced some time in the middle of this month. We are glad to hear that so finished and accomplished an actor as Mr. Hare has a leading part. Mr. Hare will be warmly welcomed from a too long retirement from the point of view of the public.

Miss Cissy Grahame will commence her season at Terry's on Saturday, the 8th instant, with a new three act play by Jerome K. Jerome, entitled "New Lamps for Old," in which Messrs. W. S. Penley, W. Lestocq, F. Kerr, Bernard Gould, Mesdames Gertrude Kingston, Houston, and Cissy Grahame, will appear. On the same evening will be produced a new one act rustic comedy by Fred Bowyer and W. Edwardes-Sprange, which will be played by Mesdames M. A. Giffard, Helen Leyton, Messrs. Yorke Stephens and Oscar Adye.

We are requested to inform our readers that the visit of "The Greatest Show on Earth" will come to a termination in London on the 15th of the present month, as Mr. Barnum has to meet his engagements already entered into for America. Those who have been unable to witness this gigantic performance must therefore make up their minds at once, as it is not at all probable that the opportunity will occur again.

Mr. C. W. Somerset, the original Lord Dornier of Mr. Seebohm's version of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and the late exponent of the same part in Mrs. Bennett's adaptation, has been engaged by Messrs. Willard and Lart to play Cyrus Blenkarn in "the Middleman" company, starting in February, to visit the principal provincial cities.

Mr. Rider Haggard's novel "Jess" has been dramatised by Miss Eweretta Lawrence, and will shortly be produced at a matinee at the Princess's theatre.

The sixth annual celebration of Dickens's birthday is announced for the 7th inst., at St. James's Hall (French Chamber). The management is in the hands of the originator, Mr. Edwin Drew, a Dickens devotee.

Saturday, the 8th instant, has been appointed for the private view of the Spring Exhibition (the twentieth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 10th inst.

MILITARY EXHIBITION AT CHELSEA.—This exhibition, which will be opened in May, is in aid of the Church of England Soldiers' Institutes which do a great deal for the temperance cause in the army. Very appropriately, therefore, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the refreshment contractors to the exhibition, have resolved upon the erection of a magnificent Temperance Public House in the grounds, which will be equipped with all the ornamental appointments found in the bars of the period. It will thus be bright and attractive, which is more than can be said for the ordinary coffee shops and other Temperance establishments in the metropolis. Here will be sold, as well as tea and coffee and aerated waters, all the temperance beverages of the day, and such an establishment will obviously afford an excellent opportunity for the makers of such beverages to bring them prominently under the notice, not only of the public, but of the high military authorities, from the Duke of Cambridge downwards, who are interesting themselves in this exhibition.

ST. TRINIAN'S LODGE, No. 2050.

ON Wednesday, the 15th ult., took place the official visit of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man to this Lodge. After the Lodge had been opened, the following Officers of the Province were received:—Bros. John A. Brown D.M., T. H. Nesbitt P.S.W. Secretary, E. J. Bowman S.D., R. Swinnerton D.C., C. M. Challender A.D.C., Walter J. Brown Sword Bearer, W. Kissack Standard Bearer, G. J. Nattan Pursuivant, T. S. Aylen Assistant Pursuivant, T. Whiteside and F. W. Spencer Stewards, and the Tyler Bro. J. Gorry. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master assumed the chair, and addressed the Lodge. After expressing his regret at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. S. Goldie-Taubman), he congratulated St. Trinian's on its strength and financial prosperity. Bro. F. W. Watson presided at the organ. After a candidate had been raised to the third degree by Bro. C. M. Challender, the chairs of the Lodge were occupied by Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. J. A. Brown presided, Bro. Nesbitt occupied the post of S.W., Bro. Swinnerton that of J.W.; the Deacons were Bros. W. J. Brown, W. Kissack, and F. W. Spencer, while the I.G. was Bro. Nattan. Three candidates were passed to the second degree by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Afterwards the following letter, with reference to the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Douglas, was read:—

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
13th January 1890.

DEAR BRO. GOLDIE-TAUBMAN,—I hear there has been some misconception in your Province as to the motives which have produced the petition for the proposed Royal Arch Chapter in Douglas. I think it, therefore, only fair to say that the idea practically emanated from myself. I have for some time thought that Masonry in the Isle of Man has become strong enough to maintain three Chapters (R.A.), instead of one, and thus possess a Provincial Grand Chapter, having powers of discipline and of conferring honours, as in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and which latter has existed now for some years with such advantage to the Order.

I have, therefore, on several occasions ventilated these views to yourself, your Provincial Grand Secretary, and others; and I am glad to find that steps are being taken to gradually carry out the suggestion.

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE.

