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RECORD KEEPING.

IT is a matter of every day regret amongst Freemasons that a more perfect record of our Lodge proceedings in the early stages of their career has not been preserved. At the present day, when so many energetic brethren are willing to make an attempt to write a history of their Lodge, they are brought to bay, so to speak, on formulating almost their first question,—What records have you? when the reply made is,—Several of our Minute Books are missing, and from such and such a year the entries have not been made with anything like regularity. This kind of reply has a tendency to damp the ardour of many a hopeful spirit, and but few of those who might readily have undertaken such a task have the courage to beat about the bush or seek elsewhere for such information as would make the labour, if ever it be entered upon, such an one as would be appreciated by those for whom it was designed, or that would satisfy the conscientious worker who had volunteered for such a duty.

At this time when the members of Grand Lodge have under consideration the desirability of creating additional offices for those aspiring to the Purple we may spare a brief space to the consideration of a suggestion that has recently been made to us, that is, that a new Officer should be appointed, to be designated the Record Keeper, and that his duty should be to supervise a staff of three or four paid officials whose function it would be to annually examine the Minute Books of all the Lodges, and make a précis of their contents, which should be accessible to any one who might desire to make reference to them, and for which a small charge could be made similar to that made for the examination of a will. On this occasion we intend merely to give an outline of what is proposed; should the suggestion be entertained details could follow. We may as well, however, at once state that the scheme if taken up would entail an annual outlay of from £500 to £1,000.

And now for a little consideration of what this scheme embodies. In the first place we may roughly place the number of accessible Lodges at 2,000. The several Secretaries, at a given interval after the installation meeting of their various Lodges, should forward to Grand Lodge their minute books or an attested copy thereof; these should be carefully examined by one of the salaried staff, who would thereupon make his précis, which should eventually be entered in a book provided for the purpose. We may take it that a competent man would be able to get through three or four of such returns each day, so that our estimate as to the numerical staff required is within the mark. The incidental expenses would have to provide for books, printed forms, and the carriage of parcels. This latter item, however, need not of necessity be made a heavy charge. The ordinary postage would in many cases cover this, especially

where attested copies were supplied, but in any case the outlay for this would not exceed £150 per annum.

One of the difficulties pointed out to us when this suggestion has been under consideration is that there would be great difficulty in finding a brother competent to fill such an office, an office it is desirable should be distinctly of an honorary character. We do not think so; the permanent officials would do the work, the duty of the Grand Record Keeper should be to periodically inspect such work, and generally advise as to details. We are ready to concede that it would not be practicable if a change should be made annually; the custom as applied to the Grand Registrar should be adopted, and when a change became absolutely necessary the mantle of the outgoer might be readily adjusted for his successor.

THE THREE RABBONIS.

ADDRESS ON CAPITULAR MASONRY.

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PART FIRST.

THE name or term of Rabboni is of particular interest to the most excellent Master Mason, and in that connection it has a significant and radical meaning. In its general application it is a teacher, a preceptor, a wise and learned man. We are told that "the Jews, in imitation of the Greeks, had their seven wise men who were called Rabbonis." But a Rabboni of the Jews during the time of the Republic and a Rabboni of the Monarchy was something different in its meaning and application. The teacher of the law and expounder of the Talmud, the pedagogical Rabboni became transformed into the Master, the Ruler, the King. But while this was true, yet the name Rabboni continued to be applied as well to the teacher as to the monarch, and it was used by the Jews in addressing those whom they considered as possessing the functions of royalty. Christ was hailed by his followers as "Rabboni or Master," because many of those who gave him that title looked upon him as the "King of the Jews," who was to be the destroyer of their Roman oppressors.

In Capitular Masonry this name or title as used in the sixth degree assumes an important part, and it is right that we should endeavour to trace out and explain its meaning. I apply it to the three kings of Israel who first wore the purple and established monarchy in Jerusalem—Saul, David and Solomon, all of whom, but more particularly the two last, are intimately associated with this most interesting and impressive part of Freemasonry—interesting in the facts of its historical remembrances, and impressive in the solemn and dramatic character of the work. It is not too much for me to assume that these emotions are shared by all who have been received and accepted Most Excellent Master Masons. Of the practical meaning of the ceremonies used in the sixth degree it is not necessary for me to speak; they are or should be familiar to all who have reached that distinction. It is to the

events preceding the dedication of the Temple, the founders of the sixth degree, and its symbolism, and more particularly the three Rabbors or the original Most Excellents to which I wish to direct your attention. The founders of any particular structure, organisation or society, are generally known and of record, provided that the body in question is of modern growth, but when we come to treat of institutions dating back to the genesis of history, then the originators are not always to be discovered; so it is with some parts of Freemasonry.

We are told that King Solomon made it incumbent upon certain of the brethren to confer this degree, and the deduction naturally follows that it was founded either by him or during the reign of that monarch. The fact is apparent that soon after the creation men began to associate together in societies or Lodges, and for their protection against intrusion, they adopted certain signs and passwords. The particular object for which most of those associated bodies were formed was to assist each other to arrive at a knowledge of the author of all existing things, or the name and attributes of that being.

The Assyrians, the Chaldeans, the Egyptians and the Hebrews, all had their secret societies, and so far as their rituals and initiation ceremonies have been revealed, all seem to have been actuated by the one and the same motive, which was to define God. These are facts which cannot be controverted, so that we are justified in placing the Most Excellent as contemporaneous with the kings of Israel, which would make it one of the most ancient in the history of the Craft. It is one of those degrees in Freemasonry whose ceremonies reflect certain events famous in Jewish history, and so intimate is the relationship that they are known as historical degrees, so that in treating of the historical degrees, whether in the actual work of the Lodge Room, Chapter Hall, explanatory or discursive lecture, we must necessarily seek in the records of God's chosen people for the original circumstances from which sprang the illustrations of the degree, and we find in the sixth chapter of the Second Chronicles the great event in Jewish history so interesting to the Most Excellent Master Mason. More than three thousand years have elapsed since Solomon performed the crowning act of setting the copestone that completed the Temple. It was an important epoch in the world's history, as well as in that of the Jewish nation, and it proved to be the zenith of that people's greatness. The resources of Solomon's kingdom and of the nations tributary to that monarch had been taxed to their utmost in order that the great work should outshine in splendour all other human structures, and it is a singular fact, that the decline of the Jews as a power in the congregation of nations may be said to have commenced with the completion of the magnificent edifice, which, erected on the sacred mount that had been the scene of so many important events in the life of the chosen people, was destined to retain its original splendour for little more than a single generation, so that many of those who took part at the dedication of the gorgeous Temple lived to see its glories dimmed, its treasures rifled, and its sacred courts profaned by the heathen invaders. The cause of that sudden fall from greatness is not a subject for discussion at this time; it is fully explained in the Royal Arch Lecture.

In the sixth degree, we have the more pleasing theme of the rise to eminence of a great nation and the culmination of a glorious reign. In most national histories certain individuals acting under divine inspiration lay the plans and build the foundations upon which arise their country's greatness; examples are shown in all recorded history, sacred or profane, and in no other people is that fact more striking than in the history of the descendants of Abraham. But while it is true that Jewish history like that of the other nations was shaped and fashioned by men generally actuated by patriotic motives, yet the people as a mass were restless and ungovernable; they were called "a stiff-necked and rebellious people," and from Patriarch to Prophet, Prophet to Judge, Judge to High Priest, and High Priest to King, they were devout or impious, worshipping the one true God or erecting altars to their idols in obedience to the reigning impulse of the multitude, and often in defiance of their rulers. If you will turn to the narrative of the exodus and follow the march of the Israelites through the desert you will find the smoke of sacrifice ascending from altars erected to the Golden Calf and Brazen Serpent, and their discontent and even open rebellion frequently brought upon them the chastening

hand of God. Keeping these points in view, we will consider the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree more in the light of a personal reflection of some of the prominent actors in Jewish history than that of a connected narrative of national events, and in following that course we will best carry out the directions of the instructor who enjoins us to spread Masonic knowledge, which is the recognised object of all Masonic Work, but more especially that of the Sixth degree.

There were three important eras in the history of the Israelites—the era of the Patriarchs, the era of the Judges, and the era of the Kings, with the priestly power in conjunction with them all and generally as the ruling power of the nation. The later years of the second era, which was really the Hebrew Republic, and the era of the Kings are the two that interest us as Most Excellent Master Masons, especially the reign of Solomon. We may, however, as pertinent to our subject, briefly sketch the career of his predecessors, Saul and David, the two warrior kings, who overthrew the enemies of Israel and raised the kingdom to a lofty height among the nations of the earth. From the time that Moses had taken his first and only look at the promised land, to which he had led his people through forty years of wandering in the desert, the Jews were almost constantly engaged in wars with the nations whose territories they had despoiled, until finally, grown weary of the changing fortunes of war and incensed at the corruption of the Judges, they demanded of the Prophet Samuel, who at that time was the ruling power in Israel, that he should appoint a king over them. This is not the only instance on record where a people desiring to escape from incompetence and corruption had sought a remedy for those evils in a strong or despotic government. Samuel, who appears to have united in one person the several functions of Prophet, Priest and Judge, was old and infirm, and recognizing his inability longer to govern the State, had appointed his sons Judges over Israel. How they executed the trust assigned to them is best stated in the words of the sacred historian:

"And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel at Ramah,

"And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations," (1 Sam. viii. 3, 4, 5).

In vain the aged and wise priest reasoned with the people and pointed out to them the consequences of such a radical change in their form of government.

"Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us," (1 Sam. viii. 19).

The ways of Providence are often mysterious and incomprehensible to his people, and that he should allow the Jews, in defiance of the wishes and advice of their High Priest, to establish a monarchy, seems at the first glance like an abdication of divine authority, but we must judge not so much of the beginning as of the final results. The time was approaching when the tabernacle of skins should give place to the stately Temple wherein the Ark of the Covenant should have a permanent and secure habitation, and that the house for His name should be built in order that the great object for which the Hebrew nation had been preserved through centuries of almost constant struggle should be accomplished. To carry out this great enterprise it had become necessary to employ the strong arm of absolute power. The priestly rule was weak in governing the State. The people brought their offerings to the priests and bowed their heads as the incense and smoke of the altar ascended on high, but out of sight of priest and altar the authority vanished, and it was only an ecclesiastical not a secular government. The rule of the Judges was still less respected by the multitude, and at that time in Israel they had fallen into contempt, so it was only in absolutism that the nation could find refuge.

Surrounded by kingdoms and empires, whose splendour and apparent strength cast into the shade the impotent theocracy of the Jews, the people naturally turned to that which seemed to them a staple government, and it is doubtful whether the copestone would ever have been laid, and consequently the solemn ceremonies of the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree known to Freemasonry had not the Jews of Ramah demanded of Samuel that he set a king over them.

