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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE roll of candidates for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is twelve in excess of those seeking admission to the sister Institution, while there are but three more vacancies to be filled at the coming election, which will take place on Friday, the 14th prox.; the actual number of candidates is 38, of whom 24 can be elected. While this is not so satisfactory a state of affairs as is presented in the case of the Girls' School, it is yet gratifying enough to justify a word of approval, and congratulation on the fact that the Institution is able to do so much for those in need of assistance. Of the candidates on the list 13 have taken part in previous contests, one now making a fourth application, one a third, and the other eleven coming forward for the second time. The total votes brought forward by these candidates is but 5055, of which number G. W. Foster, No. 2 on the list, has 2121, as the result of his two previous appeals; and No. 7, H. R. Harris, 1147, polled on his behalf at the election in April last.

Two of the lads are now making the last application allowed to them by the age law, one being No. 7, H. R. Harris, already referred to as having 1147 votes in hand. It will not be safe for his friends to risk a mere repetition of their work in April last, although such a record might be sufficient to carry the case. He is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother; the father was a member of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London, dying within fourteen months of his initiation, but even during this short association with Freemasonry he showed his interest in its charities by subscribing to the Girls' School. The other "last" case is No. 15, W. R. Balamy, son of a Staffordshire Brother (Abbey Lodge, No. 624) who, with four others, is left to the care of their mother. The father was a subscribing member of his Lodge until his death, in 1891, and the lad being the only case from the Province there are good grounds for hoping he will receive the support of the district at the election, and be thereby admitted to the School.

The list is strong in cases where both parents are dead, there being no less than five of the candidates so circumstanced. The first among these is No. 9, E. A. Thornber, who is one of a family of three. The father was a member of a Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, having been initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 129, and subsequently assisting to found Windermere Lodge, No. 2217, in which latter he passed the chair; the lad was a candidate in April and then had 7 votes recorded in his behalf. No. 17, F. E. Hobden, is one of a family of two parentless children; his father was an initiate of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, Sussex, to which he subscribed for upwards of 18 years. No. 19, J. R. Bradshaw, is one of a family of five; their

father was initiated in Amity Lodge, No. 283, East Lancashire, and subscribed thereto until his death last November. No. 29, C. W. W. Bewsher, is the only child left by a brother initiated under the Irish Constitution, who subsequently joined the British Lodge, No. 736, Mauritius; the lad is now dependent on his stepmother. The next case is that of R. T. Evans who with five others are left to fight their way in the world parentless. Their father was initiated in the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, West Lancashire, and subsequently joined two other Lodges in the same Province, continuing his membership until his death in 1889. As this is the only application from the Province of West Lancashire we may assume it has the official support of the district, in which case there is little doubt but what success is in store for the lad. We may point to the address given on the ballot paper for this case as a striking evidence of the state of affairs in the family. Here are six parentless children apparently in charge of a brother—who is only aged 18. Let us hope that Freemasonry will, ere long, come to the aid of such an apparently deserving case.

Of the 38 candidates only six come from London Lodges, the others being distributed as follows: Devonshire, Kent, and Suffolk three each; Dorsetshire, East Lancashire, and Sussex two each; Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Herefordshire, West Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Mauritius one each; while there is one case in which Bucks and Herts is jointly interested. This wide distribution of cases supplies evidence that the different Provinces are more than ever making a business of working for the scholarships of the Masonic Institutions; it becoming more and more the rule to put forward only such cases as are officially nominated, and for whom the whole strength of the district is enlisted. This no doubt saves a considerable amount of anxiety, trouble and heart-burning, but we are not sure that such systematic working is wholly advantageous to the cause of Masonic Benevolence.

WHY MASONRY PROSPERS.

An Oration by Bro. E. R. Roe, at the Public Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Illinois, in Alton, 4th October 1848, in which he portrayed the character and trials of Masonry and the cause of its prosperity.

WE have assembled to-day for the purpose of commemorating the ninth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and I feel sure, my brethren, that you will join in the feelings of gratification which I

experience upon the occasion. From its humble infancy, nine years since, when it numbered but six Lodges, the Grand Lodge has grown, amid the confiding liberality of the people of Illinois, to its present prosperous and vigorous condition. Sixty-three Lodges are represented here to-day. Having been organised at a time when the Masonic institution had just gone through the fiery ordeal of public persecution, it has had to undergo the watchful jealousy of the politician—the lukewarm confidence of the mere moralist—and the doubting forbearance of the Christian. Our presence here to-day, my brethren, and your presence, ladies and gentlemen, show how well we have borne the trial.

Let us then examine, in a brief manner—I. The character of our time-honoured institution; II. The trials which have obstructed its progress; and III. The cause of its present prosperity.

I. Masonry is a voluntary league for the promotion of Freedom and Virtue. In examining this proposition we do not ask you to follow us through the difficult mazes of ancient Masonic history. Go back only a single century, when Masonry was unquestionably what it is now. It was then practised by our forefathers in England and America, and bore its present English name. It is therefore easy to trace it, step by step, to the present hour. And when we say that its progress has been so interwoven with the spread of liberty among men that the history of freedom is but an account of the influences of Masonry, we simply state a proposition susceptible of the most ample proof. Long before the cardinal principles set forth in the glorious charter of our liberties had become the acknowledged text-book of Freedom for the world, they were taught around the Masonic altar in our Lodges. The official jewel of your Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Master, is to us but the familiar emblem of that equality proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal." And no well-regulated Lodge is ever closed without the reiteration of this principle from the Warden's lips. That "all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed" is another fundamental principle in Masonry. The will and the welfare of the many determine the choice of our Officers; and the Master of a Lodge, and you, Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge, feel that you but represent the will of the majority. Like the Chief Officer of our National and State Governments, Masters of Grand and Subordinate Lodges are required, at their installation, to pledge themselves, in all their official acts, to abide by the Masonic constitutions.

But the resemblance between the character of our National government and the Masonic institution stops not here. Both are governed by a written constitution; both acknowledge the controlling voice of the Majority; both admit no official superiors but such as themselves have chosen; both limit the terms of office by the previously determined will of the electors. A general and a local government are common to both. The stranger from every kindred and every clime may be naturalised and fraternised in both. "Liberty—Equality—Fraternity"—words which have been linked together and proclaimed with such magic power by the people of France in their late successful revolution, and which now promise to become the watchword of freedom to all Europe—these have for ages been familiar to the ear of every Mason. Many a listening ear had hung upon the lips of him who fell at Bunker Hill, and thus caught the first principle of Freedom from their beloved Grand Master, the lamented Warren! The leading spirits of Boston, in its revolutionary days, had assembled with him around the same Masonic altar, and together invoked the blessing of Jehovah for the freedom of the world. Long before the declaration of American independence there were Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, in Virginia, and in South Carolina, and subordinate Lodges were at work in most of the other colonies. In the army of the Revolution the practice of its solemn rites was not omitted; and we have authentic records of "Washington Lodge," of which General Patterson was Master, and which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as a Travelling Lodge in the army. Montgomery was an active Mason; Gates was a Mason; Sullivan, Lincoln, Knox, Lee, Schuyler, De Kalb, Lafayette—these were names which adorned the Order then. Finally, that great and good man, whose example should weigh so much with every American—Washington—was an ardent and active Mason.

And now, think you this glorious institution, the

foundation of whose Temple was laid upon the level of equality, reared by the plumb of moral rectitude, and squared by the square of virtue; whose lively stones were by the Masonic trowel cemented together with brotherly love and affection; whose capstone was no less than "Him whom the builders rejected," but who "has now become the head-stone of the corner;" whose boundaries were vast as from east to west, from north to south, and within whose solemn precincts were equally welcome the men of every clime, and upon whose sacred altar the Holy Bible lay always open, guiding them and urging them to that active virtue which manifests itself in brotherly love, relief and truth; think you that Masonry, who first taught her votaries the golden rules of freedom and equality among themselves, did not thereby aid in awaking that longing for political liberty which first lighted the torch of Revolution at Lexington and at Concord? Aye! Masonry was a Bunker Hill! She saw the life-blood flow when Warren fell, but faltered not. She followed Franklin to the Hall of Congress, and watched over the national council. The Declaration of Independence had made her principles the political creed of a nation; and when the storm of war was over, and triumphant Peace saw the assembled representatives of the nation consulting upon a future form of government, who shall say that she did not aid in tempering the rancour of sectional discord, and thus promote that temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, which brought their deliberations to so happy an end!

And now let us reply to the oft-repeated charge, in times of persecution, that Masonry is a political institution. Truly it is even so! But that its influences are of a partizan character; that it ever sustains one party, composed of its members, and opposes another, which is not; that it ever plots for political power; that it ever kneels for political favour; that it ever swerves from political duty, or shrinks from its responsibility, is false! Within the halls of Masonry the din of political discord is never heard. Around her altars gather not only the men of every clime—Christian, Jew, Mahometan and Hindoo—all who are willing and worthy to join the league of brotherly love—but every sect and every party of each. And he who thinks that harmony can harmonise all these, till they shall come together for a common government or common creed would give her superhuman power. No, no. The follower of Mahomet leaves his turban and his crescent at the door; the Christian takes his Jewish brother by the hand, and, leaving without the emblematic cross which separates their faith, they approach the shrine of Masonry together, and bow before the altar of Jehovah, the common God of all.

But there is a mode in which Masonry exerts a political influence;—by teaching to its votaries the principles of equality, the necessity of law, the duty of subordination, and the excellence of order in all things. The influence of Masonry is, then, of a general, not of a partizan nature. It prepares men for the reception of political freedom; but that freedom is based upon the most perfect submission to the authority which the majority have chosen to rule. And this is the true reason why tyrants in all countries have opposed its progress. The doctrine that "all men are created equal" is incompatible with arbitrary power.

II. We now come to the second branch of our subject—the trials which have heretofore obstructed the progress of Masonry.

It is probable the institution owes by far the greater portion of its trials, in times past, to that cardinal principle of the Order, *secrecy*. To understand the value and the necessity of this principle, we must go back to a former age, and to other lands than this at the present age.

