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ENJOYABLE MASONRY.

AN old writer tells us that heaven sells all pleasures, effort being the price at which they are obtained, and in this way we may account for much of the success which attends some of our Masonic Lodges, and makes them stand out boldly in relief among their neighbours. The members make an effort to secure success, and they win the pleasures they strive for, while others, who devote little or no attention to the inner working of their Lodge, look on and complain that their meetings are not like those of their friends. It is very difficult to convince these grumblers that the difference they complain of is entirely of their own making, and that if they only attempted a united effort, they might secure equal pleasures to those they experience at the gatherings of their neighbours; but such is really the case, or, at least, it is so to a very great extent.

Let us look at the matter from another point of view. Which are the most enjoyable meetings? Not necessarily those of a large Lodge, neither is it compulsory that the membership should be limited, so that we cannot argue that numbers have anything to do with the matter. We must, therefore, look elsewhere; and we think it will be found that in every successful Lodge there is one, or perhaps several, specially energetic brethren, whose aim is to secure the pleasures which heaven sells at the price of special effort. They pay the price, and the contract is fulfilled, while the directly opposite may be noticed in many of the cases where little or no special interest is evinced by either of the members. We have frequently discussed this subject in the past, pointing out the influences of one man, the power that an enthusiast may possess in a Lodge, and the absolute necessity which exists for some one of the members to go beyond the ordinary limits, if anything above mediocrity is to be achieved. But the field we have to work in is a large one, and there are many among us who are still labouring under a mistaken idea of what is really needed to win for their Lodges the pleasures they enjoy elsewhere, so that we feel no hesitation in putting the matter before them in a new light.

Masonry to be attractive must be enjoyable, and it should be the special effort of the Master and Officers of a Lodge to make their meetings so, else the members will tire of their work, become irregular in attendance, and finally stay away altogether. The basis on which the Order is founded is essentially a pleasurable one—to be happy ourselves, and communicate happiness to others. Why then do anything to create unpleasantness, or let matters drift quietly along in the hope they will set themselves right? Heaven sells pleasures, and we must pay the price if we desire to realize them. No Lodge has yet made a name for itself purely of its own accord, and such a result will never be achieved, no matter how much things may change in the future. Special

effort must be made to win special rewards, and it behoves all who desire to see Masonry advance, to fully recognise this and use every effort in their power to prove the truth of the argument, although if they make no special effort to improve their Lodge, they will soon discover how easy it is for it to lose what little attractions it did possess, and the argument will thus prove itself.

In the off-season of Masonry there is always time and ample opportunity for making good resolutions for the future, and if we can arouse a little enthusiasm by our remarks to-day, and lead a few of what we may term the easy going section of the Order to infuse some enthusiastic activity into their future efforts, we shall have done a certain amount of good, and there is no knowing how far the ultimate consequences may extend. We know the general desire of Lodge members is to have enjoyable meetings, but unfortunately all do not secure them; but do they recognise that they often have themselves alone to thank for the deficiency? Pleasures are not to be secured by the asking, and, instead of wasting their energies in grumbling, we again urge disappointed Craftsmen to personally make use of that effort which heaven requires in payment for the pleasures it has to sell.

NEW YORK'S NEW MASONIC HOME AND ASYLUM.

NOTWITHSTANDING the unfavourable weather of the 21st May, Bro. John W. Vrooman, M.W. Grand Master of New York, assisted by the Grand Officers, laid the Corner-stone of the new Masonic Home of that jurisdiction, near Utica, in the midst of the greatest enthusiasm of the Craft. Some 30,000 strangers visited Utica on this occasion, and some 9000 Freemasons were in line. The ceremonies were performed with impressiveness, but owing to the unfavourable weather the addresses were not delivered until the evening, when some 3000 Brethren assembled in the Utica Opera House, where they were welcomed by Mayor Goodwin, of Utica. There were five Past Grand Masters present, viz., Bros Frank R. Lawrence, Clinton F. Paige, Christopher G. Fox, Jesse B. Anthony and William A. Brodie. Three very able addresses were delivered, by Grand Master Vrooman, Past Grand Master Lawrence, and Bro. Chauncey M. Depew.

From P.G.M. Bro. Lawrence's spirited address we quote the following:

"For generations to come this day will stand conspicuous in Masonic annals. At this time, amid general prosperity and rejoicing, we begin the visible consummation of the steadfast purpose of half a century.

"From this hour we shall watch with pride and interest the progress of the stately building whose design is depicted upon the medal worn to day upon so many breasts, and we shall hope that at an early day the Craft may again be summoned to attend its Dedication. Then indeed will the great work of practical charity begin. Then shall at last our doors be open to receive the destitute Brother and widow, and, holiest task and highest privilege of all, to

shelter from the world the orphans of our Brethren, rearing them to lives of usefulness and worth.

"But with the opening of the Asylum will come the most difficult problem yet before us, embraced in the questions relating to its system and management. And the perplexities to be connected with that subject we should strive from this time forward to realise and prepare for. In the past the effort has been to accumulate the means to establish and maintain this institution. In the future our duty will be to meet the responsibility imposed upon us by the means we now possess, in such manner as to prove that our cherished project is no Utopian dream, but that it can be made a great and permanent and practical means of serving the Almighty, and of promoting humanity.

"So broad is the field for Masonic Charity that even the large means now at disposal will suffice to satisfy only a small portion of the just demands upon the benevolence of the fraternity. It is therefore greatly to be hoped that those means will in the future become largely increased. But this can only be looked for from the free-will offerings to be made from time to time by the members of the Craft."

From Bro. Chauncey M. Depew's eloquent address, we give this excerpt:

"Fifty years ago a Freemason, who was rich in faith but poor in purse, contributed a silver dollar as the commencement of a fund for the building of a suitable Home for the Craft in the State of New York and an Asylum for its indigent members and orphans. No investment ever before yielded such magnificent returns. That Brother must have had abounding hope and expansive imagination, and yet the results have surpassed his wildest dreams.

"This last half century has been full of marvels beyond all other periods in the history of the world. It excels in intellectual and material progress. Inventive genius has so reduplicated the power of man and the forces of nature that the wealth of the world and the happiness and welfare of its people have been incalculably increased. Vast as are these exhibits of the development of the period, the best is the growth of this silver coin. From it has accumulated a fund from which over two millions of dollars have been expended in a hall suitable in solidity and grandeur for the Craft in the Empire State, and hundreds of thousands have been added for the care of the aged and infirm and to provide the means for educating the orphans. We have celebrated the completion of that grand building in New York, which is an external sign of the power and permanence of Masonry, which is not only sufficient for the demands of the Craft for the present and the future, but provides an income of over 50,000 dollars a year for the charitable purposes of the Fraternity. To-day we celebrate the beginning of the practical application of the benevolent spirit of the Brethren, which has been their dream in this State for a hundred years.

"There is no more important study for the statesman, the philosopher, or the generous man than the bestowal of gifts for the benefit of our fellow-men. Since St. Paul announced that the three cardinal virtues were faith, hope and charity, and the greatest of them all charity, this sentiment has grown and expanded until it now finds expression in beneficent efforts all over Christendom; but the prodigal liberality of the United States places them in front rank of humanitarian nations. From the enforced taxation of all, and the liberal purses of many, a golden stream constantly flows into the hospital, the asylum, the home, the work of churches and parishes. When the effort is so great and the distribution so vast, and in many cases so indiscriminate, we stand upon the danger line of pauperizing the recipients. The hospital, which nurses, cures or mends the sick and the injured; the asylum, which cares for the incurable in body or mind or provides a home and its influences; with an education, for destitute and orphan children, one and all complete the purest and highest purposes of benevolence."

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Bro. Depew closed his eloquent address as follows:

"A hundred years ago, at Newburgh, when the Revolution had succeeded, and the Continental Army was disbanding, Washington and all his Generals, standing within the precincts of a Masonic Lodge, of which they were all members, could rejoice in the fact that the Masonic principle of the equality of all men before the law had at last, after unnumbered centuries, become the Cornerstone of the Republic. A century of the successful

operation of this principle enables us to contemplate to-day a government of sixty-three millions of people, possessing more power, enjoying more happiness, delighting in more liberty, and richer and more prosperous than those of any other nation upon the earth. We turn from Washington and his generals and their great work in war, from the early Grand Masters of our State, Bro. Robert R. Livingstone, who gave us our judiciary system, and DeWitt Clinton, who created the Erie Canal, and wedded the lakes to the sea, to the duties of the hour. The past is superb and secure. The present is peace. The future, under the beneficent operations of the Institution founded here to-day, and kindred asylums, which will be established in the different parts of the State, will open, with increasing years, new avenues for charity and fresh reservoirs of benevolence."

We congratulate Grand Master Vrooman and our Brethren of New York upon this auspicious inauguration of their great Masonic Charity, and wish them every success in bringing it to a speedy completion.—*Keystone*.

OUR HOLY COMPACT.

IN the mundane affairs of this life, it seems to be the idea of many, that when one has paid his money to any society he has done *all that can or ought* to be expected of him. There are certainly those in this community who are imbued with this commercial idea, feeling satisfied that when they reach the end and cross over to the other side, they will meet no creditors on the shore beyond this haven. If this be their *only* aim, then commercially speaking it is commendable and proper that a man should pay his just debts, but has he *then* fulfilled *all* his duty to God and his fellow man? *all* his obligations to the Author of his existence and to his fellow creatures created in the image of his God, quickened with the Divine Spirit and fashioned by the hand of the Eternal.

Among the Masonic Fraternity and in the heart of a true and accepted Mason we hope and trust a far different view prevails.

