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THE ROMANCE OF MASONRY.

IN this matter of fact, steady going age of Freemasonry, when we are accustomed to meet in the cosy Masonic Hall, or in the principal room of a provincial hotel, one can hardly understand the inconveniences some of our ancient brethren used to undergo in connection with the periodical meetings of their Lodges. In this connection we do not refer to the ancient brethren of King Solomon's time, but to those members of the Craft who flourished in the latter half of last century, or even the early part of the present one, before the days of railways, gas, electricity, and other modern inventions; and before Freemasonry was so widely extended as we now find it, although even in those days there are numerous instances of Freemasonry being carried on with all the surroundings of elegance and comfort, and as far removed from anything like inconvenience as is possible even at the present time. On the other hand, the records of some modern Lodges furnish most curious and romantic details—details which not only show the working of Freemasonry in past ages, but also supply a fair insight into the general conduct of everyday life of the period, as we have more than once pointed out when reviewing the Histories of such of our Lodges as have issued volumes on the subject.

It would, perhaps, be difficult to find any more curious records in connection with Freemasonry than are to be met with in some of the minute books of what are termed Military Lodges, and we imagine a publication of the histories of such bodies would not only prove interesting, but would practically prove the advantages of Freemasonry and the fraternal spirit of its votaries, no matter in what position they moved outside of it.

There is at the present time a Lodge of Antiquity meeting in Montreal, which has sprung from one of these Military Lodges, and the records of which supply such details as we have referred to as existing in connection with this section of Freemasonry. A special meeting was held some months back, which was made the occasion of ceremonies commemorative of the early history of the Lodge, and the particulars supplied on that occasion are referred to by a contemporary as reading more like a romance than plain and straightforward history. The Lodge is the oldest in Canada, having been established 4th May 1752, with a travelling Warrant, obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, by Masons in the old 46th Regiment, now the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, then stationed in Ireland. It is claimed that George Washington was made a Mason in this Lodge, and there are perfectly authenticated records of its regalia having been twice captured by enemies of the Regiment in which it was fostered, first by the Americans, and subsequently by the French. The Lodge of necessity travelled with the Regiment to which it was attached, and thus we find its members moving in 1756 to Nova

Scotia, which is a somewhat significant fact, says the historian, the Lodge thus holding its first meetings outside of the immediate territory of its parent Grand Lodge, in the country in which, after brief sojourns and great perils in all parts of the world, it ultimately found a home.

It is understood that Antiquity Lodge held its first meeting in Montreal in 1760, when the 46th Regiment formed part of the British force which saw the last act of the drama which ended in the acquisition of Canada as part of the British Empire. In 1761 the Regiment embarked for Barbadoes, was on service in Havana in 1762, returned to the American continent in 1764, and remained there for the next four years, returning to Ireland in 1767. Can any of our readers imagine the strange experiences and romantic doings of the Lodge and its members during these times? Hardly, we imagine, and even if they give way to the wildest flights of fancy they would probably be far short of what actually occurred.

Eight years after its return to Ireland "the bullock trunk, with brass mountings, which carried the Lodge's regalia throughout its wanderings, " was again packed and moved with the Regiment to America, where the members formed part of the small army which it was thought would keep what is now the United States of America in subjection." Shortly after landing, the Regiment was actively engaged against those who, on the occasion of the former visit of the men, had been their friends, and we are told that in some cases members of the Lodge and former visiting brethren were engaged in mortal combat against each other. Here is an ample field for romantic speculation, and no doubt the spirit of Freemasonry was sorely tried on that occasion.

For some time after this the Regiment was engaged most actively, and at all times greatly distinguished itself. As a consequence, the Lodge and its members must have had further strange experiences and peculiar surroundings. The records of the Lodge point to its regular meetings during this period in the various quarters in which the Regiment found itself. In 1777-8 the Lodge resumed its regular meetings in Philadelphia, and at the end of the war the Regiment found itself at New York, with a clean deserters' sheet, that is to say, not a man had deserted to the enemy during the war. May we claim that the spirit of Freemasonry which was so strong in this Regiment had anything to do with this fact? perhaps not, but still the two items are matters for congratulation, and both may be said to be the outcome of a desire to do one's duty. All through the war, despite the many fatiguing marches and the exigencies of the Service, the Regimental Lodge kept up its communications, giving a fresh impetus to many of the Lodges already established in the various districts it visited, and in other ways helping to extend the true principles of the Fraternity. The following further extract of the Lodge's doings will be found interesting at this point:

The trunk carrying the regalia and Lodge books accompanied the regiment when practicable, but in some cases, for want of transport, it and the other regimental transport had to follow some days behind. On one of these occasions the chest fell into the hands of the Americans, but was returned by Washington to the Regiment, under a flag of truce, and escorted by a guard of honour. This incident is considered by some authorities as of great importance in view of the controversy which took place many years ago as to George Washington having been made a Mason, or having taken some degree in the Lodge of the 46th Regiment, or the "Lodge of Social and Military Virtues," as it is officially known. In 1831 Lieut.-Col. Lacey, of the 46th, discovered an old Bible which had been used in the Lodge, and on the fly leaf was a memorandum stating that it was the Bible on which George Washington had received a degree in Masonry. There had always been a tradition to that effect, and it was considered very likely to be true, as before the revolution Washington had been on Service with the 46th. Some American Masons, however, claim that there are records showing that Washington took his Masonic degrees in a Pennsylvania or Virginia Lodge. The friends of Antiquity, on the other hand, claim that the honours paid to the regalia and jewels of this Lodge by Washington after they were captured show that he had some special affection for them. The American War over, the 46th proceeded to the West Indies, in November 1778, and returned to England in 1782. On the declaration of War with France in 1803, the regiment was despatched to Dominica, and it was while the regiment was, owing to the exigencies of service, once more separated from its Lodge property that it again fell into the hands of the enemy, with the mess plate and other regimental property. After considerable correspondence, extending over a period of two years, the chest was returned to the 46th by Napoleon. Since the French War the regiment has been stationed in India, New South Wales, Gibraltar, Canada, Corfu and the Crimea, and while in Australia the Lodge regalia and Bible were used in instituting the first Masonic Lodge in that Colony. It is worthy of remark that Masonry owed its establishment in the United States largely to the Masonic Lodges attached to the British regiments which formed the garrisons of the old colonial settlements. In 1846, the 46th being then stationed at Kingston, Ont., the Lodge, owing to changes in the regiment, appeared destined to collapse, and Capt. Childs, of the 46th, readily handed over the property to Brother W. Sheppard, a sergeant major of the Royal Artillery, who was anxious to start a permanent Military Lodge in Montreal. The Grand Lodge of Ireland willingly granted a renewal of the warrant, and the "Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227 I.C.," was permanently established in Montreal. It appears from the by-laws, dated 1848, that the Lodge had been erected in order to enable naval and military brethren temporarily stationed at Montreal to enjoy the rights and privileges of Freemasonry without being subjected to the fee usually required from permanent residents. On the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada the Lodge threw in her lot with the newly formed Grand Lodge, and at the second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in Montreal in 1857, a resolution was passed permitting the Lodge to change its name to "Antiquity," wear gold instead of silver jewels, and to take precedence over all numbered Lodges. On the formation, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, "Antiquity," recognising a principle threw in her lot with the new grand body.

With these details we close our present remarks on Romantic Masonry, but as there are so many more instances of romance associated with the Craft it will not be difficult to resume the subject at no very distant date. Indeed we may now add a paragraph which appeared during the present week in a contemporary, and which may fairly be classed under the heading we have chosen for our present remarks.

The influential Masonic body in Bath are now able to boast of having a Lodge-room second to none in Somerset. Many residents in Bath have no idea of the noble room which forms part of the Freemasons' headquarters in Orchard Street. Originally built as a theatre, it was subsequently converted into a Roman Catholic place of worship, and a number of bodies were interred in the vaults, whilst monumental brasses were placed on the walls; indeed some surprise has of late been expressed that more care has not been taken of these memorials to the dead. At the upper end of the Lodge-room are two short flights of steps upon which stand classic pillars reaching to the ceiling, giving an air of dignity to the apartment which renders the solemnities of the Craft additionally solemn. But all the functions that take place within its walls are not of this type. For instance, recently, a jolly little supper, to which about fifty brethren sat down, was held, to celebrate the completion of the alterations. Bro. W. W. F. Gould W.M. Royal Sussex Lodge presiding.

We cordially endorse the closing remarks of our contemporary, but it seems somewhat strange that a Roman Catholic place of worship and burial place should be turned into a Masonic Hall, in view of the marked animosity of the rulers of that religion to the principles and Tenets of Freemasonry.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS—Prevision.—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alterative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in these noted Pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these Pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.

WHERE SHALL THE LINE BE DRAWN?

IT requires good powers of discrimination to run out a line between bodies calling themselves by the Masonic name, or claiming to hold a close alliance with Freemasonry, and equitably determine what organisations shall be classed as Masonic and what shall be ranked as non-Masonic. Primarily and essentially the organic life of Freemasonry belongs to the Blue Lodge. The first three degrees make up the sum and substance of the Craft institution as originally established. Draw the line thus narrowly and a good defence can be made for the restrictions imposed. But is not the Royal Arch degree necessary to the fulness of knowledge even as respects Symbolic Masonry? Are there not a good number of degrees and Orders which may properly be recognised as supplementary to the Craft system as expressed in the Blue Lodge? Is there not a kinship between these "higher" degrees and the lessons and ceremonies which constitute the foundation? And practically, as we are told, there are those other societies, such as the Christian Order of Knights Templars, in which are included the best material of Masonic Lodges, that may well be designated as Masonic. Having admitted these bodies to the Masonic name and fellowship, where shall we stop. Why not recognise other organisations?

Our friend and former associate, Bro. Plummer, editor of the *Trestle Board*, believes we should draw the line less exclusively than now. He says: "We predict, in the near future, that the 'Mystic Shrine,' the 'International Owls,' the 'Eastern Star,' and 'Good Samaritans,' will be generally recognized in the legislation of the Symbolic Body, and they should be, for their purposes and object are charitable and Masonic." If the judgment is to be made—the line drawn—according to the tests named by our brother, of course the societies named, with others, must be regarded as Masonic and included among the legitimate bodies of the great Craft institution. Our thought is that other tests may be used,—that something more is to be asked of societies, which claim to express Freemasonry and desire to be recognized on this ground, than merely the affirmation of some charitable and social purposes, together with the avowal that their membership is taken from the Masonic Fraternity. Before any new organization can lay just claim to Masonic recognition and be properly ranked among Masonic bodies, it should be able to show that it has come into being because it was needed to fill a place in the Craft system and can render a service of good. There must be an agreement between its forms and ceremonies, its symbols and general order of procedure, and those that distinguish the ancient Craft. The Freemasonry represented by the Blue Lodge will not be strengthened by entangling alliances with systems and organisations that have only a few elements in common with itself. It may be something exclusive in its determinations of what is distinctly Masonic and yet run no danger of injury to itself. For our own part we could wish that there were fewer rather than more systems and bodies included in the generally accepted Masonic classification.