In that wonderful discourse to the assembled multitudes upon the Mount, by the lips of Him who "spake as never man spake," they were told, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy; but I say unto you, Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." Never till that hour was the doctrine of Love proclaimed among men. Never till that hour was the *lex talionis* publicly denied. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" was not only current law throughout the world, but was even believed to have the sanction of the Almighty Lawgiver! Admit the early origin of Masonry which our traditions teach, and which most candid historians acknowledge—how could it have borne the exposition of its principles a single day? What! tell the multitude that

brotherly love was the bond of union between them! tell them that Masonry knew no difference between Jew and Gentile, Greek and Hindoo; that around the Masonic altar all men met as equals, discarding the differences of nations and tongues, of religions and politics? This would not do; the world was not ready for this; and they visited the teacher of such unheard of doctrines with the horrible death of the cross! Even in more recent times, wherein the records of the institution are more legibly written, and therefore less frequently questioned, the case is but little different. The law of love spreads but slowly in the world; political equality is even now not generally admitted out of America, and religious toleration is not fully practiced in any other land than this; priestcraft dies reluctantly and tyranny scarcely yields without the life of the tyrant. Without the saving principle of secrecy, Masonry must long since have fallen beneath the combined forces of priestcraft and kingcraft.

But there are other reasons, besides the opposing power of priests and potentates, why the principle of secrecy is essential to the very existence of Masonry. The necessity of guarding her doors against the introduction of evil men, who might bring discord into her halls and pollute her altars with immorality and atheism; the impossibility of wholly excluding improper persons from the institution, even with the greatest care to prevent their admission; and the necessity of avoiding all external influences which might mar the best directed efforts to heal the evils which this must sometimes occasion;—these are insuperable reasons for Masonic secrecy. Shall we lift the veil which hides from the world our decision upon the case of some improper applicant for the privileges of Masonry? Is he immoral, intemperate, or atheistic? and shall we tell the world without that we lay these charges at his door, and refuse to admit him into our body? This would be to array him, and those who sympathise with him, against us. Or shall we point the approving world to the widow we have succoured or the orphan we have saved? This would but wound the sensibilities of the subjects of our charities, and be in itself an unworthy vanity.

But there is a stronger reason than these for Masonic secrecy. It is the universality of the Order, and the necessity, therefore, for an universal language which shall be known to Masonry alone. Before an individual can pass the solemn portals of our Order, and become a Free and Accepted Mason, he must have been recommended by two or more of the brethren who personally knew him well; he must then have delayed an entire month, while passing the ordeal of a special committee appointed to inquire into his fitness; he must have received the unanimous approbation of the Lodge through the ballot-box; he must have declared upon his honour that, "unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he is prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish to be searable to his fellow men;" and finally, in the presence of the assembled Lodge, while kneeling before the altar on which lies open the book of eternal life, he must proclaim his trust in God, the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. Having thus passed the ordeal, he is initiated into a brotherhood whose members are found throughout the habitable globe; and, provided with that symbolic language which is equally universal, he is enabled to prove, beyond the shadow of doubt, even in a strange land and among strange brethren, that he has passed this rigid trial, and entered fairly and honestly into the brotherhood.

Next to its secrecy, it is probable that Masonry has suffered most from its tolerance of religious liberty. The history of its votaries who have died martyrs to religious intolerance is written in blood upon the records of the unholy Inquisition. The prisons of priestcraft in various parts of the world have hidden them from the light of day; and the rack, the wheel, and all the horrid tortures devised by the cruel ministers of a cruel faith, have been applied in vain to wrest from the dying breath of men an exposition of those secrets which they had refused to give up at the confessional.

One more source of opposition to Masonry will be considered, and we pass from this branch of the subject. It is objected, that if there be truth and virtue in the Institution, they are hidden in hollow forms and ceremonies. And can it indeed be that there is in the universe a substance without form; or is there a mind can grasp at, and hold, the mere abstractions of Love, Philanthropy

and Truth? Are those men who can conceive and communicate thought without signs and without language? No, there is none of these. Without the sign of thought, thought itself is void. We think in words and signs and symbols; and without these there is no memory. In all ages, and by the wisest of every age, advantage has been taken of this principle to impress important truths upon the mind and fix them in the memory. Even God Himself, "who knoweth all things from the beginning," has condescended, in His intercourse with men, to make use of symbols and ceremonies. In letters of purple and gold He wrote His promise upon the cloud that He would no more send a flood of waters upon the earth: "And the bow shall be in the cloud," saith God; "and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature." Even that event whose influence upon the eternal welfare of our race is deep and boundless as the love of God, was symbolised to the Israelites in the wilderness. They looked upon the brazen serpent, and they lived! Jesus Himself points Nicodemus to the symbol, telling him that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish." Without the ceremonies of the church, even of "the meek and lowly Jesus," religion would be stripped of its most impressive solemnity. There would be no ordination, no consecration, no baptism, no marriage rite, no burial service, no sacramental supper. Who would defend your country, and how would you fill your ranks with soldiers, "without the pomp and circumstance of glorious war?" Men do not fight for blood alone; and there would be no nodding plumes, no waving banners, no flaunting scarfs, no glittering helmets. The rolling drum would not be beaten; the brazen trumpet and the rousing bugle would be heard no more. Over the soldier's grave no volley would be fired, and men would give no more in battle, even for the boon of Liberty!

(To be continued.)

The usual weekly meeting of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, will be resumed on Monday, 3rd October, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Spiers and Pond, Limited, notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 19th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March 1893, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st October next.

WHERE THE "SIGN" AND WORD FAILED.—In a city not a thousand miles from Detroit, court was in session. The prisoner at the bar was indicted for stealing a team of valuable horses. Five out of the twelve men in the jury box were Masons; the prosecuting attorney was a Past Grand Master of Michigan, and the judge on the bench was one of the most bitter and uncompromising anti-Masons in the country. To conclude all, the prisoner was a man of some wealth and influence, and had, at some time, been a Master Mason. The trial proceeded and after a bitter and lengthy contest the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The prisoner was ordered to stand up for sentence, and on so doing gave the sign and word of a Mason in distress. The judge "caught on" to some of the words and immediately called the prosecuting attorney to him. "Mr. D—, is that man a Freemason?" "I—I—don't know, judge," was the hesitating reply. "Well, sir, I am no lover of Freemasonry, but if I really thought he was one, I'd make his sentence heavier. I wish you could tell me." "Judge—, I am the prosecuting attorney for this county, and not here as a Mason. You must act your own will in the matter. I have done my best to convict the prisoner, and certainly believe him guilty; and, further, judge, please to understand Masonry recognizes the law of the land." "Well, Mr. D—, I think you are right, as in my long experience on the bench, I never yet knew a Mason to be on trial for crime." The prisoner got five years.—*American Tyler.*

The origin of Freemasonry gave rise to fabulous narratives and idle speculation years ago. How it was instituted I should not hazard an opinion, because writers differ. In spite of many efforts to suppress it, by Church and State, it is firmly implanted in every part of the Continent, and has penetrated into Asia, Africa, and Australia. The deep symbolical meaning said to be conched under the peculiar language of the fraternity is probably as apocryphal as the ancient history of the Institution. A set of passwords and a peculiar grip of the hand, enable the initiated to recognise each other, and give zest to their convivial meetings.—*Derbyshire Times.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204 (MANCHESTER).

THE first meeting since the vacation was held on Wednesday, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. Amongst those present were Bros. C. H. Normanton W.M., S. Bramwell S.W., W. G. Bagnall J.W., G. F. Mullock P.M. Secretary, E. A. Bretey S.D., R. A. Eldershaw P.M. D.C., W. H. Marfield P.M. P.P.G. Organist, Martin Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D.; Past Masters Bros. Shorrocks, Cleffe, Guthrie, and Duckworth; Bros. Watson, Booth, Sugden, Mandley, Orrell, and Henchcliffe. Visitor—A. W. Stanley 1774. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Booth, who was initiated at the June meeting, had the E. A. charge delivered to him by Bro. Bagnall, in a manner seldom heard in a Lodge. Bro. Bagnall is a Master of elocution, and his delivery of the beautiful charge was perfect. Bro. Booth was interrogated as to his proficiency in the first degree, and having satisfactorily answered withdrew. He was subsequently passed to the second degree by the W.M. Bro. Lisenden was unanimously elected Tyler of the Lodge, and invested and addressed by Bro. Cliffe. After discussing some private business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 287 (STOCKPORT.)

THE centenary celebration and festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport. The brethren present included the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton R.W.P.G.M., Hon. De Tatton Egerton P.P.G.S.W., the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. James Cookson P.P.G. Treasurer P.M. and Secretary 287, J. Chadwick P.G. Sword Bearer England and P.G. Secretary East Lancashire, William Ramsden P.P.G.D. P.M. 2368, A. Lawley P.P.G. Assistant Secretary P.M. 2368, A. Ingham P.G. Steward I.P.M. 2144, Jas. Newton P.P.G.S.D. P.G. Assistant Secretary East Lancashire P.M. 37, John Beresford P.P.G.S.D. P.M. 104, John Clayton P.P.G.J.W. P.M. 89, John Leigh P.M. 287 P.P.G. Steward, J. H. Sillitoe Past Grand Standard Bearer England, John Wakefield P.P.G.S. 287, John Marshall P.M. 61 and P.P.G.P. West Yorkshire, Jervis T. Hudson P.P.G.S. J.D. 287, Robert W. Baker, N. Dumville Fairbrother P.M. 322 P.P.G.S., W. Pritchard P.M. 323 P.P.G. Association Secretary, J. Smith P.M. 323 P.P.G.J.D., Hyde Marriott 1030, C. D. Cheetham Past Master 993 P.P.G.D. East Lancashire, George McClelland P.P.G.J.D., Arthur Symonds P.G.C. J.W., Joseph Slack P.M. P.P.G.S.D. 323, Jonathan Bailey P.M. 361 P.P.G. Steward, Herbert Finch P.M. 104 P.G. Reg., John Turner P.M. 287 and 1748 P.G.S.D. South Wales (Western District), Sydney May P.M. 322 P.P.G.S. Also the following:—Bros. Hy. Smith W.M. 287, Thomas E. Rigby P.M. 287, John Hardwicke Marsh S.W. 1730, George Wild Faith 2344, James A. Cookson S.S. 287, Thomas Aspinall P.M. 287, Herbert Foster W.M. 1957, R. W. Blakehurst P.M. 287, George S. Smith P.M. 1134 1170 2359, Chas. Hulms P.M. 322, James Jackson 1957, John Wakefield P.P.G.S. 287, W. B. Flower 1108, John Newton 1140, Thomas Thorniley P.M. 287, Joseph H. Monk 287, W. Skilling S.S. 1565, F. G. Brooke 287, Alexander Allen 1534, Levi Wilkinson P.M. 1519, Charles Dawson P.M. 287, G. J. McKinley 424, George Gaskill P.M. 104, W. H. Arnott S.W. 2155, H. G. Small W.M. 2368, J. Davenport 1045, P. D. Hayes 104, Joshua Preston 287, John Slack P.M. 323, G. Stevens W.M. 323, John Nicholson P.M. 322, W. Fielding J.W. 336, H. I. Carrington P.M. 287, Ed. Webb S.W. 1134, Hyde Marriott 1030, A. H. Roworth Steward 1052, W. Turner P.M. 2156, Robert Johnson, Charles Turner 1071 2156, William Dunville P.M. 2156, George Ibeson W.M. 295, Cutburt Blacow J.D. 2156, George Bland P.M. 267, Henry Lomas I.P.M. 1957, Capel T. Hogg I.P.M. 193 711, Joseph Gregson Gregory I.P.M. 999, George L. Mills 1140, J. E. Radford P.M. D.C. 336, C. M. Armitage 322, James Hudson W.M. 322, William Lees 203, Thomas W. Weatherhead 104, John Clarke 287, Leonard Jagger 287, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by Bro. Henry Smith W.M. and the opening ode was sung, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid." The Secretary read the dispensation signed by the P.G.M. giving authority to hold the meeting, after which the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers formed in procession and entered the Lodge, the brethren assembled standing to receive them. The Provincial Grand Master was then saluted in due form, as were also the Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master (Lord Egerton of Tatton) entrusted the Centenary Warrant to the Worshipful Master (Bro. Henry Smith), at the same time expressing the pleasure it gave him to do so. An anthem, taken from the 90th Psalm, was then sung. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the Warrant and returned it to the W.M. The W.M. replied in a few apt and well chosen words, and welcomed the Provincial Grand Master as honorary member of the Unanimity Lodge, at the same time requesting him to accept the first centenary gold jewel, which was suitably inscribed. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred on him in accepting him as an honorary member of the Unanimity Lodge. He should value the centenary jewel as an expression of their kindness towards him. Although the Lodge had met at various places it had always remained in Stockport. His connection with the town dated back a number of years, and he always was pleased to come amongst them whenever he had an opportunity of doing so. They had set a noble example in this eventful year of their history in supporting the Masonic Charities. He trusted they would not stand still in their efforts, but continue in the future to carry out those high principles