A neophyte is admitted and becomes a member, he pays the initiation fee and enrolls his name to subscribe a small amount for annual dues. Does he think this is *all* required of him? Has charity *no* claim on him or does he fancy the cries of the widow and the orphan are to pass by unheeded or unrequited by him? Has he no further aspiration? or does he desire to be considered as a drone in the hive of usefulness? A thing crawling on the earth in *human form*.

When a member takes upon himself the Masonic covenant, he enters into a solemn compact to illustrate its tenets in himself—in his daily life, and every one who conscientiously endeavours to obey this rule will find himself intuitively called upon to make some sacrifice for the good of the Craft or for the good of his brother—and if one takes this as a basis he can measure for himself the extent of his labour to Masonry as a return for admission to its privileges and blessings; and it would be strange, indeed, if even the most active brother does not find some further opening for his zeal, some means by which he can further demonstrate that with *him* Free Masonry is not a mere plaything or bauble, that the Lodge room is no guzzling hall nor place to wile away his dull or idle hours, but a Holy Institution, having as its basis the three grand and solemn duties of all sects of religion to all mankind. In this age of profanity, of Godless thought and scoffing at all sacred and higher sentiments, Masonry is a sheet Anchor to many, through whose channel, their noble self—their better nature, their high qualifications, their capabilities—all are brought out and boldly asserted instead of their slumbering in oblivion and wilfully neglecting to apply to advantage the good with which God has blessed them. In 1868 and upwards, during the several administrations of G. L. DeCordova, J. J. G. Lewis, J. L. Ashenheim, J. Mayner and Bros. G. C. H. Lewis, B. Stines, E. T. Brandon and a few others, the Friendly Lodge flourished and prospered. It was indeed a pleasure, a joy to be even a visitor, much more a member. An interest was taken by all in the teachings and workings of the order. The *pecuniary* consideration was *not the only idea* of its members. They contributed with means and *in person*, thereby proving their sincerity, their fidelity, their firm and unshaken resolve to maintain

and carry out the noble principles of the Ancient Order and the adoption of its teachings, thereby establishing the building in strength. But, alas! in later years a supineness became manifest in the Lodge superinduced by a want of zeal in the Holy cause, and towards "Our Holy Compact."

Incipient decay made its appearance, and the place that once knew many of the members knew them no longer. The Diadems in the Regal Crown had been removed, and the glory departed from that Lodge that always ranked as the Lodge of Intelligence and wealth of true, faithful, and deservingly accepted Masons. What is now the sequel? The Anchor is again weighed. One of the old, worthy, and experienced captains is at the helm, and with the crew who have signed Articles, there is no doubt that success will be the attendant and that the good ship will reach her destined haven in security and prosperity.

The bright era has again dawned on this Ancient Institution to resuscitate it to its former splendour, to revive the proper feeling in the hearts of the many members attached to the Friendly Lodge, to rouse those whose apathy made them strangers to the good and noble cause, to reanimate those who absented themselves from the happy and fraternal "Conclave," and to induce them one and all to return, and prove to other Lodges that they are mindful of their obligations and will rally around the "Noble Ship" and co-operate with the helmsman and his crew, and remain with the Craft ever after she has righted from the perilous position in which she may have been placed and surrounded with so many shoals and rocks, which might have led to her becoming one of the past. May they all remember "Our Holy Compact" and may T.G.A.O.T.U. always bless their labour, and grant them the spirit of knowledge and understanding.—*Jamaica Post.*

CHANCERY DIVISION, 6TH JUNE.

(Before Mr. Justice Kekewich).

HOLLOWAY v. BEST.

MR. Israel Davis (instructed by Messrs. Halses, Trustram and Co., appeared for the Plaintiffs, and Mr. Sapwell (instructed by Messrs. Oldman and Clabbar) for the Defendant. In this case Mr. Henry Driver-Holloway and Sir George Martin-Holloway trading as Thos. Holloway, of 78 New Oxford Street, London, the proprietors of the well-known Pills and Ointment known as Holloway's Pills and Ointment, sought an injunction to restrain Mr. James Best, a chemist and druggist, from selling pills which were not manufactured by the Plaintiffs, as Holloway's Pills. The proper price of the Plaintiffs' pills is one shilling and three halfpence per box, and Messrs. Holloway were recently surprised to learn that penny boxes of their pills were being sold. They consulted the Trade Mark Society, of which Mr. Edmund Johnson, who is well known in the Courts in connection with these matters, is the Managing Director, and some of the pills thus sold in penny boxes were obtained for analysis, in order to ascertain whether the pills were really of their manufacture. After carefully analysing the pills sold, Messrs. Holloway ascertained that the pills were of entirely different composition from their own pills, which long experience has shown to have a well-recognised medical value. In order to prevent any further deception of the public by this means, the present action was brought, Messrs. Holloway being naturally unwilling that the public should be led to believe they were buying Holloway's Pills when nothing of the kind was being sold to them. Statement of claim was delivered, in which the case was made that the public were being deceived, but no defence was put in, and the Defendant consented that a perpetual injunction should issue, restraining him and his agents from selling, offering for sale, passing off, or attempting to pass off pills not of the Plaintiffs' manufacture as Holloway's Pills, or from applying to pills not of the Plaintiffs' manufacture, the Plaintiffs' trade mark or any words which are commonly used to denote pills of the Plaintiffs' manufacture, or any labels or papers in connection with packing of pills so as to be calculated to deceive. The Defendant also agreed to pay a sum to the Plaintiffs as damages, and to pay all costs as between solicitor and client. Mr. Israel Davis, for the Plaintiffs, accordingly applied for the injunction and the order for payment of costs and damages. Mr. Sapwell consented on behalf of the Defendant to the order in the agreed form. Mr. Israel Davis said it would be in his lordship's recollection that his lordship had suggested some alterations in the minutes, which were now drawn up in the form kindly suggested by his lordship, and gave the plaintiffs all costs as between solicitor and client. Mr. Justice Kekewich said it was unnecessary to go into all the facts as the parties had come to an agreement, the injunction and order would go in terms of the minutes which had been agreed to between the parties.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, Wounds, Ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing Ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who had suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of it can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MEMORIAL HALL AT SWANSEA.

THIS most interesting and impressive ceremony, took place on Thursday, the 4th inst. A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held for the purpose, and this being the first of the kind witnessed in Swansea for many years, considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at the Assembly Rooms, St. Helen's Road, Swansea, at 2:30 p.m., when a collection was taken up in aid of the building fund, which amounted to £14, a sum that was afterwards placed on the stone as a contribution from the brethren. A procession was then formed, Masons appearing in black dress with white gloves and full Masonic clothing and jewels. Amongst the brethren (numbering about 300) were the following Provincial Officers, W.M.'s and distinguished visitors:—Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M., F. Padley, S. Cooper, C. Thomas, W. C. Peace, J. H. Taylor, T. Munday, Thos. Phillips, D. L. Davies, D. Jones, Geo. Thomas, H. N. Davies, Sil. Phillips, J. John, H. Hayde, J. Lovelock, Jas. Hughes, J. S. Davies, M. P. Roberts, J. Williams, P. Lewis, J. R. Leader, T. E. Jones, T. Sandbrook, F. Harries, J. W. Lloyd, W. Williams, Morgan Williams, R. Priest, C. Oliver jun., D. Morgan, W. Williams, S. Sandbrook, W. Buckley Wilson, John Roberts, F. Bradford, Geo. Jones, J. G. Hall, W. Whittington, J. S. Davies, Sir John Jones Jenkins, Capt. Homfray D.P.G.M. of Mon., Robt. Margrave, J. Hood-Williams. On reaching Christ Church the procession, which was preceded by the Police Band and surpliced choir of Christ Church, with clergymen of the neighbourhood, halted, and entered the sacred edifice in inverse order, the D.P.G.M., preceded by his Sword Bearer, distinguished visitors and Officers of P.G. Lodge, passed up the centre of the Church, to the places assigned them. A shortened service was gone through, and a sermon preached by the Rev. M. E. Welby, of Builth, who paid an eloquent tribute to the deceased gentleman, the late Bro. Chas. Bath, whose memory they had assembled to honour. The procession afterwards reformed and proceeded to the site of the proposed building. When finished, it will be a picturesque edifice of late Gothic style, built of local hammer dressed stone in random courses, relieved with bath stone dressings and bastions, with double bastions at the corners. The front, which faces Victoria Park has a gothic porch, with windows on either side and a large centre light above it. Above is the belfry, with a single bell 40 ft. from the ground. At the rear are the vestry and cloak rooms, at either side of the chancel, whilst on the left hand is a commodious kitchen, a very necessary appointment in many ways. There are 3 large ornamental windows, with diamond panes at each side of the wall. The body of the hall will be 50 ft. by 30 ft., capable of accommodating 300 persons, the estimated cost is £969. The central place round the stone was assigned to the brethren, the clergy, the choir of Christ Church and the public occupying the galleries around. The impressive ceremony then commenced, the Grand Chaplain Rev. W. Williams, Builth, reading the prayers. In the absence of the Mayor Bro. Sir J. T. D. Llenhellen, Bro. Dr. Hall addressed the D.P.G.M., requesting him to lay the stone. The inscription on the brass plate placed on the stone was read by the G. Secretary:—

To the honour and glory of God, and in memory of Bro. Charles Bath, one of the founders, and a P.M. of Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, this stone was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Deputy Prov. G.M. of South Wales Eastern Division, 4th June 1891.

REV. ELI CLARKE, VICAR.

MESSRS. C. D. RICHARDS, }
J. S. MOSS, } CHURCHWARDENS.
T. P. MARTIN, ESQ. } ARCHITECT.

