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THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR PROSPECTS.

FOR all practical purposes as regards finances the current year may be said to be over. True we have, from to-day, still three weeks to run ere the total record for the year is set down, but to those who are conversant with the working of our three Central Institutions the task will not be a hard one to forecast the result. It would be a difficult, indeed a somewhat hopeless task, did we attempt to question or in any way to disparage what has been done by those who have so zealously and consistently banded themselves together to find the necessary funds demanded heretofore by the Institutions for current yearly expenses, but inasmuch as it is continuously being urged upon us that the poor are always with us, we must not close our ears to the wails of those who have been overtaken by misfortune and who in their downhill of life can look forward only to such assistance as the Craft may be able to provide for them. It is on behalf of this large constituency therefore that on this occasion we exercise our pen.

First, then, let us take a retrospective glance at the work done during the current year, which year opened with a cheery prospect that the efforts made to adequately celebrate the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were receiving the attention so important an event in the history of our Institution demanded. In the year 1891 the total amount subscribed for the youngest of our Institutions was returned at £22,238 14s 5d. The 1892 Festival was fixed for the 24th February; Bro. Terry and his Committee had secured the services of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Deputy Grand Master, for Chairman. But now came the crucial question, where shall the Festival be held? After this knotty point had received due consideration, the aid of Sir Augustus Harris was invoked, and that worthy brother suggested that if certain technical difficulties could be overcome, he was prepared to place at the disposal of the Festival Committee Covent Garden Theatre. It is now matter of history that in due course the Festival was held, and the result, from a financial point of view, was far beyond anything that had been anticipated. The second Festival of the year, that on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on the 18th May, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.M., and the result of the exertions of the Board of Stewards who supported His Royal Highness on that occasion was returned at £10,000. On the 29th June the third Festival was celebrated, that on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and here the services of Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Prov. Grand Master for Gloucestershire, had been secured, while the result of the Festival showed that £12,212 had been

contributed. In the year 1891 the Boys' School may be said to have had its innings, the total subscribed from all sources being returned at £27,333 11s 3d, this desirable result having been achieved in some measure through the flip given to the Stewards' exertions by the fact that a new régime was inaugurated in regard to the management of the Charity. Now, when we combine these results we cannot be insensible to the munificence displayed by the Craft in its corporate capacity, but the future is before us, and it was the future we desired to look into when we entered upon our task for to-day.

Well, then, the Festival for Bro. Terry's Institution, the Benevolent, will take place in February next, and, according to the precedent laid down, and we may say universally accepted, that the Festival next on the rota should claim our first care, we look now to the prospect. At the time of writing we learn that Bro. Terry has not yet secured the services of a Chairman; that the number of Stewards who have as yet handed in their names is far below what the average has been in recent years at the same period, and the list of applicants for the benefits of the Institution is abnormally large, while the vacancies to be filled in May next are but eleven. Clearly then there is a good field for earnest workers, and we trust that many such will enrol themselves before we reach the close of the year.

Both the Scholastic Institutions may be said to be better circumstanced; in each case a Chairman has declared himself, and the champions are doing all they can by preliminary work to command that success we all so ardently desire shall attend the efforts made. The Girls' School Festival will be held in May, and on that occasion the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., R.W. Prov. Grand Master Norths and Hunts will preside. For the Boys' School Festival, to be held in June, Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary, announces that Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, has kindly offered his services. Both these brethren are popular, not only in their respective Provinces but throughout the Craft, and we confidently look forward to both being able to secure a strong following.

We would remind our readers of the lecture on "The degrees of Ancient (pre-1717) Freemasonry," to be delivered by Bro. G. W. Speth P.M., Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, this (Saturday) afternoon, in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at Cannon Street Hotel, and which Master Masons, members of other Lodges, may attend. The Lodge will be opened at 4.15 p.m., and the lecture will commence at 4.30, and terminate at about six o'clock.

Bro. W. J. Fisher S.W. was elected W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, on the 6th inst,

VICTORY-CROWNED.

Half a Century's Aspirations and Hopes Realized. An Address by Bro. James Ten Eyck, Grand Master, at the Dedication of the Masonic Home at Utica, New York, 5th October 1892.

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BUT the anti-Masonic outbreak and craze, of which I have briefly spoken, by way of illustration, did not really belong to the nineteenth century. Its proper place was away back in the middle ages, when superstition was general, when men were governed mainly by bigotry and prejudice, and when toleration and forbearance among those who ruled were rarely practised, and were indeed virtues scarcely known. Certain it was that no such delusion could take permanent root and flourish in this land of liberty and enlightenment. Our air was too pure and free for its continued existence; our soil too rich and precious to be given over to the nurture of so noxious a plant.

And now behold, brethren, how that which is essentially evil may be transformed into proclamation the merit of the work of His servants. In a little time after the episode to which I have referred, Freemasonry was stronger and in a more flourishing condition in this country than ever before. Lodges increased and multiplied, and membership grew apace. Those who had been our bitter enemies, convinced that they had been deceived and misled, became our friends, and denounced themselves for having been led astray through ignorance and by passions that ought to have been kept under control.