which are the distinguished characteristics of our Order; in so doing they would show to the outside world that they are a power for good to the country in which they live. Before resuming his seat, the P.G.M. presented a gold Centenary jewel to the Worshipful Master on behalf of the brethren of the Unanimity Lodge. Bro. James Cookson Secretary of the Lodge then gave the following brief epitome of the Lodge history:—Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Unanimity, Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and Brethren, this is a day sacred to the founders of the Unanimity Lodge, and to us all of dutiful, not less than of respectful, commemoration. After lives of honour and usefulness, the founders sleep in the dust of mortality. The best eulogium we can pay to their memories will be to imitate their undoubted virtues, and endeavour to avoid their scarcely discernible faults. But upon this day of general Masonic significance, no less than of local pride, the brethren may, perhaps, expect from me some observations concerning the great institution itself. Preston relates that the office of Provincial Grand Master was instituted, and the first deputation granted by Earl Ingham, on the 10th of May 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales—but we claim that Cheshire was the first to have a Provincial Grand Master appointed, viz., Colonel F. Columbine, two years earlier than the above date. We, therefore, have just reason to be proud of belonging to the oldest Province appointed by the Grand Lodge of England. "Truth is great and mighty above all things." If the history of our Order, as it is called by many, is interesting to any person of good education, it ought to be pre-eminently so to an Englishman. On referring back we find H.R.H. William Henry, then Duke of Clarence, was initiated into Masonry in 1786 at the Lodge, No. 86, then held at Plymouth. In February 1787, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was made a Mason at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, over which his uncle the Duke of Cumberland presided as Grand Master. When the Duke of Cumberland died, the Prince of Wales was chosen Grand Master on 24th November 1790, but was not installed into office until 2nd May 1792. I just mention these facts to show that when our Lodge was constituted, as well as at the present time, the flower of the nobility, the greatest excellence and genius amongst the commoners in the three united kingdoms, belonged to it, and played a conspicuous part in its history, so that in fact its history may be said to form no inconsiderable portion of the history of England. Bro. Cookson only gave a few brief extracts from the sketch of the Lodge History, as he did not wish to read all that was printed for fear it might prevent some of the brethren purchasing the book it was intended to send out this week, and which would contain an account of the Festival that day. After stating where the first meeting was held and the warrants granted, and a few other items of interest, Brother Cookson continued as follows:—We think one of the happiest reminiscences of the brethren of the Lodge may appropriately be recorded here. It took place in connection with the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Knutsford, on the 19th September 1888, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. After the business of the day was ended and the brethren had attended divine service at the Knutsford Parish Church, on the kind invitation of Lord Egerton a visit was paid by a very large number of brethren to Tatton Park, his lordship's seat in Cheshire. The courteous hospitality having been heartily enjoyed, after inspecting the gardens, vine-houses, and conservatories, &c., several groups of photographs were taken on the terrace fronting the mansion, in which his lordship was included. A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Beresford, the oldest Past Master present, to Lord and Lady Egerton for their entertainment. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master responded, and at his request the brethren all joined in singing the National Anthem, and then dispersed with very pleasant recollections of their visit. One other circumstance connected with the Lodge is deserving of mention in connection with our Charities. At the Festival this year Cheshire sent up £1,950 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the Unanimity Lodge was represented by nine Stewards, and contributed over £160. Besides this we have this year given £15 15s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, and £2 to the Randle Holme Memorial Board, at the Church of St. Mary's on the Hill, Chester. My brethren, this necessarily hasty and imperfect sketch, embracing but a few salient points in the history of the Lodge of Unanimity, may yet suffice to impress us all with a sense of the dignity of Freemasonry. May it be our aim ever to unite together in one common bond of brotherhood of peace, benevolence, and love. Let us endeavour as far as possible to comfort the afflicted, dry the tears of the widow and orphan, and by timely aid in the hour of distress give fresh courage to weary hearts, and then we may rest assured that through whatsoever storms or perturbations it may pass, the life which is thus rounded with duty will find ample sustenance in the assurance of faith, the consolation of hope, and the ministrations of charity; and when mortal visions shall fade from the lustreless eye, on the sight of the departing soul shall beam the glory of the celestial visions—those bright rounds—faith, hope, and charity of the golden ladder stretching from earth to heaven, and then

Though time, exhausted time, shall die,
An old forgotten story;
We shall ascend, and reign on high
In everlasting glory.

The Provincial Grand Master said it would be very pleasing to the brethren to have such an interesting record, and he was sure they would vote Bro. Cookson their thanks for having prepared it. Bro. Clayton seconded the resolution, which was carried with cheers. Bro. the Rev. Arthur Symonds J.W. P.P.G. Chaplain then delivered the following oration:—At first sight it may appear that in attaching so much importance to the centenary of the existence of a Masonic Lodge, we are exposing ourselves to the charge of inconsistency. If

the origin of Masonry be so ancient, as our traditions tell us that it is, why draw the attention of the world to the fact that our local history extends back but a century. A century after all is but a fragment of time when compared with the life of the world, but a very short space even compared with the thirty centuries which have nearly elapsed since the building of King Solomon's Temple. That Masonry is coeval with thought, as was recently stated at a meeting of Grand Lodge in Kansas, is a high-sounding claim beside which the puny life of a century might well be thought to fade into insignificance. But surely the inconsistency is rather on the part of those who confuse the outward and symbolic character of Masonry with the underlying and hidden principles of the Craft which in themselves are eternal, and which can be traced with more or less clearness down the history of the ages. The material history of our Lodge, it is true, extends back but a century, but this century of united work and life is in itself a pledge to ourselves and to the world of the soundness of those principles which underlie our outward organisation and give vitality to our existence. The science of Operative Masonry is indeed coeval with the history of civilisation, and none can fail to remark that from the earliest days the highest development of the Operative work of the Craft has been in connection with the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe. From the earliest times those engaged in the Craft of Masonry appear to have been bound together by ties of Brotherhood, and to take only into consideration the history of our own land, we know that prior to the 12th century the Masons were organised in guilds. The Halliwell MS., dating from the latter end of the 14th century, tells us something of the conditions on which members were admitted to the Craft in those days. The Master Mason must be "both steadfast, trusty, and true." Of the 'prentice it states—

That he no bondsman prentys make.

And again, the bodily perfection of the candidate is shown to have been necessary in the following lines:—

To the craft hyt were gret schame
To make an halt man and a lame,
For an imperfect man of such blod
Schulde do the craft but lytyl good.

There is, however, no evidence that at this time teaching by symbolism was thought of, and though the moral teaching inculcated in the "Old Charges," the oldest of which is said to date from the 14th century, is peculiar to the operative fraternity of Masons, it is not until some centuries later that we must look for the development of speculative or philosophic Masonry, as distinguished from operative Masonry. No emblem or token relating to speculative Masonry has been discovered prior to the middle of the 17th century, but in 1646 we know that Ashmole, the antiquary, was admitted to a Lodge in Warrington. It was during the 16th and latter half of the 15th century that speculative, as distinguished from operative, Masonry was developed, and this development culminated in the revival or reconstruction which took place at the beginning of last century. We see, therefore, that the history of Masonry, although continuous, has undergone a change. It no longer concerns ourselves as a society with the operative work of the Craft, but confine ourselves to the moral and social welfare of our members. Masonry has indeed been well described as "a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols," the allegory being drawn from the temple of King Solomon, the symbols being those which have in all ages been used amongst operative Masons. Although then we cannot claim for the history of speculative Masonry, a separate life of more than 250 years, we do claim that the Masonry of to-day and of the last two and a half centuries is but a development of the life of the past, and that the symbolic and allegorical teaching of to-day is the same in principle as it has ever been. The attainment, therefore, of the age of a century by any speculative Masons is in itself an event worthy of commemoration. We do not therefore dis sever our connection with the past, on the contrary we as a new branch, shot out a century ago, assert our living unity with the great eye of Masonry which taking new life at the beginning of last century has thrust out its branches to the very end of the earth. When we were admitted to the Craft we were enjoined to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, and can we then do better than study the history of the past of which our centenary reminds us? When we remember how utterly false and mistaken ideas about the history of our Craft prevail, not only in the outside world, but even within our Lodges, we may well take into consideration whether it is not worth while to make ourselves better acquainted with the true facts of our history. Masonry is not an invention of the 19th century, it is not a mere organisation for social purposes, but a living organisation founded upon the very purest principles, and having as its aim above all things the moral and social welfare of its members. No one can listen to the charges which are delivered at our Lodge meetings without recognising this, and surely we are bound by the ties of fraternal interest, by the common welfare of the Craft, to do our utmost to secure the carrying out of the principles upon which our society is based. This century has seen many changes in the world at large, and nowhere perhaps has this been more perceptible than in Masonry. The Craft is now a power in the land. Its Charities are unrivalled, its membership is sought and valued by the very highest in the land, and long may it continue so to be. We, then, to-day may well look back with pride upon the past century of our life. They, indeed, who founded this Lodge and gave us our connection with the past have passed away, but the example that they have set us, and which has been emulated by so many who have since filled their place and then like them passed away to what Spencer so happily terms "the common sun of rest," may well arouse in us a greater enthusiasm for the Craft, a greater interest in the common welfare of our brethren, a more unbounded charity, and a determination to show to the world that we, like them, are animated by the true spirit of brotherhood which has been the guiding star of Masonry throughout the ages, and which alone, under the direction of the Great Architect of the Universe, can bring about the full

realisation of the brotherhood of man. And, remembering the virtues and works of those brethren who have gone before us, and who have handed down to us the traditions and principles of Masonry for the last 100 years, take to heart those touching and absolutely true words of Longfellow—

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of Time.