We will consider the first three kings of Israel in the

order of their succession, and also as the three Most Excellent Masters, assuming that the sixth degree was established prior to the dedication ceremonies, and to show to the brethren that in discarding their theocratical government, the Jews, unknown to themselves, were carrying out the original purpose for which they had been brought up out of the land of Egypt, that of building the grandest of all known temples, and thus furnishing Freemasonry its most impressive and comprehensive symbol. Finding that the Jews were determined to establish a monarchy, the Prophet sought counsel of the Almighty, and under the divine inspiration discovered in Saul the Benjamite the proper man to govern this discontented and turbulent people.

Saul, the first king of Israel, sent by the Omnipotent to reign over the Jews in answer to their demand for a king, and also, we may assume, as a punishment for their transgressions, was a man of the most extraordinary contrasts of character, and appears to have been chosen for this exalted station more for his great physical power than his intellectual qualities. He is described as the son of a man named "Kish . . . a Benjamite, a mighty man of power," and is extolled as a "choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upwards he was higher than any of the people," (1 Sam. ix. 2).

A gigantic form and indomitable courage were conditions well calculated to impress upon the people his fitness for a king. It was an age when everything depended on personal strength and valour. The sword and the javelin, the bow and the arrow, were the weapons of the days of Saul, and he who combined the strength and the courage to wield them was the man that commanded the respect of the multitude. So that when the Prophet Samuel presented this youthful giant to the people of Israel as their king, they hailed him as the saviour of the nation, sent to rescue them from the evils of a corrupt government and to defend them from the assaults of their implacable foes—the Philistines. Saul reigned over Israel for thirty-two years, and during all those years, from the moment of grasping the sceptre until he ended his life on the bloody field of Gilboa, he was constantly engaged in wars and contentions. The brutal, savage nature of the man was incompatible with the dignity of the king, and his chief delight seemed to be in the shedding of human blood. Not only was his prowess directed against the enemies of Israel, but he did not hesitate in moments of insane wrath to destroy his own subjects. Fired by jealousy he hurled his javelin against the youthful David, and pursued him with such rancorous hatred that he was compelled to seek refuge with the hereditary foes of his people—the Philistines. Setting at defiance the commands of God, as delivered to him by the Prophet, scoffing at religion, even naming his children in derision of the Jewish faith, yet there were moments when he would become an entirely different character, his violent, brutal nature would change, and in mandolin displays of faith and piety he would endeavour to atone for his former blasphemies: "Thus kindness and cruelty, manliness and meanness, superstition and faith, firmness and indecision, were combined with fearful extremes in this one man."

Yet with all his violence and seeming contempt for the religion of his forefathers, Saul never lapsed into open idolatry.

The Jews, owing to their long associations with the Egyptians, had contracted many of the superstitions of that imaginative people. The belief in the supernatural was almost universal among the ancients. The oracle, the mysterious sounds issuing from the images representing the heathen gods, necromancers, soothsayers, interpreters of dreams, sorcerers, were all potent factors with governments and peoples, and even in Israel they had become so powerful that they threatened to usurp the functions both of priest and king and to lead the masses from the true faith and turn them to idolatry.

Saul determined to rid his kingdom of those pretended prophets and diviners of the future, and mercilessly drove them out of his jurisdiction, but with characteristic duplicity he was ready to call upon them to further his own designs, and on the night before the last battle of his life, he stole from his camp in disguise, to consult the witch of Endor as to the result of the impending conflict, and when she brought up before him the familiar form of the deceased Samuel and he heard from the lips of the prophet, "tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the Lord

also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines," (1 Sam. xxviii. 19), he fell to the ground and grovelled in despair.

True to the prediction, the morrow witnessed the last desperate act of the unhappy king. He saw the army of the Israelites melt away before the charging hosts of the Philistines, he saw his sons slain around him, and wounded and bleeding, stricken with the darts and arrows of his savage foes, the unconquerable spirit of Saul still asserted itself even in that supreme moment, and calling to his armour bearer, he said, "Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armour bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

"So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that same day together," (1 Sam. xxxi. 4, 6).

The stormy life and melancholy death of this first king of Israel was in strict accordance with his fiery disposition and was also a legitimate part of the great drama of Jewish history begun at the crossing of the Red Sea four hundred years before, and which was to culminate with the dedication of the Temple. While it was a reign of wars and bloodsheds it served God's purpose in preparing the people for the work before them. The discipline and experience of thirty years of almost constant struggle hardened the Israelites, developed the resources of the nation and enabled them to command the respect and even to bring into subjection many of the surrounding tribes, so that when Saul's successor ascended the throne he found himself at the head of a warlike people, ready for any work of conquest or development. The first great act towards the erection of the house for His name was consummated when night drew down her curtain on the field of Gilboa, and with all his faults, his errors, his crimes, Saul was still an agent of the Almighty in the prosecuting of His great designs.

We must also, in contemplating the character of Saul, remember the actual condition of the people over whom he reigned. The Jews were in a semi-savage state, they had not yet cast off the nomadic life to which they were accustomed; their wealth consisted principally in flocks and herds; like their heathen neighbours they sacrificed sheep and oxen; their punishments were sanguinary and cruel, and they slaughtered their enemies, sparing neither men, women, nor children, not even the dumb beasts. In fact, the Hebrews, when they had reached their highest state of development under Solomon, were only voluptuous barbarians. They preserved their tribal relations at all times, and to this day, at least in theory, they keep them still. In the material works, such as architecture, bridges, aqueducts, roads, monuments, or any great engineering works, the Jews never reached mediocrity, much less greatness, and the one great building with which the name and fame of the Hebrew nation is associated, was mostly planned and executed by men of other nations. It is true we speak of the ancient Hebrews as a Great Nation; but they were great because of their close association with God; it was His name that made the children of Israel famous. So that with all these facts before us, the character of Saul becomes divested of most of its repulsive features, and we assume that we do not err when we pronounce him Rabboni—The Most Excellent Master.—*Keystone*.

(To be continued).

Apropos of Freemasonry in the army, which exists in the service, as elsewhere, under perfectly satisfactory and well-defined conditions, there is an amusing tendency at times on the part of Tommy Atkins to form secret societies and attend other likewise unauthorised gatherings; but when discovered, it is always very firmly suppressed. A writer refers to a case which occurred some years ago in India, when a number of fantastic garments were found in a dis-used barrack-room. On inquiry these turned out to belong to a society evidently quite harmless to all intents and purposes, but nevertheless against the rules, so it was of course put down, and the enterprising originator of the society received a very stiff letter on the subject from the commanding officer.—Court Journal.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE, No. 31.

THE installation of Bro. Goulden as Worshipful Master took place, on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. J. Plaut, and the newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Gardener S.W., Mount J.W., Maughan I.P.M. Chaplain, Ward P.M. Treasurer, Plant P.M. Secretary, Longhurst P.M. Organist, Ashenden P.M. Dir. of Cers., Baker S.D., Sutton J.D., Drury I.G., Whichcord S.S., Rev. J. Parmiter jun. J. S., Blake Tyler. A banquet followed at the Royal Fountain Hotel, when the W.M. presided. A large party sat down, and a joyous and harmonious evening was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by the musical efforts of Bros. Plant, Rhodes, Higgins, and Dewhurst.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

ON the 11th inst., the anniversary was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich. There was a large gathering of members, and there were many visitors. Brother Harold Garney S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Ward. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers. A banquet was subsequently held, at which the W.M. presided, the company numbering between 60 and 70.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LODGE, No. 696.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Wednesbury. Brother Henry William Rogers, Mns. Bac., S.W. was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. E. Martin Scott I.P.M., after which the newly-elected W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Martin Scott I.P.M., A. Horton S.W., H. Palethorpe J.W., Rev. G. Tuthill Chaplain, J. H. Walton Treasurer, H. C. Crew Secretary, G. Wilson Dir. of Cers., A. Dickenson S.D., C. W. D. Joynson J.D., H. Hatchett Organist, H. Wilkins I.G., H. Harvey and J. Hemming Swards. The following brethren were among the numerous Visitors:—Bros. Pepper, Seddon, Bradley, Waring, Hildick, Smith, Tozer, Wilmore, Bellingham, Kendrick, Wheway, Belcher, Taylor, Davis, Adam, &c. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Anchor Hotel for banquet, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 811.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Whittle, who was supported by his Officers. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were present, viz.:—Bros. Wood, Lomax, Holford, Hallett, Burrows, Shaft, and Lainson; the members of the Lodge present also including Brothers Scott, Martin, Baines, Rodriguez, Linto, and Tamplin. The Visitors included:—Bros. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Right Honourable Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., W. C. Newsam W.M. 1821, G. Hughes 259 P.G.S., A. King W.M. 2201 P.P.G.O., J. Christmas P.M. 1787 P.G.J.D., H. Balian W.M. 271, W. H. Haley P.M. 1019, W. Hilders 321, J. Creighton W.M. 1110, G. Whitaker 73, A. J. Carpenter W.M. 1829, G. Holman W.M. 1303, M. Ansell W.M. 1726, H. W. G. Abell W.M. 1797, F. J. C. May P.M. 1063, J. Wickham W.M. 2187, J. H. Ewart W.M. 916, P. Crick W.M. 851, G. Randell W.M. 40, S. H. Parsons 271, L. R. Styer P.M. 315, F. C. Parson P.M. 271, J. P. Slingsby Roberts P.M. 1466 Provincial Grand Steward, R. Clowes P.M. P.G.D., J. A. Strachan P.M. 414, G. Cole P.M. 1636 P.P.G.O., Horton Ledger W.M. 732, and Stanley Cook W.M. 315. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Counsellor James Turton as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. E. G. Whittle. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follow, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. Whittle I.P.M., Scott S.W., Ewart J.W., Jacobs Chaplain, Abbey P.M. Treasurer, De Paris P.M. Secretary, Poole Organist, Hart S.D., Stephens J.D., Jowers I.G., Holford P.M. Dir. of Cers., and Scott Steward. Bro. Wood was elected to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Charities' Committee, and Bro. Abbey to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Rooms' Committee. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet supplied by Messrs. E. Booth and Sons, of East Street. The newly-elected W.M., Brother Turton presided. The customary Masonic toasts were submitted. The Loyal toasts were given by the Chairman and were heartily received. He then submitted the Officers of the Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which the Provincial Grand Secretary and Bro. Clowes made suitable responses. The W.M. then submitted the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. The brethren, he said, were well aware of the great interest taken in the Province by the Duke of Connaught, who had visited Brighton, and in the Craft and in Mark Masonry had carried out his duties in an admirable manner. The Duke took not merely a formal, but a living interest in