And what a world of good the Order has accomplished in this State alone during the last half century! The sick have been tenderly nursed, the hungry fed, the naked clad, the dead buried. A magnificent temple for the Grand Lodge has been erected in New York city—a structure which is a credit to the Order and an ornament to the metropolis. Throughout the State other temples of great beauty and great utility have been erected or projected, and the good work is constantly going on.

And here let me remind you, brethren, that the charity of our grand organization never ceases—that its good work is never done. To-day we dedicate to its pure and unselfish purposes this building, the dream of years; to-morrow we must, in a certain sense, forget what we have done, look about us and determine what next demands our aid and assistance, and then bring all our energies to bear in furtherance of the new project. We have no years to waste in complacently reflecting upon how much good we have accomplished. Rather in the other direction should our thoughts lie, and we be planning and devising the next great undertaking.

So, brethren, gird up your loins for advancement, remembering that there are yet other battles to be fought and victories to be won in the cause of pure morality and sweet charity. He is not a good husbandman who, having put his hand to the plough, turns to look backward; and neither is he the highest type of a Freemason who, satisfied with what the Order has accomplished so far, would call a halt and take a rest. There should be no halting nor faltering in the pursuit of good works; we must keep on steadfastly to the end.

There is a peculiar blending of conservatism and progressiveness in Freemasonry which it is extremely difficult for those who are not members of the Order to comprehend. To the brethren, however, the matter is plain and simple. The ancient landmarks, established centuries ago, and carefully pointed out by the elder to the younger brethren, must be strictly observed. They were placed where they are for the guidance of successive generations, and woe be unto him who shall attempt to remove or misplace them. Reverence for the ancient landmarks is the conservatism of Freemasonry. As they stood centuries ago and stand now, so shall they stand centuries hence, pointing out the path of right and duty to the faithful.

The progressiveness of Freemasonry is none the less distinguished than its conservatism. It allies itself with the arts and sciences, drawing inspiration from them and giving much that is good and valuable in return. In times past it marched away ahead of the slowly-developing civilization and blazed away for civilisation to follow. At the present time it keeps step with law, order and every thing that is beneficent. In charity it takes a prominent

and leading part, while in loyalty to God and country it stands second to no other organisation. It is this happy combination of wise and enlightened conservatism and judicious yet uncramped progressiveness that constitutes one of the towers of strength of the Order. Just as the fusing of certain metals gives increased strength and durability, so the commingling of conservatism and progressiveness has given increased strength and vitality to the Order. The plan is so happily balanced and adjusted that friction at no time results. Everything works smoothly and in the most orderly manner.

Brethren, I fear I have overtaxed your patience with the length of my remarks. There is an old saying that "Short visits make long friends," and the aphorism may be applied to addresses as well. The theme upon which I have spoken is an inspiring one, and, once started upon it, one knows scarcely when or where to stop. But, in closing, permit me to return thanks for the patience and attention with which you have listened to me. This day will be one that will live long in my memory, and, I need not assure you, most pleasurably.

At the risk of repetition, however, let me once more remind you that there must be no permanent halt in the onward march of our great column of progress and charity.

Freemasonry has asserted itself before the entire civilized world, and we who are its representatives and to a certain extent its exponents, must see to it that those assertions are not meaningless. What the next great undertaking of the Order may be I do not know, but I do believe that it will be inaugurated without great loss of time, that it will be broadly philanthropic, be grandly conceived and gloriously carried out. In the Masonic vocabulary, as in "the bright lexicon of youth," "There is no such word as fail."

Ever remembering:

Not to the past, but to the future,
Looks true nobility,
And finds its blazon
In posterity."

—Voice of Masonry.

INSTALLATION.

LODGE members have elected the Officers of their Lodges. Now they are to be installed.

On or before St. John's Day the law requires that these elected officers shall be properly prepared for their respective stations.

It is the ceremony of installation that completes the requisites for taking the stations and exercising the duty attached to each.

Installation is a Masonic ceremony. It is part of the esoteric work of a Lodge. As a ceremony, it is the clothing of the symbol of a perfected election to the chairs, by the members of Lodges. Without it the Officer of a Lodge cannot take the station to which he was elected.

The philosophy of the Masonic ritual is to make perfect the inchoate action described by Masonic law, that the members elect the Lodge Officers.

But the election is not in itself the completed requisite for taking the chairs. Therefore the ceremony of installation is prescribed. This being so important a proceeding, it should be conducted with the propriety and fullness belonging to its character. Of course no public recital of the proceedings is permitted. To explain it here is forbidden. But the P.M. of every Lodge knows exactly what the ceremony is, and they can understand the importance of properly performing it.

It must be as elaborate as the *Ahimán Rezon* prescribes. As it is the completion of the election, the ceremony must be completely and solemnly performed. It cannot be done in part, or indeed, any part be omitted; if so, it is not complete. If not exhaustive of the ordained requirements, it is not a lawful installation. It destroys the very significance of the proceeding. The part is not the whole, and the whole work of installation must be performed, or why make it necessary? The "charge" to the Master on his installation should be read to him. This ought never to be omitted. If a Lodge has not the time to do the work, or such an excuse is made for the omission of any of the ordained ceremonies, it is a serious error.