R.W. Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman, P.G. Master Isle of Man.

The Royal National Life-boat Institution has now 293 Life-boats under its charge, and last year it granted rewards for saving 627 lives from shipwrecks on our coast. A large and permanent annual income is indispensable to enable the Society to maintain its great Life-saving Fleet in a state of thorough efficiency. At the present time pecuniary aid is peculiarly needed, on account of the special outlay that is being incurred by the Committee in replacing a considerable number of their Life-boats by boats of the newest type and possessing the latest improvements. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, John Street, Adelphi, London.

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A Banquet will be provided at Half-past Six o'Clock. Tickets, One Guinea each; and it is requested that every Knight Companion intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Recorder with as little delay as possible.

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1367, 329, 814, 976 (Vice-Pres.), 1197, 1755, 1953, 130 (Vice-Pres.),

195, 319, 359 (Vice-Pres.), 394, 551, 1112, 1869, 2208, 2068, 574, 1002

236 (Vice-Pres.), 312, 1330, 1461, 1592.

R.A. Chapters 137, 170, 417, 622, 707, 1037, 329, 312, 1461.

Committee Rooms, Evershot, Dorchester.

BRO. BASKETT'S COMMITTEE wish to express their thanks for the very numerous and influential promises already received, and to ask any other Brethren and Voters who are willing to support Bro. BASKETT to send in their names as soon as possible, to

W. DOUGLAS DUGDALE,

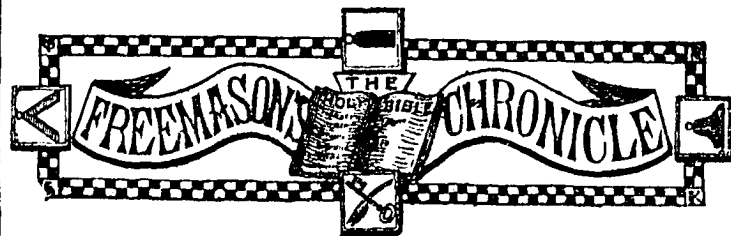
17th December 1889.

Hon. Sec.

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SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY 1890.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for con- firmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October 1889, to the 14th January 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	150	8	4	Disbursements during the quarter	299	16	10
Unappropriated Account	190	18	1	Balance	239	13	0
Subsequent Receipts	386	14	0	Unappropriated Account	183	11	7
	£728	0	5		£728	0	5

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Harry James Sparks as Z., William Smith as H., John Upchurch Martin as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Soudes Lodge, No. 996, East Dereham, to be called "The Harry Sparks Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Dereham, in the County of Norfolk.

2nd. From Companions Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.L., Grand Superintendent for Durham as Z., Robert Shadforth as H., George Washington Bain as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Williamson Lodge, No. 919, Monkwearmouth, to be called "The Williamson Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, No. 6 North Bridge Street, Monkwearmouth, in the County of Durham.

3rd. From Companions Thomas Preston as Z., Henry Croasdale as H., George Handle Openshaw and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 269, Blackburn, to be called "The Fidelity Chapter," and to meet at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire.

4th. From Companions Carl Theodor Fleck as Z., Charles Meierhoff as H., James Cooper as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London, to be called "The Old Concord Chapter," and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

5th. From Companions Adolphus Clark as Z., James John Woolley as H., Herbert Charles Lambert as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, London, to be called "The Anglo-American Chapter," and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, reporting that they were regularly established on the 30th September 1889, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter of New South Wales be also recognised.

The Committee have received Memorials, with extracts of Minutes, on the removal of the following Chapters:—

The Alexandra Chapter, No. 993, from the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, to the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

The Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, from Willis's Rooms, St. James's, to the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, Charing Cross.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that the removals of the above named Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th January 1890.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Monday last. There were present:—Comps. H. P. Isaac M.E.Z., J. W. Dewsnap P.Z. H., L. M. Meyers I.P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., L. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Comp. Littaur kindly acted as S.N., and Comp. T. Meyers Assistant Soj., Comps. Botibol, Philip Davis, J. Klein, J. Straus, Blaberg, Isaacs, Jacques Wynman, and several others were also in attendance. The Chapter was opened in due form at 5.30, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Philip Davis, who was subsequently exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers. The ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner. Hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The Companions afterwards sat down to supper. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant meeting terminated with the Janitor's toast.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE MASONIC HALL, AT KINGSBRIDGE.