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The installation meeting of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, will take place on Wednesday next, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, the William the Fourth, East Greenwich. Bro. Henry Roberts P.M. is the W.M. elect. There is a very full agenda, and the brethren are summoned for 3 p.m.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD INSTRUCTION LODGE.

At a meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, there were present:—Bros. J. W. Gibbs W.M., Ben Johnson S.W., R. Toole J.W., W. M. Mead (Hon. Secretary), G. E. Warne S.D., E. A. Gibbs J.D., W. Horne I.G., A. Peterken P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. W. Davis, A. S. Bird, C. Lewsey, W. F. Keddell, W. Green, T. Green, H. Skinner, G. W. Holmes, and Scott. The ceremony of initiation was admirably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. Liell being the candidate. The comfortable arrangements of the new place of meeting gave general satisfaction, and it was resolved that the Secretary, Bro. Mead, send an application to the Vestry for permission to use the Committee-room for the purpose of meeting every Wednesday evening. Some half-dozen members were elected, and other minor business transacted, the Lodge formally closed.

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The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. President in the chair. Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., A. A. Pendlebury Asst. G.S., W. Dodd, and W. Leo, representing the Grand Secretary's office, Mercer, Dairy, H. Garrod, Chapman, Brown, Matthews, Vallentine, George Read, Woodward, Taylor, Bywater, Banker, Griwe, Langley, Lomon, Sir H. A. Isaacs, F. Richardson, E. Shedd, S. Brooks, Newell, Lewis, Tijou, Higerty, Moxon, E. Adamson, H. Massey, Bull, Davey, Robert Main, Henry Cox, T. Brady, Robinson, S. Stretch jun., Groome, Thomas, John Webb, H. Hooper, Stratton, McIntyre North, Reade, Emanuel, Pelham, C. Maitland, Wm. Allingham, Richard Jennings, Thos. West, Henry T. Gordon, Kipp, Weeks, Cox, S. H. Goldschmidt, Martin, Burgess, J. A. Hughes, Margason, J. Prentice, Herbert Wright, Beddoes, Hutton, Mudon, Hamilton, C. Jolly, Wicks, Oldfield, Richard Cossham, Albert Govier, Reddall, J. S. Cumberland, Gaywood, Gray, J. R. Orme, J. H. Price, William S. Howey, W. Maple, Robert Webber, H. Dehane, Dickes, N. Goodchild, and Henry Sadler Grand Tyler. The Board of Masters first transacted their business, and the agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was read, and Scrutineers for the porch selected. At the Board of Benevolence, the brethren confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the October meeting, to the amount of £360. There were 37 new cases on the list. Three were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £925. This was made up of the following sums:—One recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, six recommendations to the Grand Master for £40, and 11 of £30, eight grants of £20, three of £15, and five of £10 each.

Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, said that as that was the last time during the existing appointment of the President that the Board met, it would be a great omission if the brethren separated without recording its sense of the courtesy and geniality with which Bro. Robert Grey had presided over them during the year, and the close attention he had paid to every case which had been brought before them. The brethren must all feel that they had had a most excellent President, a brother eminently qualified for the post by his tact, good temper, discretion and patience, whose place it would be of the utmost difficulty to supply. On behalf of the brethren he returned his hearty thanks to Bro. Grey, and moved "That the best thanks of this Board be returned to Bro. Robert Grey, President, for the courtesy and geniality with which he had presided over the Board during the past year." Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, most cordially seconded the motion, and hoped that Bro. Brett would add to his motion "that the vote be recorded on the minutes." This had never been done before. It was done at the Board of General Purposes, and he did not see why it should not be done at the Board of Benevolence. Bro. Brett adopted the suggestion, and the motion was carried unanimously. For the vacancy among the 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence, the name of Bro. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329, was the only name given in. There will, therefore, be no election for this Board at the next Quarterly Communication.

The Consecration of the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, will take place, on Monday next, the 24th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Essex. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Deputy Prov. G. Master, will instal the W.M. designate, Bro. W. Shurmur Prov. G. Treasurer Essex. The proceedings will commence at 4 o'clock p.m.

Bro. George H. Reynolds S.W. 1614 (son of Bro. G. Reynolds, the I.P.M. and Secretary) was unanimously, at the meeting on the 11th inst., elected Wor. Master of the Covent Garden Lodge for the ensuing year.

We have just heard of the death, which occurred on Monday last, after a long illness, of Bro. George T. Carter, for many years Vicar Choral at Westminster Abbey. Our deceased brother will be much missed in musical and Masonic circles.

PRESENTATION AT THE PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

UNUSUAL interest attached to the monthly meeting, held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on the 6th inst., as it had been announced that Bro. O. Shellard P.M. 120, P.P.G.S.W. (Herefordshire), P.Z. (Royal Arch Chapter), and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, was to be presented with a portrait of himself. The presentation was made by Bro. Cullwick W.M., who said that, on behalf of the Lodge, he had great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Shellard that artistic presentment of himself. It had been the result of the ardent and unanimous wish of the brethren that there should be in existence a good portrait of him, with his full Masonic honours. The records of the Lodge showed that Bro. Shellard had been a subscribing member for upwards of 30 years, that he had for many years been one of its conscript fathers, ever ready to give the benefit of his long experience and splendid abilities to further the interests of the Lodge and the happiness of its members. The W.M. knew he was but echoing the unanimous wish of the whole of the brethren when he said that long might Bro. Shellard live to see his other self, and to cheer and encourage his brethren with his eloquent words, genial manners, and pleasant face. In reply, Bro. Shellard said that now nearly 15 years had elapsed since the Brethren of the Palladian Lodge invited him to a banquet, at which he was presented with an address, eloquently worded, beautifully written, and elegantly framed, congratulating him upon his having been for the second time elected to the office of Mayor of the ancient city of Hereford. That address had ever since occupied a prominent position in his dining-room, and it served to constantly remind him of the great kindness he had received at the hands of his Masonic brethren. Three years ago he was elected to the Mayoralty for the third time, but in November last he ceased to be a member of the Corporation. Happily for him, he had maintained his connection with the Palladian Lodge, and by regular attendance, and by taking unflinching interest in its welfare, he had retained the good opinion of his brethren, and that evening he had received yet another gratifying proof of their kindness and esteem. The address to which he had alluded was presented to him in December 1875, by the then W.M. Bro. Gurney, a brother who was much respected and beloved, and whom he (Bro. Shellard) had had the privilege of initiating into Freemasonry in 1866. He was removed to the Grand Lodge above some years ago. But in Bro. Cullwick, the present W.M., they had a worthy successor to Bro. Gurney, and he had that evening most ably discharged what, he was sure, had been a pleasant duty to him. He (Bro. Shellard) esteemed it a great privilege to have received at Bro. Cullwick's hands that additional proof of their esteem and regard. He would be guilty of the greatest ingratitude if he did not deeply feel and highly value the compliment which had been paid him, and he thought the best acknowledgment he could make would be to ask them to allow the portrait to be placed and retained on the walls of his mother Lodge. At his age it could not be expected that he would be very long spared to meet them, but whenever it should please the Great Architect of the Universe to summon him to the Lodge above, he hoped that although absent in body he would be permitted to be present in spirit, and that when they looked at the portrait they would recall with pleasure and satisfaction the numerous pleasant meetings they had held together, that they would forget his failings and shortcomings, and would say of him that, "though dead, he yet speaketh"; that "he was not lost, but gone before." In the meantime, so long as health, and strength, and opportunity were vouchsafed to him he would esteem it both a duty and a privilege to join them on every possible occasion, and to do all he could for the benefit of the Lodge. On behalf of the Lodge the W.M. said he had the utmost pleasure in accepting possession of that excellent portrait, which would be an object of great interest and delight to every brother, for from the length of years, the readiness of wit, breadth and soundness of judgment, the gorgeousness of apparel, which at all times characterised Bro. Shellard, he would ever be viewed as the Solomon of the Palladian. There was an unusually large attendance at the Lodge, and by all who saw it the portrait was pronounced to be a "speaking" likeness, and a work which reflected the greatest credit upon the artist, Bro. J. Thirlwall, of King Street, Hereford. Subsequently a banquet took place, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Royal Gloucester Lodge of Freemasons at Southampton has a most interesting history, another chapter in which was opened on Thursday, the 13th inst., when, in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, the banner under which the Lodge has worked for, probably, over a hundred years, and which is as tattered as if it had been carried through many battles, was superseded by a new one, the gift of the W.M., Bro. D. W. B. Tayle. In this connection it is interesting to learn that a work is in the press by Bro. H. Sadler P.M. P.Z., sub-librarian of the Grand Lodge, entitled, "Thomas Dunckerley: his life, labours, and letters." Dunckerley was prominently identified with the early history of the Gloucester Lodge, but the story of his life will possess an interest for the "uninitiated or popular world," as well as for the whole body of the Craft. He had a most romantic and eventful career as a naval man, and was the reputed son of George II., in virtue of which he, presumably, had apartments in Hampton Court Palace and an allowance. Dunckerley was very intimately connected with Portsmouth while in the Navy, and there became a Freemason in 1750, in the old Lodge of Antiquity. He was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire in 1767, and again in 1786, and died at Portsea while on a visit in 1795, and was buried at St. Mary's, Kingston. The later years of his life seem to have been almost wholly devoted to Freemasonry, and he looms large in the history of the Craft in the latter half of the eighteenth century.—*Hampshire Independent*.

INAUGURATION OF THE JOHANNESBURG LODGE, No. 2313.

An Address by P.M. Charles Cowen, delivered on 26th March 1890.

BRETHREN,—After listening as we have to the instructive, pertinent and eloquent oration addressed to us just now by the Rev. Brother Fisher, bearing in mind, too, the teachings and exhortations set forth in the Ancient Charges, and what is therein demanded of a Master of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, as you have heard them addressed to me at the pedestal; and remembering also the words of the solemn obligation which, as Master of this Lodge I have there taken upon the Sacred Volume you will not, I think, be surprised at the tenour of the few, remarks which I ask permission to address to you, and which, I trust, as true Masons, you will be pleased to accept in the Spirit of the Craft.

The ceremony in which we have this day participated marks a new era in the life of the young community in which we live. We have inaugurated, with a solemn service to Almighty God, the founding of another Lodge under the Constitution of The United Grand Lodge of England, whose warrant is the first granted for such an institution on the Witwatersrand Gold Fields, an institution which, we must hope, will last to the end of Time, and enduring, be a monument of the Amity, Benevolence and Wisdom of the Craft; and of enlightenment and practical utility to the People and the Country in which this Lodge's foundations are laid.