The proceedings in a tyled Lodge on the installation of its Master and Officers are of great importance. To install

in public as is now claimed to be permitted in some jurisdictions is an innovation against every teaching of the degree of secrecy.

Yet in the old Regulations it is declared that installations shall be by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages. This is true of all Lodge work. Who can deny it? Yet it is not infrequent that Lodges for want of time, as it is explained, their work is half done, imperfectly done to the discredit of Masonry. Want of time! If Lodges have not time to do the work, then it should be postponed till the opportunity to do it all, and do it well, is secured.

If an evil is permitted to exist, it grows if not corrected. So it comes to pass that here a little and there a little of disobedience to the established regulations begets greater evils, till at last innovations are not regarded as blights on the perfection of Masonic ceremonials or destructive of Masonic law.

It is not wise to countenance the slightest neglect of the established rules of the Craft, especially in the performance of the ritual. Once it happens that omissions are permitted, it is cited as a precedent. It is contended that as such a Lodge did its work without correction, another Lodge may by that example omit in its work what is essential to its perfected performance. So by degrees innovations creep in, and by and by they obtain a sort of authoritative endorsement.

If at the installation of the Officers of Lodges any part of the ceremonial is omitted, what may be expected of the future obedience of the Lodges to those regulations that Masonic authority has commanded?

As Lodges are now about to instal their Officers, the occasion should be taken to impress on the members the duty of obedience to the established regulations which govern Lodge action in all its labours. Especially should he who installs know exactly what the ancient regulations require in the ceremony. A careful examination of these regulations as well as of all the ceremonial of the Craft should be the study of the Officers of Lodges. Thus only can the laws be enforced.—*Keystone*.

ITS HISTORY IS ILLUSTRIOUS.

THE golden legend of Freemasonry gives inspiration to every student. Far back in the years, at a time unknown to men, there began a system of morality, founded upon the pure principles of righteousness, illustrated and taught by the simplest, yet the grandest symbols known to the human mind. As the tiny spring, hidden in the mountain's craggy summit, bubbles out in a refreshing stream, overruns the rocks and roots that gladly make a way for its current, widens into the brook, dancing and sparkling over its pebbly bed, kissed in grateful delight by the nodding grasses and flowers that line its path, gathers strength and power from every hillside rivulet, until it is lost in the swell and rush of the mighty river pouring its great volume of waters into the reservoir of the fathomless sea, a blessing to the whole earth, so this system of symbolic morality has gathered strength and power as it coursed its way through the ages of the past, receiving the glad approval of the good of all nations until it covers the whole earth, a blessing to the sons and daughters of Adam. They call this system of symbolic morality Freemasonry. Its history is illustrious. Its legend is golden.

Men will never know, they can never know, the good that has been done by the simple, commonplace, easily understood lessons of Freemasonry. The work of the Fraternity is like the work of nature, silent but irresistible. In the darkness of the inner earth the changing growth of creation goes on, and in ages yet unborn, men will find the treasures that are to-day being conceived in the womb of nature. All this work, the making of the gold and the silver, the storing of the precious stone is done in the grandeur of silence. It is God's history of creation, written by His own Almighty finger. The history of Freemasonry is written upon the imperishable tablets of human souls. The eye of the body may become darkened, but the eye of the soul is always light. The hand of the body and the busy brain, may be pulseless and powerless, but the soul outlasts the hand and the brain. The influence of Freemasonry upon the soul is silent but effectual. Its principles are elevating and ennobling, and the man who comes within the mystic circle finds an atmosphere so rarified that the poison of vice, if not entirely destroyed, loses much of its virulence. Whatever was the bubbling fountain of Free-

masonry, or wherever it had its rise, matters not, so long as we drink of its pure waters and bathe in its cleansing stream.

History is but the record of events. Man makes events. Therefore the lives of men are the pages of the world's life story. Colossal figures rise in every age as marks of certain epochs. They are indexes to the chapter of events that follow. And so the volume of the world's history is marked at each successive age by the doings of a man. The life of Moses is the story of the Red Sea and the Promised Land, the smitten rock and the tables of the Law. The life of Solomon is the building of the temple with its glory and magnificence. Cæsar is the index to Roman history. The life of Columbus is the discovery of America with the marvellous results of the past four hundred years. In Napoleon we read ambition, Moscow and Waterloo. The story of Washington is that of American Independence, with all that that independence has done for the world. And so the figures of men appear as the exponents of history.

Along the years of Masonic history appear men whose lives are interwoven with the warp and woof of its symbolism. They have stamped their individuality upon its teachings. They have proved by their acts that having tasted of the purring waters of truth they have been made better and wiser, and have left their improved and ennobled lives as a grateful tribute of the purity of the stream from which they drank.

Masonic history is illustrious, not only because of the noble characters that stand as exponents of the powerful influence of its teachings, but because of its steady growth. No opposition, no matter how determined, has been able to destroy it. It has rather made the institution stronger, and it is to-day more deep-rooted in the hearts of its adherents than ever before.