IN the presence of a large number of members of Duncombe Lodge, No. 1486, of visiting brethren, and of the general public, the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., laid at Kingsbridge. The Lodge consecrated in 1874, has since then met at the King's Arms Hotel, and of late the need of more accommodation has been recognised by the brethren. A site was procured in Duncombe-street; Mr. R. Watson prepared plans, and a contract was entered into with Mr. G. Hooper for the building. The large room, 30 feet by 20, will be approached through an ante-room, 11½ feet by 10½. The brethren meeting at the hotel marched in procession to the site, headed by the town subscription band. The Wardens carried vessels containing oil and wine, and other brethren carried corn and the Bible. A hymn having been sung, and Rev. J. E. Surridge Chaplain having offered prayer, Bro. J. Foale deposited in the cavity beneath the stone coins and documents. Bro. J. Tucker then presented a handsome silver trowel, with massive ivory handle, and inscribed:—

"Presented to W. Bro. H. D. Adkins W.M. by the members of the Duncombe Lodge, No. 1486, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, 21st January 1890."

After the W.M. had thanked the members for their beautiful present he declared the stone well and truly laid. Bro. George Hooper then presented a polished mallet, and other members the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. The W.M. having handed to Bro. R. Watson the architect, square, compasses and plans of the building, formally entrusted the work to him. Bro. J. Balkwill sketched the history of the Duncombe Lodge. Its first public act was the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on the occasion of a presentation to Hope of a life-boat by the Freemasons. They had also subscribed towards a handsome pulpit in Stokenham Church, and in the Jubilee year they gave a window in Dodbrooke Church, as a thankoffering for the long reign of Her Majesty the Queen. Last year they subscribed for a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Those present included Bros. Rev. J. E. Surridge, H. D. Adkins, J. Foale, J. Cranch, R. Chase, J. R. Gill, R. H. Lewis, George Watts, George Hooper, J. Balkwill, J. Tucker, P. Trant, R. Watson, J. Stevens, C. Elliott, W. Bond, Hon. Duncombe, W. Kelland, Cove, C. Hammett, E. Edmonds, H. T. Robins, Dr. Adkins and John Lee. In the evening, a banquet, at the King's Arms Hotel, was attended by about seventy members of the Lodge and friends. Bro. H. D. Adkins W.M. presided, and Bro. P. Trant S.W. occupied the vice-chair. There were also present Revs. J. Surridge and G. R. Williams, Captain Twysden, Mr. A. F. Holdsworth, Dr. Adkins, &c. Revs. J. E. Surridge and G. R. Williams, head master of the Grammar School, responded for the Bishop and Clergy. Hon. H. V. Duncombe proposed the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, and Captain Twysden, in responding, said the Admiralty was increasing the navy at the present time in a gradual and proper manner. The next naval war would be a grand experimental one, and the coolest heads would win. Captain Square responded for the Volunteers. Mr. A. F. Holdsworth proposed Success to the new Masonic Hall and Duncombe Lodge. There was no doubt of the good the Freemasons did, and the enormous amount of money spent by them in charity. He hoped the new hall would be of lasting good for the neighbourhood. Dr. Webb responded. Bro. R. Chase gave the Founders of the Lodge, and Bros. J. Tucker, C. Elliott, and J. Stevens responded. Bros. R. Watson, architect, and George Hooper, Builder, responded to the toast of their health. Bro. J. R. Gill, in enlogistic terms, gave the Chairman. For the Visitors, Bros. Captain Twysden, A. F. Holdsworth, and F. Coaker responded. Dr. Adkins gave the Vice-Chairman. After toasting the Hostess, the Press, and the Ladies, the company separated, after singing the National Anthem.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 24th ult., at the headquarters in Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. A. D. Hesketh. The accounts of Bro. Tyson, Honorary Treasurer, showed that the amounts received in rents from Lodges during the year was £466; from Lodges of Instruction, £37; from Chapters, £73 10s; miscellaneous rents, £40 5s; and for occasional meetings £157 15s; total, £1000 15s 10d. After payment of all accounts, there remained a balance in bank of £189 16s. The accounts were passed, and votes of thanks given to the various Officers for their services during the year. Bro. T. H. W. Walker was elected chairman of the Hall Committee; Bro. A. Cotter vice-chairman, Bro. J. T. Callow Honorary Secretary, Bro. J. N. Tyson Honorary Treasurer, and the following were unanimously elected members of the Committee:—Bros. A. D. Hesketh, J. Macnab, T. J. Jarman, J. B. Mackenzie, R. Foote, E. Morgan, D. Jackson, W. E. Coxon, J. Molloy, R. G. Bradley, H. F. Neale, J. Pemberton, A. Soldat, R. H. Leake, J. Beesley, G. Morgan, T. D. Jones, E. R. Latham, W. Maddox, W. Sweetman, and T. Salter.

Last Monday evening, while a Royal Arch Chapter was in conclave at the Masonic Hall, Chester, an adroit thief managed to steal a quantity of jewels and clothing, to the amount of £40, from the ante-room, and got safely away.