On the motion of Bro. Carrington P.M., seconded by Bro. Lancaster I.P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Symonds for his oration. A hymn was then sung, during which the offertory was taken; this amounted to £7 13s 6d. The banquet was held in the Sir Ralph Pendlebury Memorial Orphanage, and was attended by Lord Egerton Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. De Tatton Egerton, M.P., brother of the Provincial Grand Master. Over seventy sat down to dinner, the scene in the magnificent hall being very brilliant. After the usual loyal toasts, that of the Provincial Grand Master and Worshipful Master were given. To those who had the privilege of being present would long last in their memories the pleasure and enjoyment of such an eventful day in the history of the Unanimity Lodge. At the close of the meeting, the Masonic version of the National Anthem was sung. The musical arrangements were under the care of Bro. Robert William Baker P.M. P.P.G. Organist Cheshire Organist, who was assisted by Bro. Johnson (pianoforte), and Bros. Blacow, Dumville, Kinnell, and Turner.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE banquet in connection with the installation of the W.M. took place on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Victoria and Albert Hotel, Torquay. The W.M. Bro. W. Hersey presided, and among the company of about fifty were the I.P.M. Bro. S. Wills, P.M.'s Bros. J. Chapman, J. Murray, T. Morgan, J. Dodge, Jno. Lane, J. Blamey, W. Taylor, W. Wakeham, F. Hex, J. Callard, and J. Willcox 710. There were also present about a dozen brethren from the St. John's Lodge. The repast was served in a most satisfactory manner by Mrs. Hoare, the manageress. The toast list included the Queen and Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Grand Officers Present and Past, Viscount Ebrington Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Crowe, replying to the latter toast, said his year of office as Organist was a most pleasant one. Bro. F. Hex said he had had an opportunity of seeing Lord Ebrington in the chair on two occasions, and from the way in which he did the work he proved that he had the welfare of Masonry at heart. So far as the office he (the speaker) held, he attributed the honour not to himself, but to the Lodge. Bro. J. Lane, in giving the newly-installed W.M., said Bro. Hersey had given them a sample that afternoon of what he intended doing during his year of office. He had qualified himself for the position by his ability and attention to the duties of the offices he had filled, and every one was glad to see him installed in the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Hersey, in response, said he felt the responsibility of the position, and should rely on the I.P.M. and the other Officers to assist him. He should do his best for the Lodge and the dignity of the post he filled. Brother Winget, in submitting the Installing Master, said all who had attended the Lodge during the past year knew that Bro. Wills had done his work well, and it would be impossible for any one to have discharged the duties of that afternoon in a more able manner than the I.P.M. had. Bro. Wills expressed a hope that the succeeding Master would endeavour to fill the chair with the same success as had been achieved by those who had gone before. Bro. West gave the Past Masters of the Jordan Lodge, of whom he said they were proud. He was glad to see so many present not only belonging to the Jordan Lodge but to St. John's also. They included amongst their number the three founders of the Jordan, and Bro. Dodge who was first initiated. Bro. Chapman said it reminded him of old times to see so many present at that festive gathering. One of the most excellent features of the installation was the manner in which the W.M. had been inducted into office, which spoke well for his predecessor, and he was sure the W.M. could rely on the P.M.'s to do their best to assist him during his year of office. He entered upon the 21st anniversary of the establishment of the Jordan Lodge, and he trusted that at the end of his term for occupying the chair he would find the Lodge in still better circumstances than at present. In a place like Torquay there was plenty of room for two splendid Lodges, and if they were united in spirit, as he believed they were by the way in which brethren of St. John's had come forward to show their appreciation of the new Master, they would speedily make both stronger. Bro. Taylor, in proposing the visitors, congratulated the brethren on the number present, and welcomed most heartily those from the sister Lodge. He hoped that the W.M. and Officers of the Jordan Lodge would during the year endeavour to cement the friendship existing between the two Lodges. If Masonry meant anything it was brotherly love, and if it did not it meant nothing. Brothers Searly, W. Taylor, W. Wakeham, Willcox, and Callard replied, and the Officers of the Lodge, given by Bro. Glanfield and acknowledged by Bro. Winget, and the Tyler's toast brought the post prandial proceedings to a close. During the evening some capital songs were contributed, the musical arrangements being in charge of Brother Crowe.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MOSS SIDE).

THE first meeting since the vacation took place at Mrs. Tonkin's, Western Hotel, on Monday, the 11th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Blears W.M., J. Morris S.W., Frances Long J.W., Jones P.M. P.P.G.S. acting Secretary, R. Wilson S.D., Ramsey Knight J.D., David Johnson P.M. Dir. of Cers., A. R. Johnson acting

I.G., Kershaw P.M., J. Wilson A. T. Tarr, De Tiel, Done, Vickers, and Flith. Visitors—Bros. W. Dumville P.M. 1011, H. B. Dresser 1633, T. Stevenson P.M., Nield, and Lawton. Notable absentees were Bros. Geo. Barslem P.M. and Treasurer, and Percy E. Land Secretary, both of whom were enjoying a much needed holiday. The brethren met at 6.15 and partook of tea. After which the Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the June meeting were read and confirmed. There being no candidates, the election of Worshipful Master was proceeded with, and the choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. John Morris S.W., who was congratulated by the W.M., and returned thanks for the honour. Bro. Barslem was re-elected Treasurer, for the eighth time in succession, and Bro. Reddell was re-elected Tyler. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1588, (STRETFORD).

A REGULAR meeting took place at the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when amongst those present were Bros. Wild W.M., Morris S.W., Amery P.M. acting J.W., W. Bowden Treasurer, Cooper P.M. Secretary, Salt S.D., A. Lewtas P.M. acting J.D., Toombs I.G.; Bros. W. H. Wakefield P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Henry Crosby P.M. P.P.G.P., William Cole P.M., and others. Visitor—Bro. Ballard 1052. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Heyworth and declared unanimous. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by the acting J.W., and the E.A. charge delivered by Bro. W. Bowden. Prior to closing the Lodge two propositions were announced for candidates at the next meeting. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. At the social board the health of Bro. Heyworth was proposed, heartily drank, and responded to in appropriate terms.

DUKE OF ALBANY LODGE, No. 1963.

A VERY interesting meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. A. Harvey, who was supported by a large body of Past Masters and members of the Lodge. Bros. Clench and Wilson were raised, and Mr. W. T. Berry was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and other Lodge business was transacted. The brethren sat down to an excellent repast, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Voisey P.M. P.Z. Sec. proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. He pointed out that the Lodge should justly be proud of such an excellent Master, who not only understood the principles of Freemasonry and its beautiful ritual, but was also a capital ruler of the Craft. Bro. Harvey was deservedly popular; he never undertook anything into which he did not throw vitality and energy. Bro. Harvey, in reply, said he was proud to be Master of such a Lodge, and would always do his best to maintain its dignity and increase its influence. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the initiate, to which Bro. Berry responded. In proposing the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the W.M. said they had great pleasure in welcoming Bro. Cope, who was on a visit to this country. No matter how they might differ from other nations in other matters, they were glad to greet a brother Mason from whatever land he hailed, for they were certain he would be one who would be working for the good of humanity. The universality of Masonry was a grand thing, that tended to lessen the amount of suffering among men. Bro. Cope, Euclid Lodge, Connecticut, U.S.A., thanked the Lodge for his hearty reception. He had enjoyed the working of the Lodge, which was capital; also their hospitality, which was far above anything he expected to find. He should always have a happy recollection of the kind way he had been welcomed by the W.M. and the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the visitors, of whom there were several, all hard workers in the Craft. Bro. Sykes had shown what he could do that evening. Bro. Phillips was equally welcome. Bro. Charlie Woods was a member of another Lodge in which he was interested. He was known as a hard worker in the Craft, and one for whom he (the W.M.) had great respect. The visitors responded. Bro. Sykes, in a humorous speech, thanked the brethren for "receiving him into their hearts." Bro. C. Woods Sec. 2315 was glad the W.M. had given him the pleasure of spending such an enjoyable evening. The Duke of Albany Lodge was a noted one, and Bro. Harvey was doing much to add to its prestige. The W.M. proposed the Officers in felicitous terms, and S.W., J.W., Secretary, and Treasurer responded. Brother Donaldson Treasurer, was particularly pleased with the financial state of the Lodge. He trusted it would always continue in the same condition. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

CONSIDERABLE interest attended the last monthly meeting of this favourite Lodge, which was held on Tuesday, at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, in consequence of the reception of a distinguished Brother from the other side of the Atlantic, and a large number of the members, together with several representatives of other Lodges, attended. The W.M., Brother Walter Hancock presided, and was supported by the following brethren:—F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, N. H. Basey P.M. 158 U.S.A., S. Murphy P.M. 214, W. W. Lee W.M. 2381, Orilton Cooper W.M. 211, T. B. Richards P.M. 813, Frank Herold P.M. 1056, A. Hamilton P.M. 917, Carl Amundsen 768, C. P. Coles 1744, W. Bradford 2168, Dr. Cobbett 2004, Thomas Bull P.M., Jas. J. Woolley I.P.M., G. H. Reynolds S.W., John Skinner J.W., Geo. Reynolds P.M. Secretary, F. Jackson S.D., A. Harris J.D., J. B. Grieve I.G., C. O. Burgess