The history of Freemasonry is marked by monuments of the skilful operative workman, as well as the imperishable souls of "just men made perfect" by its truth. The great cathedrals of the Old World, with their pinnacles and domes, their turrets and towers, their lofty windows, where the sun steals through, flooding the knaves and aisles with a softened and mellow light, as though by its silent presence demanding a reverential acknowledgment of the sacredness of the spot, are the product of operative Masonry. Upon these magnificent structures, the admired buildings of the earth, the square and compass, the plumb and rule have been used, and true to the unerring test of the implements of the Craft, these evidences of an illustrious past stand perfect monuments of a perfect work.

From this operative school, with its wonderful object lessons, was evolved the speculative school in which the same unerring tests of square and compass, plumb and rule are applied to the hearts of men, and those whose spiritual buildings are erected agreeably to their measure, are perfect monuments of a perfect work, whose existence will run parallel with the eternal ages of virtue. The history of Masonry must be taken in its continuity from the operative to the speculative. In the operative school, the Apprentice was required to prove his skill as a workman before he could become a Fellow, and the Fellow became a Master only after he had learned the lessons of the tools he had used, and was able to draw such designs upon the trestle board as would deserve the work of the Fellow and Apprentice. It is the same in the speculative school. The Apprentice must be able to appreciate the beauty of the light to which his eyes have been opened, and when he learns the lesson of the open trestle board of the Grand Architect of the Universe, he may ascend the winding stairs and be taught the beautiful lessons of a wonderful science, which will prepare his heart to meet the responsibilities of life, and receive the sure reward that follows a strict adherence to integrity and virtue.

Masonry has made men better. It has led them to aim at a higher and purer life. It has made them appreciate a nobler manhood. It has made them understand better the problem of living. It has taught them how to die. It has permeated the whole world with its pure principles. It has raised the fallen, and rescued the depraved. It has clothed the naked and fed the hungry. It has built homes for the homeless, and asylums for the sick. It has educated the ignorant and sheltered the fatherless. It has helped the church to ameliorate the condition of unhappy humanity. Its influence has benefitted government, in establishing justice and destroying despotism. Its silent work has been felt in the very pulsation of a better morality in the community. Its history is illustrious.—*N.Y. Dispatch*.

CENTENARY OF THE PALLADIAN CHAPTER, No. 120.

ON Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, a convocation of the Palladian Chapter was held, in celebration of the Chapter having recently obtained a Centenary Warrant of the Supreme Grand Chapter, bearing the signature of the Prince of Wales as First Grand Principal. This rare occurrence in the history of Freemasonry brought together a large number of the members of the Royal Arch Order, also Visitors from the adjoining counties of Monmouth, Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, and Salop.

Brother William Margrett, of the Grey Friars' Lodge, and Brother H. J. Gifford, of the Palladian Lodge, were unanimously elected and exalted to the Supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. J. A. White and other Principals.

Comp. Captain S. George Homfray P.G. Standard Bearer and P.G.H. Monmouth performed the interesting ceremony of presenting the Centenary Warrant on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter. He said he congratulated them upon having proved a hundred years' uninterrupted service, and he added that the Warrant bore the signature of the Prince of Wales 1st Grand Principal, and the time-honoured names of Comps. Lord Mount Edgcombe and W. Withers Beech.

The Warrant having been received by the S.E. Comp. W. Parlbly, Captain Homfray said that on becoming a Freemason they passed through the degrees of E.A., F.C., and in due time arrived at the sublime degree of M.M.; still they were not in possession of the genuine secrets until they joined the sublime degree. The Centenary Warrant would enable the Chapter to rank amongst the few who had attained this honour, and he trusted that it would be faithfully preserved and handed down to successors in office pure and unaltered.

Comp. J. A. White, the First Principal of the Palladian Chapter, rising to reply said, on behalf of the Principals and Companions of the Palladian Chapter, that it was with very great pride and pleasure that he accepted the Centenary Warrant. The document or charter would be most highly prized by the Companions of this Chapter.