DEATH.

HOWARD.—On the 26th January, at Woodstock Villas, Forest Lane, Stratford. JAMES HAMMET HILL HOWARD, in his 57th year.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WE have much pleasure in publishing the following letters relating to the pension proposed to be given to Bro. Binckes on retiring from the office of Secretary, and the non-official scheme which has received the approval of the Provisional Management Committee, and is being pressed forward with the utmost energy by its authors and supporters with a view to relieving the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of the annual charge which the payment of Bro. Binckes' pension will entail. The first letter, that of Brother Joseph D. Langton, Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee, fully explains the nature of this scheme and how it is sought to obtain the necessary sum to secure Bro. Binckes an annuity equivalent to the pension it is proposed to give him. The second letter, which emanates from Bro. T. W. Tew P.G.M. and Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, is an urgent appeal to the Lodges of West Yorkshire to support the scheme, and they sincerely trust that the Lodges in London and the other Provinces will regard this appeal as if it had been addressed to them directly by their own rulers, and will, to the best of their ability, support a proposal which has found such favour in West Yorkshire and many of our most important Provinces.

To the Provincial Grand Masters, Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and the Brethren of Provincial Grand Lodges and the Worshipful Masters and Brethren of all Lodges.

37 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.
20th December 1889.

BRETHREN,—In view of the narrow majority by which the resolution proposing to grant to Bro. Binckes a retiring allowance of £350 per annum was carried at the last General Quarterly Court, the Provisional Management Committee has decided to ask the next Quarterly Court not to confirm or proceed further with that resolution, but to substitute in its place another to grant him £250 per annum.

The Provisional Management Committee has come to this conclusion in the hope that such an arrangement will be satisfactory to all parties, and will attend to allay any excitement and bitterness which may have been unfortunately imported into this question, so opposed to the principles of Freemasonry and imperilling the best interests, if not the very vitality, of the Institution itself.

Whilst asking with confidence for the grant of £250 per annum, the Provisional Management Committee has considered and sanctioned a scheme to raise a fund of £2500 in lieu of granting a pension to Bro. Binckes, styled the "Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M. Institution for Boys," the immediate object of which is to relieve altogether the Institution from any charge on its funds, and at the same time to recognise the services of Bro. Binckes and provide some means for his "honourable retirement" from the office of Secretary, after upwards of 28 years' service.

By this scheme it is proposed that every Lodge in London and the Provinces should contribute or grant from its funds a sum of £2 10s, being at the rate of 5s per Lodge for 10 years, so that a Lodge of, say 40 Members, each Member would be contributing 1½d per annum, or 1s 3d, towards the amount required for the Commutation, and from an estimate made on this basis, if all co-operate and heartily support this plan, a large surplus will undoubtedly arise for the benefit of the Institution.

From the many expressions of concurrence which have been received, the Provisional Management Committee is led to believe that the scheme will receive general acceptance. If this should happily be the case, it will at once put an end to the unfortunate condition of affairs which during the past year has operated so prejudicially to the interests of the Institution, and which if not terminated must continue to injure it, to the deep felt regret of all its friends and supporters.

The Provisional Management Committee has the pleasure to announce that a distinguished Brother, fully believing the generosity of the Craft will support the scheme, has munificently placed at the disposal of the Provisional Management Committee the sum of £2500, to enable it to commute the proposed allowance of £250 per annum and arrange at once with Bro. Binckes for his retirement, and to allow six months for the collection of the fund. The attitude Brother Binckes has assumed in this matter is highly gratifying to the Provisional Management Committee, and tends very materially to assist such an amicable and satisfactory settlement.

The fund raised will be quite distinct and altogether apart from the funds of the Institution, and will be placed in the hands of three Trustees, viz., Brothers F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., (Grand Registrar), Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer), and Richard Eve (P.G. Treasurer), and any surplus that may arise will be paid over to the funds of the Institution.

As the success of the scheme depends on the general concurrence of those interested, the Committee urgently appeal to all members of the Craft and friends of the Institution to contribute to the fund, and thus ensure the speedy completion of the scheme.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH D. LANGTON.

Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee.

Cheques or postal orders can be sent to the Hon. Sec. at above address, payable to the order of F. A. Philbrick, and crossed "Union Bank of London."

St. John's, Wakefield,
January 1890.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We desire to call your attention to, and invite your hearty co-operation in carrying out, the scheme set forth in the accompanying appeal issued by the Provisional Management Committee of the above-named Institution to raise a sum of £2500 in

lieu of granting a pension from the funds of the Institution to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes.

A special meeting of the Charity Committee of this Province was held in Leeds on the 21st December last, when this scheme was fully explained, and after full discussion unanimously adopted, and it was also agreed that the sum of two hundred guineas should be raised in support of the fund.