The Prov. G. Treasurer deposited in the cavity various coins and copies of local newspapers. The cement was then spread, and the position fixed by the plumb line, level and square, presented by the different Officers. The D.P.G.M. then gave the stone 3 knocks, and declared it duly laid. The cornucopia containing the corn, the ewers containing the wine and the oil were then successively handed to the D.P.G.M., who consecrated the building with M.H. to Virtue and Universal Benevolence. Here followed the dedication prayer, and the choir having sung an anthem, the D.P.G.M. inspected the plans and handed them to the architect, requesting him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work. The Rev. Eli Clarke then addressed the audience, and informed them that the building when completed would cost about £1600, of which £730 had been promised. The D.P.G.M. spoke, in an interval, of the ceremony, alluding to our late Bro. Chas. Bath, and his noble and generous disposition, and said it was to immortalize him they had assembled there on that day. He trusted that the building would prove of eminent service to the inhabitants of that district, as he in whose memory the stone had been laid had proved in his lifetime to all around him. The brethren, after the conclusion of the ceremony, marched back to the Assembly Rooms, where Lodge was closed in due form. The offerings made during the day were large.

The *Masonic Chronicle* of the United States, in its March number, notices with approval Lord Onslow's "able, calm, and suggestive" letter to the recalcitrant Lodges under the English Constitution in New Zealand, on the Grand Lodge movement, advising them to "accept the inevitable." It says it at first hoped that advice would have had a good effect, but the result has not borne this out, and "upon reflection we may say that we ought not to be surprised at this perseverance in contention, as we presume the recalcitrant Lodges to be under pressure of Provincial and Deputy Grand Masters appointed for life, who in the event of centralisation of authority, would find themselves among the common folk of the Order."

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HOW AN AMERICAN GRAND SECRETARY WRITES MASONIC HISTORY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

SOME two or more years ago Brother S. D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, told me that an enterprising brother sent letters to all the Grand Secretaries in the United States requesting each to write a history of Freemasonry of his own jurisdiction, and which histories, when completed, were to be issued as a History of Freemasonry, &c., and that he (Bro. Nickerson) declined to have anything to do with it. I was rather pleased that the new scheme met with his disapprobation, because I well knew that nineteen out of twenty of American writers on Masonry, and especially Grand Lodge officials, would not write the *truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth*, if truth clashed with their determination to perpetuate sectarianism in the ritual, or justifying Grand Lodges to meddle with the rights or wrongs of the different *high degrees'* factions, or for bragging up and magnifying the importance of some special American Masonic jurisdiction. When either of these questions are involved we cannot, *as a rule*, expect to read pure and unadulterated truth coming from the pen of an American high Masonic official. I was, therefore, pleased with Bro. Nickerson's refusal to contribute to the proposed new Masonic history.

Later on Bro. Nickerson told me that the contriver of the new history was so urgent, and bothered him so much to contribute something, that he finally consented to authorise the assistant Grand Secretary to compile some statistics of Massachusetts Masonry for the new projected history of Massachusetts Masonry. The said new history is now printed, and to my surprise I find Division VIII. is thus introduced.

"First glimpses of Freemasonry in North America."
By Sereno D. Nickerson, 33°, P.G.M., *Recording Grand Secretary of Massachusetts.*"

Bro. Nickerson's essay begins on page 439, and winds up on page 455. I presume the reason why he changed his mind, and finally concluded to have *his say*, was owing, first, to Bro. MacCalla's announcement last year to visit Europe. Bro. MacCalla and Bro. Nickerson have been at loggerheads since 1874 as to whether the City of Boston or the City of Philadelphia is entitled to the honour of being crowned as the "mother of American Freemasonry." Well, in the first place, Bro. MacCalla read a paper, in 1890, before the Q.C. Lodge in London, demonstrating, after American Grand Master fashion, that Philadelphia was "undoubtedly" the American mother of Masonry. In addition to which, Bro. Nickerson was informed that Bro. Charles E. Meyer P.M., a 33°, and what not, was about to write for the new history a defence of the Philadelphia claim to American Masonic mothership. Hence, I presume, that Bro. Nickerson considered it his duty to defend Boston mothership of American Masonry in the said new Masonic history. And had Bro. Nickerson confined himself to prove that the first Lodge planted in Boston in 1733, by Henry Price, was undoubtedly done by the authority of the English Masonic authorities of 1733, while all the so-called arguments brought forward by Messrs. MacCalla, Meyer and Co. to prove the legality of the Philadelphia Lodge, from January 1731 to 10th July 1749, when the Philadelphia Masonry was legalised by Grand Master Oxnard, of Boston, granted to Benjamin Franklin a Prov. G.M. Deputation empowering him to grant charters for Lodges in Pennsylvania, when he (Franklin), by virtue of that power, legalised, for the first time, the Masonry in Pennsylvania. I say, had Bro. Nickerson confined his arguments to prove the above *facts*, I would have said with all my heart—"Well done, Bro. Nickerson." But as Bro. Nickerson went beyond the said facts, and ventured to prove unfounded theories, which are as fallacious as Messrs. MacCalla and Meyer's Philadelphia theories, I am, therefore, in duty bound to correct Bro. Nickerson's errors too.

The first question I would like to ascertain is, about the first record of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Nickerson, on page 453, says—

"In Moore's *Freemason's Monthly Magazine* for August 1871, Past Grand Master John T. Heard describes the records of the Grand Lodge of England, as exhibited to him on the 6th October 1870 by R.W. John Hervey Grand Secretary. He gives particular description of Vols. I. and II., by which it appears that the former is interspersed with lists

of Lodges and members, and also with blank pages, on which it was probably intended that other similar entries should be made. Bro. Heard concludes as follows:—

"On and after the 24th June 1735 the minutes of each meeting of the Grand Lodge are signed by the Grand Master, which practice, as Bro. Hervey informed me, has been continued to the present time. Previous to that date, he thinks the minutes were written on loose paper or small books, from which they were copied into the large book which I have here described."

Now, I saw the first record of the G.L. of England in 1869, and I copied from the heading "June 24th 1723." It looked to me like an original record of the above date. When Bro. Heard subsequently told me that the earliest records of the G.L. of England were no more original than the early record of the G.L. of Massachusetts. The next time I was in England, viz., in 1874, I questioned Bro. Hervey about his earliest record, whereupon he showed it to me again, and he pointed out that the 24th June 1723 record was signed by the Duke of Wharton, the then Grand Master; and Bro. Hervey added, "Bro. Heard made a mistake." About six years ago Bro. Henry Sadler showed me the same record again, and I noticed, for the first time, that on a page or more before the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge began, was recorded, by itself, an amendment to the Constitution, passed on 25th November 1723. I did not notice whether it was in the handwriting of Bro. Cowper the then Grand Secretary. But on my return home, I found in Anderson's Constitutions of 1738 that the 25th of November amendment was omitted from the record. Now, as I wrote the above from memory, I would thank Bro. Sadler to inform me whether my statements about the earliest record of the G.L. of Scotland are correct, or whether Bro. J. T. Heard's statement in 1871 was correct: or, in other words, did the fashion of signing the record by the Grand Master begin in 1735? and, if not, when did the G.M. of England begin to sign the record of the meetings over which he presided?*

The Massachusetts 1733 record not only claims that Price founded Masonry in Philadelphia, in Charleston, South Carolina, and that he granted charters to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and to Newfoundland, but it also asserts that he granted Deputations to Nova Scotia. Thus, under date of 1740 the record states—

"Omitted in place That Our R^t Worsh^d Grand Master Mr Price Granted a Deputation at y^e Petition of Sundry Brethren at Annapolis in Nova Scotia to hold a Lodge there and appointed Maj^r Erasm^s Jas^s Philipps D.G.M. who has since at y^e Request of sundry Brethren at Halifax Granted a Constitution to hold a Lodge there, and appointed The R^t Worsh^d His Excellency Edw^d Cornwallis Esq^r their first Master.

But here is an unheard of document. Bro. Nickerson does not inform us where he got it, but says that the document is "believed [Query—By whom?] to be in the handwriting of Bro. Philipps, of which the following is a copy:—

HALIFAX, 12th of June 1750.

"Sir,—At a meeting of true and lawful brothers and Master Masons, assembled at Halifax, in order to consult the proper measures for holding and establishing a Lodge at this Place, it was unanimously resolved on that a petition should be sent to You, who we are informed is Grand Master for the Province of Nova Scotia, in order to obtain your Warrant or Deputation to hold and establish a Lodge at this Place, according to the ancient Laws and Customs of Masonry, &c.

We therefore, the undernamed Subscribers, pursuant to the above resolution, do most humbly Crave and desire Your Warrant to hold and Establish a Lodge as aforesaid according to the Ancient Laws and Customs of Masonry as practised among true and Lawful Brethren, and this we Crave with the utmost dispatch, and beg leave to subscribe ourselves Your true and Loving Brethren,

"Copy P
"ERAS JAS PHILIPPS
"P.G.M.

ED CORNWALLIS
WM STEELE
ROBERT CAMPBELL
WILLM NESBIT
DAVID HALDANE.

When I copied extracts, in 1869, from the Massachusetts record, I had not the slightest idea as to when Halifax was first settled, and strange to say neither did G.M. Gardner know the date of the origin of Halifax in Nova Scotia, and in his address on Henry Price, of 1871, he assigned the dates of the Charters to Annapolis and to Halifax to the year 1735, but about a year or more after Bro. Gardner's address was printed, I showed him

* The absurdity of the Grand Lodge of England not having an original record before 1735 may be disproved from the fact that in 1731 the Duke of Norfolk sent from Venice to the Grand Lodge of England the sum of £20, the sword of Gustavus Adolphus, and "a beautifully bound minute book:" hence the Grand Lodge must have had an original record book before 1735.