As the incidents connected with the creation of the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, are unique in the modern history of the Order, especially in South Africa, they have been deemed deserving of such permanent record as we can give them in our archives.

To the Brethren under the Constitutions respectively of the G. Lodge of Scotland, the Grand East of the Netherlands, and the English Lodges in the several States and Colonies of South Africa, we owe grateful recognition of the valuable services which they have rendered us in our hour of need, and through us to the Craft in general, but to the members in this Republic in particular.

At a meeting held 30th September 1887, a few Brethren, earnest in the promotion of the best objects of Freemasonry, resolved on obtaining a Charter for a Lodge on these Gold Fields. The announcement was met by acclamation, and Brethren of every degree, and of the several Constitutions already mentioned, were eager to do what they could to further so desirable an object.

A petition was drawn up, giving the names of P.M. Charles Cowen as the W.M. elect, Edward Jones (now happily again amongst us) S.W., and Thomas Sheffield J.W.

The exact wording laid down in the Book of Constitutions was followed, but, in the earnestness of the time, other Brethren than those of our own Constitution were allowed to sign the petition, an irregularity which many hoped would be excused, and looked upon by the Grand Lodge as evidence of their warm appreciation of the movement then being made, and of their wish to see this British Lodge established.

That petition was not allowed to go forward unaccompanied by other expressions from the Brethren. For in a supplementary Memorial just reasons were adduced, which I thought should outweigh any scruples there might be against granting our prayer; and this had my Brethren's hearty approval.

This was done because there arose expressions of fear that His Royal Highness the M.W. the Grand Master would not accede to our requests.

Having learned what ultimately proved to be the actual grounds for this belief, I drew up a series of other Memorials, addressed to the Grand Lodges of the Western and Eastern Districts and of Natal, respectively, invoking their united support of our petition (dated 30th December 1887). Appeals were likewise made to the Transvaal Lodge (established in 1878), in Pretoria, and to Lodges in the Free State, the Diamond Fields and the Colony, to aid us in our endeavours. And most readily did they all respond, Lodges even under the Grand East of the Netherlands voluntarily coming forward to encourage and assist us.

In due course we received the reply which we had waited

for with grave anxiety, telling us that the Grand Master had decided to grant no more warrants for places outside of British Jurisdiction.

This, I felt, was so plainly opposed to some fundamental principles of our Order, that it was believed that the Grand Master had been misled to such a decision by erroneous representations, and that therefore we should be justified in respectfully returning to His Royal Highness, with additional reasons why the Brethren in these parts should have their prayers granted.

Past Masters Crowe and Keith, of Pretoria, were, fortunately, just then about to visit England, and the Brethren here, with the consent of the Transvaal Lodge, deputed them to wait upon Grand Lodge, and, knowing our views, use their influence, and by personal explanations and indefatigableness of supplication, try to win for us that which was so greatly desired, authority to establish this Lodge.

For this purpose we entrusted to their care our second memorial. But this too, was rejected. The Delegates, however, were not disheartened. They returned to the charge, and as Grand Lodge could not rescind the resolutions which had negatived our prayer, it was induced by our Delegates' representations and importunities, to consent to receive a *new* petition. To enable them to succeed, a fresh one was drawn up, in strict conformity with the requirements of the Constitutions, and signed by 27 Past Masters, then in Johannesburg. As Bro. Edward Jones had now made his home in London another whose, estimable character and truly Masonic bearing were well known to us, was named in his stead as a Warden, Brother Thomas Sheffield moving up to the S.W., and Brother Simon Sacke to the J.W.'s chair.

Brothers Crowe and Keith, on receipt of the new petition, presented it in due course; and after long waiting, thanks to them and the representations made by other eminent Brethren in South Africa and at home, we this day have the high privilege of at last meeting, and of exhibiting, as we do, the warrant under which, outside of British Dominion, we are authorised to assemble, dated, as you see, London, 24th May 1889.

This is a consummation of which we may be not only proud, but for which we must also be deeply grateful. It has been a something won for which the Craft here, and throughout the world, working under the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England, may be congratulated. For it is perfectly clear that, in the beginning, there must have been most grave reasons of polity present in the mind of His Royal Highness overriding even the great exigencies of the vast number of Brethren in the different foreign countries when, as the Grand Master of a non-political body, he felt bound to inform us that he had resolved to grant no more warrants for Lodges in parts not under British jurisdiction.

This was, in effect, to define what had never before been intended to be defined, namely the Territorial limits beyond which British Freemasons should not exercise their functions as an Order; to deny to them the right to organize for the sustaining of those virtues and duties which, in the lives of Freemasons, weld with reverence all that is useful and sacred to the Craft and to Society—loyalty to the Ruling powers under which their lot is cast.

Had the decision been maintained it would, practically, have told us, that instead of being, as the Craft has ever been held by our country, its Parliament and its Sovereigns, free from the taint even of suspicion of mixing politics with our meetings, we in this Republic could not be quite confided in, and there might therefore be fears that our existence, as a corporate body, would involve umbrage to the State, and unpleasant relations with our Mother Country; that, instead of being the only Order in the United Kingdom, even in the most troublesome times of her history, exempt from the pains and penalties of Secret Societies, when all others there were suppressed by Act of Parliament, British Freemasons, in these parts, were not to be trusted to assemble as we would there, and in the Colonies; that the great number of British Freemasons here and in other parts of the Globe, outside the pale of the Empire, instead of concentrating and growing strong and yet stronger, must be disintegrated, scattered, weakened; that, instead of increasing in knowledge and in virtue, they must become ignorant, effete, useless,—or enter under the Constitutions of other Grand Lodges, and be thus involuntarily alienated from their parent stock, the United Grand Lodge of England, if they

would avoid the enforced alternative of having no longer "a habitation and a name."

But we are now spared the ignominy of these conditions. Prudent counsels, thanks to our Delegates and our many Brethren, prevailed at Grand Lodge; all reasons for refusing our prayer were satisfactorily met, and the Craft in general was the gainer on the day that the Grand Master, with his usual graciousness and his deep-seated love for Freemasonry, recognised the fitness of those representations, and granted us what we asked.

Except Warrant No. 1135, granted in 1879 to the William Kingston, at Goletta in Tunis; No. 1851, to Tientsin in China, in 1881; and No. 2015 to Tokio in Japan in 1883, no other Warrants for parts outside the Queen's dominions had been granted until that which we now have, and for which I am sure we are all truly grateful to His Royal Highness.

And what has been the effect, already, of the removal of our Grand Master's difficulties, with respect to the granting of a Charter to this Lodge? It has borne very early fruit, for it was almost immediately followed by a Charter to El Dorado, No. 2314, Malmani; and then to the Royal Albert, No. 2315, Klerksdorp, both mining centres in this Republic.

At this point the questions arise:—In what way can we best show that we are grateful for what has been done for us? In what form or forms shall we prove ourselves worthy of the Order to which we belong; and that the Craft, not only is meant to be, but in *our hands, shall be*, something more than a name, and of practical utility?

In answer to the first question, the Brethren who have been working in these matters, have felt it their duty, in *the establishing of this Lodge, to base it on the strictest principles of the Craft.*

Mindful of the singular conditions of the populations in which we are living, and that the Lodge, to be maintained without reproach, must be started with every precaution, such By-Laws have been framed as will when submitted to you show that in all things the welfare of the actual and of the intended members has been the first consideration. For the number will be limited (and I am humbly of opinion that the first hundred should be foundation and joining members only, the second hundred initiated candidates); and it is further resolved that within the doors of the Temple no one shall be admitted, as a member or visitor, whom the Ancient Charges and the Book of Constitutions tell us *must not* be admitted, such as:—

1. Brethren under exclusion from their Lodge.
2. Men expelled by Grand Lodge.
3. Men of scandalous character.
4. Men notoriously immoral.
5. Men ex prisoners for crime.

And, as it is likewise provided by our supreme controllers that no needy persons, but only such as are in reputable circumstances, can be initiated, so is it determined that it shall not be a question merely of a man's monetary prominence, but of his personal fitness and character to be a member; whether in the first place, the peace, happiness and usefulness of the Lodge will be added to by his admission; and, next, whether the Craft at large will be the gainer by his joining.

By acting on these lines from the beginning it is believed we shall be realising our high responsibility; that in handing on to others its Warrant, its By-Laws and its continuing duties, this Lodge will not have been established in vain; and that in this way its Founders will have endeavoured to prove their thankfulness for having, in a Foreign Country, been permitted to assemble, as we now can, under our own bright banner.

But shall we as men, in these times of advanced intelligence, with all the benefits of the preceding centuries about us to aid in any wise and useful course we would take, be satisfied, when and where, as in this country, there is so much to be done? Shall we, I ask, rest content with being *only moral men*, who assemble week by week to listen to and talk about the precepts of Freemasonry, and there halt?

Seeing who and what we are, where we live, what we profess, and the exigencies that demand all that thoughtful, careful, progressive men can do, and ought to do, let us as members of the first British Lodge of Freemasons on these Gold Fields, recognise, at its very birth, what duty demands of us as men and most imperatively, as the members of a Guild ever meant to *lead* rather than to follow

in the wake of the Arts and of Science; and therefore, besides helping the orphan and the widow in their distress, the luckless Brother in his need, and the sick and afflicted in their suffering, give direct assistance to education for their children, organise aid for the others, and promote Technical Schools, Schools of Art, Schools of Science, and of Mines in our midst.

For, of all who ought so to act, Freemasons are the men. Unless we do these things, the injunctions to our initiates and the recommendations to our Fellow Crafts are worthy only of mummers, and we are guilty of shams, of mockeries, of transparent insincerities.

For, do we not tell Novitiates on their admission to our Order that, in addition to other subjects, they are more especially to study such of the liberal Arts and Sciences as may be within the compass of their attainments?

If we tell them this how can we reconcile *the present do-nothing* condition with what Freemasonry presses upon our attention at every meeting that we hold, in fact at every step in our daily lives?

If we will be real, if we will have the kernel and not the husk of Freemasonry; if, in other words, we will be true to ourselves, clearly understanding the meaning of the words we use and the name we bear, *we shall be directly practical in our day.*

In addition to relieving the needy, we shall use our funds to provide the means and the men competent to impart technical Education amongst us; and encourage knowledge of the Arts and skill in those Sciences, which will be useful to us as a Mining population, and tend also to polish and adorn the mind.

By thus *practising* what we preach, we shall ourselves improve, by the very modes we adopt for the improvement of others: and it surely is necessary?

For generations past the Craft has lost one of the chief parts of its vitality. For want of Art-and-Science-culture by it, as by a distinct Corporation, it has retrograded in its nature, and gradually fallen back from the proud position it should have retained—a foremost place in the ranks of Science and the Arts, until it has become an almost generally accepted idea that Freemasons have nothing to do but meet occasionally, and then eat and drink, and contribute to a fund for the relief of their poor!