Paragraph 4 in the appeal fully states the basis upon which the scheme is calculated—seeing however that some Lodges have less, whilst many others have more than 40 members, it is for the brethren of every Lodge to determine what sum they will contribute.

We are exceedingly wishful to promote in every possible way the success of this scheme, which has already received the warmest approval and support alike of friends and opponents of the Pension, and we fully believe the £2500 will be easily raised, and, in addition, a handsome surplus for the benefit of the Institution.

Will you kindly read the appeal and this letter at your next meeting and report the result.

Please forward the contribution from your Lodge as early as possible to Bro. Herbert G. E. Green Provincial Grand Secretary, to whom cheques may be made payable, and who will give an official receipt.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS WILLIAM TEW P.G.M.
HENRY SMITH D.P.G.M.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Frederick Hogard P.G.Std.Br., presided, and among about 120 brethren present were Past Masters Bros. A. M. Cohen Treasurer, H. J. Phillips Secretary, Solomon Jacobs, A. J. Henochsberg, H. M. Harris P.P.D.G.D.C. W. Lances, J. A. Gartley, I. P. Cohen, E. H. Norden, S. M. Harris, and W. Littaur. Visitors—Bros. Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C., J. Barnett J.W. 2192, S. Myers P.M. 130, H. Lashmore P.M. 394 P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. S. Eastes P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Kent, Michael Emanuel P.P.G.R. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. Levy 574, B. Baines 185, T. H. Edmonds G.S.L., Fredk. Binckes P.G.S.B., B. Vallentine 185, C. Vandyke W.M. 1017, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, H. Marks P.M. 1349, J. F. Lee 1178, J. W. Barker P.M. 1767, S. V. Abraham P.M. 1017, H. Cohen I.P.M. 1658, J. Lazarus P.M. 205 and 1017, J. Bishop 1112 (Mayor of Southampton), V. A. Wartenberg P.M. 1476, W. J. Gardner W.M. 188, F. Heilbrun 1563, H. Buckridge 1658, R. Hart P.M. 1421, E. M. Bockbinder Perseverante Amicitie, Paris, G. M. Lion P.M. 188, E. Salomon 1017, S. Lancart W.M. 1668, J. W. Harvey P.M. 25, W. Wright Organist 1897, H. Warner 2265, F. B. Phillips 2265, France Kran 188, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., J. C. Hayes P.M. 619, P. Haines 1658, G. J. Schwartz P.M. 1305, Wm. G. Parnell 704. There was no business before the Lodge but the installation, and after the usual preliminaries and the passing of the audit report, Bro. Hogard, on the presentation of Bro. H. M. Harris P.M. D.C., installed Bro. Michael Isaac Emanuel, who was Master of the Lodge 20 years ago, as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Charles Frederick Hogard P.M. Past Grand Standard Bearer I.P.M., Rev. Marcus Haines S.W. (in absentia), S. Dancyger J.W., Abraham Mark Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, M. Bash S.D., J. Levy J.D., H. M. Harris, P.M. D.C., I. H. Gluckstein I.G., E. Marcus A.D.C., J. Dancyger and I. White Stewards, and R. J. Morley Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies of installation and appointment of Officers, and the delivery of the addresses, a handsome silver teapot, together with a gold bar to his Past Masters' jewel, was presented to Bro. Hogard. The teapot bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard P.G. Std Br. P.M., by the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, in recognition of his untiring energy as Secretary during 12 years, and the valuable services rendered by him as W.M. for the year ending 28th January 1890."

The presentation was accompanied by a speech from the W.M., in which he extolled the services Bro. Hogard had rendered to the Lodge, and Bro. Hogard, in acknowledging the presentation, expressed the gratification he always felt in doing whatever he could on behalf of the Lodge of Israel. It was then announced that the W.M. was going to stand as Steward for the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to be placed on his list. Notice of motion was given by Bro. C. F. Hogard to vote the sum of £2 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys Pension Indemnity Fund. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the usual grand banquet followed. The W.M., in proposing the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the G. Officers, and giving the names of Bros. Dr. Hogg, J. S. Eastes, J. Lewis Thomas, Magnus Ohren, F. Binckes, and C. F. Hogard, said that with such an array of Past Grand Officers, he was sure the toast would be received with the enthusiasm it so well deserved. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. regretted that he happened to be the Senior Grand Officer present who had to respond in the first place on account of the prevailing illness which prevented others attending, and in the second place, because it reminded him that he was getting near to the bourne from which even a Mason did not return. But his duty was lighter, because the Lodge of Israel was so well acquainted with the Grand Officers, and what they had done in the cause of Masonry. They had a grand example in Bro. Hogard, whose