Haliburton's History of Nova Scotia, from which he learned that no place by the name of Halifax existed in Nova Scotia before the end of 1749. Now, upon the sole authority of a list of the members of the first Boston Lodge, written by Charles Pelham, not earlier than 1750, we are informed that Erasmus Jas. Philipps was initiated in Boston in 1737. Pelham could not have copied the above from a record of the first Boston Lodge, because the said Lodge kept no record in 1737, at least there is no evidence that the Lodge did keep a record in 1737. Again, suppose Price was actually appointed G.M., as he claimed to have been; then, as Tomlinson succeeded Price early in 1737, how could Price have granted a Deputation to Erasmus J. Philipps about seven months after Tomlinson's Deputation reached Boston? Assuming, therefore, that the above document, cited by Bro. Nickerson, was a true copy from one written by Governor Cornwallis, what proof can Bro. Nickerson furnish outside of Pelham's manufactured record that Erasmus J. Philipps had ever received any authority from Price at all? Be it further remembered that Annapolis was the only spot occupied by the English in Nova Scotia before 1749, and that it contained very few English settlers and a few soldiers. It is not likely, therefore, that if Price did actually authorise Philipps to establish a Lodge at Annapolis, that he would have granted him the power at that time of D.G.M. to establish Lodges outside of Annapolis, but the whole pretensions of Price to having had anything to do with Nova Scotia Masonry is simply on a par with his pretensions to having granted to Benjamin Franklin a charter in 1734, and to other charters which he claimed to have granted at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to Newfoundland, to Charleston, South Carolina, &c.

I stated that in 1872 I surprised Bro. W. S. Gardner by showing him that Halifax in Nova Scotia was not known before the latter half of 1749. In 1873 I gave him another surprise by showing him a pamphlet, printed in Halifax in 1876, containing a Constitution, and a sketch of the history of Masonry in Nova Scotia since 1750, when the first Lodge there was organised, on which occasion Lord Colvil, the Commander of the several ships which conveyed the colonists and soldiers to Nova Scotia in 1749, and a number of other gentlemen, were initiated, and I stated that the Lodge "probably" acted under the authority of Erasmus Jas. Philipps. The word "probably" implies that I was not very certain about the original authority for the Halifax Lodge of 1750. But the said pamphlet further informs us that in 1757 Erasmus J. Philipps received from Dermott, the Grand Secretary of the so-called "Ancients" in London, a Deputation making him Provincial G.M. of Nova Scotia, also a Charter for a Lodge. And that in 1768 another charter arrived from Dermott to Halifax. In the said Deputation, and also in the Charters, the Grand Master and Grand Wardens' names are given in full, also the names of Master and Wardens of the new Lodge are recorded in full in the Charter. And in 1784 another application was made by the Halifax Masons to Dermott for a Grand Master's Deputation, and I believe for two Charters, which Bro. Dermott granted, and Nova Scotia remained under the wing of the Ancients until the Union in 1813. Now, after pointing out the above facts to Bro. Gardner, I added that if Bro. Erasmus James Philipps had been initiated in Boston, and had received from Price, rightly or wrongly, a Deputation to open Lodges in Nova Scotia, Philipps, as an honourable man, would never have violated his obligation to the Grand Lodge, under whose authority he was initiated, by applying in 1757 to Dermott. Surely a man initiated in Boston, holding the position Major Philipps did in Halifax, would not have been refused a Deputation from the G.L. of England itself. The fact of Philipps receiving a Deputation from Dermott in 1757 proves to my mind conclusively that he never was initiated in Boston, and that he never had anything from Price. And, on the other hand, I feel satisfied that Henry Price never heard about Erasmus James Philipps before the latter part of 1750, when Lord Colvil arrived in Boston, where he remained for several months. Lord Colvil received the third degree in Boston, and was also dubbed Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts. From Lord Colvil Price learned about the existence of Erasmus Jas. Philipps, and about the new Lodge of 1750, of Halifax; and as Price was very ambitious to be regarded by posterity as the founder of Masonry in every part of America, and as Pelham was then preparing materials for filling up his record for the Grand Lodge from 1733, Price told Pelham that Philipps was initiated in Boston in 1737, that he gave Philipps a

Deputation as D.G.M. over Nova Scotia, and hence the Lodge in Halifax was due originally to Henry Price's authority. In reality, however, the brethren at Halifax knew up to 1786 just as much about their relationship to Henry Price as Benjamin Franklin and the Philadelphia Masons knew in 1734 of the relationship of their Masonry to the authority of Daniel Coxe. I shall only say that Bro. Gardner, when I explained the above facts to him, never had a word to say against my reasoning. Our ingenious Bro. Nickerson, however, says:—

"What is called the Deputation under which Bro. Philipps acted was issued by the Provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts [Query— which Grand Master?] under the authority of the 'Moderns' Grand Lodge of England. The Earl of Blessington was Grand Master of the 'Ancients,' and it is probable that the Grand Warrant named [of 1757] was thrust upon Bro. Philipps by the recently organised Grand Lodge of 'Ancients' without any request on his part, and probably never was used by him."

I can give some good reasons for believing that the Deputation and Warrant of 1757 were no more thrust upon Bro. Philipps than the subsequent Warrants and Deputations were thrust by the "Ancients" on the brethren of Nova Scotia. I will, however, leave the question as to whether the G.L. of the "Ancients" thrust those documents upon Bro. Philipps, or whether regular applications were made for the Deputation, &c., in 1757 from Bro. Philipps to the G.L. of the "Ancients" to the judgment and decision of Bro. Henry Sadler.

I must here state that all the documents sent from Dermott to Halifax between 1757 and 1784, the reader will find in the supplement to Bro. Brennan's Rebold's History of Masonry, 1875, and the gist of the Halifax pamphlet of 1786, together with some comments of mine, was printed in the first volume of the Masonic Magazine, p 131, &c., October 1873.

But here is another specimen of manufactured history by our American Grand Secretaries. Charles Pelham manufactured the Massachusetts Grand Lodge record of 1733, and he does mention the phrase "Grand Secretary" before 13th April 1750, when he himself was appointed to that office. But Bro. C. W. Moore, by virtue of being Grand Secretary of Massachusetts presumed to know more about Charles Pelham than Pelham knew about himself, and in a Table appended to a Massachusetts Constitution of 1856, C. W. Moore makes Pelham's Grand Secretaryship begin, not in 1750, but in 1744. And our Bro. Nickerson, by virtue of the same high office, *out Moores* C. W. Moore, by making Peter Pelham, the father of Charles Pelham, into a Grand Secretary of Massachusetts too. Bro. Nickerson says.—

"The earliest records of the first Provincial Grand Lodge of New England are in the handwriting of Peter Pelham."

The impression Bro. Nickerson was endeavouring to convey from his new theory was, that Charles Pelham copied some of the events related by him of the period before he himself was initiated into Masonry, he copied from preceding Grand Lodge records, of the time when Peter Pelham was Grand Secretary. Such an idea is conveyed by Bro. Nickerson in a kind of dubious eloquent rhetoric which sounds very nice. But, nevertheless I venture to assert, that Peter Pelham never was Grand Secretary, and that not a line or even a word in Peter Pelham's handwriting can Bro. Nickerson find in any record existing in the Boston Masonic Temple. Nor did Bro. Nickerson know what Peter Pelham's handwriting looked like before I showed him a *fac simile* of Peter Pelham's signature, which I obtained in the Boston Historical Society rooms, taken from an original receipt written and signed by Peter Pelham. No, no! Brother Nickerson; Peter Pelham was no more Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts than Charles Pelham was Grand Secretary in 1744, or that Henry Price was ever Grand Master of New England and its Territories.

Of Bro. Charles Meyer's history of the Philadelphia Masonic mothership, I confess that I have read but little, but even the little I have read convinces me that his reasoning is as bad as it possibly can be. In short, his reasoning to uphold his *Henry Bell hobby* is not a whit better than Bro. Nickerson's reasoning was to uphold his *Henry Price hobby*. The squabble, however, between these two Masonic worthies proves what I have asserted again and again—namely, that as a rule, "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," must not be expected from a high American Grand Lodge official when he is

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

A MONTHLY meeting was held at the Lodge Room, Bogle Hotel, Bournemouth, on Tuesday last, when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The ceremonies of the day included initiation, passing, and raising, and were impressively performed by the I.P.M. Bro. H. Pearce. At the close of the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. P.M. Dore, and spent a pleasant evening together, separating at 8 p.m.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Vultchoff W.M., Staton S.W., Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treas., William Garside Sec., Spencer S.D., Jackson J.D., Bushell P.M. I.G.; P.M.'s Dawson, Bladon P.P.G.A.D.C., Walmsley, Lisenden, Akerman, Robinson, Cheaworth and Garside; Bros. Marsh, Whitehead, Allen, Veder, Dabet, Rottmayer, and Paterson, Brownhill and others. Visitors—Hooper P.P.G.T., Thomas P.M. 350 and 204, Lloyd P.M. 1730. The Lodge was opened at 5.45, and after confirming the minutes of last meeting Messrs. Guest and Sinclair were balloted for and elected to become members of the Lodge. They were subsequently initiated into Freemasonry, the former by Bro. P.M. Akerman and the latter by the W.M. There being no further business the Lodge was closed until the first Thursday in September. At the social board the health of the initiates was proposed and responded to. We were extremely pleased to see Bro. Dabet amongst us again, his highly talented and appreciated services at the piano being at all times a feature at the social board.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 764.

THE annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool, on the 9th inst., when Bro. Staveley was impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Olsen P.M. P.P.G.J.D. The W.M. elect chose for his Officers Bros. Hodge I.P.M., Monkman S.W., Lilly J.W., Harpley P.M. Treasurer, Mark S.D., Foxton J.D., Hurworth Organist, Robson I.G., and Fox and Laycock Stewards. At the close of the ceremony a banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. elect presiding. Several brethren from neighbouring Lodges were present.

LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 855.

THE annual installation festival was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., and there was a large number of visiting brethren, for whose reception the local brethren had, as usual, made most excellent arrangements. The Lodge was held in the Town Hall, which was perfectly fitted and handsomely decorated, the latter being carried out by Bros. Penly, Adams, and Vigor. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Henly was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by D.P.G.M. Bro. Vassar Smith, assisted by Bro. Millman P.M. P.P.G.J.W., the following P.M.'s being also present:—Bros. Gould I.P.M. 53, Perrin P.P.G.S. of Works, Heath I.P.M., Clifford P.G.J.W., Harris P.P.G.S.B. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed and invested the following as Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Worlock S.W., Millman J.W., Porrett Treasurer, Penly Secretary, Vigor S.D., Adams J.D., Lansdown Organist, Mackenzie I.G., Window Tyler. The banquet was served at the Swan Hotel, by Host Bruin, and its excellent arrangements called forth the encomiums of the visiting brethren, and at its conclusion the usual Masonic toast list was gone through.

ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 954.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting at Devonport, on the 9th inst. During the year the contributions to Masonic Charities had been doubled, and £40 added to the Lodge's invested fund. Bro. T. Launder the S.W. having declined to be a candidate on the present occasion for the office of W.M., Bro. A. A. Donovan was elected. Bro. Donovan, a Past Warden of Adam's Lodge, No. 158, Sheerness, on his removal to Devonport joined the St. Aubyn Lodge. Bro. J. T. Allingham, who has given great satisfaction during the three years he had held the office of Treasurer, resigned, and Bro. Chas. Tozer was elected in his stead. Bro. J. Henderson was re-elected Tyler. The installation was fixed for 23rd June.

MONTGOMERY LODGE, No. 1741.

A LARGE meeting was held at the King's Head Hotel, on the 1st inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Harry Chase Green as W.M. Amongst those present were the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. Simpson W.M., Webb I.P.M., Green S.W., Panks J.W., Flatman Secretary, Tyrrell S.D., Rash J.D., Bobby I.G., Evans P.M., Rice P.M., Gaze P.M., Smith, Spink, A. G. Bobby and Clarke. The visitors included Bros. Le Strange D.P.G.M. Norfolk 60, Siddell W.M. 807, Buckingham jun. W.M. 85, Booth P.M. 81, Tack P.M. 516, Green P.M. 388, Offord P.G.T. Norfolk 215, Barnard P.G. Secretary Norfolk 943, Anderson Secretary 516, Brady 1095, Sleigh 376, Simpson 376, Seaman 704. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Lyus P.M., the Senior Warden's chair being filled by Bro. Panks, and that of Junior Warden by Bro. Tyrrell. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Simpson I.P.M., Panks S.W., Tyrrell J.W., Slack Treasurer, Flatman Secretary, Rash Senior Deacon, Arnold Bobby J.D., Madgett I.G., Cracknell

Organist, Evans Past Master and Rice Past Master Stewards, Staff Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Green. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft and the M.W.G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were given in appropriate terms from the chair. The Worshipful Master also proposed the V.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, and, in coupling with it the name of Bro. Le Strange G.D. D.P.G.M., referred to the honour conferred upon the Lodge by his presence amongst them that evening. Bro. Le Strange, in reply, spoke eulogistically of the Grand Officers, and as to his own rank amongst them he acknowledged that it was indirectly due to the confidence placed in him by his Norfolk brethren by appointing him to the office he held as D.P.G.M. The Worshipful Master next gave the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk (Lord Suffield), the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. Hamon Le Strange), and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. The toast was responded to by the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Secretary, the former announcing that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk would be held at Dereham, on the 15th July. Bro. Simpson I.P.M. submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, who, in response, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received his health, and assured them that he felt it a high honour to occupy the chair of the Lodge. He had striven all the time he had been in office to attend regularly to his duties and obey his superior Officers in everything connected with the Lodge. He looked forward to a happy year of office, for he was confident that he had selected a body of Officers who would do any Lodge credit, and whom he could depend upon for their assistance in the work of the Lodge. Other toasts followed.

HIGH PEAK LODGE, No. 1952.

THE annual festival and installation meeting was held on Monday, in the National Schools, Chapel-en-le-Frith, when there was a large gathering of the Craft from Chapel-en-le-Frith, Bakewell, Buxton, and other places. Bro. W. S. Anderson S.W. was duly installed W.M. by Bro. J. St. Ledger S.W., assisted by Past Masters Hallam, Boycott, Whitehead, and Lingood. Afterwards the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—J. St. Leger I.P.M., J. W. Broadhurst S.W., Rev. W. P. Stamper J.W., J. Whitehead Secretary, R. H. Hyde Treasurer, E. Walker S.D., W. Ward J.D., J. B. Boycott Dir. Cer., J. W. Hick I.G., W. Lingood Organist, R. Longden Tyler. In the evening dinner was served in the Town Hall, prepared by Mr. G. Muller, Railway Hotel, Buxton. Afterwards the usual toast list was gone through.

AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2395.

ON Thursday, the 4th inst., the above Lodge, which is held at the Lambeth Carlton Club, was solemnly consecrated, the consecrating Officer being Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, assisted by Bros. Philbrick, Mead, Richardson, and Rev. H. Lansdell, D.D. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. Nicholson was installed as W.M., Bro. Haydn as S.W., Bro. Dutton as J.W., and Bro. Turle Lee as Organist. The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bros. Brown, Harper Kearton, Gawthrop, Bevan, and Turle Lee.

BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2396.

THE first meeting following the consecration was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, on Monday, 1st inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Johnson, C.C., and the other brethren and visitors present were Bros. Tibbatts 1385 J.W., Deputy Dadswell 201 Treasurer, Smith J.D. 19 Secretary, Hollington, C.C., P.M. 58 P.G.S. S.D., Jacobs P.M. 1327 P.P.G.P. J.D., Cherry 861 I.G., Collinson P.M. 862 W.S., Wagstaff, C.C., 188, Mercer, L.C.C., 295 and 2256, Dadswell 569, Little P.M. 1685, Merrett 19, Stauffer 19, Weston, J.Ph., 1278, Cohen 360, Breden 1365, Bouffler 901, Adams 1687, Grant 1278. The minutes of the consecration meeting of 27th April were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee appointed to frame Bye-laws was received. The Bye-laws for the government of the Lodge were adopted. The ballot in each case proving unanimous, the following candidates were initiated:—Mr. Richardson, C.C., Mr. Romain, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Newman, and Mr. Gadsdon. The following brethren were unanimously elected as joining members:—Bros. Fitch, C.C., 1827, Beswick 11, Grew 650, Jacobs 1437, Bertha 1563, Fratton 65. Bro. Haskins was appointed and invested Organist. Five candidates for initiation were nominated. After the Lodge work the brethren adjourned to an admirably-served banquet.

MALLING ABBEY LODGE, No. 1063.

THE installation of the newly-elected Worshipful Master Bro. A. Spencer P.M. P.G. Sword Bearer England, P.G. Secretary Kent, took place at West Malling, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when there was a numerous attendance of visitors and members of the Lodge. The proceedings took place at the Institute, which had been specially fitted up for the occasion, Bro. Wilmot P.P.G.R. acting as Installing Master in a most efficient manner. Subsequently, the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The Immediate Past Master Bro. Lyle was elected Charity Representative of the Lodge in the place of Bro. Clout P.M., who had resigned, having held the office several years. The Worshipful Master then presented Brother Lyle, the retiring Master, with a jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge as a recognition of the excellent manner in which he had presided over it. An adjournment was then made to the Bear Hotel, where the annual banquet was served in capital style by the landlord, Mr. Seldon. The W.M. presided, being supported by the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the other visitors. Ho

proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were received with Masonic honours, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, acknowledged the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers in an able speech, and proposed the health of the W.M. in most complimentary terms. The toast was exceedingly well received, the selection of the Lodge meeting with universal and hearty approval. The newly-elected P.M. has already been W.M. of the Lodge, and in fact few Masons have had a more distinguished career than he has. He was initiated in the Mallory Abbey Lodge in 1867, was appointed I.G. the following year, J.W. in 1869, S.W. in 1870, and W.M. in 1871, just 20 years ago. He was appointed P.G.S.D. in 1872, P.G. Secretary of Kent in 1873, and in the Jubilee year, 1887, P.G. Sword Bearer of England.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Monday, the 1st inst., the chair at the opening being taken by the W.M. Bro. Kohn, supported by a full staff of Officers and Past Masters. Bro. Kohn concluded a successful year by installing his successor Bro. Harley as W.M., a service which was recognised by the Lodge in passing a unanimous vote of thanks. The W.M. elect invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Kohn I.P.M., Ironside S.W., Linaker J.W., Cotter P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Fraser P.M. O.R., Jones P.M. D.C., Tickle Secretary, Clarke S.D., Caultle J.D., Mottershead I.G., Barclay, Greenough, Robinson, Roach, Captain Jay Stewards, Hudson Organist, Ball Tyler. The assembly included Bros. Goodacre P.G.S.B. England P.G. Secretary, Willings P.P.G.D., Cross P.G.D., Foote P.P.G. Treasurer, Robinson P.P.G.A.D.C., Ellis P.G.D. Cheshire, Pye P.M. 1094, George Eyton P.M., Hignett Worshipful Master elect 1395, Phillips P.M. 1356, Bowyer W.M. 667, Bucknall P.M. 667. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. C. Fothergill P.M. was elected Steward to represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Boys' Institution, to be held on the 24th inst., when the chair will be taken by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire. The post-prandial proceedings included the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by the retiring Master, Bro. Kohn. The W.M. then proposed the installing Master and I.P.M. Bro. Kohn, and in alluding to the excellent year of office just completed, presented him with a valuable Past Master's jewel and a life governorship of the W.L.M.E.I. Bro. Kohn responded to the toast in suitable terms. The toast of the Masonic Charities was then proposed by Bro. Fothergill P.M., who took occasion to say how gratifying it had been to him to find, after the unanimous manner he had been elected to a stewardship for the Boys' Institution in London, that the brethren round the board had contributed the handsome sum of 50 guineas. Bro. Foote P.P.G. Treasurer responded to the toast, and heartily congratulated Bro. Fothergill on the satisfactory result of his appeal to the members of the Neptune Lodge on behalf of the Masonic Institution for Boys. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bro. Pye P.M. 1094, and others. The musical brethren who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Bros. Eyton, Fargher, Batty, Pugmire, Dickman, Hughes, Antwie, and Hudson Organist. Bro. Harley was congratulated on the happy auspices under which he enters his year of office.