D.C., Herbert W. Schartau P.G.O. Middlesex, G. A. Bergholz, John Allen, B. H. Paul, &c., &c. The Lodge having been duly opened, the R.W. Bro. General Thomas J. Shryock, the Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, U.S.A., was introduced by Bro. Geo. Reynolds and the D.C., and received a most cordial welcome from the brethren. Having been placed in the seat of honour at the Master's right hand, Bro. Hancock proceeded to raise Bro. Stanislaw Jolsberg to the sublime degree, subsequently giving the whole of the traditional history including the lecture upon the tracing board. He afterwards passed Bro. W. C. Thomson to the second degree, both ceremonies being most admirably and impressively performed. Bro. Louis J. Bellon, of New York, P.M. of the Arcana Lodge, No. 246, State of New York, and R.W. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was accepted as an affiliated member of the Lodge under the bye-laws. A vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow and family of a deceased brother, and certain members being in arrears were written off the roll of the Lodge. This concluding the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to dinner. At the termination of the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and duly honoured by the brethren. Bro. Philbrick responded for the Grand Officers. He bore testimony to the arduous duties performed by Grand Lodge and the principal Officers, and said that the knowledge of having the kind esteem of the brethren was an incentive to them for the future as well as a reward for their past services. In the discharge of their duties they knew neither fear, favour nor affection, and sometimes particular Officers were visited with unpopularity in consequence. The Anglo-American Lodge was fortunate in being able to greet such distinguished guests at their board, but they were conscientiously fulfilling their duties for which the Lodge was created. In proposing the sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, the W.M. said that American brethren considered they were a branch of English Masonry, but they had been engrafted on a vigorous soil, and had grown into a vast and mighty institution far outnumbering those in this little isle. They had with them that evening one of the most genial brethren, hailing from the other side of the Atlantic, a brother who took a lively interest in their Lodge, and who had presented them with the customary medal of the Maryland Lodge. Bro. General Shryock, who was greeted with great enthusiasm, in reply said that American Masons felt that the welcome extended to them by the Anglo-American Lodge was as genuine as the reception they would accord to any brethren from this country. When homage was paid to a good Queen they would find that Americans would not stand back. America was not more free than England, and he might assert that if Queen Victoria had lived in the days of George III., America would to-day be a part of the great English nation. If he had been requested to respond for the Grand Lodge of Maryland he would have replied for 50,000 Masons, but he had been called upon to answer for all the American Lodges, and his modesty stopped short of "taking the horn" for over a million brethren. Some capital representatives of the Anglo-American Lodge had already paid them a visit, and he hoped that next year several visitors would come to the Chicago Exhibition. He would not let them go until they had a good opinion of them. The Prince of Wales had been of great benefit to Freemasonry all over the world, and the Order was regarded as the bulwark and protection of liberty. George Washington, their first President, and the signers of the Declaration of Independence, with one exception, were Freemasons, while 90 per cent. of their Presidents and most of their rulers and governors were members of the Craft. He could point with pride to the United States to show what Freemasonry could do for a country, and they could not blot out Freemasonry in America without blotting out civilization, for American Freemasonry was practically the government of to-day. In complimentary terms Bro. Woolley gave the health of the W.M., which was acknowledged in a well chosen speech by Bro. Hancock. He maintained that the Lodge had amply fulfilled the purpose for which it was inaugurated, viz., the reception of visiting brethren, for during the few years they had been established they had received over 1,200 visitors, principally from America, and he had great hopes that Freemasonry would in course of time substitute arbitration for the strife of war. Bros. Bussey, Herold, Hamilton, Ball, Austin, and Camming responded for the visitors, and the usual compliment to the Officers preceded the Tyler's toast, which brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination. During the evening a choice programme of music was given by Bros. Herbert Schartau, Edward Dalzell, James Braud, and William Bradford.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND

MEETINGS of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Brother F. B. Westlake P.P.G.S.D. Vice-Patron presided, and among other brethren present were Bros. J. R. Lord Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, W. H. Dillon Assistant Secretary, E. J. Knight Auditor, S. Jew, A. R. Lethbridge, W. Allsford, J. Leonard, and W. H. Macey Life Governors, Rev. Dr. Lemon P.G. Chaplain, R. G. Bird P.G. Treasurer, M. Whitte, C. Mutton, and E. Aitken Davis. It was reported that there were seventeen children on the fund, and that one would shortly go off. The Finance Committee recommended that three candidates should be elected at the meeting in October, and this was agreed to. The October meeting was appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, the Secretary and Treasurer to appoint a convenient day.

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

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ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 993 (MANCHESTER).

THE first meeting since the vacation took place on Monday, the 12th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. Amongst those present were Comps. W. H. Peak Z., C. D. Cheetham H., Buckley Carr J., A. B. Outram S.E., H. Clulow S.N., H. G. Ward acting P.S., W. Wilson, E. Ehlinger, J. M. Moss, and R. Timperley P.Z.; Visitors—Comps. John Marshall P.Z. 61 P.P.G.P.S. West Yorks, F. Renshaw 1387, S. Staton P.S. 317, J. Ellwood 1387, F. W. Lean H. 935, Fred. Batty 1730. The Chapter was opened at 5.15, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Walker, Plumpton, and Davies, all of the Alexandra Lodge, Levenshulme, who were declared elected, and were subsequently exalted to Royal Arch Masonry, the whole of the ceremony being done in a highly satisfactory manner. This being the night for electing the three Principals and Officers, the result was as follows:—Comps. Buckley Carr Z., Ehlinger H., W. T. Allitt J., A. B. Outram S.E., Clulow S.N., Moss P.S., and Lisenden Janitor. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed in due form. At the social board the health of the three Principals was proposed, drank and responded to, Comp. C. D. Cheetham replying for Comp. W. T. Allitt, who was unavoidably absent.

FESTIVAL IN NEWCASTLE.

THE 12th inst. was an interesting day for Newcastle Freemasons, inasmuch as it was the occasion of a visit of Irish brethren to St Nicholas's Lodge, No. 1676. Ostensibly it was a visit from the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 126 (Irish Constitution), Dublin, but the brethren were accompanied by members from Lodges in different parts of Ireland. The visitors arrived at the Central Station, on the 12th inst., at 9 o'clock, having travelled in two saloon carriages from Holyhead via Carlisle. At the station they were welcomed by a goodly assembly of local Masons, including the following brethren:—R. H. Holme W.M., J. G. Cole S.W., W. A. Bell J.W., Cummins P.M., Jos. Donkin Secretary, Tom Pickering, T. J. Forster, all of 1676; F. W. Sykes W.M. 1342; W. Cooper I.P.M., Robert Anderson I.G., James Forster P.M., T. Blendisopp P.M., all of 541. The following is a list of the visiting brethren from the Lodge of Israel:—Bros. D. W. Davies P.M. Treasurer, J. J. Irwin P.M., George Metcalfe P.M., E. Phillips P.M. Secretary, S. S. C. Joyce J.W., Rev. J. Dryden Smylie M.M. Chaplain, Samuel Gordon M.M., Thomas Caddell M.M., E. W. Warren M.M., J. T. Wood Latimer M.M., W. J. Dollar M.M. The accompanying brethren were Bros. Wm. J. Chetwode-Crawley, LL.D., D.C.L., Grand Director of Ceremonies, Harry Hodges Secretary Grand Lodge of Instruction, Oliver Fry Hon. Sec. M.O.B.S. P.M. 50, Wm. A. McDonald W.M. 75, Samuel Smallbridge, J.P., P.M. 26, H. B. Montgomery P.M. Secretary 269, Alexander H. Williams P.M. 269, Justyn MacCarthy P.M. Treasurer 227, James Crozier V.S. P.M. Secretary 500, W. Y. Magee 245, William W. Robinson S.W. 158, Francis Hall S.D. 666, Stephen Adams 206, Thomas Saul 245, Thomas Ross 100, Wm. J. Alwright 4, Alfred Norman, LL.B., 39, Robert F. Lidwill, J.P., P.M. 100, and Benjamin B. Tuke P.M. 100. Fraternal greetings over, the party went to the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, and had refreshments. At eleven o'clock they were conveyed in open carriages, via High Level Bridge, Askew Road, Redheugh Bridge, to the low entrance to Elswick Park. The party walked through the park to the upper entrance, where they rejoined the conveyances, and thence drove via Bentinck, Brighton Grove, Grand Stand, North Road, to Gosforth Park (where, through the kindness of Bro. Pickering, refreshments were provided), and thence, via Low Gosforth, to the west entrance of the Jesmond Dene. They walked through the Dene to the low entrance door, over the low bridge and up-bank to Jesmond Road. Here they rejoined the conveyances and proceeded over Armstrong Bridge, through Armstrong and Heaton Parks, and thence via Byker and Byker Bridge, New Bridge Street, Blackett Street, Grainger Street, and Neville Street to the Crown Hotel. In the evening, a Lodge of emergency of the St. Nicholas' Lodge was held in Grainger Street Hall. In addition to the presence of the Irish brethren, there were present several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, and a large number of local visiting brethren. After the business of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel for the after meeting.

This week *Great Thoughts* chronicles a new departure which demands favourable notice. In the first place, it presents its readers with a copy of one of the masterpieces of Dr. Hoffman, of Dresden, the subject of which is "The Guardian Angel." The picture is reproduced in fifteen colours, and is truly exquisite. We find also in this issue many new literary features. Prominent among these is the commencement of a new serial story by the gifted author of "The Silence of Dean Maitland," together with the first of a series of articles by Arnold White, on "The Pathos of London Life."

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THE PORTRAIT OF THE EARL OF LATHOM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Every one present at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was delighted to see the fine portrait of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master hung in the Temple, and many were the expressions of admiration on the part of the brethren who beheld it. I therefore venture to suggest that the Board of General Purposes might recommend to H.R.H. the Grand Master that the painting be photographed and published for the benefit of the Masonic Charities, for there must be many thousand members of the Order who would desire to possess such a fine portrait of their distinguished Brother, who is endeared to them not only on account of his Masonic qualifications but by his amiable and benevolent disposition. I enclose my card, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

Gravesend, 20th September 1892.