services they had recognised that night by a handsome presentation. Bro. Hogard was capable of performing any Masonic duties, and there was no man more distinguished in the Craft. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, who also responded, said it was to him personally the greatest pleasure in his Masonic career to come to the Lodge of Israel. He had been there many years, and it gave him unbounded pleasure to witness how grandly the Lodge fulfilled the historic traditions it represented. Masons congratulated the Lodge because they dated from that magnificent temple of Masoury where Masonry first began, and the Lodge of Israel had been the most enthusiastic representatives of that olden and glorious time. The Grand Officers were glad to accept the hospitality of the Lodge, which enabled them to see how nobly its members fulfilled all the texts and principles of Freemasonry. Bro. C. F. Hogard I.P.M., in proposing the W.M., said it was just 20 years since Bro. M. I. Emanuel was first installed in the chair of the Lodge of Israel. He (Bro. Hogard) had had the distinguished honour of installing him for the second time that evening. In his early days Bro. Emanuel was a giant in strength who initiated many brethren in the Lodge. The way he did his duty then was an earnest of the way in which he would perform it now, and with these few words he would commend the toast to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he would pledge himself once for all to do his utmost during his year of office for the welfare and harmony of the Lodge, and he trusted that when his year of office had expired they would accord him that unanimous applause which they had accorded to him that evening. Bro. Hogard announced that the Lord Mayor, who was a Past Master of the Lodge, was unable to be present. His Past Master's jewel had been lost, and they would present him with another, and a deputation would wait upon him for that purpose. Bro. Emanuel, Sheriff of Southampton, who with Bros. Edmonds, Gardner and Hayes responded to the toast of the Visitors, said one of the astonishing features of human life was the difference in appearance of time when looking backward and looking forward. Looking backward it appeared a very short space of time, looking forward it appeared a very long time. Looking at the inscription on the jewel which was presented to him by the Lodge of Israel, it bore the date of 1873. He still remembered with the greatest gratitude the courtesy which was extended to him during the time he was Master. Although he saw many strange faces in the Lodge he recognised many old companions of his youth. He had not forgotten the principles he had learned in the Lodge, to do all that he possibly could to support Charity. He remembered going with Bro. Littaur to Carnarvon to open the first Chapter in North Wales, of which he was one of the founders. Ever since then he had been a subscribing member, not alone of the Lodge but of the Chapter, and representing, as he did on the present occasion with Bro. Bishop, Mayor of Southampton, and Bro. Lashmore, the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, he must say that that Province had done its duty to the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas referred in a special manner to the Lodge of Israel being a Jewish Lodge, carrying out the tenets of Holy Writ and doing what good it could to all mankind. The Lodge of Israel was composed of both Jews and Christians; it knew nothing of the religion of a brother; he was simply a brother Mason. As Sheriff of Southampton he attributed a great deal of his position to being connected with Masonry. He did not mean that he was chosen sheriff because he was a Mason, but because, being connected with Lodges and Chapters in Southampton, and being associated with all religions connected with Masonry, they had looked on each other, not according to what their religions might be, but according to their ability and the estimation in which they were held. As a member of the Hebrew persuasion, he ventured to say that the Hebrews confined their religion strictly to their homes and places of worship, that when they became public men their chief endeavour was to be able to prove that they were true and loyal to their Queen and country, and they did their very best in public society, in connection and association with their Christian brethren, for the good of mankind in general, and of the town with which they were connected. Bro. Hogard I.P.M. responded on behalf of the Past Masters, who, he said, during their various terms of office, had done all they could for the prosperity of the Lodge. The Lodge was in a highly prosperous condition. It has never been their endeavour to make their Lodge a big one, but only to introduce into it men of the best quality—good men and true. He hoped that would be the aim of every member of the Lodge. Brother Cohen Past Master, Treasurer of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, and Brother Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, responded to the toast of the Charities, the latter stating that it was always a charm to him to come to the Lodge of Israel, which was foremost in the work of Charity. It had been his pride for many years to do all he could to stimulate the brethren's efforts in support of the great Masonic Institutions. Last year Bro. Hogard was Steward for the Boys' School, and that night the W.M. was Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he sincerely trusted that the W.M. would have a successful list. The other toasts followed. The evening, which from beginning to end was a most delightful one, was enlivened by some excellent recitations by Miss Emanuel and Bro. Humphrey Cohen, and some beautiful singing, under the direction of Bro. W. Wright Organist, by Miss M. Forder, Miss Louisa White, Bro. H. J. Phillips, and a violin solo by Mr. A. Friedlander.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 214.