Thus, instead of following the natural laws of growth, our Order has neglected the forces that have played around it, for it has, in fact, degenerated where it should have progressed and been reproductive. Neglect of the pursuits and precepts of our Founders has exerted so baneful an influence upon those who have come after them, that our capacity to walk in their footsteps has, to a certain degree, diminished.

This neglect of duty by the Order, and consequent atrophy of the intellectual powers, may be accounted for, partly, by the fact that in the Mother Country means outside the Order have been provided for those individuals, acting apart from the Craft, who choose to make the liberal Arts and Sciences their study.

But *here* our lot is a different one. We are in a new country, and founding a new community. *Here especially* the teachings and intentions of Freemasonry have the soil on which to work to the widest scope. *Here* is the stimulus to the Freemason to awake to the occasion; and rising to it, avail himself of all the resources in his power for improvement.

If he *will* improve and be useful, he *must work* to adapt himself to the requirements about him. For, just as surely as there is no such thing as spontaneous generation in the organic world, quite as truly is there no such condition as spontaneous generation in the Mental and Moral Spheres of human existence.

Men cannot be good without effort. Man must exert himself if he will be useful; he cannot be beneficial to himself or to others without action.

We of the Craft as a whole have been too long in a state of arrested development. We have refused the requisite food, and the exercise necessary to our progress, and adaptability to the conditions about us; forgetting that man is a complex organism; that he should grow in stature and in mind; and that as the body and the mind improve or fall back according to the nature of the food and exercise taken by each, Freemasons have been unconsciously falling away from that high standard of useful manhood as a Society, which I would now ask *you* to aim for, as first units of this Temple of the brotherhood in *these* parts.

Our surroundings call on us to rally, to press shoulder to

to shoulder against the chaos of ignorance and its attendant losses to us all; to give a new impetus to our intellectual and moral growth; to lead us to co-operate with others, that with culture and with skill in those Arts and Sciences which are specially applicable to the industries in which we are engaged, we may prove ourselves worthy of the ages in which we live, and of the Great Type whose Image we are created. And, finally, when we shall have passed behind the veil, we shall leave such a record that, those who come after us shall be able to say:—The Johannesburg Lodge of British Freemasons worked, not merely for themselves to increase their numbers, but to establish Homes, Schools, Colleges, Museums, and Galleries of Art, that they might leave the place better than they found it; and thus, in their day and generation, they wrought royally for themselves and for their fellow men lasting good.—*South African Freemason.*

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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SAINT PAUL'S LODGE, No. 194.

A FULL muster of the brethren of this ancient Lodge, and a large number of visitors, including several present and past Officers of the Grand Lodge, assembled at the Cannon Street Hotel, last Tuesday, to celebrate the Centenary Festival. On this special occasion the Worshipful Master and Wardens resigned their chairs to the three oldest members of the Lodge, and therefore Bro. S. J. Weston, Master of the Lodge in 1873, presided, the acting S.W. was Bro. G. N. Watts, Master in 1876, while the acting J.W. was Bro. H. F. Paget, Master in 1882. The following Officers of the Lodge were also present:—Bros. Hermann Crohn W.M., A. W. Wright S.W., J. H. Mathews J.W., C. Hunt P.M. Secretary, W. H. Kerr S.D., Walter Ellis J.D., F. W. Crohn I.G., W. G. Temple P.M. Steward, and J. F. Haskins Organist. Among the visitors were:—Bros. The Very Rev. Dr. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Grand Chaplain, E. E. Wendt G.S. for German Correspondence, R. Loveland Loveland S.G.D., Charles Barry Grand Superintendent of Works, R. C. Sudlow Grand Standard Bearer, D. D. Mercer G.P., Dr. G. G. Brodie P.G.D., James Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, A. C. Cottebrune P.G.P., H. Garrod P.G.P., J. Brittain P.P.G.W. Herts, W. W. Macray P.P.G. Sword Bearer West Yorkshire. There were likewise present, the following Past Masters:—J. Chapman, W. J. Russell, F. C. Christmas, F. P. Colliver, F. V. Hawley, C. E. McBean, Jubal Webb, W. J. Collins, W. J. Compton, E. M. Bristowe, J. W. Lacon, J. C. Hayes, J. Welford, G. Briggs, A. J. Lawrence, A. A. Marks, G. M. Sayle, E. B. Hollaway, Neville Green, Morris Evans, J. M. McLeod Secretary R.M.I.B., Dr. T. R. Jones, R. Manuel, Henry Perks, T. S. Thornton, Dr. B. H. Paul, W. D. Dugby, S. H. Baker, C. W. Mayne, T. G. Nicholson, R. F. Young, C. A. Woods, J. Dunn, R. H. Pearson, W. A. Dingle, B. Whitehead, C. J. Perrond. Also Bros. Col. Wild, Captain de Carteret-Bisson, Dr. C. Lovegrove, J. R. Starling, G. A. Pritchard, J. Bartlett, B. Fountain, G. Wheeler, H. Phillips, Lea, T. Detmar, S. K. Soper, A. Allen, W. Fowler, and Orton Cooper. The proceedings commenced by an organ voluntary by Bro. Haskins, during which the brethren entered the hall and took their seats, and after the Lodge had been duly opened the Grand Officers were introduced and were saluted. The ordinary business of the Lodge being terminated, the Secretary proceeded to read the Centenary Warrant issued by Grand Lodge, and bearing date 1st September A.L. 5890 A.D. 1890. It may here be mentioned that the original warrant of the Lodge bears the date 31st August 1790. Bro. Hunt then gave a most interesting though brief history of the Lodge, which is certainly worthy of being printed and circulated among the members of the Craft in general. Brother Dr. E. R. Currie Grand Chaplain then read an eloquent address, to which the same remarks will apply. The Secretary Bro. Charles Hunt next made the formal presentation of a Lodge banner to the brethren. It is exceedingly neat and pretty, being made of light blue silk, with the Lodge name, crest and motto painted thereon, and is fringed with blue and white cord. It will form a handsome addition to the Lodge furniture, and a record of the gift will be inserted in the minutes. The ballot of the brethren was then taken for the election of Worshipful Master, and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the vote being unanimous in the case of Bro. Arthur Wellington Wright and Bro. S. J. Weston respectively. On a show of hands Bro. R. W. Goddard was re-elected Tyler. The usual P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. H. Crohn, whose year of office will shortly expire. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing," was then sung by Bros. W. A. Frost, J. Bartlett, T. Kempton, and Haskins, and the Lodge being closed, the interesting ceremony came to a termination. The banquet was laid in the Great Hall of the Hotel, which presented a very pretty appearance, the flowers, mostly very fine chrysanthemums, being grown and given by Bro. J. R. Starling. At the conclusion of the meal, the Ancient Secretary's toast, "Eyes Right," was given and caused much amusement. The W.M. made a touching reference to the late Earl of Carnarvon in proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, which was acknowledged by Bros. E. E. Wendt and L. Loveland. The W.M. gave the Health of the Master in highly complimentary terms, and said that Bro. Crohn had a fair amount of work to do, which had been accomplished in a satisfactory manner, and that he had proved himself a real brother to every member of the Lodge. Bro. Crohn, in reply, said he was very grateful for the good will of the brethren, and trusted he might ever deserve it. He

was pleased to evacuate the chair in favour of Bro. Weston on such an occasion, and he hoped the Lodge would continue to flourish in the next hundred years as it had done in the past. The toast of The Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Charles Barry G.S.W., W. J. Compton, who was initiated in the Lodge, and was Master for the years 1880 and 1881, and by Bro. Jubal Webb. The latter speaker stated that he belonged to a still more ancient Lodge—the Westminster and Keystone—and they had it on record that 150 years ago the brethren marched from the City of Westminster to the City of London, and were entertained by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. He trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would grant peace and prosperity to the Lodge, so that in due time they would celebrate another Centenary. Bro. G. N. Watts P.M. gave the toast of the evening,—Success to St. Paul's Lodge. He said that all present must have been interested at hearing the history of the Lodge read by the Secretary, they had evidently had many good men for Masters, men who had devoted themselves to the interests of the Lodge, and who had made it successful. There were now new brethren coming on, who would also work hard and do their best for the Lodge, and he did not doubt that they would be equally successful. He could not help referring to the beautiful gift of flowers by Bro. Starling, because the chrysanthemums were a most appropriate present for their Centenary, as the flower had been introduced into this country exactly one hundred years. There was also the handsome banner, presented by the worthy Secretary, which would be cherished by the Lodge with their ancient loving cup and snuff box. He fervently trusted that the Lodge would increase and prosper and so justify its proud motto—*Esto perpetua*—may it be perpetual. Bro. S. J. Watson, in responding, said it was now twenty-two years ago since he first knelt at the foot of King Solomon's chair, and although many of the old faces had passed away, others had taken their place, so that the same kindly greetings and cordial good fellowship were still present with them. He trusted the same feelings of brotherly friendship would endure for ever, so that at the next Centenary Festival the Lodge would be found equally flourishing. He heartily thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in asking him to preside on the occasion. Bro. James Terry, in an earnest but amusing speech, replied to the toast of The Charities. He said there was no need to spur the brethren on to support the various Masonic Institutions; he would merely state that the Lodge had done its duty in days gone by, and had, therefore, set a lesson to its members in the future. Bro. J. M. McLeod also responded, and thanked the brethren for the cordial welcome they had extended to him—quite a stranger, as he had never met any of them before. He had a very difficult position to occupy, but he had no fear for the future; he hoped the tide had turned, and that the Boys' School would in future be a credit to all its supporters. The Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge having been duly pledged, the interesting proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. We must not forget to mention the excellent musical programme that was arranged by Bro. Haskins, in which Madame Florence Winn, Miss Jessie Griffin, Miss M. Riversdale, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. John Bartlett, F. Bevan, and George A. Pritchard took part.

LODGE OF HONOUR, No. 526.