Companion William Parlbly said the pleasing task devolved upon him to submit a few particulars relative to the history and growth of the Palladian Chapter. It was stated in Gould's work on the History of Freemasonry, that the earliest Royal Arch minutes were to be found among the York records, the degree being traced back to the year 1762. In the county of Hereford Royal Arch Masonry might be said to commence from the year 1791, when the Palladian Chapter came into existence, the Lodge and Chapter taking the name after Palladio, the famous Italian architect, who was born in the year 1580, and it might be said to be among the oldest in existence. The minutes of the Chapter, though exceedingly meagre in the earlier years of its history, had been preserved from 1791. It appeared that on 13th August 1791, in virtue of a Warrant of Dispensation, a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in this City, when M.E. Companion Thomas Callender was appointed Deputy Grand Superintendent for the County of Hereford. Thomas Dunckerley, who was designated in the minutes as G. Superintendent, was not only Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the County of Hereford, but Provincial Grand Superintendent for the City and County of Bristol, and numerous other counties, and, at the same time, Provincial Grand Master in eight Provinces. In Sadler's "Life of Dunckerley" it is stated that at the time of his appointment (1790) there was only one Lodge in the whole county of Hereford to occupy his attention, and that was the Palladian. At the present time there are five Lodges. The same authority states that on 28th January 1791, a Lodge was constituted at Kington, but it did not appear to have long survived, as the Warrant was soon after transferred to Ludlow, and the title changed to that of the Mercian Lodge. Here it continued for some years, but was finally erased in 1832. The same authority states that in 1793 Dunckerley applied for a Warrant of Constitution for the Royal Edward Lodge to be held at Leominster, which continued for a time to flourish, when it was erased by Grand Lodge. In both these Herefordshire towns, however, Masonry has since revived. Under date 7th February 1792, the following entry occurs in the minute book of the Chapter:—"By virtue of a Warrant of Dispensation for holding a Royal Arch Chapter (under the denomination of the Palladian Chapter), granted by Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., Grand Superintendent, the Companions assembled this day and exalted Brother William Thomas, and the Exaltation being completed, the Most Excellent Z. moved that the blank left in the Warrant of Constitution for the days on which this Chapter should in future meet, should be thus filled up, as follows, viz.: That the next meeting be on the 21st instant, and the future meetings on the 3rd Tuesday in every month from that date. This motion was put in due form and unanimously approved. Most Excellent Z. then moved that 15s per annum be paid by each Companion as a subscription fee, which being seconded and put in due form, was unanimously approved." The original Charter contained the names of the Rev. Richard Underwood, Mr. Robert Phillip, and the Rev. Thomas Kidley, who were the first respective Principals of the Chapter, and is dated 14th August. In the first instance, and indeed for many years, the regular Convocations of the Chapter were held at the Bowling Green Tavern. From time to time, brethren connected with the Palladian, Silurian, Royal Edward, Vitruvian, and Eastnor Lodge, in the county, and also brethren from the Masonic Lodges of Gloucester and Worcester had been exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter. That virtue, so truly characteristic of a Royal Arch Mason's heart—Charity—had been a moving principle in the Chapter from the first. In 1808 a sum of £15 was voted to the widow of a Companion. At the Chapter held on the 15th of February 1814, it was ordered that £5 should be presented to Companion John Cann, who had broken his leg by a fall in the late severe weather. In 1816 a Chapter of Emergency was convened for 13th March for the pur-