French Freemasons have resolved to devote themselves more energetically to politics than they have ever done before. They have been lately holding their annual assembly, which was concluded by a banquet in the hall of the Grand Orient of France, Rue Cadet. During the meetings of this assembly the conduct of certain members of Parliament who had shown a disposition to lobby with Clericals was discussed. The Masonic Deputies were censured by the members of the Lodges for having, among other things, voted the endowments to Church institutions during the passage through Parliament of the Public Worship Estimates. These criticisms gave rise to protestation on the part of M. Fernand Faure, M. Lombard, and other deputies who attended as Masons. M. Lombard, Republican member for the Isère, contended that it was premature to insist upon the separation of Church and State, as any programme of that description would estrange the masses and cause the Radical Party to become unpopular. All these arguments fell unheeded on the Fraternity, so M. Faure, M. Lombard, and several others resigned their functions and retired from the Order. Undeterred by this, the Masons went on with their sweeping propositions, which were carried. The brethren have now accordingly bound themselves to vote all reforms necessary for the "final evolution of the Republic," for the separation of Church and State, the suppression of the Public Worship Estimates, and of the Embassy to the Vatican. Furthermore, each Mason declared in writing that he would have a civil funeral when the time came round for him to shuffle off the mortal coil and join his fathers. The new Masonic programme is, as may be seen, a vast one. The brethren are particularly vehement about the Catholic Church, and insist upon the complete secularisation of every public institution, the disappearance of religious emblems from every court house and street or road corner, and the suppression of Chaplaincies in Prisons, ships, prisons, and hospitals. As these measures would necessitate the passing of a whole series of new laws, not to speak of the danger of making Frenchmen more divided than they are at present on religious questions, the fulfilment of the new and thorough-going Masonic programme can only be regarded as likely to be effected in a very remote future.—*Daily Telegraph*.

The Board of Benevolence had quite a novel experience at its monthly meeting on Wednesday. Brother Robert Grey, President, took the chair, and Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupied their usual positions of Senior and Junior Vice-President. Instead of being overwhelmed with petitions for relief, the brethren had only sixteen cases on the new list, and this on the night when the new rule of Grand Lodge was carried into effect, and the Board met at five in the afternoon instead of six in the evening. The August list was a short one, but then there were twenty cases on it, and every one was relieved. That also was a novelty, for usually some case gets deferred. But last Wednesday, with only sixteen cases, four were deferred, and two dismissed, leaving ten only relieved. The total amount voted or recommended was £245. £50 was the highest award, and £5 the lowest. A £40, two £30, four £20, and one £10 were the other sums. The brethren confirmed recommendations at the August meeting to the amount of £170.

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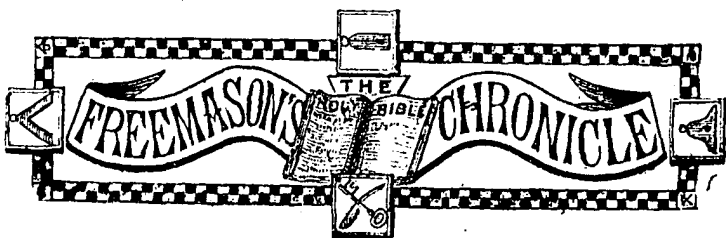
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SATURDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 1892.

ESSEX MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE

A MEETING of this Committee was held on the 7th inst., at the Chambers of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar), Lamb Buildings, Temple, E.C., when there were present:—Bros. A. Lucking P.M. and Sec. 1000 P.G.P. England Provincial G.D.C. in the Chair, Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.A.G.D.C. England Provincial G. Secretary, E. H. Baily P.M. 2006 P.P.G.J.W., George Corble P.M. and Secretary 453 P.P.G.J.W., Rev. T. S. Raffles P.M. 2339 P.P.G. Chaplain, Francis A. White P.M. 1437 P.P.G.R., George Copps P.M. 2154 P.P.G.S. of Works, H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D., W. E. Dring W.M. 2318 Prov. G.S.D., J. Bruton W.M. 2006 Prov. Dep. G.D.C., J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.G.D.C., R. Jennings I.P.M. 1437 Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, V. V. Willson P.M. 160 P.P.G. Sword Bearer, F. H. Megay W.M. 276 Prov. A.G.D.C., G. J. Thompson W.M. 1457 P.P.G.O., F. A. Renshawe W.M. 453, W. Cobham 1343. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from W. Bros. R. Clowes P.M. 650 P.G. Standard Bearer England P.P.G.S.W., J. H. Vaux W.M. 650 Prov. G.S.W., A. S. B. Sparling Prov. Grand Treasurer, G. H. Finch P.M. 2005 P.P.G.J.W., Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.M. 2342 P.P.G. Chaplain, W. B. Heagerty P.M. 1343 P.P.G.R., E. J. Horncastle I.P.M. 697 Prov. Grand Standard Bearer.

After full deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that the support of the Province should be given to the following cases:— Firstly—To Elsie Helen Kilpin (No. 7 on voting paper.) Secondly—To Clair Bonner (No. 18 on voting paper.) Thirdly—To Maud Mary Norris (No. 9 on voting paper.)

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Dehane, Shedd, Clowes and Wood for their past services as representatives of the Committee at the Elections. A letter was read from Bro. Clowes, thanking the Committee for the confidence they had placed in him for so long, and expressing a wish not to be re-elected, as, owing to his many engagements, he could not devote the necessary time to the duties. A resolution of regret at Bro. Clowes' resignation was unanimously passed, and Bro. F. A. White was unanimously elected in his place, Bros. Dehane, Shedd and Wood being at the same time unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Bro. F. A. White, seconded by Bro. G. J. Thompson, a resolution of hearty sympathy was unanimously passed to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the affliction that had befallen him owing to the murderous attack on his daughter, and the Provincial Grand Secretary was directed to communicate the same to Brother Philbrick.

The half-yearly report of the Representatives of the Essex Charity Committee at the last Elections is as follows:—

Girls' Election, 7th April 1892.—Considering that five candidates from this Province were on the lists for the May Election of the Benevolent Institution, we were rather over-careful than otherwise at the Girls' Election, making our calculations for bottom place. Unfortunately, however, we were misled in the number of cases being "run"—one Province working two cases instead of one threw us out by a hundred or so. Consequently Helen Elsie Kilpin was top unsuccessful by the small number of 208, we have polled 1,917, whilst the lowest successful polled 2,125.

	Girls.	Boys.	Women.	Men.	Total.
Paid Debts ...	200	77	—	—	277
Polled ..	1,917	—	—	—	1,917
Hold I O U's ...	—	—	104	276	380
	2,117	77	104	276	2,574
Received from Province	835	960	—	—	1,795

By the above it will be seen a good exchange was made for the Boys' votes, but many were sent solely on condition they were used to help Belcham's case in May.

Our thanks are due to several brethren for substantial support, among whom are the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother Philbrick, Bros. G. H. Finch, W. V. Willson, A. Lucking, John Glass, W. Shurmur, Dr. Lennox Browne, and the Star in the East Lodge.

Old People's Election, 20th May 1892.—Of the five candidates to be supported, in accordance with the decision of the Charity Committee on 2nd March, we are pleased to be able to report that four were elected, while the unsuccessful case received a gratuity of £5.

The first case (that of Bro. Belcham), through the anxiety of Bro. Finch, to whom our very best thanks are due, not only for proxies but assistance at the election, more votes were polled than necessary, Belcham being top of the successful candidates; although one good result will follow, namely, an earlier admission to the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. Dorling's case was really worked by his county (Suffolk). We kept ourselves posted as to the numbers polled for him in addition to those polled by ourselves, and were satisfied as to the safety of his election.

Mrs. Waterhouse's case was the first on our list to be secured, and in making sure we polled rather heavily, although Mrs. Howard, our next case, was advanced. Mrs. Austen, the last on our list, was in very good hands, namely, the brethren of the Bagshaw Lodge, who entirely by their own efforts carried the case, your Representatives polling only 17 votes for her.

During the Election we were much worried by several Brethren as to the number of votes polled by us for the different cases, especially Dorling's, as we, in accordance with our invariable rule, never let any one know what we poll during the time of Election. In Dorling's case, had there been any doubt in our minds as to success, we might have broken through our rule; as it was, we were obliged to point out that the management of the Elections was entrusted to your Representatives, and considering the amount of work to be done in a stipulated time and the general confusion, were justified in what we did.

At the declaration of the poll the numbers given by the Scrutineers in Belcham's case showed 194 more than we had polled, and much to our surprise Mrs. Waterhouse was shown as having 70 more and Mrs. Howard 19 less than our record.

	Belcham.	Dorling.	Waterhouse.	Howard.	Austen.
Polled by your Representatives	2,868	530	1,934	187	17
Polled by Bro. Finch and Friends	1,950	—	—	—	—
Polled by those working Dorling's case	—	2,269	—	—	—
Polled by those working Mrs. Austen's case	—	—	—	—	2,712
Brought forward	—	—	1,797	349	—
Polled by Friends	—	—	—	781	—
			Women's.	Men.	
Received from the Province			1,820	1,900	
Polled by your Representatives			2,138	3,398	

Our thanks are due to many Brethren for the grand support given us, amongst whom were Bros. Finch, A. R. Chamberlayne, A. J. Dixie, H. Fortescue, A. Lucking, W. Shurmur, J. M. Scarlett, J. Speller, F. A. White, W. V. Willson, Miss F. Groom, and the following

Lodges:—Angel, Star in the East, Priory, and William Shurmur, this latter Lodge sending no less than 610 votes.

It may interest the Brethren, as showing the advance made by the Province in ten years, that two of your present Representatives received from the Province in

	Women's.	Men's.
1892	149	161
1892	1,820	1,900

(Signed)

H. E. DEHANE P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D.

F. WOOD P.M. and Treas. 1000 P.P.G.S.W.

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R. CLOWES P.M. 650 P.G. Std. Br. P.P.G.S.W.

} Representatives.

September 1892.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Worcestershire was held on Monday, the 19th instant, at Dudley. The Saracen's Head Hotel, which is the usual rendezvous for Masons of all degrees, was specially prepared for the occasion, the whole suite of reception rooms being used. There was a distinguished assembly of Mark Masons present to do honour to the Provincial Grand Master Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. In the early part of the afternoon the Godson Lodge of M.M.M., No. 330, was formally opened to receive the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers. The procession was very effective as it entered the Lodge to the strains of the organ, at which presided the Rev. Bro. W. J. Downe, the Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Dudley. Upon the Provincial Grand Master taking the throne, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other Grand Officers ascended the dais and they were saluted according to ancient custom. The Lodge was then opened, the minutes of last Grand Lodge read and confirmed, and other routine business satisfactorily disposed of. The roll of Lodges was called over, and all the Lodges were fully represented. The Masters of the Lodges then read their reports to the Grand Master as to the working of their respective Lodges, and the general position of Mark Masonry. The reports were deemed satisfactory and ordered to be recorded.