THE annual installation meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Lodge Room, the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton. There was a very good attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren both from other Wolverhampton Lodges and from various Lodges in this and neighbouring provinces. Bro. A. McBean S.W. was duly installed W.M. for the year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. F. G. Liddington the retiring W.M., in an exceedingly effective manner. Bro. McBean afterwards appointed and invested the following brothers as his Officers:—Worshipful Bro. F. G. Liddington I.P.M., J. Dunbar Steen S.W., Henry Hall J.W., J. Seddon P.P.G.C. Chaplain, C. A. Newnham P.G. Treasurer Treasurer, John J. Smith Secretary, I. Roper S.D., W. H. Hewitt J.D., T. J. Barnett P.P.G.W. D.C., J. A. Lloyd Organist, Benjamin Baker I.G., B. G. Bradley, J. E. Morris, and T. P. Price Stewards, W. Twist Tyler. In the evening the brethren celebrated the festival of St. John by a banquet. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were pledged. A programme of music and recitations was gone through, the contributors to which included, Bros. Edwin Goodwin (Manchester), J. F. Chapman, Willmore G. H. Stanger, and Dunbar Steen.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Silver Tavern, Limehouse, on the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. S. W. Tinsou W.M., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Pasfield J.W., T. B. Daniell P.M. Treasurer, C. Breden P.M. Secretary, F. R. Gooch S.D., W. E. Torriff J.D., G. J. Anderson I.G., J. Grout Organist, A. W. Ellingford Tyler. Among Past Master present were:—Bros. F. Robinson, A. Scheerbaum, G. Palmer, H. Shepherd, and Gaisford. After the usual formalities, Bros. Hockley, Spurgeon, Hnett, Lane, and Francis were passed, and on resumption of Lodge, Messrs. Charles Alfred Badcock, William Beal, William Dalley, and Charles Todd were entrusted with a knowledge of the mysteries of the Apprentice Freemason. Bro. S. W. Tinsou was assisted in his arduous task by Bros. Shepherd, Scheerbaum, and Palmer, and worked the ceremonies with his usual finish and precision of manner.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

AT the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., Bro. J. Grey the W.M. was supported by Bros. W. Smith S.W., A. R. Walker J.W. W., Wainwright P.M. Treasurer, A. Calver, Scott S.D., Moss J.D., Pearson I.G., Seddon P.M. Organist; Past Masters Barnes, Stevens, J. H. Brown, R. Tucker, John West, and James Smith; Bros. Rushforth, Caslake,

and Parkins. The evening was occupied in business, which included a discussion on the construction to be put upon one of the bye-laws, upon which difference of opinion appeared to exist. Bro. Tucker P.M. agreed to act as Steward at the next Festival for the Aged People's Institution, and ten guineas was voted to commence his list.

HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

AT Stoke, on the 13th inst., Bro. George Vanstone was installed W.M. Bros. W. J. Stanbury P.G.A.D.C., W. T. Walter, S. Panter and J. W. Foster 1099 were the Installing Officers, assisted by Bros. E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G.Supt.Wks., J. H. Blackell, T. J. Picking, T. S. May, H. W. Pengelly 1099, F. Hooper P.P.G.D.C., R. Bassett, W. W. Wiggin 1212, W. King I.P.M. 70, W. H. Williams 1847. The Officers invested were:—Bros. J. W. Foster I.P.M., S. Page S.W., G. Olver J.W., S. Panter Treasurer, W. J. Stanbury Secretary, W. H. Dillon S.D., W. Penrose J.D., S. Fry Dir. of Cers., G. Miller Assist. Dir. of Cers., W. H. Bird O., A. G. Friend Assist. O., S. L. Edgcombe I.G., W. Frost and T. H. Hambley Stewards, W. Robins and A. Ayres Assistant Stewards, J. Rashbrook Tyler. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was re-elected representative at Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward. The annual banquet was appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, on 25th November.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 10th inst. Since the last installation the hall has been completed and the suite of rooms is now admirably adapted for Masonic purposes. The organ has been completed by Mr. Denman, of York, and in the entrance hall an alcove fitted with one of Musgrave's patent stoves for heating the building has been placed. The rooms in the rear of the building have also been suitably furnished as retiring and smoking rooms, and access has been made from the Lodge room thereto. Suitable lavatories have also been added. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, and the presiding Worshipful Master Bro. T. B. Whytehead was supported by Past Masters Cumberland, Millington, Seller, J. Blenkin, Turner, Brown, Dyson, and Dalton, and a large number of visitors, including Bro. Forbes, the Worshipful Master of the York Lodge, and Bro. Wilkinson, the Worshipful Master of the Agricola Lodge. After the transaction of the ordinary business, Bro. George Lamb, who had been unanimously elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was presented for installation to the Installing Officer, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., Grand Sword Bearer of England, who was assisted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire. The musical portion of the ceremony was efficiently carried out by Bro. W. S. Child P.P.G.O. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. Chapman Immediate Past Master, W. Storey Senior Warden, J. H. Shouksmith Junior Warden, Rev. R. P. T. Tennent Chaplain, G. Balmford Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, P. Pearson Senior Deacon, J. L. Spetch Junior Deacon, F. W. Halliwell Director of Ceremonies, W. Sharp Inner Guard, W. S. Child Organist, J. Smith and A. Archer Stewards, T. Dunlop Tyler, W. Brown P.M. Preceptor, T. B. Whytehead Librarian. Bro. Whytehead was appointed Charity Representative, and the revenue and expenditure account was submitted and adopted. The installation banquet afterwards took place, at the De Grey Rooms. Bro. F. W. Halliwell catered in his usual excellent style.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE members held their meeting for electing Officers, &c., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart Street, East Stonehouse, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Bro. C. A. Nicholson P.M. Treasurer presided, the retiring W.M. Bro. J. T. Rook, who had been in London, being prevented from being in attendance at the opening of the Lodge. A noteworthy feature in connection with the whole of the proceedings was the cordial spirit of unanimity which prevailed. Amidst numerous complimentary remarks, Bro. J. Harvey S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. C. A. Nicholson P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Bartlett was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. W. H. Williams P.M. was re-elected Charity Steward for the ensuing year. The voting in each case was unanimous. The various Officers having returned thanks for the unabated confidence reposed in them, on the motion of Bro. J. Lose P.M. Secretary, seconded by Bro. A. R. Lethbridge P.M., a vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the widow and relatives of the late Bro. Trethewy P.M. (Brunswick Lodge), residing at Devonport, in their bereavement. The deceased was much esteemed among fellow Masons. His death was quite unexpected, and the sad intelligence was heard with extreme regret. He succumbed, after a short illness, from congestion of the lungs. On the 12th inst., when his mortal remains were consigned to their last resting-place, a considerable number of Masons attended the funeral in proof of the high respect entertained for the memory of the deceased.

DOROTHY VERNON LODGE, No. 2129.

THE annual festival was held, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., it having been postponed for a week by special dispensation from the acting Provincial Grand Master. Considerable interest attached to this meeting being the first held in the Town Hall, Bakewell. The Lodge was opened in the Assembly Room, and after the usual routine business had been transacted, Bro. C. W. Trollope was installed in the W.M.'s chair. The ceremony was very ably performed by Brother Cokayne P.M., assisted by Bro. J. H. Orme as D.C. The Worshipful Master appointed as his Officers the following:—Bros. C. H. Glossop I.P.M., Rev. E. E. Morris S.W., Dr. Fentem J.W., Glossop Treasurer, J. C. Stroyan Secretary, Stanley Orme S.D., P. B. Craven J.D., H. Brooke Taylor I.G., J. Tomlinson Tyler. The Stewards are

Bros. Cokayne, Stanley Orme, and J. C. Stroyan. The W.M., before the Lodge was closed, presented a portrait of himself, to be hung in the Lodge Room. It is a very admirable likeness of Bro. the Hon. C. W. Trollope, whose genial nature and kindly disposition will ensure him a pleasant and, it is to be hoped, a very prosperous year of office. Bro. J. H. Orme also presented his portrait. He is a valued and useful member of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge; and both portraits were accepted most heartily on behalf of the Lodge by Bro. C. H. Glossop the I.P.M. Other portraits of Past Masters are promised. The brethren, at the close of the Lodge, adjourned to the Court Room for the banquet. This, the first dinner prepared and cooked in the Town Hall, was a complete success. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. W. F. Mill P.M. 1235, W. L. Dodd 1085, A. Frazer 731, H. B. Boag P.M. 1495, J. Gladwin P.M. 1235, R. Lane W.M. 1235, W. H. Wheeldon 253, C. F. Hargreaves 149, J. T. Windle W.M. 681, Edmund Taylor 681, T. Tyack 1495, Jos. Hodgkinson 1495, J. Walker W.M. 731, H. C. Heathcote P.M. 1495, J. St. Ledger W.M. 1952, A. J. Flint W.M. 253, G. B. Barton 1495, A. E. P. Voules 681, J. C. Innes 1495. The proceedings at dinner were enlivened by excellent music, songs, &c.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Peckham Public Hall, on Wednesday the 12th inst., the Officers of the Lodge present being Bros. Cock W.M., Nightingale S.W., Philips J.W., Castledine S.D., Collier J.D., Warner I.G., Mansell Treasurer, Downsnap Secretary, L. Dunn D.C., Pettit Organist, Wright W.S., Hussey A.W.S., and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. Monks, Read, Lyon (C.C.), Proe, Piper, Swinford, Smith, and Bridger. Mr. Fredk. William Peck, chemist, Lyndhurst, Streatham Common, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. in a very able manner. The Visitors present were Bros. Woodward P.G.S.B., Coope P.M. 1839, Roberts P.M. 65, Mulley P.M. 259, Spurling P.M. 83, Castle I.G. 2381, Flower W.S. 1632, Montague 101, Kemp 1294, and Prettyhorn 134. After several gentlemen had been proposed for initiation, and as joining members, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, and after partaking of refreshments the usual loyal and other toasts were proposed. These were interspersed by recitations and songs, by Bros. Montague, Greaves, Swinford Smith, Proe, and the W.M., in their usual admirable style, Bro. Pettit accompanying the several singers at the pianoforte.

The installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Provincial Grand Master of the Berkshire Province, in succession to the late Sir Daniel Gooch, will, according to present arrangements, take place at Reading, on Monday, the 15th of December next, and hopes are entertained that the ceremony will be performed by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order. The event is being looked forward to with great interest, and a large gathering of distinguished members of the Craft is expected.—*Bath Argus.*

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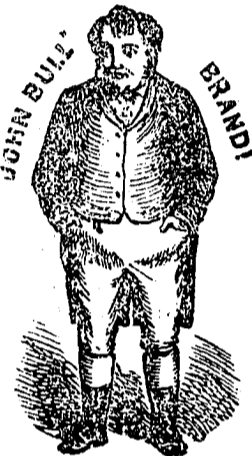
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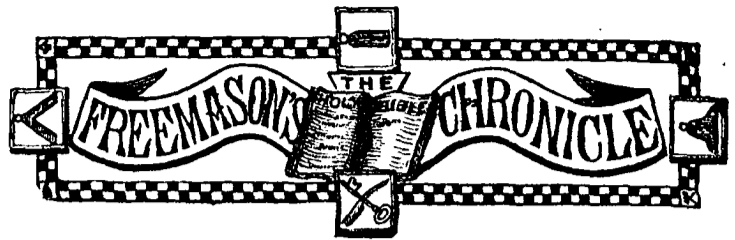
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GRAND CHAPTER OF W. YORKSHIRE.