the Province, and the brethren were looking forward to another visit from him at no distant date. With regard to Sir W. T. Marriott, no gathering of Freemasons would, he said, be complete without him; he took an active interest in the Province, and his after-dinner oratory was not to be surpassed. Sir W. T. Marriott, who was enthusiastically received on rising to respond, said the Sussex Freemasons were not wanting in loyalty. Referring to the Duke of Connaught, he remarked that no Provincial Grand Master took greater interest in his Province than did the Duke in that of Sussex, for notwithstanding his many engagements he acquainted himself thoroughly with the details of Freemasonry in the Province, and further, had promised to attend the approaching meeting of Prov. G. Lodge. Speaking for himself, he said it gave him great pleasure to attend the Yarrow Lodge. He had been delighted with the excellent work he had seen, and especially enlogised the I.P.M. Bro. E. G. Whittle for the splendid manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. It was, indeed, work of which the Lodge and the Province might well be proud. It gave him great pleasure to see his friend the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. Ewart, occupying one of the Warden's chairs, and he looked forward to the time when Bro. Ewart would become W.M. of the Lodge and attain high office in the Province. Bro. E. G. Whittle proposed the Worshipful Master. He said there was no need to dilate upon the excellencies which characterised Bro. Turton, and which eminently qualified him for the office of W.M. Bro. Turton was a good Mason in the Lodge and out of it, and was highly respected in his profession. The able manner in which he had filled the offices which he had already occupied in the Lodge was sufficient guarantee for excellent work by him as W.M. He (Bro. Whittle) heartily wished him a happy, harmonious, and prosperous year. Bro. Turton was received with enthusiasm on rising to respond. In occupying the proud position of W.M. he experienced, he said, feelings of pleasure and gratification, but those feelings were associated with great diffidence, following, as he did, so able a W.M. as Bro. Whittle. He wished to thank the brethren heartily for their kind and generous treatment of him since he had joined the Yarrow Lodge. It was not his "mother" Lodge, but he had taken kindly to his step-mother, and she had taken kindly to him. He said he felt that he had the sincere friendship of every member in the Lodge, and trusted that such fellowship might long continue. It would be his earnest endeavour to zealously carry out the duties of his high office, to maintain the harmony of the Lodge, and to rule with affection and love. Bro. George de Paris gave the Visitors, to which Bros. H. Balian, A. King, and Hailey responded. The W.M. submitted the Past Masters and presented a Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, to Bro. Whittle in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. He hoped Bro. Whittle would be long spared to wear it; his excellent work had been an honour to the Lodge, and he (Bro. Whittle) retired from the chair, he said, with the esteem and brotherly affection of all the members of the Lodge. Bros. B. Lomax, G. T. Shaft, and E. G. Whittle acknowledged the toast. Bro. F. Holford gave the Initiate, to which Bro. Baines replied. The Worshipful Master proposed the Officers of the Lodge. Brother Ewart Junior Warden (Mayor of Brighton), in responding, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindly sentiments with which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. He had travelled over 250 miles to be present at the Lodge, and would, he said, do his utmost to carry out the duties of the office which had been kindly conferred upon him. In his civic office he highly valued the support of the brethren, and he looked forward to the time when the W.M. would occupy the Mayor's chair with distinction. The Tyler's toast brought the gathering to a close. During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Hallett, Slingsby Roberts, Poole, King, and Cook; Bro. Whittle contributing an ocarina solo, and Bro. Hart a recitation.

FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES LODGE, No. 979.

THE members commemorated the Festival of St. John, at their rooms, at Crewe, on the 4th inst., when Brother Vickers was installed as Worshipful Master amidst the heartiest congratulations of his brethren and visitors from neighbouring Lodges. The past year, under the ruling of Bro. Weloh, has been a happy one, although the work has been somewhat light, and if at the end of the year the new W.M. has fulfilled all that he hopes to do, he and the brethren generally may be congratulated. The ceremony of installation was admirably gone through, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Warren S.W., Smith J.W., Badger Treasurer, Shore S.D., Saul J.D., Hitchen I.G., Young Organist, Lumb Dir. of Cers., Dodd S.S., Salisbury J.S. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. by the Lodge for the valuable services he had rendered during his year of office. Brother Eardley was elected Charity Representative, and a collection was taken in the room in support of the same. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Newhouse) after tendering hearty good wishes on behalf of Lord Egerton and himself, explained that that was the first of his yearly round of visits. It was intended to form a fund of Benevolence for Cheshire, and he would like to raise not less than £1,000, which would enable them to support a number of aged brethren and their widows who, perhaps through no fault of their own, had been reduced in circumstances and stood in need of relief. They had done well for the London Charities, and he now appealed to them to support the scheme, which would shortly be placed before them in greater detail, to form a Fund of Benevolence for their own Province. The Lodge having been closed in solemn form, the brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous bill of fare, catered in Brother Welch's usually excellent manner. The Loyal and Provincial toasts having been customarily disposed of, the gavel was handed to the Senior Warden (Bro. Warren), who proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. It was a toast, he said, always well received in 979, and he was sure this year would form no exception except to make it doubly hearty. He was proud to be one of its

Officers, and felt sure that under his direction they would have a very prosperous year. If he would only follow in the footsteps of his immediate predecessor (Bro. Welch), who had just passed into the ranks of the Past Masters, he was sure they need not fear but that they would have a successful year. Bro. Vickers, in responding, said his interest in Masonry began from the moment of his initiation. He was struck with the impressive nature of the ceremony, and he had since found that the more one looked into it the more beautiful it appeared; in fact, next to the liturgy of the church, he thought it was one of the finest rituals ever known. He believed that if Masons would only act up to the principles they were taught in the Lodge, their lives would show that not only were they good citizens but good Christians. The word Charity was and should be the mainspring of their actions, and if the outside world only better understood their principles they would be more able to appreciate Freemasonry. In its circles he had made and fostered friendships which he hoped would last till the Great Architect of the Universe called him away. He felt that to be a Mason was a great privilege, and to be the Master of a Lodge like 979 was the highest ideal that he could entertain. He hoped to sustain the interest of the members, and especially the Past Masters, for he could not see why their interest in the Lodge should cease upon having passed the chairs, but rather that they should come forward to welcome and instruct the younger men. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters of 979, proposed by Bro. Smith, and replied to in a humorous speech by Bro. Dunn; the Visitors, proposed by Brother Gibson, and responded to by Bros. Gilbert and Gallimore; the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Lamb, and spoken to by Bro. Blackhurst; the Officers, responded to by the Wardens; and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with selections of glees by the Chester Masonic Quartette (Bros. Millward, Halliday, Knowles, and Robinson), whose beautiful rendering of choice music was much admired. Their selections were "Hark! the nightingale is singing," "On the banks of Allan water," "Ye catte," "The water rushing," "The mighty conqueror," "King Canute," "Sleep gentle lady," and "When evening's twilight." Bro. Lamb also recited a prologue in praise of Masonry, and "The Charge of the Light Brigade," whilst humorous recitations, "How Rubenstein played the piano," and "Scott of Arden," were given with admirable effect by Bro. Cross. Three promises of five guineas each were made in support of the fund alluded to by Bro. Newhouse.

DE WARREN LODGE, No. 1302.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on Monday, the 10th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Halifax. Bro. William Bailey was installed W.M., and the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Hy. J. Pratt Senior Warden, Wm. Butterworth Junior Warden, Wm. Asquith P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Cooke P.M. Secretary, Arthur Alderson Senior Deacon, Priestly Alderson Junior Deacon, Charles K. Maxwell Dir. of C., Wm. Hy. Benn Organist, Henry Sutcliffe Inner Guard, Henry Tyson, Walter C. F. Smith, George Tyson and Wm. Dodsworth Stewards, George Normanton Tyler, and T. Hodgson Assistant Tyler. Afterwards the brethren dined together, an excellent repast being provided by Mrs. Davies, the proprietress.

EMULATION LODGE, No. 1505.

ON the 13th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, Bro. J. S. Jolly was installed at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. He was presented by Bros. J. T. Callow and R. Foote, Past Masters of the Lodge, and the ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Greenlees, to whom a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Greenlees, to show the appreciation of the Lodge during his year of office. Having been duly installed, Bro. Jolly invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Greenlees I.P.M., F. Simpson S.W., E. Eastwood J.W., John Worthy P.M. Treasurer, John E. Williams Secretary, Rev. H. G. Vernon Chaplain, R. B. Mathieson S.D., L. Tough J.D., Leslie C. Harris Organist, Isaac Lower I.G., S. W. Linaker, W. Wilson, T. Gardner, and A. E. Talbot Stewards, W. J. Doran Tyler, and J. T. Callow Dir. of Cers. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. J. R. Bottomley P.P.G.D.C., W. Savage P.G. Treasurer, John Lee P.G.S.B. Cheshire, W. E. Moreton I.P.M. 673, C. R. Stewart W.M. 2375, H. F. Neale W.M. 249, Lewis Peak P.M. 1609, A. Bucknall P.M. 667. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. The brethren assisting in the musical portion were Bros. Leslie C. Harris, Eaton Batty, S. Kirkham, J. Higginbotham, H. T. Whittingham, T. Shaw, T. Barton, and others.

WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 1713.

IN the out-districts as well as in other parts of Liverpool Freemasonry grows apace. One of the most successful Lodges in the Walton district of the city is the Wilbraham Lodge, which, consecrated in October 1877, has now been in existence 15 years. The members together with a goodly number of visiting brethren assembled, on the 12th inst., in the Lodge-room at the Black Horse Hotel, Walton, to assist at the formal installation of Bro. John Roberts (assistant magistrates' clerk) as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. the Rev. R. T. Leslie and W. W. Webster, and the all-important ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. James Stopford, the retiring W.M. Having been duly installed, Bro. Roberts proceeded to invest his Officers:—Bros. James Stopford I.P.M., Herbert James Leggett S.W., A. H. Davies J.W., Rev. R. T. Leslie Chaplain, F. J. Pentin Treasurer, James Pendrigh Secretary, A. E. Leyland S.D., A. Vickers J.D., B. Kelly I.G., J. B. Hobson S.S., Edward

Griffiths J.S., F. R. Shiersen A.S., William Hudson Organist, Dr. W. J. Fleetwood D.C., and R. Nevill Tyler. Subsequently a really excellent repast was served, and the assembled brethren enjoyed the musical contributions of Bros. W. Hudson, E. Edwards, Eaton Batty, W. Jones-Rees, Joshua Jones P.M., and others.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

AT the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge, on the 4th inst., the minutes of the previous Lodge were confirmed, while the voting was unanimous as to the removal of the Lodge from the Clifton Hotel to the Marine Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, the home of its birth-place, some fourteen years since. The W.M., Bro. W. E. Sutton, ordered the bye-laws to be read and a new edition to be printed. The question of members being in arrears was fully discussed, and it was decided that all those whose subscriptions were three years unpaid should be summoned to show cause why they should not be ejected, and so reported to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges. There were but few members present, the night being very wet, with a gale of wind and heavy rain on. Those brethren who came from Clacton had a most uncomfortable and dangerous ride home; in crossing the Holland Marshes the road was completely under water and ran through the inside of the carriage. It is hoped that the Arnold Lodge will have a good season, many gentlemen having expressed their desire to join the Order. The present W.M. is a great favourite with the Lodge, and is furthering its interest in every way. The Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, having accepted the chairmanship of the Boys' School Festival, will necessarily stir up the Essex Lodges to support him with Stewards and subscriptions.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1909.