The following are Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. Abraham Green	...	Deputy Master
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Upon the question where next Provincial Grand Lodge should be held, the Provincial Grand Master announced that he accepted the cordial invitation of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, at Worcester, where Provincial Grand Lodge would be held in October 1893.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, as was also the subordinate Lodge, and thereupon the brethren adjourned to banquet. The day's arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. T. F. Bland, the Prov. Grand Secretary, who received the thanks of the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge for the completeness of the details. The banquet was of the choicest description, reflecting great credit on the host of the Saracen's Head. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by his Deputy and all the Prov. Grand Officers, besides many brethren of the private Lodges. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 394.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when Bro. George

Holman Prov. G.J.D. was duly placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. H. Every), and the newly-elected Master then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Every I.P.M., Wright S.W., Lamette J.W., Weston M.O., Wilson S.O., Hunt J.O., Gates S.D., Denman J.D., Farncombe Treasurer, Granger Secretary, Legg Dir. of Cers., Snellgrove I.G., Hall Tyler. Subsequently about twenty brethren sat down to a social supper, provided by Bro. Cox, there being present, in addition to most of those mentioned, Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of Battle D.P.G.M., J. P. Slingsby Roberts Provincial Grand Secretary, Adams, Gill, Abell, Spracking, and Smith. A few formal toasts were honoured, and the proceedings passed off most enjoyably.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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IT is not often our good fortune to witness such an enthusiastic Masonic meeting as was held at Dudley, on Monday, the 19th inst. Bro. Abraham Green, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, taking advantage of the meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for that day, convened also a meeting of the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, moored to the Lechmere Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 59. No sooner was it announced than at least twenty Mark Master Masons hailed the Commander and desired to be taken aboard the Ark. The worthy Commander was taken aback by such a large addition to his crew, and signalled for assistance. Past Commander W. Vincent, of the Grand Masters' Royal Ark, observed the signals and bore down all the way from Mark Masons' Hall, London, to Dudley, to render assistance. His offer of help was cordially accepted, and when the Ark was launched shortly after two o'clock, there was plenty of work to be done. First the acting Commander, Bro. Abraham Green, had to be taken aboard and taught how to box the compass, reef his top sails, and to manage the Craft. Just after he had been installed in his cabin a reverend brother hailed, and was taken aboard, and allotted to the chart room to take the bearings and exercise religious supervision over the crew. And then came the deluge. Eighteen or nineteen Mark Master Masons all wanted to come aboard. Commander Bro. Wm. Vincent courageously stuck to the rope ladder and hauled them into the Ark. No sooner had he disposed of one batch than another lot came up who had missed the first boat and were late. Bro. Vincent put them through their facings, and a spell of fair weather seemed approaching; but again another boat load of belated landmen bore down. The Commander had to go through his work for the third time. At last the work was over, and when all hands were piped on deck to know how the skipper had allotted them berths, they found the following Officers were in commission for the year:—Abraham Green W.C.N., W. B. Williamson P.C.N., J. F. Bland J., A. Comber S., Rev. J. W. Downe Chaplain, T. L. Smith Treasurer, R. Rhodes Scribe, J. Mossop S.D., B. Gibbons J.D., Murray Haynes P.C.N. D.C., H. M. Jackson Organist, E. J. Chambers Guardian, J. Jones and M. Smith Stewards, I. Knott and S. Spittal Warders. The crew consisted of the following:—W. T. Page, R. J. Surman, J. G. Bennett, T. F. Bland, A. Comber, R. Egar, M.D., G. R. Green, John Mossop, H. M. Jackson, M. Smith, W. E. Walker, J. Jones, G. H. Parke, E. J. Chambers, R. Rhodes, D. J. Shedden, J. E. Green, E. A. Hicks, E. Roberts, S. Spittle. The officers and crew took up their respective quarters, while the Grand Superintendent of the Province (Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.) read the Articles of War to them in the shape of a lecture as to their several duties. After they had promised obedience to all orders they were piped below, the Ark was moored until next voyage, and the officers and crew adjourned to banquet with the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Worcestershire. Special votes of thanks were awarded to Bro. Past Commander Wm. Vincent for his trouble in coming from London, and to Past Commander Murray Haynes (representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), who was his chief officer during the whole work. The next voyage of the Ark will be to Worcester in a few week's time, and afterwards to Kidderminster. Any M.M.M. desiring to book a berth for the voyage should address the Purser or Scribe Bro. C. R. Rhodes, Netherton, Bewdley. The Commander for next year will be Bro. T. F. Bland, of Stourbridge, who was unanimously elected to fill that post.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 14.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 2417.

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THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

The way was dark and drear, save that a star
Shone with unsullied lustre in the East;
Its light not larger grew, nor yet decreased,
Nor was there aught its full, bright flame to mar;
And yet the star scarce chased away the gloom
That hung its solemn dulness all around;
Here drear and lone, 'mid sombre awe profound,
I trod my path, on each side of the tomb,
And in the valley where Death's shadow flings
Its bony arms about the man who dares
To seek the vast, unknown, and hidden snares
That line the path where'er his footsteps springs;
I walked—well-guided by a brother's love,
And trust in the Great Architect above.

Winder House, Bradford.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Sir Augustus Harris is a great believer in realism, and has on many previous occasions shown what can be done on his fine stage to give a faithful representation of the varied scenes of life, but even he might have been deterred from presenting a steeplechase, with real horses, jockeys, hurdles, and water jump. Still this has been achieved in the drama, "The Prodigal Daughter," written by the astute manager himself and Mr. Henry Pettitt, which was successfully produced last Saturday. Though professedly a sporting spectacle, the play is full of emotional interest, the prodigal daughter being the deceived child of Sir John Woodmere, who impetuously elopes with Julian Belford, though circumstances point to Captain Henry Vernon, the lover of Violet Woodmere, as the guilty party. All the evil is caused by Maurice Deepwater, who, having been refused by Rose, endeavours to ruin both her and Sir John. His wrong-doing culminates in the third act, when he seeks to poison the favourite for the Grand National Steeplechase, on which Sir John has staked heavily. Vernon, however, not only counteracts his nefarious schemes, but rides the "Duke" to the winning post, amid a scene of real excitement. This is marvellously worked up by the crowd upon the stage, who depict the progress of the race in a truly wonderful manner. In fact the picture is the perfection of stage management, and has never been surpassed. The last act winds up the various threads of the story; Deepwater is defeated though retributive justice is not meted out to him; Rose and Julian are united, and Vernon receives his reward by Violet's hand. The humorous portion of the play is sustained by Mr. Harry Nicholls and Miss Fanny Brough, who represent a weak headed lordling and a demure young Quakeress, who marries him in order to regenerate him. On the understanding that she is to accompany him wherever he goes, she cures him of gambling by losing large sums at baccarat, and weans him from betting by making heavy books on the turf, while she outdoes him in extravagant costumes. The scenes in which these two appeared caused roars of laughter. Every playgoer can imagine what sort of character Mr. Henry Neville makes of Sir John, and Mr. Leonard Boyne, as the *deus ex machina* of the plot, receives quite an ovation after riding the Duke in the steeplechase. Miss Millward as Rose has a highly sympathetic part, and is well supported by Mr. Julius Knight as Belford, their scene at the Hotel Mirabeau being the most artistic in the play. It is a long time since Mr. James Fernandez enjoyed the execrations of a virtuous audience, but his impersonation of Deepwater was so real that on his appearance before the curtain their indignation could not be restrained. Another clever sketch is given by Mr. Arthur Williams as the sorely tempted stable boy, Tim Blinker; while Miss Blanche Horlock as Violet, Mr. J. L. Shine as Dudley Roper, Jew card sharper, and Mr. Dodsworth as a ruined "sport," all help to fill in the lights and shades of the play. In addition to the scene above stated there are many others equally admirable, among which we may mention the Grand Hotel at Paris, Woodmere Hall interior, and the Lawn, as being beautiful works of art. Sir Augustus Harris may now rest upon his laurels until Boxing Night, when his next pantomime will be produced.

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Trafalgar Square.—The handsome little theatre erected in St. Martin's Lane, Charing Cross, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyatt, has been launched upon the sea of popular favour under very fair auspices, and we heartily wish it success. It is of about the size of the Strand Theatre, beautifully decorated in white and gold, and presents a haze of amber colour, with its incandescent electric lights and yellow hangings. Unfortunately there is a fly in the amber which causes dissatisfaction. The fee system is in vogue, and the audience were not altogether favourably disposed towards the new manager, Mr. M. Leveston, before the curtain drew up on the first bright scene of the new comic opera, "The Wedding Eve," the music of which is by Mr. F. Toulmouche and the book by Mr. W. Yardley. The story describes a quaint Breton custom, which causes a betrothed couple to spend their wedding eve at the Castle of the Nightingales, where the lady has to prove herself a proficient housewife by spinning, mending, baking, &c., and presumably the groom has to make himself agreeable, as either party can repudiate the contract next morning if so disposed. Yvonne, only daughter of Doulas, an old smuggler, is betrothed to Kernoe, a peasant of Saillé, but their path of true love is crossed by the Seneschal of Saillé, an old reprobate, who has very feudal ideas as regards his subjects, and having caught Doulas in *flagranti delicto* makes his pardon dependent upon his lordship wedding Yvonne. Kernoe defeats the Seneschal's plans by intimating to him that the stars foretell the young lady's first husband will die within a week, so the lovers are re-united. The music is light and pretty without being catchy, but the two duets for Kernoe and Yvonne, capitally sung by Mr. Joseph Tapley and Miss Decima Moore, are very taking. An interpolated song for Elizabeth, a frisky matron, is lively enough to be encored, and Miss Kate Chard finds her opportunity with "Polly up a Plum Tree." Mr. William Elston, as the Seneschal, recalls memories of his impersonation of Gaspard in "Les Cloches de Corneville," and is appropriately grimly humorous. Mr. George Barrett is an excellent Doulas, and Messrs. A. Wilkinson, Leonard Russell, and C. Royalle also materially assist with the minor characters. The chorus has been well trained, and look exceedingly pretty in their idealised peasant costumes, while the scenery is painted by Messrs. Hann, Telbin and Perkins, and is consequently most artistic. Altogether the "Wedding Eve" is a treat to be enjoyed.