THE annual meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on the 23rd ult. Bro. C. G. Morant was installed W.M. by Bro. Hobson, and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. Landon S.W., the Rev. W. Quennell J.W., E. C. Wills S.D., J. Ramsey J.D., G. Cooper Treasurer (17th time), W. W. Brown Secretary, A. R. Meggy I.G., and E. Mallett Tyler. Other business was transacted, and the Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Mrs. Mason. Some capital songs were given by Bro. Schartan and others during the evening, Bro. W. W. Brown presiding at the piano.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

THE installation Festival was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., and his Deputy Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith. There was a large number of brethren present. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Provincial Grand Master, and P.M.'s of the Lodge. Bro. W. Heath was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. Fenner, and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Fenner I.P.M., Hubbard S.W., J. Waghorne J.W., Rev. C. V. Childre Chaplain, Balcombe Treasurer, E. Lawrence Secretary, S. P. Ryland S.D., J. H. Rea J.D., Felton D.C., G. Norman Steward, F. Forty Organist, C. Williams I.G. After Lodge, the brethren dined together, and the Provincial Grand Master took occasion during the evening to congratulate the Lodge on its flourishing and prosperous condition.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, when there were present Bros. Norman W.M., Oliver S.W., Barker P.M. and Treasurer as J.W.; Bros. Williams, Barclay, and Reade Past Masters; and other brethren, but the attendance was much limited. To give Brother Oliver the opportunity of presiding at the harmonium, Bro. Turner occupied pro tem the chair of S.W. Bro. F. A. Norman was raised to the degree of Master Mason, and Bro. Talbot passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A gentleman was balloted for, and elected for initiation at the next meeting. It was announced by the Secretary it had been arranged to have the ladies' banquet, which should have taken place on the 3rd of January, on the 7th of February, and the annual dance on the 7th of March. A vote of condolence and sympathy with Bro. Metcalfe, on the loss he had sustained by the death of his wife, was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The brethren then adjourned to a dinner, nicely served by Mrs. Linscott, and the remainder of the evening was agreeably spent, enlivened with songs by Bros. Oliver, Barker, Freeman, F. Norman, Vickery, and a capital recitation by Bro. Turner.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

THIS Lodge held their festival of St. John in the Conservative Hall, Heaton Moor, on Thursday evening, the 16th ult., when Bro. Edwin Barton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Master being Bro. Edwin Broadbent, the I.P.M. of the Lodge, who, in the course of the evening, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, surmounted with the arms of the royal patron of the Lodge, the jewel bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented by the members of the Prince Edward Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2109, to Bro. Edwin Broadbent P.M., in recognition of his valuable services. 1889."

The investiture of subordinate Officers of the Lodge was as follows:—Bros. S. I. Thompson S.W., J. W. Berra J.W., the Revs. John Henn and W. H. Smartt Chaplains, W. Webster Treasurer, T. A. Hopewell Secretary, T. T. Shann S.D., G. Hunt J.D., W. H. Mortimer Organist, George Seagar I.G., J. Hurst, G. Garnett, W. Coffey, W. McElroy Stewards, J. H. Wells P.M. Charity Representative. About 100 joined in a *récherché* banquet prepared by Bro. W. H. Mortimer, and subsequently recourse was had to dancing, which was vigorously kept up until the "wee sma hours" of Friday morning. There was a large attendance of Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren from neighbouring Lodges. A well arranged musical programme was most creditably rendered, and all the surroundings of the festival—the decorations of the room, the high-class menu, &c.—were characteristic of the spirit that animates the brethren of this Lodge.

The adjourned meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg occupied the chair, and there were present Brothers Tattershall, Brooks, Garrod, Brett, Bolton, Bulmer, Daniell, Cotter, Smith, Hubbert, Fairchild, Mullord, Cottebrune, Larkin, Perryman, Hogard, Bolton, Perceval, Corbitt, Kempton, Grigg, Webb, Belchamber, Cumberland, Smithson, Dilby, Mickley, Jones, Marsden, Murlis, Masters, and Terry (Secretary). The proceedings were of a conversational character, and in the result it was arranged that the members of the Committee of Management should severally state their opinions in writing on the subject of the proposed changes as to the eligibility of candidates for admission into the Institution, and address them to the Secretary on or before the last day of the current month. Those various opinions and the changes then proposed to be made in the present rules, placed side by side with the latter, having been printed and circulated, a meeting was arranged to be held on a day in March other than that appointed for the regular meeting (the second Wednesday), when those opinions would be considered, with a view to the recommendations made therein, being submitted to a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, to be hereafter summoned. A vote of thanks terminated the proceedings.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 1st February.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4
142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1559 New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Sarrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1466 Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Monday, 3rd February.