THE tenth anniversary of this Lodge was held, on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, when Bro. Henry Hallam was ably installed into the chair for the coming year by Bro. the Rev. H. W. Wynne Foulkes. There was a large attendance of brethren from the various Lodges to testify to the high esteem in which the Worshipful Master elect is held, among them being the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel W. Newton, Worshipful Bro. his Honour Judge Masterman, and fourteen Masters of Lodges in the Province of Nottinghamshire—a number larger than is known to have attended at any previous installation in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Bolton was the Director of Ceremonies. In the evening the annual festival was held, presided over by Brother Hallam, when songs were given by Bros. Booth, Sander, T. Phelps, Blasdale, Essex, and Kidd. Bro. Woodhouse ably presided at the piano.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE, No. 1914.

ON the 10th inst. the annual festival was held at the Harecastle Hotel, Kidsgrove, when the installation of Bro. Bott as W.M. took place in succession to Bro. Nall. The visiting brethren included Bros. Whitehead 2318, Taylor W.M. 726, Walker S.W. 993, Cowap 721, Wooliscroft 637, Barton 1336, Howson W.M. 2034, Davenport P.M. 451, Bart W.M. 637, Kent P.M. 546, Newton P.M. 418, Allerton J.D. 418, Mason W.M. 98, and Edgworth Chaplain 98 and 460. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Nall I.P.M., Hancock S.W., Copeland J.W., Storey Treasurer, Litchfield Chaplain, Jones Secretary, Warburton Dir. of Cers., Buckley S.D., Bailey J.D., Stenier I.G., Storer Senior Steward, Turner Junior Steward, Buckley Organist, Isom Tyler. Later, a banquet was provided by Bro. Busbridge, presided over by the W.M. After the usual toasts had been drunk Bro. Davenport proposed the Most Worshipful the P.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, the Most Worshipful the D.G.M. Lord Mount-Edgcombe, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Warburton proposed the R.W.D.P.G.M. Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley and the rest of the P.G. Officers Present and Past. Bro. Nall proposed the health of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The other toasts included the Installing Masters, the Visiting Brethren, the Officers of the Lodge, the Masonic Charities, and All Poor and Distressed Masons. The remainder of the evening was convivially spent.

TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

THE ninth annual festival was held, by dispensation, at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, on Tuesday, 11th inst., when the Wor. Master elect (Bro. John T. Hogg S.W.) was installed according to ancient custom. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Miles I.P.M. A large number of brethren attended from the Provincial Grand Lodge (Eastern Division) South Wales, and the adjacent Province of Monmouth, including the Deputy Prov. Master (Bro. Marmaduke Tennant), from whom the Lodge derives its title. The Tennant, during the nine years of its existence, has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity, and the number of brethren who assembled from nearly every Lodge in the Principality, testified to its exceeding popularity in Masonic circles. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Miles I.P.M., Bailey S.W., Sheridan J.W., Sauderson Chaplain, Williams Treasurer, Kerman Secretary, Jenkins Assistant Secretary, Bonnyman Dir. of Cers., Watts S.D., Jones J.D., Luce I.G., Cole Organist, Vaughan and Darston Stewards, Jenkins Tyler.

WHITWELL LODGE, No. 2104.

THE annual festival was held at Stockton, on the 11th inst., when Bro. J. Harrison S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master of

the Lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Gaston, the retiring W.M. The newly installed Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Gaston I.P.M., S. Appleton S.W., H. McDonnell J.W., R. Appleton Treasurer, J. Browne Secretary, D. McNaughton S.D., J. H. Elliott J.D., H. H. Readman I.G., B. R. Smith Tyler, H. E. Wright S.S., and J. Liddle J.S. In the evening the brethren dined together in the banqueting hall.

DOROTHY VERNON LODGE, No. 2129.

IT does not often fall to the lot of a Worshipful Master to be elected to fill the ancient chair for a second successive year, and for this reason Bro. Dr. Philip Sheldon Fentem is entitled to take no small degree of credit to himself, inasmuch as his worthy Lodge has unanimously conferred upon him the honour of re-election. The Dorothy Vernon Lodge is still in its infancy, but under such Masters as Bros. A. E. Cokayne, J. H. Orme, the Hon. C. W. Trollope, and the present occupant of the chair, it has rapidly advanced to a front rank among the Lodges of the Province. The Lodge was duly opened at 2.30, on the 4th inst., in the Town Hall, Bakewell. The ceremony was very impressively performed by one of the Past Provincial Officers, who is also a member of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge, Bro. J. H. Orme P.M. The re-elected W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. Brooke Taylor S.W., G. Leigh J.W., Rev. H. J. Longsdon, M.A., Chaplain, Glossop Treasurer, W. Clark S.D., E. M. Longsdon J.D., Cokayne Director of Ceremonies, T. B. Mellor Organist, John Quail I.G., Tomlinson Tyler, whilst one brother, to whom much of the success the Lodge has met with is due, Bro. J. C. Strovay, was re-elected as Secretary. Bro. Mellor ably took charge of the musical portion of the ceremony. After the ceremony and the transaction of business, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Oak Hotel, where Bro. Frost put on a banquet in his well-known style. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and received according to ancient custom, the health of the W.M. being enthusiastically drunk, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2206.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., the members assembled at the Royal Hotel, Purfleet, to raise Bro. W. Domoney to the rank of a Master Mason. The ceremony was performed by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Bruton. Bro. Bruton was elected a Steward to represent the Lodge at the next Festival for the Boys' School. £10 10s was voted from the Lodge funds to head his list with. The W.M. was asked to continue in his office for another year. An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Wingrove.

ORDE-POWLETT LODGE, No. 2391.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Watson W.M. presiding. The usual business of the Lodge having been transacted, the brethren adjourned for supper, when an excellent repast was served up by Bro. Watts, of the Exchange dining rooms.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Present—Bros. Lea Smith Preceptor, Bullen W.M., Morris S.W., De Paiva J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Williams S.D., Danberry J.D., Gates I.G.; also Bros. Grant, Bird, Ivey, Cuthbertson, Coates, and Beddall; Visitors—Bros. Hughes, Smith, and Watt. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were elected permanent Officers for the coming year:—Bros. W. T. Grant P.M. 869 P.G.A.D.C. Herts Treasurer; J. H. Davidson W.M. 1820, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, M. Slaughter P.M. 176 and 404 P.P.G.J.W. Herts Preceptors; C. W. Mapleton S.D. 2243 P.M. 256 Secretary; J. S. Fraser P.M. 174 and 2096 P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, F. G. Ivey W.M. 231, and S. Lea Smith S.D. 69 P.M. 1159 Committee; A. Ede Paiva and S. W. Morris Auditors. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the tracing board were rehearsed, Bro. Hughes acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary write to Bro. H. M. Hobbs, and convey to him the very great regret felt by all the members at his being obliged to resign the Preceptorship he had held for so many years, on account of ill health. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. Bros. Rowlett, Hughes, Morris, Smith, and Watt were elected members of the Lodge. The Lodge was closed.

Bro. John Barrett will be installed on Saturday, 29th inst., as the first W.M. of the Crystal Palace Mark Lodge, whose headquarters are at the Crystal Palace Hotel, Upper Norwood.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at Dorchester, on Friday, the 14th inst., and was attended by a large number of members of the Craft throughout the county. The Lodge opened at noon at the Town Hall, which was beautifully fitted up for the occasion. In the chair was the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Guest, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Brymer, and nearly all the Provincial Officers were present. The usual routine business was transacted, and the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Province on the progress of the Craft and the excellent work done by the various Lodges. The following is a list of Provincial Officers for the year:—

Bro. Chaloner	...	...	Senior Warden
Filliter	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. L. Hilton	...	...	Chaplain
Thornton	...	...	Treasurer
Frampton	...	...	Registrar
Cass	...	...	Secretary
E. W. Young	...	...	Senior Deacon
Radford	...	...	Junior Deacon
Holliday	...	...	Supt. of Works
Smith	...	...	Dir. of Cere.
Irwin	...	...	Assist. Dir. of Cere.
Habgood	...	...	Sword Bearer
E. Newman	...	...	Organist
Hann	...	...	Pursuivant
Pomeroy	...	...	Stewards
A. Rayner	...	...
Huxtable	
Knight	
Enson	Tyler
Cox	
Long	

The banquet took place in the Corn Exchange.

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ST. AUBYN CHAPTER, No. 954.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday night, the 17th inst., at the Ebrington Hall, Granby Street, Devonport. The Principals elect were installed:—Comps. H. Nicholls as Z., J. Osborne P.Z. H., J. T. Allingham J. The Installing Officers were Comps. Rev. Dr. Lemon and G. Principal Prov. G.J., C. Watson 954 P.G.D.C., E. J. Knight P.G.D.C., W. Alleford 202, assisted by Comps. J. Joliffe, J. R. Dugdale, J. Crossley, H. Haynes, C. Tozer. The Officers invested were Comps. C. Tozer P.Z., C. Watson Treasurer, A. A. Donovan S.E., A. G. Akenhead S.N., A. J. Wilcocks P.S., A. Roberts 1st A.S., J. T. Greet 2nd A.S., W. J. Everett Org., H. Worth D.C., T. Payne Steward, W. Henderson Janitor.

FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

THE installation meeting was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, on the 13th inst., when Bro. Frederick S. Guy was admitted to the degree, and Comp. H. V. Clements inducted into the First Principal's Chair by the outgoing M.E.Z. Comp. Thomas Humphreys, to whom a handsome gold jewel was subsequently presented, in recognition of his past services to the Chapter. The following Officers were appointed and invested:—Comps. G. B. Gibbey H., R. Jennings J., T. Humphreys I.P.Z., R. J. Warren Treasurer, J. S. Hammond S.E., H. T. Hardy S.N., J. Wild P.S., J. Borham and M. T. Tuck A.S., J. Spencer, R. K. Bull, and W. H. Roscoe Stewards. The Companions afterwards sat down to a capital banquet prepared by the host, Bro. P. Reynolds, and under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. H. V. Clements, a very pleasant evening was passed.