AT a Convocation of Grand Chapter, holden in the Masonic Hall, Longcauseway, Dewsbury, on Friday, 7th November 1890, at 3 p.m., by the invitation of Chapter Three Grand Principles, No. 208. Present:—
M.E. Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495 Grand Superintendent, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. 1042 H., John Booth P.Z. 258 as J., Henry Smith P.Z. 302 S.E., George Marshall P.Z. 521 as Treasurer, John Gerrard P.Z. 154 Registrar, Thomas Richards P.Z. 208 P. Soj., George Hill P.Z. 304 1st Asst. Soj., W. F. Smithson G. Standard Bearer P.Z. 289 2nd Asst. Soj., John Hey P.Z. 387 Sword Bearer, Thos. Riley P.Z. 600 as Standard Bearer, Tudor Trevor H. 306 as Dir. of Cers., Thomas A. Marsh J. 1001 Organist, Herbert G. E. Green P.Z. 1019 Asst. S.E., Samuel Barrand Janitor 304 Janitor, W. D. Quarmby P.Z. 208 as Steward, John Thrippleton P.Z. 306 Steward, Aulay Macanlay Z. 258 as Steward, James Jenkin P.Z. 904 Steward. Also Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of the following Chapters, viz., 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 307, 337, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 652, 827, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1462, 1513.

Apologies were received from the following Prov. Grand Officers, viz., Comps. Rawson Kelley P.Z. 258 J., F. Whiteley P.Z. 61 S.N., J. E. Wordsworth P.Z. 904 Treasurer, Edwin Lee P.Z. 265 2nd Asst. Soj., H. C. Pickersgill P.Z. 837 Standard Bearer, and J. P. Pugh P.Z. 275 Steward.

The Principals and Comps. of Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, opened a Chapter at 2.45, and at 3 M.E. Comp. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent and Officers entered, and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand Superintendent was saluted.

The Prov. Grand H. and J. were saluted.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Comp. George Clay, J.P., was saluted.

The minutes of the meeting held at Leeds, 3rd May 1890, were presented for confirmation.

Moved by Comp. John Wordsworth P.Z. 154 P.P.G.H., and seconded by Comp. John Richardson Z. 1001, and resolved, "That the minutes be taken as read and confirmed."

The M.E. Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address:—

Principals and Companions,—The Convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter, holden at Leeds on the 3rd May, marked in some measure the close of the first epoch in West Yorkshire of Royal Arch Masonry, whilst our assembly to-day at Dewsbury surely inaugurates the commencement of a second auspicious period of this exalted Order of the Craft in this Province.

It was with no common feelings of pleasure that an invitation was received from Comp. Dr. W. F. Watts Z., to meet under the banner of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, this afternoon; and we acknowledge the kindness of the Worshipful the Mayor, Comp. Alderman George Clay, J.P., who invites the Companions to be his guests after the transaction of our business, and to inspect the magnificent Town Hall.

These invitations must have called to the recollections of our Companions the reasons why special cordiality in asking this Grand Chapter to the ancient Saxon town of "Dewsbury" (as it is named in Domesday Book) has been exercised in so marked a manner.

Companions, this is the 50th meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, which was established at Dewsbury on the 5th of May 1858.

In that year the first meeting was held, under the banner of Three Grand Principles, then 251, now 208, and this is the 7th meeting held in this ancient village of Dui or Dew, the original planter who, previous to the arrival of Paulinus, had fixed his abode and fortified his "Burgh."

It is to your Superintendent, also, no ordinary occasion, because it further reminds him that he enters the 33rd year of his Masonic life,

having been admitted in 1858, in the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 981, Chesterfield.

I have, therefore, known every one of your great Officers from Lord Mexborough, and M.E. Comp. Dr. Fearnley, the first Grand Superintendent of this Province, to the person of myself, who cordially acknowledge the compliment as the successor of Comp. Bentley Shaw in this exalted office.

On the 5th May 1858, eight out of seventeen Chapters on the roll were represented, viz., 139, 208, 258, 275, 289, 290, 302, and 600.

At this inaugural R.A. meeting there were present Comps. the Rev. Dr. Senior, John Booth, David Salmond, John S. Spiking, Thomas Hill, and Henry Smith, who are still members.

In 1858 Three Grand Principles had 27, now it has 72 members.

In looking over these past years, and contrasting them with the present, I think there is much matter for general congratulation, first in the rapid progress which Royal Arch Masonry has made under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.E.Z.; next, in the marvellous contributions in support of the Masonic Institutions, which Dewsbury has made, which our county has made, and lastly, in the marked improvement in many circumstances essential to national prosperity and the happiness of the people.

It must be a source of sincerest pleasure to all of us to perceive that even those outside our mystic circles are recognizing the popularity of our Orders and Degrees. The true principles of progress are with the Freemasons, because they desire themselves to co-operate with others for the spread of those virtues which benefit mankind, and because they cultivate those peaceful pursuits of arts and commerce which have led to their individual happiness and prosperity, and to the general welfare of the country, and of this town more particularly.

To show what Royal Arch Masons are doing for the beautifying their old Saxon town, for its municipal government, and for the spiritual requirements of its inhabitants, let me mention the present Paris Church of Paulinus, which, although repaired in 1767 and again in 1821, has been completely renovated during the vicariate of the Rev. Canon Whitby, at a cost of upwards of £20,000.

It is a work worthy of those Craftsmen who took so large a part in its restoration; and under the Rev. Lowther Clarke, the incoming Vicar, an accomplished Craftsman, to whom I am sure you will accord a warm reception, I feel confident this house of Jehovah may bring increased blessings to the worshippers therein for generations to come.

The great bell of this Church still rings at midnight on Christmas Eve to tell the people of the Advent of the "Sun of Righteousness." This knell is now, as of old, called the "Devil's passing bell," for on the morrow the prophecy in Genesis was fulfilled—the Serpent's head was bruised, although the Serpent, the symbol of evil, the symbol of death, "did bruise His heel."

The new Town Hall is another evidence of enterprise. The first stone was laid by our good Bro. T. Bateman Fox, when Mayor, on 12th October 1886, and the building was completed and formally opened by Bro. John Walker, the Mayor, on 17th September 1889, the total cost being under £50,000, exclusive of the clock and bells, stained windows and other generous gifts.

It is one of the most complete and perfect Halls in this Province, and in the consideration of its details and the perfectness of its various chambers, testifies to the ability of its designer.

The Mayor invites us to inspect this structure, to mark the significance of its symbolism, which he will explain, and to rejoice with him over the accomplishment of this Architectural achievement.

The Companions will be pleased to hear that at the London Masonic Elections on Friday, 31st Oct., and Saturday, 1st Nov., we secured the election of one Boy and two Girls—at a very heavy cost in votes.

The Wakefield and the Bradford Masonic Literary Societies commence their Lecture Sessions next week.

At Wakefield, on the 12th, Comp. R. F. Gould P.M. Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 276, P.G.D. of England, author of the "History of Freemasonry," &c., &c., will deliver a lecture entitled "The Degrees of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry."

So eminent a writer and historian will, I doubt not, have a cordial and fraternal reception.

I cannot close this address without reminding you of the death of the late Pro Grand First Principal. You all know how excellently he discharged the duties of his office in the Royal Arch, and that anything he had to do was well done.

I, therefore, as acting First Principal, propose that there be recorded on the minutes of this Prov. Grand Chapter an expression of the great grief of its members at the loss Royal Arch Masonry has sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon.

Companions, I ask all of you to help the Executive of this Province to maintain the 38 Chapters in prosperity, and to induce every P.M. to be exalted in one or other of them.

Thanking every Companion in Dewsbury for this day's reception, and with the assurance of my respect and affection towards each one of you personally, I pray Jehovah may grant you years and years of health and life to enjoy and witness the benefits you have individually and collectively conferred as good citizens, and exalted Masons, upon your town and county, to the glory of God and the benefit of your fellow townsmen.

Moved by the M.E. Grand Superintendent, seconded by Comp. John Booth P.Z. 258 P.P.G.J., and resolved,

"That it be placed on record that the lamented death of the M.E. Pro Grand Z. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon took place on the 28th June 1890, and the Chapters of this Province observed a period of mourning for the space of six months from 1st July.

Pursuant to notice, M.E. Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., proposed, and Comp. George Clay, J.P., seconded, and it was resolved:—

That this Prov. Grand Chapter accept the invitation of the Building Committee to place the Coat of Arms of this Province, with an inscription, in one of the stained windows of the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that a sum of £13 be granted for that purpose.

Pursuant to notice, Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. 304 P.P.G.H. moved, and Comp. W. F. Smithson P.Z. 289 P.P.G.D. of C. Grand Standard Bearer seconded, and it was resolved:—

That the sum of £21 be given from Prov. Grand Chapter Funds to the R.M.I. Boys at the Annual Festival, 1891, to constitute the Office of First Principal a Vice-President of that Institution.

Pursuant to notice, Comp. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth P.Z. 1042 P.P.G.H., on behalf of Comp. H. C. Pickersgill P.Z. 837 Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, moved, and Comp. John Wordsworth P.Z. 154 P.P.G.H. seconded, and it was resolved:—

That it is desirable that a Standard be purchased to support the dignity of the office of Grand Superintendent of this Province.

Comp. Wm. Watson P.Z. 304 P.P.G. Soj. stated that he had received a carbon photograph (10 by 12) of the Warrant of every Lodge in the Province, and he would be glad to receive similar copies of the Charters of all Chapters in West Yorkshire as early as convenient. He stated that the Library was making satisfactory progress and had received many interesting and valuable contributions.

Moved by M.E. the Grand Superintendent, seconded by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H., and resolved:—

That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Comp. Dr. W. F. Watts M.E.Z. and Companions of Chapter 208, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the Companions.

The M.E. the Grand Superintendent announced that he had decided to hold the Annual Convocation in May 1891, at Keighley, under the Banner of Judea Chapter, No. 265, on the celebration of its Centenary.

Prov. Grand Chapter was closed at 4:35 p.m.

The Companions then, under the guidance of the Worshipful the Mayor, inspected the new Town Hall.

Tea was provided in the Exchange Room of the Town Hall, at 5 o'clock, and was partaken of by 100 Companions, the Grand Superintendent presiding. After tea the Companions being the guest of the Mayor.

PROV. CHAPTER OF DEVON.