pose of celebrating the seventy-second anniversary of the Reverend Richard Underwood, who, it was recorded, desired to be discontinued a member of the Chapter, after having filled the office of First Principal for nearly twenty-five years. As an instance of the large-heartedness and generosity of the Companions, he might mention the following incident which was recorded in the minutes about this time. After the conclusion of the formal business of the Chapter, the Janitor requested that he might be allowed to introduce his daughter for the purpose of affording the Companions a little music upon the harp, and it was recorded that the performance proved so highly entertaining that in order to encourage the young lady to further progress, the Companions present subscribed the sum of £15 17s 6d to enable her to purchase the instrument. An incident of another kind might be narrated as indicating that the Principals were wishful to maintain a becoming dignity in the ceremonial of the Chapter. In 1819 an inventory was made of the articles belonging to the Chapter, and it was ordered "that three proper caps or head dresses be procured for the three Principals, as used in the Chapters in London, and also the same for the Scribes." By reference to the historical work he had alluded to he found that on 18th March 1817, the two Grand Chapters amalgamated under the title of the United Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. Hence very soon after—in 1821—a new Charter was granted by the Grand Chapter to the Palladian Chapter. The Warrant was an interesting document, being the Charter of their privileges, and should be perused by every Companion. Having carefully compared the two Charters, he found there was a slight alteration in the wording of the 1821 Charter as compared with that of 1791. In the first Charter the object of the Companions was described as "to extend their aid to and promote the happiness of every terrestrial being and link mankind together by indissoluble Bonds of Friendship, Peace, and Love." In the second Charter the object was described as "to extend their aid to and promote the happiness of all our Brethren and link mankind together by indissoluble Bonds of Friendship, Peace, and Harmony." The following incident ought not to be overlooked, as by it they became acquainted with the origin of one of the indispensable instruments possessed by the Chapter:—"In the year 1823 Companion John Allen, Jun., presented as his parting gift to the Companions, a black hilted sword and sheath for the use of the Janitors." In 1833, Companion Bird was elected to the office of First Principal of the Chapter, and again in the year 1834 that same distinguished Companion appeared to have attended the Chapter in the capacity of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the county. In the same year (1834) the kindly feeling of the Companions manifested itself by the presentation of a silver cup to Companion Jas. Maddy for services rendered to the Chapter for a period of thirty years. The year 1834 seems to have been an important one in the history of the Chapter, not only because of the incidents mentioned but also on account of the exaltation of a brother as a compliment or mark of respect. In the year Mr. Radford was unanimously elected and duly exalted a member of the Chapter as a compliment to him in consequence of his exertions for the good of his fellow citizens in erecting an iron foundry in the city. The first stone of the building was laid in Masonic order on 11th June 1834. During this year the Chapter ordered that all Institutions relative to the regulations of Royal Arch Masons received from the Grand Chapter be entered in a book provided for that purpose, and the letters conveying any such orders or regulations be kept and numbered for reference, but the book did not appear to be in evidence. The Chapter began to hold its convocations in the Green Dragon Hotel in 1837. The following year the Principals of the Chapter were deputed to meet the Officers of the Palladian Lodge to make arrangements for a procession at the celebration of the Coronation of the Queen, on 28th June. In 1844 Mr. Thomas Duckham was elected and exalted in the Chapter, and he thought that Mr. Duckham was the oldest Royal Arch Mason in Hereford, who was at one time connected with the Royal Arch Chapter. In 1859 Mr. Henry Clarkson was also elected and exalted. Each of these Companions eventually filled the chair of the First Principal. In the year 1860 the present R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Herefordshire, Comp. S. H. Piper, was elected a member of the Chapter. In the same year the Rev. Richard Lane Freer, D.D., Archdeacon of Hereford, became a joining member. In 1863 the sum of £10 was subscribed towards the memorial window placed in the Hereford Cathedral to his memory. In the year 1864 the then R.W.P. Grand Master of Herefordshire, the Rev. Dr. Bowles, was elected a Companion of the Chapter. Companion Shellard P.Z. P.P.S.G.W., the esteemed Treasurer of this Chapter, was exalted in the year 1864. In 1870 the Rev. Dr. Bowles P.Z. communicated to the Chapter the fact of his having been appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent, the patent of his appointment being read in open Chapter. In 1873 a Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws, and in 1875 the thanks of the Chapter were accorded to Companion Burville for his lengthened services as Scribe E. In 1873 the Rev. Dr. Bowles Provincial Grand Superintendent P.Z., owing to the infirmities of age, retired from active membership. In the year 1876 the Rev. J. Buckle, the First Principal, presented a beautiful banner to the Companions, depicting the "Triple Tau." Upon the decease of Dr. Bowles, 1879, the Companions passed a resolution recording their sense of the great loss the Chapter had sustained by going into Masonic mourning for the remainder of the year. In 1882 Sir Joseph R. Bailey was elected as joining member of this Chapter, and in 1887 the Rev. Richard Evans was appointed an Assistant Grand Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter. In 1888, 1889, and 1890, the bye-laws of this Chapter were under revision, and were confirmed as they now stand on 20th November 1890. In 1891 a correspondence was opened by the Chapter with the Chapters of Shropshire, with the view of an association of the Chapters of Shropshire and Herefordshire, in order to form a Provincial Grand Chapter, but without success. The total number of subscribing members now connected with the Chapter was 36. This year, as our proceedings testified, would be considered one of the most important in the history of the

Chapter, marking an epoch in the development of Royal Arch Masonry in Herefordshire which will not soon be forgotten, but it is hoped will bear fruit in years to come.

The thanks of the Chapter were given to the S.E. for his interesting history of the Chapter, and it was decided that it be printed in book form, and that a copy be sent to each member and to the Visitors present from neighbouring Chapters.

Comp. Capt. Homfray was elected an honorary member of the Chapter, and presented with a centenary jewel.

The Centenary Warrant was ordered to be suitably framed and hung up in the Chapter.

The election of Officers and other formal business was next proceeded with, after which the members and visitors sat down to a banquet to which they had been invited by the Present and Past Principals of the Chapter, in celebration of the Centenary. There were present Comps. Capt. S. George Homfray P.G. Stand. Bearer and P.G.H. Mon., J. Archer White M.E.Z., John Campbell Z. 839, Edward Maddison Z. 280, Charles Rootes I.P.Z., A. S. Townsend P.Z., William Rowe P.Z., Thomas Smith P.Z. and acting J., S. Greatrex Yates H., John Marchant P.Z., G. Godson P.Z., J. E. S. Hewett P.Z., Orlando Shellard P.Z., William Parlyby Scribe E., Rev. Thos. G. Baillie P.S., Thomas Mathews, T. Godwin Chance, G. R. Sinclair, Charles J. Saxby, Peregrine Prince, Elijah Shaw, J. Meredith. The following Companions (most of whom were present) accepted invitations:—Companions A. Taylor P.Z. 683, E. W. Evans P.Z. 683, T. G. Jones P.Z. 683, W. Dix M.E.Z. 683, R. A. Forsyth S.N. 683, T. P. Garrett 683, J. J. Williams M.E.Z. 1098, F. C. Williams 1098, H. Griffiths P.Z. 1258, H. B. Crouch M.E.Z. 446.

THE FRASCATI RESTAURANT.