Bro. Seymour Smith asks us to announce that his Annual Benefit Concert will take place at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, Peckham, on Thursday evening, the 27th inst., when the performance will consist of a Sacred Cantata "Joshua," by Bro. Seymour Smith, and a miscellaneous selection of vocal and instrumental music. The vocalists are Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Rosabelle Beste, Miss Vera Leslie, Miss Seddon, Madame Raymond, Miss Annie Wilson, Mrs. S. Firminger, Mr. Edward Dalzell, Mr. C. A. White, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. Walter Peach, Mr. W. G. Hazelgrove, and the members of the St. Augustine's (Honor Oak) Choral Society, (Choir Superintendent, Mr. R. J. Bishop). Instrumentalists:—pianoforte, Madame Brett and Miss Evelyn Smith; harmonium, Mr. Donne Smith; concertina, Mr. Richard Blagrove; trumpet, Mr. Walter Morrow. Conductor, Bro. Seymour Smith. Admission: reserved seats, 3s; unreserved seats, 2s; area, 1s.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Devonshire was held on Monday afternoon, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, under the banner of the Jordan Lodge, No. 319. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., presided, and was strongly supported.

The Secretary read numerous letters of apology. He reported that the brethren appointed to office at the last Provincial Grand Lodge had assumed their rank and paid their fees of honour. During the past year there had been fifty-six advancements, and after allowing for losses by death and resignation there had been an increase of nine subscribing members, the number in the Province being 508, as against 499 last year. Brethren in arrear were not included in the number given. He would remind the W.M.'s of the Lodges of the intimation given by the Provincial Grand Master last year that no brother would be appointed to office in Provincial Grand Lodge unless the return for the Lodge had been sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary before 31st March. More than one Lodge had neglected this duty during the past year. In November last the Provincial Grand Master consecrated the second new Lodge in the Province during his term of office, viz.: the Duncombe Lodge, at Kingsbridge. He was assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Wardens, and loyally supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren from various parts of the Province. Bro. Hon. H. V. Duncombe was installed as W.M. of the Lodge, and from the interest evinced by the Worshipful Master and the members of the Lodge there was little reason to doubt that it would reflect credit on Mark Masonry in Devonshire. A request from the members of Lodge Huyshe, No. 91, Devonport, to alter the name of the Lodge to Fidelity-Huyshe had been acceded to. In conclusion he thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the unvarying courtesy and attention to Masonic matters, and for the zeal and ability with which he had striven to advance the interests of the degree in Devonshire.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. J. Oldfield) reported that the receipts amounted to £62 5s 8d, and there was a balance in hand of £28 18s 9d.

The Provincial Grand Secretary said the sum of £5 5s was voted on the last meeting to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Provincial Committee proposed that £10 10s be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, £5 5s to the Devon Masonic Education Fund, and £5 5s to the Fortescue Annuity Fund. These sums were voted.

Bro. J. Lane produced the revised Bye-Laws, and moved that they be adopted. Bro. J. Gover seconded the resolution, which was carried. The Provincial Grand Master endorsed the remarks of the Provincial Grand Secretary that the Committee were entitled to their best thanks for the care and attention they had devoted to revising the Bye-Laws.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in moving that Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote be again recommended to the Grand Master for the office of Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years, said they required an energetic Mason and one who took a deep interest in the work for the office of Provincial Grand Master. In Sir Stafford Northcote they had the right man in the right place. Bro. Oldfield seconded the resolution, which was supported by Bro. T. Worledge and Bro. Shorto and carried with acclamation. Sir Stafford Northcote, who was cordially received, referred with feelings of pride and satisfaction to the fact during the time he had held the office of Provincial Grand Master Mark Masonry in Devonshire had gone forward.

Bro. Shorto moved the election of Bro. John Taylor, of 319, as Provincial Grand Treasurer. Brother W. Taylor seconded, and Bros. Dodge, Gover, and Stocker supported. The motion was unanimously agreed to. Bros. John Lane and W. Taylor were elected Auditors. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the untiring zeal and ability with which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and

invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. G. Strode Lowe 50	...	Deputy Master
The Hon. V. Duncombe 438	...	Senior Warden
J. Russell Lord 50	...	Junior Warden
J. F. Ellerton 187	...	M.O.
Sholto H. Hare 35	...	S.O.
T. H. Wills 319	...	J.O.
The Rev. T. C. Lewis 438	...	Chaplain
John Taylor 319	...	Treasurer
C. H. Falford 15	...	Registrar
H. Stocker 15	...	Secretary
W. G. Watson 64	...	Senior Deacon
W. F. Westcott 66	...	Junior Deacon
A. W. King 169	...	Inspector of Works
G. W. Hancock 16	...	Director of Ceremonies
Parnell Hannaford 76	...	Assistant Dir. of Cere.
W. H. Lander 215	...	Sword Bearer
John Squire 23	...	Standard Bearer
A. W. Searley 319	...	Organist
W. Routledge 91	...	Assistant Secretary
A. S. Coyte 100	...	I.G.
Jas. Gidley 169	...	Tyler
G. Dunsterville 35	...	Stewards.
H. Reynolds 383	...	
E. H. Shorto 15	...	
D. Carwithen 16	...	

The Provincial Grand Master offered a cordial welcome to Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, which was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Bros. Lane, Gover, Crouch, and J. Stocker were elected on the General Purposes Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks to the brethren of Jordan Lodge for their excellent arrangements for the reception of the Grand Lodge and the hospitable way in which they had entertained the brethren closed the meeting.

The annual dinner was afterwards held at the Victoria and Albert Hotel. Sir Stafford Northcote presided.

CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THE members met at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet were received. Bro. Robert Cook, of Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 276, was balloted for, approved, and duly advanced. Bro. Harry Parnell Hay S.W. the W.M. elect was then installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. F. P. Sutthery W.M., and the former afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. P. Sutthery I.P.M. and Secretary, A. J. Pitts S.W., E. J. Wick J.W., W. S. Emden M.O., W. Howard-Flanders S.O., F. J. Snell J.O., Rev. T. McDougall Mungle Chaplain, G. W. Pascall Treasurer, W. Metcalf Registrar of Marks, J. P. Lewin Dir. of Cere., F. J. Carter S.D., J. E. Pegram J.D., J. G. Mackenzie I.G. A banquet subsequently took place at the White Hart Hotel, excellently served by Mrs. Barber, the hostess.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates at the election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 4th inst.:—

	Brought forward.	Polled.	Total Polled.
Cunat, Louis Clement	—	1479	1479
Shaw, Horace James	—	1476	1476
Davis, Vernon Gordon	—	1085	1085
Howes, George Albert Valentine	—	1067	1067
Good, Benjamin Horace	341	496	837
Cottrill, Harry Frank Foster	541	98	639
Castle, Frederick Herbert	—	631	631
Hobden, Frank Edward	—	270	270
Blackler, William John Robert Woodgate	42	18	60
Jay, Reginald Branwhite	27	10	37
Goss, Edmund Percy Mabin	—	33	33
Todd, Harold George Winslow	—	2	2
Gray, Reginald	—	—	—

The Board-room and upper Lodge-room at the Masonic Buildings, George Street, Edinburgh, have just been appropriately redecorated and otherwise improved. Bro. P. L. Henderson, the Grand Architect has remodelled the ventilation of both rooms, while the decorative part of the work was entrusted to another loyal Mason—Bro. Thos. Bonnar, George Street. In the decoration of the Lodge-room, the scheme carried out suggests a tent or tabernacle, open above to the sky, which is represented by a blue star-spangled ceiling. Hangings, painted on the walls and draped in conventional folds, represent the sides of a tent—the drapery being bound with golden rope and diapered with Masonic emblems. Above the door is a panel on which is depicted the "All-seeing eye." The whole of the east wall is occupied by the painting of an Egyptian temple, designed by David Roberts, R.A., and in the centre of the north wall there is a painting of Isis as Ceres, supposed to be by A. Runciman. These paintings have been carefully preserved.

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AT A QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 14th day of October 1892, V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron and Trustee (P.G. Treasurer), in the Chair. A Ballot took place for the **ELECTION OF TWENTY-FOUR BOYS** from an approved list of 37 CANDIDATES, the following being declared **SUCCESSFUL**:-

1 Harris, H. R. ...	3352	13 Hills, W. ...	2376
2 Pinn, C. H. ...	3102	14 Morgan, E. W. S. ...	2366
3 Bewsher, C. W. W. ...	2370	15 Mattinson, B. C. ...	2342
4 Bellamy, W. R. ...	2632	16 Cowell, J. F. ...	2314
5 Evans, R. T. ...	2615	17 Cullis, W. ...	2273
6 Penney, L. G. ...	2613	18 Harling, S. J. ...	2220
7 Foster, G. W. ...	2509	19 Turner, H. ...	2203
8 Matthews, R. H. ...	2503	20 Cracknell, C. H. ...	2201
9 Hales, S. M. ...	2504	21 Page, H. J. P. ...	2181
10 Frampton, C. H. ...	2331	22 Mason, B. ...	2136
11 Pattison, S. B. ...	2311	23 Slaymaker, A. G. ...	1967
12 Blackshaw, J. R. ...	2407	24 Cooper, F. G. ...	1639

Full particulars of the Poll may be had on application at the Office.

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
14th October 1892.

THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 28th of June 1893, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Brooks, Prov. G.M. Essex. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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LETTERS.—Professor H. Frank Heath, B.A., Ph.D., Miss E. Fogarty, Mortimer de Larmoy, Dr. N. Heinemann, F.R.G.S., Luigi Ricci, B.A., J. H. Rose, M.A., F.R. Hist.S., H. E. Malden, M.A., F.R. Hist.S., W. B. Kemshead, M.A., Ph.D.

MUSIC.—Herr Gustav Ernest, Frederick Cliffe, Arthur O'Leary, John Francis Barnett, A. J. Eyre, Mdm. Pereira, Miss E. Tedder, Otto Manns, Robert Reed, Mdm. St. Germaine, Henry Blower, Gustave Garcia, A. Romili, W. A. B. Russell, Mus. Bac. Oxon., Professor J. F. Bridge, Mus. Doc., Ebenezer Prout, B.A. **Dancing.**—M. Louis d'Egville, Miss L. Pear.

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OSBORNE, 22nd August 1892.

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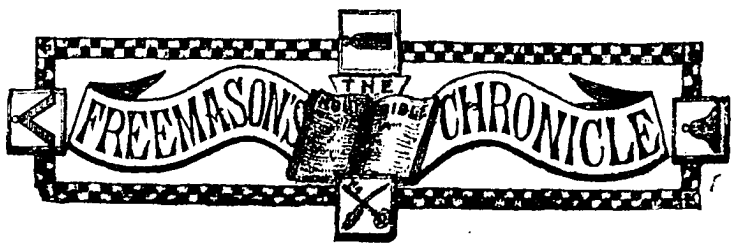
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SATURDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 1892.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY AT DEVONPORT.