Haymarket.—A crowded and fashionable audience assembled last Thursday to witness the first performance of a new play of modern life, with which Mrs. Langtry started her season, but we are

compelled to record that they were doomed to disappointment, for it would be hard to conceive a more absurd and ridiculous play than "The Queen of Manoa." After the good work that Messrs. C. Haddon Chambers and W. Outram Tristram have already done for the stage, it was doubly disappointing when it was found that the new play contained nothing that could possibly be expected to meet with public approval. The first two acts are made up of senseless talk, and it is not until the end of the third act that one feels at all engrossed, and then the interest dies out in the last act with an ending that is not at all clear. It will serve no good purpose to give a full description of the play, but from the following brief outline it will easily be seen of what material the authors have depended for success. Lady Violet Malvern is giving a reception, and among the invited guests is an Armand Sevarro, who has just returned from an hunting expedition, and who is likely to be greatly lionised during the season. On Sevarro's arrival Lady Violet takes him in hand, and after being acquainted with him but a very short time, he tells her how, when a boy of sixteen, he had formed an ideal woman in his mind. It will easily be seen that Lady Violet puts him in mind of his ideal, and notwithstanding that he is engaged to be married to a Miss Dorothy Blair and that Lady Violet's husband is still alive, Sevarro falls desperately in love with her. In the third act her husband sees that something is wrong, and gently but firmly protests. Lady Violet then turns Sevarro politely out of the house, but he returns later on to tell her he loves her, when she throws herself in his arms. This brings the third act to a conclusion, and in the last Sevarro, who is still hanging about the gardens, comes across Lady Violet, and begs her to leave the country with him. She, however, refuses, although she loves him, so that not caring what becomes of him, Sevarro walks towards the river, and indifferent to Lady Violet's entreaties, deliberately throws himself in. Sevarro now being out of the way, the audience are left to suppose that Lady Violet returns to her husband, and that all will go on as before Sevarro came on the scene. It will be seen that no one has many opportunities, but Mrs. Langtry makes the most of what she has. She looked wonderfully nice in the first two acts, and acted well in the last two, but it was a thankless task. Mr. Lewis Waller made the most of the part of Armand Sevarro, who causes so much trouble. The best piece of acting was undoubtedly shown by Mr. Cyril Maude, who, as an old Baron who wanted to know everybody's business, scored an undoubted success. Carefully got up in every detail this rising young actor showed abilities that would have done credit to men of far greater experience. Miss Marie Linden acted prettily as Dorothy Blair, while Mr. Herbert Flemming was good as Lord Chudleigh, who will not have Dorothy Blair's affections, trifled with. Numerous other parts were in good hands, but they were irrelevant to the action of the play, if we except Mr. Edmund Maurice, who acted well as the Right Hon. Richard Malvern. We are very doubtful whether "The Queen of Manoa" can ever be made into anything approaching a good play, and we shall doubtless soon have something fresh announced for production, when we trust Mrs. Langtry will be fortunate enough to get a play that will suit her.

The production of "Haddon Hall," an original light English opera, the words by Sydney Grundy, the music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, will take place at the Savoy this (Saturday) evening, at eight p.m. The following is the cast:—Messrs. Courtice Pounds, Richard Green, Charles Kenningham, Rutland Barrington, W. H. Denny; the Misses Lucile Hill, Rosina Brandram, Dorothy Vane, and Nita Cole. The opera has been produced under the stage direction of Mr. Charles Harris. The opera will be conducted by the composer on the first night.

Miss Estelle Burney will appear in a new and original comedy entitled "The Awakening," on Saturday, the 1st October, at the Garrick.

A Masonic festival will take place at Durham, on Tuesday next, in connection with the Province of Durham. The annual Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, at two o'clock in the afternoon, when the Provincial Grand Officers and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge are desired to attend. The Provincial Grand Master (Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.), is announced to address the Lodge.

On Tuesday, 4th October, the annual Provincial Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Northumberland and Durham will be held at the Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland, by command of the Rev. Henry Baker Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., Provincial Grand Mark Master of Northumberland and Durham.

On Saturday last, at the Town Hall, Wokenham, the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire in charge consecrated a new Lodge, designated the Downshire Lodge, and numbered 2437 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Lord Arthur Hill, P.G.M. Down, was installed as the first Worshipful Master. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., was supported by a numerous attendance of the brethren from the Reading and other Lodges in the Province.

FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT.

WHEN the work of creation was finished, it is recorded that God rested on the seventh day. The husbandmen raise food for man. They finish their work when growth is exhausted and verdure is changing into the sere and yellow leaf, and the death of the season is come, and cold and ice and snow bury the vital forces of the earth then labour rests.

This is the lesson for man. It is written in every field, on every tree, in the plains and valleys, everywhere on the earth's surface. It is a lesson. He who reflects, who seeks wisdom in these object teachings, he who translates this sign language that he may understand obtains knowledge.

Labour and rest are corollaries; they are co-relative, and the deductions which come from a study of this lesson which embodies the demonstration of the proposition, that rest is the antithesis of labour.

The results of labour are to be both examined and investigated. Thus its character and value are known. Whatever of improvement can be found in the method which labour adopts is only obtained by a survey of its results. Rest is therefore beneficial, that the products of this labour may be ascertained, by this investigation and examination.

To the Freemason, Labour and Refreshment are ordained by the custom of the Craft—wisely, too. The work of the Lodge must be critically examined. It may be that for lack of this examination errors come in, the work is performed without due regard to its conformity with the laws and regulations, that carelessness enervating the rigid adherence to the "true work" and thus unobserved and without correction may become a precedent. Hence the want of uniformity is manifest to the injury of the completeness and perfection of the work of the Lodges. Uniformity, rigid adherence to the established regulations, is the test of Lodge work. If it fails in these requirements, the labour yields imperfect, defective and unwholesome fruits.

So refreshment, the rest, is the opportunity to examine what the work has accomplished, and how it was performed, and needed corrections made. This is the time for Refreshment which Masons understand. In the fraternal and social communion of Lodge members, at which the old, experienced Past Master, the thoughtful Masonic student, the old Mason who has for nearly his adult lifetime attended Lodge meetings, and has the traditions, the law and the landmark and the ritual stored in his memory, these seasons of Refreshment are periods for monition and admonition. Out of this use of Refreshment comes Strength and Wisdom.

Freemasonry has built its system on the "Great Light," and wisdom was thus to be obtained—Solomon was so wise, as, to be a proverb, as wise as Solomon.

So Masons have ever been taught to seek wisdom. It is therefore that the Institution of Masonry has never been overthrown from its foundations.

In this ordering of Labour and Refreshment in the Lodges, Masonry has exemplified its wisdom. All Masons teach, all they demand, all they require, by their rules and regulations if tested by the Plumb, Level and Square, will show that by the Labour and Refreshment enjoined, they have learned wisdom and obey its commands.

—Keystone.

The Lodges in Hamburg have subscribed the sum of fifteen thousand marks, value £750 sterling, towards the fund for the alleviation of the distress among the working classes.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 24th September.

- 1679 Henry Muggidge, Anderton's, Fleet Street
R.A. 176 Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1482 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Ponistone
1679 St. James, George Hotel, Enfield
1531 Chiselmhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselmhurst
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Houslow
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton
2048 Henry Lavender, Station Hotel, Harrow
2353 Broxbourne, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne
R.A. 411 Union, Courtenay Arms Hotel, Starecross

Monday, 26th September.

- 70 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1745 Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1628 Shepherds Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
48 Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington
1177 Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembrokeshire
1218 Pr. Alfred, Commercial, Mosley, Manchester
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
1891 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York
2257 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester
R.A. 395 Guys, Masonic Rooms, Leamington
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1754 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Penarth
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 27th September.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1441 Ivy, Surrey M. Hall, Camberwell New Road.
R.A. 548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
209 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
597 St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead
954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1358 Torbay, Lodge Rooms, Polsham, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Milkom
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1888 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Mem. Hall, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1842 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staff.
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2405 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helen's, Lanc.
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 960 Sir George Elliot, M.H., Cardiff
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 2048 Henry Lavender, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 2262 Dagmar, Angler's Rest, Wraybury
K.T. 110 Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

Wednesday, 28th September.

- 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
7898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1390 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1540 Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Newton Moor
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
851 Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing
906 Sondes, Masonic Hall, East Dereham
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow
1219 Strageways, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1253 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
1356 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Old Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1723 St. George, Masonic Hall, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton

- 1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
2044 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tanstall, Staff.
2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Swinton, nr. Manchester
2279 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornham
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.
2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Cuxton, S. W. es.
R.A. 225 St. Lukes, F.M.H., Swan St., Ipswich.
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 2109 Prince Edward, Ass. Hall, Heaton Moor
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Thursday, 29th September.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 1.
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
590 La Cesarea, Masonic Temple, Jersey
636 D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath
1190 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Acerrington
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypridd
2269 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
K.T. 31 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

Friday, 30th September.

- Board of Management, Boys' School
318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Helston
445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
951 Prince of Wales, M.H., Snow-on-the-Hill
1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 897 Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hull Street, St. Helens
R.A. 915 Abbey, Council Chambers, Abingdon

Saturday, 1st October.

- Council, Boys' School, F.M.H. 3
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead
1389 Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1550 Peudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 24th September.

- 97 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1283 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zealand, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Finsley, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 26th September.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropermaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
333 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood Road, N.W., 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 7
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 730
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1535 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., 830

- 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

Tuesday, 27th September.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 645
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
403 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 730
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1041 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, 730
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730
1472 Hanley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
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1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 28th September.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
751 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 730
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 830
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1260 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Texteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 730
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1601 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 730
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
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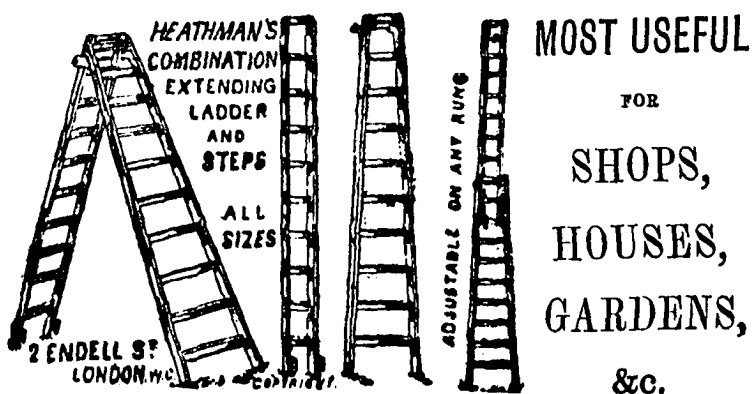
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