IT would, at the present time, be hard to find a place that is more elaborately and artistically fitted up than the new Frascati Restaurant, which is situated on the northern side of Oxford Street, fifty yards from Tottenham Court Road. The main hall is called the Winter Garden, and certain it is that this name is adequately adapted for it, for the vast hall is so liberally decorated with ferns, palms, and shrubs of all descriptions, that it makes us feel as if we were seated in some large garden. It is needless to say that the electric light is laid on all over the building, and in the large hall alone there are nearly 1,000 incandescent lamps. The ground floor of this hall is occupied as a Café Restaurant, while the balcony is reserved for table d'hôte and French dinners. These dinners are of the most sumptuous kind, and served in a way that does infinite credit to the management. A capital band, under the direction of Bro. Henry Tinney, gives a selection of music between six and ten, so it will be seen that everything is done for the comfort of the visitors. The Frascati has also a luncheon buffet, and here the most careful man may have no fear of being charged a high price for his "snack," for we notice that the prices are exceedingly low. The billiard room, containing five English and three French tables, is also made most comfortable, while the ladies toilet room is one of the best fitted we ever remember to have seen. The grand banquetting hall, capable of dining 150 guests, is at times used for balls, and we feel sure that the room is adequately adapted for the purposes it is put to. But what, perhaps, is of most interest to our readers is the Masonic Hall, and here we find everything as it should be. The hall is cosy, and admirably suited for a Masonic home, and we feel sure that when it is better known the Frascati will have several of our London Lodges meeting in its hall; at present the Tivoli is the only Lodge meeting there. In addition to the rooms we have mentioned, private salons for club and society dinners, wedding breakfasts, and family dinner parties can be had, and from what we saw of these rooms on the occasion of our visit we feel sure they will give the greatest satisfaction. The cuisine is of the very best quality, in fact, we have only to mention that the propriety is the same as that at the Holborn Restaurant to show that everything is bound to be first class. The manager is Bro. Gustave F. Lambert, and we feel sure that with his vast experience visitors to the Frascati will not want for anything. We trust Bro. Lambert, who is ably assisted by Mr. Hamp jun., will long be in command, and that the fortunes of the Frascati will greatly increase under his able guidance.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

IT was unfortunate for this rising association that there was such a small muster of members and their friends, on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the first of a series of three Cinderella dances, to be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Disappointments were many, but the thirty or forty who were present had the pleasure of enjoying a most happy evening. Everything was done by the M.C.'s, Messrs. W. J. Packer and E. A. B. Gough, to make the company thoroughly comfortable, and we feel sure that these gentlemen succeeded. Dancing commenced at about 7.30, and with the fourteen dances down on the programme and two extras, the Cinderella was kept going in right merry style until twelve o'clock, when the company dispersed after spending a most enjoyable evening. Every praise is due to the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. W. J. Packer and E. A. B. Gough, for the way they worked for the success of the dance, and it is certainly not their fault that it was not better attended. "Old Masonians," show your better appreciation of the association by mustering in strong force at the second Cinderella, which will take place on the 3rd February next.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Argyle Rooms, Littlehampton, on Thursday, the 17th ult., when a large number of members and visiting brethren were present. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Goss, was installed in an able manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. the Rev. J. A. Remington, after which the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. York S.W., A. Lloyd J.W., E. Collings Treasurer, J. H. Longman Secretary, F. V. Paxton Dir. of Cers., J. H. Pulman S.D., W. F. Mellersh J.D., F. E. Haydon I.G., F. G. Terry and C. J. Burchell Stewards. The annual banquet afterwards took place at the Beach Hotel.

LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163 (MANCHESTER).

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. There were present Bros. Thomas G. Sparkes W.M., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.S.D., John Studd P.M., T. H. Schofield S.W., J. M. H. Blamey J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Treasurer, J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.J.D., R. Alf. Hepworth S.D., John W. Sparkes I.G., Jno. Ed. Williams P.M., John Hilton, Arthur Nield, A. Dunn, C. F. Allison, W. Pearson, Rd. Higham, J. G. Mead, H. R. Yates, Frederick Nield, J. H. Studd, Ed. G. Hiller, George Taylor, F. Broster, Jno. Allen, A. Willing, James Mitchell, Joseph Clemmey, C. Slee, Frank W. Mee, Ben. Eastwood, R. L. McMillan; Visitors—Bros. Rowland T. Taylor 2432, William Jones 654, George Unsworth 2231, H. G. Fisher 1030, J. H. Wood 300, W. Collins W.M. 1565, Clare Edgar Towell I.P.M. 2359, Harry Heyworth 1588. The history of the Lodge of Integrity furnishes a record in which paucity of work has seldom held a place, but on this occasion there was very little business before the Lodge, except indeed, the confirmation of minutes, and a consideration of suggested alterations in the bye-laws; the brethren were consequently enabled to adjourn at an early hour, and partake of supper, which was supplied by the hall caterer, Mr. Phillips. At the festive board which followed, several toasts were given, the principal one being that of the Visiting Brethren, ably proposed by Bro. Warburton, which was suitably responded to, and a very pleasant evening was passed. Bros. Sparkes, J. G. Mead, E. G. Hiller, and others treated the company to some very fine singing, being accompanied on the piano by Bro. J. E. Williams; Bro. J. M. H. Blamey recited in his usual effective manner; Bro. Ben Eastwood introduced a novel and excellent form of entertainment which he termed "Shadowgraphy;" while Bro. J. H. Wood not only convulsed the company by a character sketch from "Pickwick," but kept them in excellent humour by what seemed to be a perennial flow of operative and other selections.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