AT the invitation of Bro. Rev. C. J. Hamlyn, vicar, upwards of 150 members of the five Devonport Lodges, together with other Masons resident in the Three Towns, attended a service at St. Paul's Church, Devonport, on Sunday afternoon, the 16th inst., for the benefit of the funds of the Royal Albert Hospital. The brethren met at the Ebrington and Friendship Masonic Hall, in Granby Street, where a procession was marshalled under the direction of Bro. J. R. Lord Prov. G.D.C. Bro. Hamlyn read the prayers, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. Prov. G. Conflant of Devonshire, formerly curate of St. Paul's, preached from the words, "I was sick, and ye visited me," Matt. xxv. 36. Ministers of religion, he said, whose special vocation it was to carry consolation

to the homes of the less fortunate of their Christian brethren, knew only too well the meaning of that sinister combination of words, "the sick poor." Hard was the lot of the honest poor man, whose toil did not gain sufficient for the common wants of his household; but how deplorably must his misery be increased when sickness visited his home. When the chief breadwinner himself was smitten down and laid aside, he lacked, perhaps, everything that could restore the body or soothe the mind, and, looking forth from his couch of penury, he saw in idea and fancy his wife a widow and his children orphans, soon to be left to the cold pity of an unfeeling world. It not unfrequently happened that those to whom the noble Royal Albert Hospital extended its sheltering care incurred an accident or contracted a disease in some one of the hazardous, unhealthy, or over-laborious employments which ministered to the luxury and comfort of their more prosperous brethren. It was not then in accordance with justice to leave them without the means of recovery, to abandon them to languish in their squalid rooms without proper accommodation, proper diet, and proper nursing, to sink under the aggravated miseries of life into an untimely end. On the rich, disease and sickness fell with no such distressing accompaniments. Let them remember how many were languishing under the same disorders without any such alleviations or remedies, and, cultivating the habit of systematic benevolence, extend to their poorer brethren in Christ, through that valuable hospital, that comfort which they had found so soothing in their hour of weakness and dependence. To them, upon whom the duty and privilege of giving were so powerfully and peculiarly impressed at the very outset of their Masonic career, who were taught that the relief of the distressed was one of the three great principles of their noble Order, it surely only needed the brief reminder of a brother to call forth that spontaneous outburst of charitable giving for which Masons were so distinguished. This was evidenced by the recent Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Masons and Masons' widows, when the magnificent sum of £60,000—the largest ever brought up at any charitable festival, and since increased to over £70,000—was announced by the chairman as the result of the exertions of the 1,400 Stewards. Many Lodges in the Three Towns nobly responded to his appeal at that time as a Steward for that Institution, as for the Festivals of the other two great Masonic Charities, showing that, though they were not in any sense a benefit society, charitable giving lay deep down in Masons' hearts, and only required the occasion to call forth its exercise, either by votes of money from Lodge funds, or by individual donations. He claimed their grateful acknowledgment of the fact that through this hospital, by merely contributing to it of their substance, they might, without encroaching on their ordinary business, alleviate the sufferings of their poorer brethren. There, under the management of a zealous committee, they could supply the strengthening cordial to a sick heart, and the cooling potion to the feverish frame; they could help to mitigate the agonies of the living and to smooth the pillow of the dying. The offertory at the close of the service amounted to £7 18s.

Collections were taken at other churches and chapels at Devonport on Sunday in aid of the Royal Albert Hospital. At Stoke Church harvest festival services two weeks ago the offertories amounted to £22.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Robert Grey President. Bros. James Brett Senior Vice-President, C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President, E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler occupied their official positions. Among the other members of the Board present were:—Bros. William Vincent, S. V. Abraham, S. Vallentine, A. Lucking, Geo. B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, John King, H. J. Strong, M.D., W. P. Brown, T. C. Newson, Henry Garrod, E. C. Mulvey, Geo. R. Langley, D. D. Mercer, J. H. Matthews, Charles J. R. Tijou, George Read, J. S. Brownrigg, Geo. Coop, James Bunker, J. U. Streater, C. N. McIntyre North, J. Galt Fisher, George Bird, J. K. Pitt, R. Willoughby, J. W. Mash, George Flint W.M. 1287, Orton Cooper W.M. 211, J. M. Moore, Edwin Verner, T. Gleeman, Louis Doser, Charles Coleman, J. C. Stone, E. Brooks, Walter Dersham, Robert Gooding, G. Brown, H. G. Pitt, G. Bolton, H. E. Joyce, Dick Radcliffe, Walter Martin, J. McLeod, Joseph Young, John Marshall, E. J. Williams, Bradshaw Brown, John L. Anderson, Henry J. Ansell, A. G. Duck and J. Duncan. Recommendations to the Grand Master at the September meeting to the extent of £100 were confirmed; after which the list of new petitions were considered. There were thirty-seven cases on this list, and the brethren relieved, or recommended for relief thirty-five, deferring the consideration of two for further particulars. The total sum voted was £845. Grand Lodge was recommended to confirm one of £75, and two of £50 each; and there were besides four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and four of £30 each. There was a strong run on the £20 grant, there being no less than sixteen recipients of £20 each. One grant was for £15; there were four grants of £10, and three of £5 each.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

ON the 13th inst., at the Gainsborough Masonic Hall, the Lincolnshire Provincial Chapter assembled in annual conclave for the election of Officers and other business. Comp. Alfred Kirk Provincial Grand Treasurer acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Superintendent, and a substantial sum of money having been voted to the Masonic Charities invested the Officers, as follow:—

Comp. Major Smyth	...	...	1st Principal
C. F. Liversidge	...	...	H.
T. Stainforth	...	...	J.
Vickers	...	...	Scribe E.
Constable	...	...	Scribe N.
C. R. Farmer	...	...	Principal Soj.
W. Mason	...	...	1st Assistant Soj.
W. Beard	...	...	2nd Assistant Soj.
A. Kirk	...	...	Treasurer
Scorer	...	...	Registrar
J. Moxon	...	...	Sword Bearer
S. Beaumont	...	...	Standard Bearer
R. G. Pearson	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. Dawson	...	...	Organist
Donner	...	...	Janitor

The companions afterwards held a banquet, at which the usual toasts were proposed.

THE FORTESCUE ANNUITY FUND.

A SPECIAL meeting of the subscribers to the Fortescue Annuity Fund was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter, on the 4th inst. Bro. W. G. Rogers the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Chairman of the Fund, presided. Several brethren from Plymouth, Torquay, and other parts of the county attended. There were five candidates, of whom Bro. Winsor, of Dartmouth, was successful, he receiving 231 votes, which, with 136 previously standing to his credit, brought the total to 367. Bro. Pengelly polled 138, which will be carried forward.

MASONIC COURTESIES.

To the Editor of the Newcastle Daily Journal.

SIR,—All Freemasons in this Province have doubtless been gratified at the visit of the representatives of Irish Lodges to Newcastle, and the warm greeting extended to them. The letter of which I enclose copy is conceived in a similar spirit. Coming from the Antipodes, it cannot fail to be of deepest interest to every member of the Craft, and I need scarcely say that I feel highly honoured in being the recipient of such a cordial expression of good fellowship to the Alnwick Lodge, and to myself personally, from so distinguished a body as the Grand Lodge of Victoria and its M.W. Grand Master Sir William Clarke.

I am, &c.,

WM. T. HINDMARSH.

Alnbank, Alnwick, 11th October, 1892.

[COPY.]

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,
25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
30th August 1892.

Bro. W. T. Hindmarsh, solicitor, Alnwick.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been requested by the M.W. Grand Master, Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., to convey to the members of the fraternity in Alnwick his appreciation of the kindness and attention shown to brethren from Victoria by the members of the Craft in your town, more especially with respect to our highly esteemed brother, J. B. Patterson P.G. Master.

I can assure you that the brethren of Victoria would be delighted in having an opportunity of reciprocating the kindness shown by the brethren of Alnwick to members of the Fraternity hailing from Victoria.

I would mention that we have one of the finest Masonic Clubs in the world, it is our custom to make Masonic visitors from all parts hon. members—the latter would have all the comforts of a home, with the opportunity of associating with the best members of the Craft in Victoria. Should you know of any brother coming to Melbourne, your introduction would at all times have the greatest consideration.

Wishing you continued good health and advancement to the higher distinctions in our Order.

I remain, yours fraternally,

F. H. LEMPRIERE, P.D.G.M. P.Sd.Br. England, Grand Secretary.

Freemasonry in England may be a "High-class sort of Goose-Club," as the late Cardinal Manning was wont to assure the Pope, but in France it is doomed to speedy extinction. The net result of the recent General Conference of the Freemasons of France appears to be, that all French Masons, in future, must leave instructions when dead to be civilly buried, must always vote for the separation of Church and State, the suppression of the Budget of Public Worship, and the withdrawal of the French Embassy to the Vatican.

FITNESS FOR OFFICE.

CANDIDATES for official positions in Masonic bodies ought to show fitness for the offices they seek, or which, perhaps, their friends would thrust upon them. The proposition is generally admitted in theory, but widely departed from in common practice, the result being that the organisations representing Freemasonry are often placed in the hands of incompetent members, who are necessarily obstacles in the way of prosperity. A considerable portion of the trouble, as regards the matter under notice, grows out of the mistaken idea that a member of a Lodge, Chapter, or Commandery, once placed in office, even though it be of lowest rank, must be advanced in a regular line of promotion until the highest place is reached. To stop him in the way—to supersede him by a member even of special merit, having unusual gifts and qualifications for the office—is regarded as a personal wrong—an indignity very likely to be resented by the brother who is displaced and his friends.

The organisation suffers by the application of a rule that disregards fitness for office, and not infrequently exalts incompetency over true merit. The Lodge suffers because some member started in the line of official promotion as Steward insists upon taking each one of the upward steps until he reaches the chair of Worshipful Master. The Commandery is held back in progress and usefulness for the reason that some Sir Knight named as Captain of the Guard feels that it is only just and right that he should be regularly advanced until he attains the chief position. In either case the man may be lacking in ability—acknowledged to be unfit to teach, preside, or administer the affairs of the body—but inasmuch as he has held the lesser office and has mastered the ritual, the claim is made that he should go forward.

So it is, again and again, as the readers of this paper can bear us witness, that the ablest members of a Masonic organisation are held in the background, while incompetency more or less pronounced comes to the front. When this is the case—when there is little or no emphasis laid on fitness for office—the affairs of the body are likely to become entangled; the work of conferring degrees is poorly done, albeit the words and forms may be correctly rendered; candidates are not edified by the ceremonies through which they pass, and the members are mortified by the weakness or want of directing influence shown by the brother who has been put in the chief place because he had been for years in the line of promotion, and thus according to the judgment of his associates, had earned the right to highest advancement.