A PROVINCIAL G. Chapter was held, at the Town Hall, Teignmouth, on the 11th inst. Ex-Comp. W. G. Rogers Grand H. presided, in the absence of the Grand Superintendent (Viscount Ebrington, M.P.), Ex-Comp. the Rev. Dr. Lemon acting as 2nd Principal, and Ex-Comp. J. Swann Z. and P.Z. Prov. G. 3rd Principal. Other Officers present were:—Ex-Comps. Major G. C. Davie G.S.E., Major J. S. Kersterman acting Scribe N., E. Aitken-Davies acting as Prin. Soj., J. Moysey 1st Asst. Soj., J. Stocker acting as 2nd A.S. There were also present:—Comps. J. W. Cornish, John Olver, J. R. H. Harris, C. Croydon, John Lane, W. H. Discombe, T. B. Sandercock, G. H. Johnson, J. Sampson, Courtenay H. Edmonds, J. Pomeroy, S. E. Endacott, H. Shooter, A. Maddock, W. Huggins, A. Andrews, G. H. P. Westcott, H. M. Imbert-Terry, J. Moyse, John Taylor, W. Locke, A. P. Reece, W. Pachman, D. Banks, F. C. Frost, B. J. Fisher, J. Read, E. Andrews, F. C. Hallett, H. L. Friend, E. W. Locke, W. Trinaman, John Hammond, S. J. Daniel, J. Shapter, T. B. Sandercock, John Dodge, Charles Stevens, L. Stevens, J. J. O. Evans, J. U. Valentine, the Rev. G. T. Warner, R. C. Musgrave, and others. The Prov. Grand Scribe E. presented his report, which was adopted, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's report was also adopted, and out of the balance a sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, to be placed on the list of the Rev. Dr. Lemon, who is acting as Steward this year. A further sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Boys' Institution, to be placed upon the lists of the three Stewards for the Province. On the proposition of Ex-Comp. Aitken-Davies, seconded by Ex-Comp. J. Stocker, Ex-Comp. F. C. Frost was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. This being the first Prov. Chapter since the death of the Pro Grand Principal M.E.Z. Earl of Carnarvon, a vote of condolence was passed and ordered to be sent to the Countess. The following Officers were then invested and appointed:—

W. G. Rogers	2nd Principal
Rev. G. T. Warner	3rd Principal
G. C. Davie	Scribe E.
Dr. J. Alexander	Scribe N.
F. C. Frost	Treasurer
J. Lane	Reg.
B. J. Fisher	Principal Sojourner
H. Stocker	1st Assistant Sojourner
D. Banks	2nd Assistant Sojourner
A. P. Reece	Sword Bearer
W. H. Discombe	Standard Bearer
J. Hammond	} Director of Ceremonies
H. M. Burrow	
A. Andrews	Organist
H. Shooter	Janitor

ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 422.

A CONVOCATION was held at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Tuesday, 11th inst. Comps. F. Baines was installed First Principal, Alfred Kirk Second Principal, Staniforth (Crowle) Third Principal, Sowby S.E., Wright S.N., Liversedge P.S., W. Mason First A.S., Faulkner (Sheffield) Second A.S., Rev. E. Laing Chaplain, Scott Janitor. Several Companions from Sheffield and the Isle of Axholme were present.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 202.

AT Devonport, on the 13th instant, the principals elect were installed:—Comps J. Leonard Z., R. Carter H., George Bray J. The installing Officers were Ex-Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon 198 P.P.G.P. and P.P.G. 3rd P., J. W. Allsford, H. R. Langmead, R. Lavers, and E. J. Knight.

MARK MASONRY.

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ROYAL CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 409.

A MEETING was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 11th inst. The W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes, P.P.G.M.O. East Anglia, presided, and was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Alfred King S.W., E. G. Whittle S.O., J. Turton J.O., R. Willard R. of M., F. J. Sawyer J.D., H. Langton Dir. of Cers., Chapman Marshall Organist, and H. H. Hughes Tyler. The members of the Lodge and the visiting brethren present included—Bros. C. F. Matier G. Secretary, J. P. Slingsby Roberts Prov. G. Secretary, W. A. Tooth W.M. Southdown, H. W. G. Abell G.St.B., F. E. Sawyer, E. M. Money P.G. Steward, W. Wright S.O. Lewis 391, A. F. Lamette J.W. Royal Sussex 75, R. Gresham Bacon, Royal Sussex 75, G. Cole, and S. R. Legg Prov. G.J.W. The chief business of the meeting comprised the advancement of Bros. S. H. Soper, Mayor of Brighton, Alderman A. J. Hawkes, and W. F. Booth. The Lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. D. Mutton, of King's Road. The customary Loyal toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary responded. He was gratified, he said, to find Mark Masonry so prosperous in Sussex, and especially pleased to find that the Mayor of Brighton had been, that evening, advanced. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the enthusiastic manner in which Bro. H. W. G. Abell had worked in Mark Masonry, and the great assistance given to the Province by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. Early next year the brethren would, he hoped, see the V.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, installed as their Provincial Grand Master, and he was sure H.R.H. would meet with a cordial reception at their hands. On that occasion he would be met by the Mayor of Brighton as a Mark Master Mason. He regretted the absence of their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Very Rev. Bro. the Dean of Battle, who, they were aware, had many duties to attend to in a distant part of the country. Bro. W. A. Tooth responded, remarking that the Prov. Grand Officers took great interest in their work, and were always ready to do their best to advance the welfare of the Province. Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts also acknowledged the toast. He had great pleasure, he said, in visiting the Lodge, and also in carrying out the duties of his office. His great aim was to secure the approbation of the brethren of the Province, and his best efforts would be devoted to advancing Mark Masonry. Bro. Matier then proposed the Worshipful Master. As Consecrating and Installing Master he had, he said, taken great interest in the Lodge, and believed that Bro. Clowes had fulfilled all the promises he made at his installation. He (Bro. Clowes) had carried out his duties admirably, and on his retirement, would take with him the approbation of the brethren, and the testimony of his own conscience that he had worthily carried out a good work. Bro. Clowes, who met with a hearty reception, thanked Bro. Matier for the generous terms in which he had spoken of him and the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had received the toast. He had, he said, endeavoured to do his best for the Royal Connaught Lodge. He had striven to follow in the footsteps of their lamented brother the late Crawford Pocock, and should continue to do his utmost to gain their kind regard and good wishes. In proposing the Advancers, the W.M. said the Lodge had been honoured by the advancement of the Mayor of Brighton that evening. Bro. Soper had worked zealously in Freemasonry, and would, he hoped, at no distant date, occupy the chair of the Royal Connaught Lodge. They had enrolled

another good Mason in Bro. Hawkes, and also Bro. W. F. Booth—one of the worthiest Masons in Brighton. He regretted the circumstances which prevented Bro. Booth from sitting down with them, and was sure that brother had the heartfelt sympathy of all present. The Mayor of Brighton, in responding, said he had great pleasure in being amongst them, and had been deeply impressed with the ceremony of advancement. In view of the approaching visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, he felt it his duty to become a Mark Master Mason, and had been honoured by being permitted to join the Royal Connaught Lodge. During his Mayoralty Freemasons might confidently rely upon his assistance, and he should feel it a great and high privilege to join them in receiving H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, their Provincial Grand Master. Bro. A. J. Hawkes also acknowledged the toast. The remaining toasts were:—The Visitors, acknowledged by Bro. R. Gresham Bacon, The New Lodge—the Brighton, to which the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Willard, responded, The Officers, to which Bro. Alfred King replied, and the Tyler's Toast. During the evening pleasing songs were sung by Bros. S. H. Soper, R. Willard, and J. P. Slingsby Roberts, to Bro. F. J. Sawyer's accompaniment; a pianoforte solo being also given by Bro. Chapman Marshall.

CONSECRATION OF THE FELIX LODGE, No. 2371.

THE consecration of the Felix Lodge, No. 2371, at the Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, and the installation of Wor. Bro. Charles Cheston Cheston P.G.D. P.M. Lodges 99, 1159, 2242, as Worshipful Master, brought together, on the 10th inst., a large gathering of brethren. The ceremony of consecration was to have been performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Henniker P.G.M., but his lordship was unfortunately unable to attend through illness, and the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. took the chair, appointing as S.W. Bro. W. Inglis Mason P.G.S.W. P.M. 1224, and as J.W. Bro. J. M. Harvey P.P.G.J.W. P.M. 936. The founders of the Lodge took up a central position in the Lodge. They were Brothers Chas. Cheston, John Bucknall Cooper, Charles H. Doves, H. G. Quilter, N. Tracy, H. J. Wright, W. M. Cuckow, G. R. Quilter, F. B. Jennings, J. Stringer, G. H. Jackson, J. H. Goodwin, George Thompson, and D. Slemick. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the hymn commencing, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," was impressively sung, the musical ceremonies being under the direction of Bro. T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., 114 P.P.G. Organist, assisted by several brethren. The D.P.G.M. Bro. C. J. Martyn addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and observed that he was sure all would be sorry to hear that the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Henniker was unable to be present to perform the duties of consecrating the Lodge as he had intended to do, in consequence of illness, which made it perfectly impossible for him to attend. He was, however, present with them in the spirit, and he had sent a telegram from London that morning, in which he said, "Hearty good wishes to you and prosperity to the new Lodge. Sorry not to be with you." He was sure that all would deeply regret the cause which rendered the R.W. P.G.M.'s absence necessary. A few days ago, contemplating that he would not be able to attend, the Prov. G. Secretary wrote to him (the D.P.G.M.) asking him if he would undertake the duties of consecrating the Lodge, and he replied that he should be ready to do so. They were, however, honoured with the presence of the Grand Secretary (Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke), whom he should ask to perform the ceremony of consecration. He (Bro. Martyn) did not do this with any desire to shirk his duties, but he felt that they should pay honour to so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, who having expressed his gratification at being called upon to perform the ceremony, took the chair, and, addressing the brethren, observed that he believed that would be the 22nd Lodge which had been consecrated in the Province of Suffolk. The Prov. G. Secretary read the petition and warrant, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution, followed by the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," composed by Bro. T. Palmer, expressly for the installation of the Prov. G.M. Lord Henniker. The solo was admirably rendered by Bro. Copeland. At the conclusion of the ritual, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke solemnly dedicated the Lodge, which was followed by the anthem, "Holy, holy, holy," the ceremony concluding with the constitution of the Lodge, and the hymn, "Glory to God on high." The installation of the W.M., Bro. Charles C. Cheston, followed, and he appointed his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. N. Tracy I.P.M., J. Bucknell Cooper S.W., C. H. Downes J.W., H. G. Quilter Treasurer, H. J. Wright Secretary, Walter M. Cuckow S.D., G. R. Quilter J.D., F. B. Jennings Dir. of Cers., J. Stringer I.G., G. H. Jackson and J. H. Goodwin Stewards, George Gould Tyler. A grand banquet followed, the Worshipful Master presiding, to which between 80 and 90 brethren sat down. The menu was an exceedingly choice one. At the conclusion of the banquet the toasts of The Queen and the Craft, The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, The R.W.D.G.M. and the rest of the Officers present and past, were given from the chair, the latter toast being coupled with the name of Bro. Fenn, who suitably responded, and congratulated the brethren upon obtaining so efficient a Mason as Bro. Cheston as their Master. The W.M. next gave the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Henniker P.G.W., and The V.W. D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. He once more referred with regret to the absence of Lord Henniker, from whom he had again just received a telegram with reference to their gathering. In another communication his lordship expressed the hope that some future day the Lodge would give him an invitation, so as to make up for his present disappointment. He coupled with the toast the name of the D.P.G.M., whose face, he said, amongst Masons, not only in this Province but everywhere, carried its own welcome with it. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the compliment, endorsed all the remarks which had been made in reference to the