ROYAL ARCH.

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HAYLE CHAPTER, No. 450.

THE annual convocation was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when Companions George Williams, J. M. Richards, and Richard Rowe were installed Principals for the ensuing year by the Ex-Companion W. K. Baker P.Z. The officers appointed were W. Wagner Scribe E., S. Read Scribe N., F. W. Thomas P.S., W. Veale and J. W. Jackson Sojourners; W. N. Trounson S.B., T. Taylor C.B., A. Dunkin D.C., J. Richards Organist, W. Wales and W. Black Stewards. The Treasurer (Companion G. B. Pearce P.Z.) presented the statement of accounts, which was passed, and showed the Chapter to be flourishing both in numbers and efficiency. After the Chapter was closed the Companions adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the annual banquet was prepared, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., to install the Principals for the year ensuing:—Comps. Daniels Z., Lavers H., Toms J. The Installing Officers were Comps. Lord P.Z. 70, Ailsford P.Z. 202, and Gidley P.Z. 1205 and 2025. Prior to the ceremony of installation a candidate was exalted to the sublime degree. At the close of the Chapter, the Companions adjourned to the refreshment-room of the club, where an excellent supper was prepared by the manager, Comp. S. Harvey, and under the presidency of the First Principal a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Addressing the Grand Lodge at Kansas, Bro. Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Grand Orator, said recently:—To such as make pretended revelations of the secrets of Masonry, either in books or in lectures, or in public exhibitions of alleged initiatory rites, no Mason need ever make answer. Every moral and intelligent person who reads, hears, or sees their "revelations" perceives at once that either they have been misled, and so are mistaken in their assertions, or else that they are retailing the assertions of perjurers, if they be not perjurers themselves.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

MANCHESTER FREEMASONS IN A SALT MINE.

BROTHER ALBERT HAMER BATTYE W.M., and about 40 Officers and members of the Strageways Lodge, No. 1219 (Manchester), on the invitation of Brother Lowery, of Winington Park, visited Northwich on Saturday afternoon, and, by permission of Mr. T. Ward, inspected one of the salt mines, 112 yards deep, and said to be the largest and one of the oldest in the district. The bed of salt is 100 ft. thick, but the workings for the last 30 years have been spreading over a uniform thickness of 25 ft., and there is enough rock left, the party were informed, to find labour for the miners for the next 130 years. Two narrow shafts, capable only of admitting a moderate-sized hogshead, communicate with the mine, and three persons only can ascend or descend at a time. The vast excavated space was on Saturday illuminated with hundreds of candles, some arranged in various pleasing devices. Supplied with lighted "dips," the party perambulated to the workings, "interviewed" the workmen, saw a number of shots fired in the blasting operations, visited the stables, inspected a set out of special "curios," joined in a glee, and came to the surface evidently much interested and edified by what they had seen. The ponies in the mine are in good condition, and though one of them has never seen daylight for 17 years it is not blind. None of the horses suffer in this respect. The miners, too, are a healthy race. Massive pillars of rock salt every 25 yards are left to support the roof of solid rock above. The mine, therefore, presents the appearance of a huge hall, [which would comfortably accommodate an immense army, or a Hyde Park demonstration on a large scale, where the words of the speakers might be heard. The acoustic effect of the shots fired by the workmen resembled peals of thunder. The process of manufacturing salt on the surface was subsequently seen in operation; and after a voyage by steamer on the Weaver, the famous hydraulic lift at Anderton for raising the canal boats between the river and the Mersey and Trent canal was visited, and the party, by permission of Captain Saner, C.E., were raised and lowered by the huge apparatus. Another steamboat ride, during which all were subjected to the lens of the photographer, and the party were entertained at tea by Bro. Lowery, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Northwich, which brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close.

Proof copies have been issued of a small but interesting book of 21 pages, the title-page of which announces it to be a "History of Operative Lodge, No. 140, Dumfries, with a list of the Masters and Wardens." The production is really a lecture delivered by Brother James Smith S.W. 63, on the 21st of last month, at a meeting of Lodge 140, and reported *in extenso* in the "Dumfries Courier." The charter of 140, a copy of which is given by Brother Smith, sets forth that several Master Masons belonging to different Lodges within Scotland being willing to associate for the true end of Masonry as an *operatives body only* craved permission from the Grand Lodge to form a Lodge under the style and title of the Operative Lodge of Dumfries, which permission was "given at Edinburgh, 5th day of Feb., 1776—A.L. 5780. Signed—David Dalrymple G.M., W. Barclay D.G.M., James Rennie S.G.M., James Geddes S.G.W. Witness—Will. Mason G. Sec., David Bolt G. Clerk." Perhaps the most interesting part of the history of this Lodge, says Brother Smith, was the formation of a branch in Carlisle, the first meeting of which was held on 28th January 1825. It is recorded that in 1862 "the R.W.M. stated that he had been at a meeting of the P.G. Committee, when they asked him as a matter of courtesy if the Operative Lodge would oblige Bro. Riddick by allowing him to carry the silver trowel that was to be presented to the P.G.M. on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the Infirmary, and that at all times henceforth the Operative Lodge should still hold their power to carry the tools, and should not have to ask again for such a favour. Minutes to that effect to be entered in their books; when, after consideration, it was agreed to grant the request. Brother Smith, continuing his history, says, "It has been stated that 'No. 140' is in the unique position of being the only Lodge whose membership is confined to working Masons. I have made numerous inquiries, and, through the courtesy of Lodge Secretaries and others, have been able to obtain the following information:—There are 14 Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge bearing the designation of 'operative,' but of these only two restrict their membership to operatives who have served a regular apprenticeship to the trade, namely, 'Operative Lodge, No. 150,' Aberdeen, and 'Operative, No. 140,' Dumfries. The Secretary of the Aberdeen Lodge informs me that the rule for admission 'is strictly adhered to; every member for initiation must be an Operative Mason, and must have served a regular apprenticeship to the trade.' So far as I can glean from scanning the list of Lodges in England, Ireland, and abroad, the name of 'Operative' is peculiar to Scottish Lodges; and, therefore, in some respects, it is a pity that Lodges bearing that name have departed from their unique intention of being formed for working Masons only.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

Colonel Lumsden of Pitcaple, the Grand Master of Freemasons of East Aberdeenshire, was the guest of the Grand Mark Lodge of England last week, and, in replying to the toast of the Visitors, which was proposed by the Earl of Euston, said he felt it a very great honour to have been asked to come to the meeting. Referring to the fact that the Earl of Kintore was a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, Colonel Lumsden said he was a neighbour of his lordship in Aberdeenshire, and, as Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of South Australia, had that evening spoken most highly of the Earl of Kintore's qualification as a Governor and as a Freemason of South Australia, he could only echo what the Chief Justice had said. As a landlord, as a neighbour, and as a friend, Lord Kintore was beloved by the people of Aberdeenshire.—*Aberdeen Daily Free Press.*

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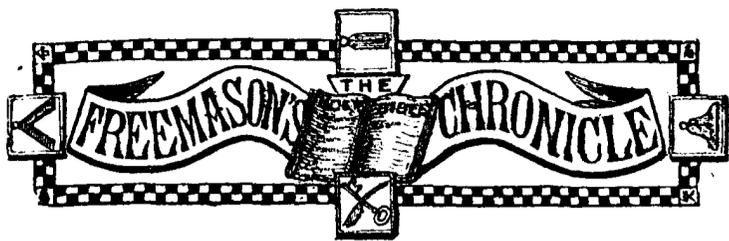
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SATURDAY, 13TH JUNE 1891.

ARISE AND BUILD.

An Oration by Rev. R. H. Weller, D.D., before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Florida, 23rd January 1891.

THIS rapidly closing half of the nineteenth century is a period of world's history in which every true man among us should rejoice, and thank God that he is called to live and take an active part. It is remarkable in itself, and most remarkably fruitful in its results for the future of mankind. There has been a wonderful development, advancement and growth, along the lines of every branch of human mastership over nature—material, physical and intellectual. Savage nations, who, fifty years ago, were debased to the level of brutes, went naked and devoured their prisoners on festal days, have wheeled into the line of civilized life, and are contributing to the commerce and industry of the world. The Chinese wall of separation has been levelled, and Japan has become a constitutional government and entered the lists as a rival of the great West, in art, science and literature. Universal education has reached far nearer its consummation than ever before. Steam power has become the tractable slave of man, in every industry; its application to railways and ocean travel, only dreamed of by the wildest schemers three score years ago, has brought states and nations near to each other's firesides. The telegraph and telephone have almost made to-morrow obsolete, in the quick intelligence of the passing hour. The single discovery of petroleum has revolutionized social life in many branches—of medicine, science, mechanics, and the gift of lights. Progress, advance, change, is written in running letters everywhere. There is no shore which commerce does not touch, and no country which the foot of the traveller may not safely tread. And, on toward the advancing future of the world, the Poet Laureate of England has spoken out the impulse that rules mankind to-day:

"Not in vain the distance beckons,
Forward, forward, let us range;
Let the great world spin for ever
Down the ringing groves of change."