Many difficulties would be avoided if a good deal more stress was laid on fitness for office; not merely fitness for the office already held, but the higher office. A brother may be admirably qualified to take the office of Steward and yet lack the qualifications for Junior Deacon. A worthy, faithful Deacon, may not be fitted to preside over a Lodge and administer the affairs placed in the hands of a Master. Discrimination should be used, the interests of the organisation always being regarded as paramount. With this the rule of procedure, merit would be sure of recognition, and less frequently than now would the spectacle be presented of a Lodge, or other Masonic organisation, subjected to weak, incompetent administration.

Of course brethren who have been faithful and efficient in lower positions should be advanced to the more honourable stations. Everything being equal the Officer in line should be promoted; but it should not be felt that such promotion is a matter of right, or that any wrong is done when a brother elected to one office, who has discharged its duties to the best of his ability for a year or more, is not chosen to fill the higher office when a vacancy occurs. Especially should there be such breadth of view on the part of members, and such a regard for the interests of the Lodge, as will ensure a due recognition of merit wherever shown, and thus put the direction of affairs into the most capable hands.

The elections will soon be at hand in the various Lodges and other Masonic bodies. Will not brethren in all the organisations where they hold membership see to it that more attention is given to fitness for office? Will they not demand that those best qualified to lead and instruct shall be called to the chief places?—*Freemasons' Repository*.

Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM HERBAGE.

THE funeral of Bro. William Herbage, of Rosenheim, Silverdale, Sydenham, who died on the previous Monday, at his residence, at the age of 60, took place on Saturday, the 24th inst., at Norwood Cemetery, amidst every demonstration of respect. The deceased gentleman had not been in the best of health for some time, but nothing serious was anticipated, and indeed he was in attendance on his duties as joint general manager of the London and South Western Bank so recently as the Wednesday preceding his death. Bro. Herbage commenced his banking career as a clerk in the service of the London Joint Stock Bank head office. He subsequently migrated to the City Bank, being appointed as the manager of the Ludgate Hill Branch, a post he held for eleven years. In 1875 he was appointed to the position he held at the time of his death. By those who have been associated with him in the bank he was highly esteemed and will be greatly missed, while his loss will not be less keenly felt in Masonic circles. He was a P.P.G.R. of Essex, and had served the office of W.M. in both the Brooke, No. 2005, and the Domatio, No. 171, Lodges, and took a close interest in everything concerning the welfare of the Craft.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 18.

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

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In Memoriam.

BRO. H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CLARENCE, K.G.

A nation's tears flow bitterly to-day,*
 With grievous sobs a myriad bosoms heave,
 With wild convulsive throbs we kneel to pray;
 With deep lament we sadly mourn and grieve.
 O God! watch o'er and comfort those who pine,
 She who so soon was to have been his bride;
 O, comfort her, and keep her ever thine,
 O, keep her close and hold her to thy side.
 Our noble Prince and his most sweet Princess,
 We pray Thee succour in this hour of woe;
 Our gracious Queen, O Lord, now trebly bless,
 And ease her mortal anguish here below.
 Soothe their distress, O Heavenly King, and heal
 The gaping wound we all so deeply feel.

* 14th January 1892.

Winder House, Bradford.

We last week announced that a Mr. Edmund Fergusson had undertaken the management of the Horns Tavern and Assembly Rooms. We have since been informed that this is not the case. The Horns is entirely under the proprietorship of Messrs. Ferguson and Co., and they have no manager of the name announced by us last week.

The funeral of Bro. T. Morgan, P.M. of the East Medina Lodge, No. 35, took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cemetery, Dover, the Rev. C. R. Sharpe officiating. Bros. J. Ellery W.M., H. Durrant, H. Pack, J. Lowe, H. Thurlow, H. Woods, W. H. Long, and M. Willis were amongst the members attending. There were a number of floral wreaths and crosses.

In consequence of Mr. W. W. Kelly's tenancy of the Princess's expiring on the 27th inst., "A Royal Divorce" must be withdrawn on Wednesday evening, 26th October, when it will reach its 350th representation. On Thursday afternoon and evening, the 27th inst., Mr. W. W. Kelly, the popular manager of the Princess's, will take a well deserved benefit, for which a host of talented artistes have already kindly volunteered their valuable services. Both bills are enormous ones, and embrace nearly all the leading lights in the musical, dramatic, and variety world. At the evening performance scenes from "Adrienne Lecouvreur" and "Theodora," will be given by Miss Grace Hawthorne, supported by a specially selected company, including Messrs. C. Cartwright, W. L. Abingdon, Murray Carson, Theo. Balfour, Bassett Roe, Harcourt Beatty, W. Branton jun., Miss Lesley Bell, Miss Marie Dagmar, Miss Adria Hill, &c.

Saturday, the 29th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn exhibition (the twenty-eighth) of the 19th Century Art Society at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 31st inst.

The first weekly number of "Cassell's Penny Stories" was issued on the 19th inst. Amongst the authors who will contribute early books of the series are Thomas Keyworth, the Rev. P. B. Power, C. E. Weigall (author of "The Temptation of Dulce Carrathers"), Herbert Russell, Kate Eyre, and the author of "Beauty and the Beast."

NEW MUSIC.

All Music intended for review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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- "Twelfth Night." Cantata. Libretto by Clifton Bingham, music by Alfred Redhead.
 "The City of Night." Song. Words by Mowbray Marras, music by Lawrence Kellie.
 "Oh! Beautiful Star." Serenade. Words by Oscar Wilde, music by Lawrence Kellie.
 "My Fairest Child." Song. Words by Charles Kingsley, music by Lawrence Kellie.
 "Crossing the Bar." Song. Words by Alfred Lord Tennyson, music by Lawrence Kellie.
 "I had a Flower." Song. Words Anonymous, music by Lawrence Kellie.
 "In years to come." Song. Words by Gerard Mansel, music by Madge E. Conroy.
 "A Fickle Pair." Song. Words and music by Edward M. Chesham.
 "Age." Song. Words by Cowley, music by Mary Carmichael.
 "With Early Horn." Song. Words by John Ernest Galliard, music by Mary Carmichael.
 "Why I Know." Song. Words by Eugene Field, music by Theresa Beney.
 "Fanchette." Graceful Dance. By J. M. Capel.
 "Menuet." By B. Palmieri.
 "Dance Album." No. 2.
 "Country Bumpkins." Polka. By Arthur E. Godfrey.
 "The Toast." Waltz. By Arthur E. Godfrey.
 "Hermosa" Waltz. By Florence Fare.
 "Braganza." Waltz. By Charles Godfrey.

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FROM the above it will be seen that this well-known firm have published another useful selection of music, comprising both songs and dance pieces. The first on the list is a cantata for female voices written by Clifton Bingham and composed by Alfred Redhead. This is a capital little piece, and is well worthy a foremost position in this kind of entertainment. A tonic solo-addition of this is also published. We now come to a selection of five songs with music by that well-known and talented composer Lawrence Kellie. "The City of Night," with words by Mowbray Marras, is sure to become popular, while "Oh! Beautiful Star," a serenade, written by Oscar Wilde, has such appropriate and pretty music that we feel sure it will be frequently heard during the coming season. Charles Kingsley is responsible for the words of "My Fairest Child," and here again Mr. Kellie has done good work. Undoubtedly the one that is destined to become best known is "Crossing the Bar." It is hardly necessary for us to state that this poem was the last written by the late Lord Tennyson, who never, perhaps, wrote more lovely verses than these. Mr. Kellie has displayed admirable skill in composing the music, which is tuneful, but never common, and which will be heartily appreciated by all who hear it. We confidently predict a large sale for this work. "I had a Flower," is a short and attractive little composition, and would do well for an encore. Gerard Mansel is responsible for the words of "In years to come," while the music is by Madge E. Conroy. Excellent judgment is here again shown by both author and composer, and they should be well rewarded by their work becoming popular. "A Fickle Pair" has been written and composed by Edward M. Chesham, and this gentleman has shown good taste in both words and music. Mary Carmichael has arranged the music of two songs, "Age" and "With Early Horn," in her well-known and taking style, and we doubt not but that they will be eagerly sought after by all who hear them. The last of the present selection of songs is "Why I Know," words by Eugene Field, and music by Theresa Beney. This is a tasteful love ditty, and when properly sung will sure to be welcomed. The graceful dance, "Fanchette," by J. M. Capel, is an attractive little piece, fairly easy of execution, but none the less tuneful for that. B. Palmieri's menuet for the piano is a most melodious piece, and one that will be acceptable to many. No. 2 of Messrs. Cocks' "Dance Albums" contain some capital pieces, among which we may mention the "Innamorata" waltz, the "Chappies" polka, the "United Kingdom" lancers, the "Chrysanthemum" and "La Créole" waltzes, the "Hand-in-Hand" schotrische, the "Eata" polka mazurka, the "Osborne" quadrilles, and the "John Peel" gallop. The cheap price, 1s, of this album should command a high circulation. Violin parts of this can also be had at 6d. "The Country Bumpkin's" polka, by Arthur E. Godfrey, makes a jolly dance, while "The Toast" waltz, by the same composer, introduces the well-known old English refrain "Let the toast pass, drink to the lass." Florence Fare has supplied another of her charming waltzes, and "Hermosa" is sure to take a foremost position during the season. "Braganza" is another good waltz, and Charles Godfrey, the band-master of the Royal Horse Guards (blue), is to be congratulated on his work. In conclusion, we can heartily recommend the different pieces described above to our readers, for they are published in a careful and neat style by Messrs. Cocks and Co.

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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 Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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Saturday, 22nd October.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1544 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
1871 Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 308 Affability, Station Hotel, Tadmorden

Monday, 24th October.

28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
202 St. Andrews, Albion Aldersgate Street
992 Burgynne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.

48 Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead
491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
999 Robert Burns, Albion Hotel, Manchester
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1991 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York
2757 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester

R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Dorton
R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare
R.A. 1237 Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield
R.A. 2074 St. Clair, F.M.H., Landport
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

Tuesday, 25th October.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 1275 Star, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
M.M. 3 Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.

253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Duffield
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
597 St. Cybil, 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, Millom
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
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
1678 Medway, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staff.
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2328 Albert Victor, F.M.H. St. Saviourgate, York.
2358 Mona, M.H., Castletown, Isle of Man.
2405 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helen's, Lanc.

R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover
R.A. 418 Staffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Hanley
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
R.A. 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 960 Sir George Elliot, M.H., Cardiff
R.A. 1250 Gilbert Green, M.H., Warrington
R.A. 1334 Norman, Masonic Hall, Durham
M.M. 168 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

Wednesday, 26th October.

201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Coldharbour Lane, Brixton.

R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 753 Prince Fredk. Win., Lord's, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 1269 Stanhope, M.H., Camberwell
R.A. 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Shrewsbury

163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull
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
721 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
851 Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing
996 Soudes, Masonic Hall, East Dereham

1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1233 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
1386 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Old Wheatshaf Hotel, Manchester
1723 St. George, Masonic Hall, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
2041 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tamworth, Staff.
2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Swanton, nr. Manchester
2270 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornham
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.