12 Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall St.
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
60 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
83 United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, E.C.
141 St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1310 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625 Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1996 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street, Acton
2020 St. Botolph's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
164 Unanimity, M.H., Zeland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
251 Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle Street, Barnstaple
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Ilworth
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingsea
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
492 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Sempor Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622 St. Guthberg, Masonic Hall, Wimborno
850 St. Oswald, Tow a Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009 Shakspeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051 Harmony, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Cley
1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1230 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1678 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 100 Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitby
R.A. 390 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 9 Forto ene, Masonic Hall, South Molton
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
R.C. Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Tuesday, 4th February.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
166 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1250 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1331 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
R.A. 169 Temperance, Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 255 Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford

124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Birmley
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
624 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
734 Lonsborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
87 Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, Lancashire
918 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
950 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pontalpa, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hot, Saffron Walden
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322 Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1488 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1674 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1799 Arnold, Dorling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 681 Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
R.A. 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbey
R.A. 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, York
M.M. 60 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday, 5th February.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1298 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1535 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, S.W.
1697 The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1766 St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shorelditch
R.A. 1171 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M. (T.I.) Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, F.M.H., Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
67 United, George Hotel, Colchester
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
848 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
163 Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
165 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1691 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindray, 20 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tynall, Town Hall, Chipping Solbury, Glos.
1131 Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1735 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1797 Southdown, Huestie, joint, Sussex
1842 St. Leonard, Huestie Rooms, St. Leonard's
1903 Fr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
2129 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey, Surrey
R.A. 126 Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley
R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
R.A. 301 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop's St. ford
R.A. 47 Fidelity, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1218 Derison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 6th February.

10 Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall
45 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
182 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1351 St. Clement Dunes, 265 Strand
1361 United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
1672 Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
1724 Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772 Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Milbank
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
R.A. 2 St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9 Moriah, The Albion, Aldgate Street
R.A. 1381 Kennington, Surrey Club, Kennington
M.M. 197 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle
31 United Indutrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
59 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hockley
123 Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorks
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Napthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Arms, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
348 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
350 Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369 Lionstone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
443 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury
1074 Underley, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1231 Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282 Anchohme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367 Beaminster Manor, White Hart, Beaminster
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1394 Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheddle
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1807 Loyal Wye, Bailth, Breconshire
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoebury Ness
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
244 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parate, Douglas
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
R.A. 496 Mount Edgecombe, Mas. Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 581 Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick
R.A. 597 Howe, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 759 Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
M.M. 10 Cheltenham and Keystone, M.H., Chelt.
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 7th February.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
890 Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1489 M. of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, N.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815 Pange, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2233 Old Westminster, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King St. W.
M.M. 8 Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
41 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tonnardon
212 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfrid, Masonic Hall, Kelsall Street, Leeds
401 Royal Forest, Mark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
432 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Petersborough
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle under-Lyme
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Nowbury
631 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmforth
691 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Derby
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
1333 Atheistan, Town Hall, Atherston, Warwick
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1618 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
R.A. 179 All Souls, Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271 Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 355 Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Swindon
R.A. 359 Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton

K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

Saturday, 8th February.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 1st February.

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1864 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 3rd February.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air St., W., 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 78 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 232 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7
1893 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, 23 Adle Street, E.C., 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 4th February.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7

65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
189 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
213 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7:45
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
867 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1413 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, 7
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 5th February.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Baysbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
103 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Horsea, Hull
1524 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Hackney, 8
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervoy, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Latham, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 6th February.

87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth, 8
144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30

147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, 7 London Street, E.C., 7:30
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir H-gb Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Dalston, 8

Friday, 7th February.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
786 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
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1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
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R.A. 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6
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M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

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179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
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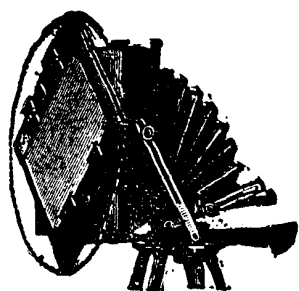
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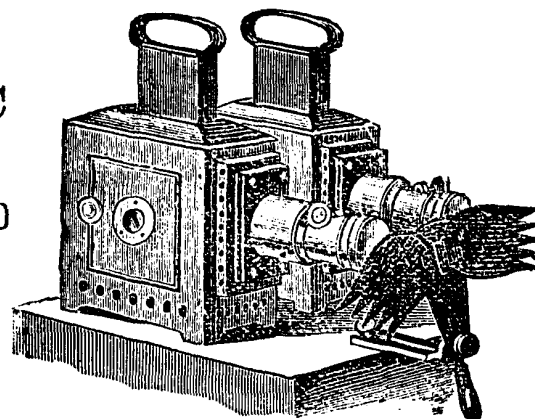
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