Everything within us, about us, and around us, is on the rapid move. The result of all this on our modern life is an intense individuality, absorbing selfishness, a grasping hurry, and an all-permeating fermentation everywhere. Nothing within the range of man's faculties or activities is settled. No truth is so sound, no principle so fixed, and no sentiment so sacred, that it is not opened for criticism, review, and even reversion.

It is a grand era in the world's history; everything is alive, nothing is stagnant. It is grand in its acquirements; grand in its possessions; but, alas, grand also in its empiricisms, and in its possibilities for the debasement as well as elevation of the human race. We glory in what it is; we rejoice that we are here to take part in it; but we have an intense, prophetic dread of what it may be. For, with all its grandeur of power and magnificence, there is an all-important something wanting—a crying need coming up from every highway and byway and homestead of humanity, to-day. That need is for the strong infusion into human life, in every one of its activities, of the saving and strengthening elements of permanency and solidity. These seem to be strikingly lacking in governmental rules; your banks and business and professions need them; your social and family relations have them not. They have all been honeycombed with the despot spirit of individuality, unrest and change.

If skilled in Masonic history, you will readily see that our ancient Order has a vital relation to these conditions of humanity, and that the controlling life of our times

offers it a peculiar and forceful field of enterprise. For, as the oldest of existing human institutions, with a strongly conservative character working within the very marrow of its bones, with "large discourse looking before and after," it clings with one hand firmly to the past, its principles and established records, and with the other seizes upon and appropriates new materials.

Discerning the signs of the times, let us be ever wise and active in the vigorous application of the conservative spirit and powers of our Order into the culture, enterprise and grasping greed of our times.

A wise writer has truly said that "the past is, in its essence, not only the same as the present, but the past is also, in its essence, the sire of the present." The same principles of intercourse which both invigorated and steadied social life in the days of old, is the power which every member of the Craft should exercise in the social, business and political life of to-day.

We have our "landmarks;" they anchor us to the past, and have saved many from the rushing downward drift of unrestfulness and change. We have our earmarks; they indentify us, and tell the outside world who and what we are. Let every Mason rigorously guard this identity in his every relation to commercial, professional, social and home life—a Jachin and a Boaz for strength and establishment to his fellow man, who is adrift on the changeful tide.

But of the past and its good, and of the present and its duties, we are to be the living and visible witnesses. So there is another way through which Masonry must impress itself, by public testimony.

Solidity lays a firm corner-stone, and permanency erects thereon its strong pillar, to make their presence and power felt. In a materialistic age, principle must be materialized, and ancient truth must speak out to the world from its own granite homestead.

This was the ruling idea which compelled the building of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, at great cost of money, and enormous sacrifice of muscle and bone, and even life. The temporary shelter in Atad's threshing floor, and the feeble fabric of a curtained Tabernacle, were sufficient for the wilderness and the journey from Egypt, when men were poor and had no settled dwelling place. But Canaan gained, and the people at peace, the choicest city acquired, must, with toil and struggle, uplift upon its highest point, with marble and granite, and cedar and gold and precious stones, a material fabric, as a fit witness to the nations of the faith which was within the people, and the high duties which rested upon them.

Fixed localization for its workshops, a building erected commensurate with its claims for recognition, is the evidence men require everywhere for permanency and solidity. Masonry, speaking, teaching, and improving itself through symbolism—its working tools the square, the level, the trowel and the plumb—should not show itself as an ephemeral fancy, but as a fixed fact; it should not be wanting in such material testimony as stone and brick and timber present, amid the restlessness of modern life.

Let us carry this thought still further. Time was when this Grand Lodge of Florida represented a very feeble folk. Like an ill-omened bird, it depended for its housing upon another's nest, or dwelt in borrowed tents of Gebal and Ammon and Amelek. That time is past, as to its necessities, and the world should know that Freemasonry is no man's guest, but owns and speaks from her own Temple.

In the State of Florida Masonry is strong in numbers, strong too in character and influence, and as such should possess a fixed, solid and permanent homestead. It is a most important need. Let us arise and build it as a witness to the power and virtuous character of our Craft. But build it where? That seems to be the question. Well, anywhere; only build it strong and beautiful, and build it now. It is not the site which is of great consequence, but it is of the greatest consequence that you should possess your own roof-tree, for the protection and honour of your altar, your ark and your archives.

"Arise and build," and may the Great Architect of the Universe inspire, direct and prosper you in your good work.—*Voices of Masonry.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Barton-on-Humber, on Monday, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master William Henry Smyth, D.L., presiding; he was accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W. Bro. Jas. Fowler. The Lodge assembled at the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447. The P.G. Charity Stewards, acting on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, reported that £320 had been obtained, which the Right W.G. Master considered a highly satisfactory result. It was resolved to give the Province's support to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next year, and Stewards were appointed. Thirty guineas were awarded to the Charity Stewards towards the R.M.I. for Boys; and a vote of thanks was passed to W. Bro. the Rev. J. G. Baylis for presentation of P.G. Chapter jewel. The Right W. Grand Master announced that next year would be the Centenary of Provincial Grand Lodge, on 21st June 1892, and it was proposed to hold the Lodge at Grantham. In June 1792 there were only four Lodges in the Province; now there are 24 Lodges, and 1,067 members; and this, he thought, was a very satisfactory advancement. He then invested his Officers, as follow:

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Henry Meggitt	Assist. Secretary
F. G. Shilcock	Pursuivant
A. Wykes	Assistant Pursuivant
— Stephenson	
— Thurlby	
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ST. ETHELBERT LODGE, No. 243.

AT the annual installation meeting, at Hereford, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., Bro. F. S. Collins, of Ross, was installed as W.M. in succession to Bro. J. S. Norton. The ceremony was performed by Past Masters Barnes and Blinkhorn. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Norton I.P.M., Cullwick S.W., Chance J.W., Margrett M.O., Parlby S.O., Blinkhorn J.O., Davies Treasurer, Barnes Secretary, Marchant Registrar of Marks, Morgan S.D., West J.D., Caldwell Organist, John Marchant Dir. of Cers., Morrison I.G., Stephens Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S ROYAL ARK MARINERS' LODGE.

AT the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, the above Lodge, attached to the Langley Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 28, and which has been in abeyance for eighteen years, was recently reopened by Bro. William Vincent P.G.I.G., member of the Grand Masters' Royal Ark Council. Bro. John Sheridan I.P.M. P.G.S.W., the popular acting-manager of the Theatre Royal, who had been unanimously elected by his brethren to fill the first W.C. chair, was installed W.C.N. according to ancient custom. At the banquet subsequently held at the Angel Hotel, Bro. John Sheridan presided, and interspersed with the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were recitations and musical contributions from local and professional brethren. Bro. Edward Fletcher, lessee of the Theatre Royal, gave several recitations in his usual admirable style, and Bro. Charles Arnold, who was appearing at the Royal as Hans the Boatman, entertained the brethren in his own inimitable manner. A special feature of the evening's entertainment was the programme of operatic and musical selections by the Theatre Royal Orchestra, by kind permission of Bro. Edward Fletcher, under the leadership of the talented conductor, Bro. H. R. Wallace P.M. No. 24, M.M.M.

VERY REV. DR. KEANE, O.P. ON EDUCATION AND FREEMASONRY.

SPECIAL sermons were preached by the Very Rev. Dr. Keane, O.P., of Dublin, at both the morning and evening services at the Pro-Cathedral, Liverpool, on Sunday, in aid of St. Nicholas's Schools. At the eleven o'clock Mass, Dr. Keane delivered a discourse on "Christian Education," a subject vividly interesting to every class, which at the present hour in conversational groups, on public platforms, in the newspapers, in labour essays and magazines, was attracting the attention of a thinking public. In the Senate House laws were made and various schemes submitted by statesmen for the training of the young, for furthering popular education, and measuring the amount of it which the poor man should be endowed with. They collected money and erected buildings; yet, notwithstanding all this, the educational programme was incomplete. God, in his beneficent wisdom, created man and gave him a place in existence, endowing him also with an immortal soul. They could not tell the hour or the moment that the action of the heart might cease, or the mortal powers of the body become exhausted. It was sufficient to know that man would continue to live throughout the cycles of eternity. But where? Philosophers and theologians gave the reply—somewhere in the mysterious life of eternity. The savage in every clime and era of time has reared over its dead piles of stones and pyramids, and has ever held the dogma that the spirit of their dead, if not on earth, was still somewhere in existence. There was the other question, why did God make man for this end? In their catechism they are told that God made them to know Him, love Him in this world, and to be happy with Him in the next. It followed with the clearest reasoning, that every man or woman or institution professing to teach and educate children, must have faith and zeal in his or her eternal glory. Again, education must have at its head the teachings of God and His revealed truths, and the Church founded by Christ as its mother, through whom all light and blessings of Christian education came. Amongst some of the wickedest attempts to overthrow God and His Church have been those of the Masonic sects. There was in 1890 a circular issued, worded with diabolical ingenuity, from the central authority of the Freemasons, which was sent to each of its branches, a repetition of the fell purposes for which that body was originated. It was a declaration to the effect that every means possible should be used to emancipate children and others from the slavery and teachings of the Catholic Church. It was the only church they hated because it was Christian. Freemasonry encouraged rationalism and agnosticism in the belief that it would exalt humanity, and that it would also realise on earth some of the dreams of the hereafter. They, as Catholics, could alone hope to realise the promises of the hereafter, by drawing their inspiration from God and His Church. Since the year 1870 the Freemasons of Italy had used their diabolical agencies to such an extent, as to possess the majority of the schools, together with the funds and grants, and the free hand of the Government. Now the children were being trained and educated without the fear of God, and a disrespect for everything holy. Besides all this, there had come over the people of that fair land of Italy a marked change for the worse. If the theory that suicide is to be traced through unhappiness, then Italy has had a very large share of social bitterness. Statistical returns recently published, since the overthrow of Christian supremacy in the Italian States to the year 1884, showed a lamentable state of affairs. The total number of suicides in 1871 was 836; in 1872, 890; 1873, 975; 1874, 1015; 1875, 1022; 1876, 1024; 1877, 1139; 1878, 1158; 1879, 1225; 1880, 1261; 1881, 1343; 1882, 1389; 1883, 1456; 1884, 1970. The figures for the remaining years were not at present attainable, but, judging by the years already given, would no doubt show a still larger increase in the number of deaths by suicide. That dark blight on the nation was due to the fierce conflict between wicked men and the Church of Christ. This was the dream of the Masonic's hereafter realising itself here on earth! But where was that happiness to which they aspired? Was it in the overthrow of Christian teaching from the schools of Italy? Or was their happiness completed in disseminating pernicious theories of atheism and materialism? Look again at the drastic effects which had been wrought by Freemasonry. In the year 1888 there were 2574 murderers tried and condemned, while for the whole of England, Ireland, and Scotland—which, thank God, was not yet given over to the fatal influence of Freemasonry—there were only 109 sentenced to death. Did it not show, then, that it was better to train their children to love and fear God, than to give them the risks of growing up careless and indifferent to the mercy of their Creator and the awful punishments of the hereafter?—*Catholic Times.*