2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Cadoxton, S. Wales.

R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 605 De Tablay, Queens Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1073 Greta, Koswick Hotel, Keswick
R.A. 1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
R.A. 1973 Saye and Solo, Rooms, Belvedere, Knot
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Bowick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester
M.M. 373 Ikeston, Rutland House, Ikeston
K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich
K.T. Alpase, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Thursday, 27th October.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford

1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
2012 Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
2319 Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleet Street

R.A. 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 538 Vane, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 766 William Preston, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 879 Southwark Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
R.A. 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock, Highbury

39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
202 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Devonport
214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Breatwood
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bournemouth
346 United Brethren, The Grosvenor, Blackburn
348 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
410 Grove, Spring Hotel, Ewell
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilshy, Linc.
590 La Cesaree, Masonic Hall, Jersey
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636 D'Ozle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Stafford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek

1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath
1166 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southampton
1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1437 Liberty of Havering, Golden Lion, Romford
1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hall, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Accrington
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypriid
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
1971 Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Aldershot
2017 Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Masonic Hall, Godalming.
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Evesham
2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Stratford, Staffordshire.

2215 Anfield, Sardon Hotel, Anfield, Lancashire
2261 Armitage, M.R., Market St., Middlesbrough
2361 St. Leonards, M.H., Sowerby Street, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffee House, Church Road, Waverley.

2375 Hilbert, Market Hall, Hoylake, Cheshire.
2377 Manchester Dramatic, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Sraun Bridge, Kendal
R.A. 216 Sacred Duty, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266 Napthali, Masonic Hall, Haywood
R.A. 273 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 424 De Burgh, 34 Deane St. Gatehead

R.A. 449 Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
R.A. 1042 Excelsior, M.H., 76, George Street, Leeds
R.A. 1093 Prince of Wales, Tennyson Hall, Telford
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

Friday, 28th October.

60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav., W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
1801 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.A. 749 Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
M.M. 223 West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 74 Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
785 Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton
810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713 St. John, F.M.H., Green St., Newcastle
2115 Pristram, Sunday School Rooms, Shildon

R.A. 242 Magdalen, Gail Hall, Doncaster
R.A. 431 Ogle, M.H., Norfolk Street, North Shields
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 630 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. 125 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
R.C. 8 Royal Kent, M.H., Maple St., Newcastle

Saturday, 29th October.

1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Murple
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Inn, Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
2201 Earl of Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 22nd October.

87 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
1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Wimmers Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 24th October.

22 Loughborough, Gaudin Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bull and Bush, Rope-maker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
213 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
332 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, Gaudin 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,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 48 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, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 25th October.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severa Street, Birmingham, 645
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
198 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maid Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Warrington, 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
1445 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730,
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Brodie, 146 Berry Street, Bote, 6
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Browurige, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
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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, 26th October.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
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
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 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
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1801 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1804 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1862 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1881 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1892 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 27th October.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
749 Belgrave, Alb on Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1380 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Green, 7:45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
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1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
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Friday, 28th October.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Carter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
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R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 29th October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1394 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Outside of opening and closing a Lodge on the occasion of a funeral, American Masonry has no Sunday work.

The Dorothy Vernon Lodge, No. 2129, are contemplating a very pleasant change in the date and place of their installation ceremony. They propose, with the permission of the Duke of Rutland, to hold their annual gathering in the summer at the birthplace of the Lodge, Haddon Hall. Such a decision would be highly popular in Masonic circles, and would ensure a large and influential attendance.

At a recent meeting of the Bedford Town Council, the Mayor announced that Mr. F. W. Webb had forwarded the sum of £2 2s for the use of the Old Grammar School Hall on the occasion of the installation of Lord Amptill as Provincial Grand Master, together with an expression of thanks on the part of those concerned for the facilities that had been afforded.

It having been stated in some quarters that Alderman Knill had been preceded in the mayoralty in recent years, by a Roman Catholic, in the person of Sir Polydore de Keyser, it has been pointed out that Sir Polydore, though by birth a Catholic, had, by joining the Freemasons, ceased to be regarded as a faithful son of the Church, the Vatican having at all times forbidden its followers to belong to any secret society.

—Londoner.

The members of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 1254, had a sad but unusual experience on Saturday, the 8th inst., many of them witnessing within a couple of hours two of their most respected Past Masters following to the grave the remains of those who were dear to them. The brethren in question were Bro. A. J. Truscott and Bro. F. R. Hearn. A considerable number of members of the Lodge joined them in their sorrowful task, and so indicated their sympathy. Bro. Hearn has lost his wife, who has been an invalid for many years, but whose end came at last somewhat suddenly. Bro. Truscott lost, after a few weeks' illness, a daughter of great promise. Both are well-known citizens, and many besides their brother Masons sympathise with them.

A clergyman, whose easy and not very respectful manner of speech has gained for him no small measure of popularity, in a lecture on Burns last week to a Glasgow audience, referred to our national bard as a backslider who had "tried to find relief in the merry-making of a Masonic Lodge," and again "to his Masonic developed tendency to a 'spree.'" I did not hear the rev. gentleman lecturing, but these are words he is reported to have used. Taking the sentences together, there can be no doubt of what the speaker intended to imply by the work "merry-making," and thereby proves that he was making free with a subject he evidently knows nothing about. His estimate of Freemasonry compares very unfavourably with that of another clergyman in the same district, who, speaking of Freemasonry the other evening, said, "we are bound to do what we can to raise and elevate our brethren in every possible way, and try and make them lead holy and happy lives." That is his estimate of Freemasonry, and he spoke as one of the brotherhood. A Masonic Lodge can be no refuge to the backslider in the sense indicated by the first speaker, but rather, if he should be admitted within our portals, the result is exactly the opposite. Freemasonry, says a Masonic author, founds upon the principle that religion is essential to the well-being of man; it requires every brother to be faithful to his religious convictions; and it will have nothing to do with a man of no religion. Every candidate is required to profess his belief in two great doctrines—the existence of God and of a future state.—*The Mallet.*

When a brother is suspended for non-payment of dues, application for restoration to good Masonic standing must take place during life; application after death and before burial cannot place him in good standing nor entitle him to Masonic burial.

Our advices from the Cape record the death of Bro. Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr, Master of the Supreme Court. For a long time Bro. Hofmeyr's health had not been robust, and those who were intimate with him knew that he had never recovered from the shock of grief which he sustained when the Goede Hoop Temple was burned. Bro. Hofmeyr, who was 59 years of age, was unmarried. He was one of the ablest and most trusted members of the Civil Service, which he entered as a clerk in the Surveyor General's department in 1849. Subsequently he became clerk to the Resident Magistrate of Simon's Town, 1852; clerk Deputy Surveyor-General's Department, Eastern Districts, 1853; chief clerk, Orphan Chamber Branch, Master's Office, Cape Town, 1864. He was appointed Master of the Supreme Court, in 1876, and held the office with singular ability to the time of his death. But, if it is possible, Bro. Hofmeyr was better known as a Freemason than as the Master of the Supreme Court. As the Deputy Grand Master under the Netherlands Constitution for the whole of South Africa, in succession to Sir Christoffel Brand, Bro. Hofmeyr was the best known and most highly respected member of the Craft so far as the Dutch brethren are concerned, whilst the respect and affection were fully shared by Freemasons of every degree and country in the land. Initiated into the Lodge de Goede Hoop in July 1866, he made rapid progress, being crafted on the 1st of August of the same year, and raised to the degree of M.M. on the 9th August. In 1867 he was elected J.W., and filled the Senior Warden's chair in 1868-69, making room, however, for Brother Ryk de Sneur in the Master's chair in 1870. In the following year, however, Bro. Hofmeyr was unanimously elected W.M. and filled the chair with the utmost satisfaction to the brethren until June 1874. Till the last Bro. Hofmeyr was a constant attendant on the duties of his Lodge.

A new York contemporary has noticed in Masonic papers recently a discussion on "How should a Mason wear his apron?" The writers have spoken of the flap and the corner, the first, second, and third degrees, but have forgotten the one word, more important than any other, and that one word covers the whole duty of a man and a Mason. He should wear his apron worthily.—*Mallet.*

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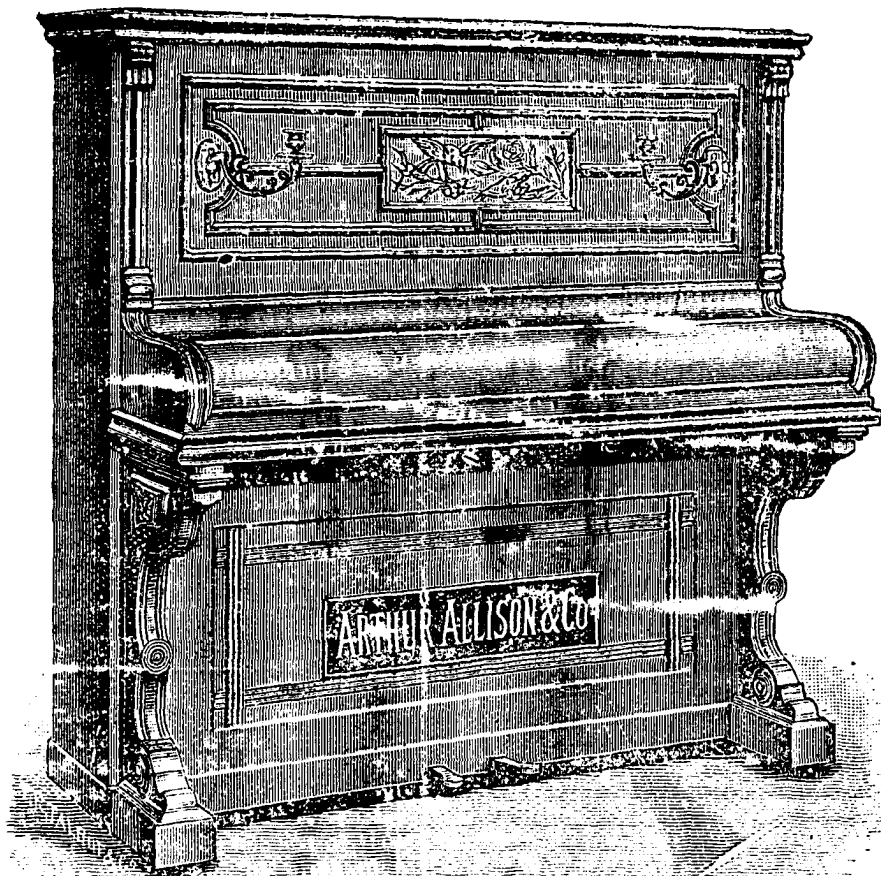
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