absence of the R. W. P. G. M., as to whose interest in the ceremony that day he personally testified. With regard to the performance of the ceremony of consecration by Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, he felt sure that they would all join him in appreciation of the admirable way in which he had carried it out. He also gave a word of praise to the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Barnes, for the manner in which he had performed his duties, and, speaking for himself, he must again thank them for the hearty way in which they had received him that night—in fact, as they always did in the Province of Suffolk. As to their Lodge, he thought its name, which meant happy, was a good omen and a happy omen for its future career and success. He incidentally mentioned that he had received a telegram from Bro. Geo. Grimwood, of the Stour Valley, Sudbury, who had been installed Mayor there that day, sending his fraternal greetings to the newly-consecrated Lodge. The other toasts were those of Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, The Worshipful Master, The Visitors, The Officers of the Lodge, The Masonic Charities, and the Tyler's toast. The jewels and collars were presented by the Worshipful Master, and the banner, very prettily designed, representing St. Felix in the prow of a boat landing on the beach, was given by Bro. H. G. Quilter. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by the presence of musical brethren, including Bros. Copeland, George Abbott and H. J. Wright.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Shaftesbury.—An original play, in three acts, written by Mr. Malcolm Watson and Mrs. Lancaster-Wallis, entitled "The Pharisee," was produced here last Monday, with a fair amount of success, the plot being followed with much interest by a large audience. The Pharisee is Geoffrey Landon, a much to be envied man, and one evidently placed high above the ordinary temptations of the world; he is young, wealthy, has a charming wife and daughter, and at the opening of the story has just been elected M.P. for Harborough. He is a man of very strict principles, stern and pitiless towards the wrongdoer, and views with almost unnecessary harshness the slightest deviation from the path of duty. On the eighth anniversary of his wedding comes an old college chum, Lord Helmore, who some years previous had inflicted a grievous wrong upon an innocent girl, and now seeks to find her out in order to make reparation before he dies. The Pharisee views his friend's conduct with holy horror, and is unwilling to assist him. Helmore gives Landon a packet containing letters and a photograph of the girl, for the purpose of ascertaining her whereabouts, but Landon decides to think the matter over before acting. Meanwhile the wife has seen Helmore leave the house, and the audience discover that she is the unfortunate victim. For the sake of her child, Kate Landon endeavours to prevent her husband opening the packet, though her agitation would induce suspicion in a less mistrustful man. The catastrophe is avoided by the return of Lord Helmore, who, having become aware of the true state of affairs through a conversation with the child, relieves Landon of the custody of the packet. Little guessing the truth, Geoffrey introduces his friend to his wife. A fine dramatic scene follows, in which the seducer humbly repents his sin, and his victim allows him to infer, before he leaves, that she forgives him. Unfortunately the play does not end here, for Kate, who has hitherto believed that her husband knew her past history, resolves to confess all to him, and it may be readily imagined what an effect the knowledge of the truth has upon a man so wanting in charity. The manner in which the reconciliation is brought about is rather weak, and the lesson intended to be conveyed is not so effective as it might be, but these points were apparently unnoticed by the sympathetic audience, who recalled both authors and actors after the final fall of the curtain. It will be perceived that the interest centres in the husband and wife, and both Mr. Herbert Waring and Miss Wallis may be congratulated on their admirable rendering of two difficult rôles. Mr. Lewis Waller gives an artistic impersonation of the small part of Helmore, and Miss Minnie Terry cleverly undertakes the character of the child. The piece is enlivened by the teasings of a pair of young lovers, prettily played by Miss Marion Lea and Mr. H. Esmond; while somewhat broader fun is evoked by M. Marius and Miss Sophie Larkin, as a militia officer and an elderly spinster; both couples pairing off at the last. The single scene of a room in Landon's house is artistically arranged, and elicited considerable commendation.

The Euston Glee Union.—The members of this Society, which was established some ten years back, and is composed of members of the London and North Western Railway Company's staff who evidence a taste for music, gave a very successful Smoking Concert, at Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on Tuesday last. The chair was taken by the Hon. A. H. Holland Hibbert, one of the Directors of the L. & N. W. Railway Company. Up to the present time it appears the "Union" has found a difficulty in securing a central platform that would suit the requirements of the North Western staff, who of necessity have to provide themselves with residential quarters in all parts of London and the suburbs. The arrangements for the evening were entrusted to Mr. Miles Wybourn, who not only proved an efficient conductor, but lent valuable assistance in the several part songs by his sweet-toned vocal efforts. The soloists of the evening were Mr. T. W. Page (of the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts), and Mr. Henry Cross, A.R.C.M., while Mr. W. Edwards was most successful in humorous songs. Amongst the concerted pieces given were:—Madrigal—"Come, let us join the roundelay"; Part Song—"The Happiest Land"; Glee—"The Mighty Conqueror," and "A Vintage Song." In the Second Part the Glee—"Strike the Lyre," was especially well received; while the other numbers comprised "Star of the Summer Night," and "To our next Merry Meeting." Mr. H. A. Catchpole produced

some excellent music from his violoncello, of which instrument he is an accomplished master; while his accompanist, Mr. Alfred Gurney, displayed considerable talent. This gentleman's solo efforts were heartily applauded. The programme throughout was well selected and splendidly carried out: A vote of thanks to the Hon. A. H. Hibbert for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

At the bazaar, to be held in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh, in the first week of December, in aid of the annuity branch of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic benevolence, for the relief of indigent and aged Scottish Masons, their widows, and orphans, the Hon. Lady Campbell, of Blythswood, will superintend the G. Lodge stall. The Renfrewshire ladies at the Renfrewshire (East and West) and Argyll and the Isles stall are—The Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart, the Duchess of Abercorn, Mrs. Gilmour of Eaglesham, Mrs. Macdowall of Garthland, Mrs. Reid, Monfode, Greenock; and Mrs. Rodger, Bagatelle, Greenock. Mrs. Matthew Arthur, Fullarton House, Troon, is one of the superintendents of the Ayrshire stall.

The large lecture hall of the Public Rooms at Hull were crowded last Thursday by a discriminating audience, who assembled to enjoy a series of recitals given by Mrs. Scott-Thorpe, a young elocutionist of exceptional talent. The programme consisted of items "from grave to gay, from lively to severe," so there was something for all tastes. A scene from Richard III. was admirably given, the various personages being well defined. Among the more humorous selections Mark Twain's "Jumping Frog," and "My musical mania," caused loud laughter, and were highly applauded, while the pathetic story "The Ticket o' Leave," Geo. R. Sims, was equally well rendered. Mrs. Scott-Thorpe may well be proud of her reception, which was, however, thoroughly earned and well deserved.

We understand that a grand Masonic Ball is to be held in the Bath Saloons on Wednesday, 28th January, under most distinguished patronage, the proceeds to be devoted to Masonic Charities. The efforts of those who are promoting this grand charity ball will be to uphold the prestige of the Order, benefit the town, and contribute a substantial sum to the Provincial Masonic Charities.

The December Part of Cassell's Family Magazine, will begin a New Volume, and will contain the commencement of Three New Serial Stories, a Handsome Tinted Picture, and many useful, novel, and entertaining features. "The Temptation of Dulce Carruthers" is the title of the Story to which was awarded the first prize in the recent Story Competition. This will be commenced in the First Part of the New Volume, and will be accompanied by another new Serial Story, entitled "A Sharp Experience," by the author of "A Step in the Dark," and by a new Story of Adventure by Thomas Keyworth (author of "Mistress June"), who calls it "By word of Mouth." Among other attractions will be a series of papers on "Some Strange Family Histories;" "How to Choose your New House," by an experienced house-hunter; "My Little Garden," showing how to treat it to the best advantage; "The Law of the Realm;" some advice on how to "Take Care of Yourself;" a Mother will tell the Story of "My Daughters: Their Start in Life, and How they Prospered," while Paterfamilias will rehearse the history of "Our Family of Boys." Several short complete stories will form a special feature of the forthcoming Volume of Cassell's Magazine, besides numerous other items of interest, so that every thing bids fair to make it an attractive volume.

"Great Thoughts" Christmas Number, price 6d, will be published 1st December, and contain 96 pages, bound in a coloured wrapper. With each copy will be given a beautifully executed plate, printed in sixteen colours, entitled, "The Great Healer," from a painting by that celebrated painter, Gabriel Max. The picture from which this plate is copied has been sold to the Berlin National Gallery for £3,000. The Editor of "Great Thoughts" has made arrangements with the Countess of Meath, to contribute a series of articles for the new volume of "Great Thoughts," which commences 3rd January 1891.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 22nd November.

1679 Henry Muggoridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 176 Cavenc, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

Monday, 24th November.

4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
902 Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.
1745 Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828 Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk Rd. W.
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 6 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street Gateshead
61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
284 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hobden Bridge
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingsea
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1675 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 321 Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 25th November.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
1168 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 255 Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 690 Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon
449 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen
624 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union St., B-on-Treat
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
986 Hosketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799 Arnold, Dorling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 26th November.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
598 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 907 Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, E.C.
R.C. St. Andrew, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Lythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton

220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755 St. Tadno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
996 Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083 Towney Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1243 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitthwaite
1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1797 Southdown, Hustingpoint, Sussex
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset
R.A. 42 Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 322 Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329 Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 342 Royal Sussex, 79 Commercial Rd., Portsea
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
M.M. 21 Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 178 Wiltshire Keystone, M.H., Devizes

Thursday, 27th November.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H., 4
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
788 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1563 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
1658 Skemmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1818 Victoria Park, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park Rd.
1974 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
2192 Highbury, Cook Hotel, Highbury, N.
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 5 St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177 Domatic, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 657 Canonbury, Masons' Hall Avenue
R.C. 97 Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
350 Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
369 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Alford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
1125 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tilverton, Devon
1313 Permor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheshire
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 67 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1355 Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
K.T. 8 Plais of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

Friday, 28th November.

197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square
K.T. 20 Faith and Fidelity, Cannon St. Hotel, E.C.
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1355 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1821 Adlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 355 Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Swindon
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple
R.A. 915 Abbey, Abbey Council Chamb, Abington
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 29th November.

House Committee, R.M.B.L., Croydon, at 3
1706 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Melham
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.V. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 22nd November.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
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, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 24th November.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
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1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
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Tuesday, 25th November.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
65 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
826 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 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, Ganning Town, 7'30
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30, 8
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2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
R.A. 706 Camden, 15 Pinebury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 26th November.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
103 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
229 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gr. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
761 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
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
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wandorers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
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263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
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 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
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 New Road
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 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
 558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
 Road, N., 8
 1012 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7'45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
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 Road, N.W., 8
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 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
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 1331 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
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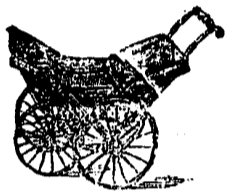


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