SHORTHAND.—The number of pupils learning Pitman's shorthand during 1890 was 55,558, an increase of about 25 per cent. on 1889. These students received instruction in 1,520 colleges, schools, public institutions, and classes, from 793 teachers. The great impetus given to the study of Phonography, by the addition of shorthand as a "specific subject" in the new Education Code, is shown by the great increase in the pupils under instruction in Board Schools. The number in 1889 was 3,543; in 1890, 9,936, or an increase of 150 per cent. None of these figures include students who are learning by themselves, and who form the bulk of phonographic students.

The Directors of Spiers and Pond Limited notify that the Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th inst. to the 30th inst., both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the Interest Warrants, on the 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, the 5 per cent. "A" Mortgage Debenture stock, and the 5 per cent. Debenture stock of the Company. The Warrants will be posted on the evening of the 30th inst.

Obituary.

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BRO. THE REV. T. COCHRANE, M.A.

WE have to-day to record the death of Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, M.A., Past G. Chaplain of England. The sad event occurred on Tuesday, the 9th inst., after only a few days illness. Bro. Cochrane was educated at Eton and Oxford, and graduated at the latter as B.A. in 1858 and M.A. in 1860. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in March 1858, and was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in June of the following year. In 1867 he was installed W.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 567, and, 10 years later, he became W.M. of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood, while in 1878 he occupied the chair of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. He received his first Provincial honours in 1873, when he was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Oxfordshire, while in 1877, and again in 1878, he occupied the chair of P.S.G.W. of Essex. In 1882 his Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to appoint him one of the Grand Chaplains of England. In Royal Arch Masonry he won almost equal distinction, having gradually risen to the chair of First Principal of the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, in which he was installed in 1877, and to that of First Principal in the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, Romford, in 1879. In 1882 he was invested as 1st Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was installed a Knight Templar at Warwick in 1865, was E.P. of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Oxford, in 1876 and 1877, and Deputy Preceptor to his Royal Highness Prince Leopold in 1878, in which year also he was invested as Grand Prelate of the Order in England and Wales at the meeting of Great Priory. In Mark Masonry he was a member of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Middlesex and Surrey, and was Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1886. In 1865 he was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, and was a P.M.W.S. of the University Chapter of that Degree. Bro. Cochrane was a liberal supporter of the Masonic Charities.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will assemble at Bournemouth, on Tuesday, 14th July. Special arrangements are being made for the reception of the brethren, and a conversazione will be held at the Hotel Mont Dore, to which ladies will be admitted. The calendar for the Province has just been issued, and shows there are in Hants and the Isle of Wight 47 Lodges, with 3,200 members, giving an average of over 68 to each Lodge. There are 22 Royal Arch Chapters and 763 Companions; 38 Mark Lodges with 352 members; nine Ark Mariners' Lodges with 75 members; the Rose Croix and Knights Templars adherents numbering 99 and 62 respectively. The Province receives about £1500 per annum from the three Masonic Institutions. Thirteen Lodges are in correspondence with the "Quatuor Coronati."

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, of which the Right Hon. Earl Amherst is the Most Worshipful Grand Master, will hold its annual festival at Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, the 25th inst.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will hold its annual meeting to-day (Saturday), at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. The Companions will assemble at 3.30.

At the festival held at Scarborough in connection with the North and East Riding Freemasonry, £483 was realised towards the Charities, the money being made up by grants from the Lodges in the Province and donations at the gathering.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, 119, held at the Masonic Hall, College Street, Whitehaven, on Monday, 1st inst., Bro. Spencer Broadbent S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

On the 8th inst., the regular meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, was held at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Bro. J. Harrison presiding. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. Stawell S.W. as W.M., Bro. G. Hawken Treasurer (re-elected), and James Gidley Tyler (re-elected).

The annual Sports of the Boys of the Royal Masonic Institution will take place in the grounds of the Institution, at Wood Green, N., this Saturday (13th June), at 3 p.m. All Masons and friends are invited to be present.

On Whitsun Eve a P.M., writing to the *Star*, brought charges of political animus against Somerset Freemasons in general, and the Bath Lodges in particular. The *Bristol Mercury* on Whit Tuesday discussed the matter at some length, and questioned whether the writer was entitled to the signature that he used. After a week's interval the *Star* reproduced the article, and after a further interval of at least a week P.M. has joined. He says "the *Bristol Mercury*, not being in the Province of Somerset, can know nothing of the action between the oldest members of the Province and the Grand Lodge in the matter of the Provincial Grand Master." On the testimony of the Lord Lieutenant, the *Bristol Mercury* has a large circulation throughout the county of Somerset; it was fully cognisant of all the circumstances to which P.M. refers, and wrote with a fuller knowledge of Masonic law than he evidently possesses. He endeavoured to persuade the general public that Masonry was a political institution; the *Bristol Mercury* demonstrated that it was not. He now tries to shift the ground to a question not open to lay discussion.—*Bristol Mercury*.

The Masonic Lodges of Newcastle and the Potteries number among the strong lists of membership some of the most influential and useful public men, and what are termed private gentlemen in society. In fact, to become a Masonic brother gives the "open sesame" to the best society. The initiation of Bro. G. W. Bradford as the W.M. of the Gordon Lodge at Hanley, on Wednesday, was conspicuous for brilliancy and a big Masonic muster. The Masonic Charities are a notable feature of the Craft, as much as £40,000 being raised annually for benevolent objects.—*Newcastle Guardian*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 13th June.

- 176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928 Gallery, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637 Unity, Harrow
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

Monday, 15th June.

- 1150 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 224 Menntschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 131 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Catharina, Masonic Hall, Wimborno
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, T.H., Asby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton under-Lyne

Tuesday, 16th June.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hot, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2195 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 833 Doric, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1858 Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.C. 45 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
418 Mentaria, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chilern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle, Linc.
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugby
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
R.A. 1151 Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6

Wednesday, 17th June.

- 865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1731 Cholmeley, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
R.C. St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.C. 44 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
216 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
253 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
633 Yarborough Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816 Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wandle
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield

- 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1255 Dundas, Huxho Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1333 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starke, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1983 Mawldack, St. Ann's Bldgs, Burmouth, Wales
R.A. 381 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726 Royal Chartley of Fortitude, N.W. Hot, Staff
R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy

Thursday, 18th June.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
1227 Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
R.A. 63 St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 733 Westbourne, Lord's Hot, St. John's Wood
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingden
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341 Wellington, Cinquo Ports Hotel, Rye
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliff, Lancashire
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blytho
1011 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1164 Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's Cornwall
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320 Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1347 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Chichester
R.A. 1130 De Mowbray, George, Moulton Mowbray
R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet
M.M. Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17 Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 19th June.

- 6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St James's
975 Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 32 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
K.T. 6 St. George's, The Albion, E.C.
752 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347 Royal's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Manchester
401 Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty Inn, Slaitburn
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541 De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastlo
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Hothamth
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
311 Zealand, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1644 Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1905 Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
2184 Royal Victoria Chingford
R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.C. White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield

Saturday, 20th June.

- 1118 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1614 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
208 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2228 Bene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon
M.M. 265 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 13th June.

- 87 Viburnian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 4 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, 5 Outgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1258 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1324 Duke of Cambridge, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammer Smith, 7:30
R.A. Simon, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 15th June.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Boll and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 16th June.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, 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
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
701 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
1202 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, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 17th June.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lizard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Ave, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
163 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lendalhall St.,
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
534 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, 66 Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balaam Hotel, Balham, 7
781 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 Foxteth, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1694 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1641 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
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1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
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2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

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- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New Road
830 Cannon, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Conits, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1350 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
936 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1553 D. Connaught, Palmerton Arms, Camberwell, 8
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 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9

Friday, 19th June.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 187 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
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 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
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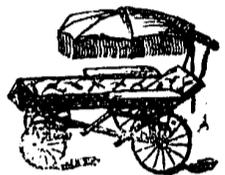


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