THE annual installation in connection with this Lodge, took place at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 1st inst. The W.M. elect was Bro. Pitts, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Meggy Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Jarvis assisting. Bro. Pitts appointed and invested his Officers, as under:—Bros. Baker S.W., Wick J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Lewin P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works Treasurer, Shedd P.M. P.P.G. Registrar Secretary, Durrant P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.P.G. Treasurer Dir. of Cers., Sutthery P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Organist, Cook S.D., Gray J.D., Nichols I.G., Hamilton Steward, Sarel P.P.G. Tyler Tyler. A banquet was held subsequently at the White Hart Hotel, presided over by Bro. Andrew Durrant, when the customary toasts were honoured. The musical portion of the programme was carried out by Master Stanley Nunn, Master Gordon Barnes, and Mr. John Nunn, of St. Mary's Choir, Colchester, assisted by Mr. H. R. Poole, and under the direction of Bro. C. Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O.

SAINT HELEN'S LODGE, No. 531.

THE annual festival and installation of Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Hall, Regent Street, Hartlepool, on the 1st inst. The new W.M. was Bro. Marston, who was impressively installed by Bro. Austin I.P.M. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. Watson S.W., Richardson J.W., Vickers P.M. Treas., Scott Secretary, Robinson S.D., Jack J.D., Metcalfe P.M. D. of C., Carter Organist, Pinder I.G., Kirtley, Buckle, Bennison, and McBride Stewards. Among the brethren present were Bros. Nixey (Mayor of Hartlepool), Simpson, Harrison, Bennett, Lilley, Hurworth, Borjeau, and Farmer. A banquet was subsequently held, at the King's Head Hotel, High Street, when about 50 sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by host Butterwick. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Harry, Martin, Bennison, Marston, Borjeau, Harrison, and Farmer. Bro. Harworth officiated as pianist.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 838.

ON Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., Bro. Gane W.M. and the Officers and Brethren of the above Lodge gave an invitation

smoking concert in the Assembly Rooms, Boston, Lincolnshire, at which about 100 brethren were present. Bro. Gane presided, and was supported by the Officers of both Lodges. Bros. Gane, Gregory, Hayes, Kirby, Shepherd, Stephenson, Hinds, and Newcomb, Messrs. Hilton, Appleby, Clarke, Farrow, Dodds and others contributed to the programme.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 976.

THE installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Cruse, of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. R. Hayter, assisted by Bro. Muller. There were a large number of brethren present, including visitors from the Gooch Lodge, Swindon; Love and Honour Lodge, Shepton Mallet; Royal Somerset, Frome; and Science Lodge, Wincanton. Bro. Bruse W.M., invested the following Officers:—Bros. Buckley I.P.M., J. J. White S.W., Look J.W., Ansten Chaplain, Huntley Treasurer, Hayter Secretary, W. Clarke Dir. of Cers., Crad S.D., King J.D., Pearce Org., Porter I.G., F. White and S. Martin Stewards, Swain Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Blue Ball, the catering of Bro. Carhart receiving high commendation.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on the 5th instant. The W.M. elect, Bro. T. D. Netting was installed by Bros. John Lander, W. R. Rawling, James Pearce, and W. T. Nancarrow. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. R. Pearce, E. Herring, E. C. Vosper, T. D. Deeble, G. Burns, E. R. Doney, H. Bowden, R. C. Revell, N. Bray, T. Shaddock, J. Deeble 1871, Rev. Dr. Lemon 189 P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Chaplain, J. Ninnes, E. Aitken-Davies, A. W. White, P. J. Dunn, W. Sweet, J. E. Elliott, C. Bickle, J. T. Rook. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Lander I.P.M., Dr. R. T. Meadows S.W., F. A. Rawling J.W., James Pearce Treasurer, W. D. Deeble Secretary, W. T. Nancarrow Chaplain, Joseph Brooking S.D., J. Braund J.D., T. Vicary Dir. of Cers., J. Q. Betty Organist, J. Mitchell I.G., J. Smale, J. F. Menhinick, R. May, E. C. R. Vosper Stewards, J. Deeble Tyler. Bro. R. Pearce was elected Charity Steward. A Committee of the P.M.'s, Treasurer, Secretary and Wardens was appointed to furnish the new hall. The annual banquet will be held on the 14th inst., and to aid in inaugurating the change in the home of the Lodge, the W.M. and Wardens of the Callington, Torpoint, and St. Germans Lodges are to be invited.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THE installation of Bro. W. Howarth, as W.M. for the second year in succession, took place on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial Road, Landport. The brethren present were Bros. W. Learmouth, E. T. Quinton, the Rev. Cedric E. Crowley, H. E. Windsor, J. Guyatt, E. Godwin, S. Thomas, E. Naylor P.M., H. Wilton, C. Dobson, G. W. Kerwood, R. E. Buckle P.M., W. F. Westerman P.M., J. G. Niven P.M., J. F. Clark, W. J. Burt, A. E. Cogswell, J. Carnon, J. Briden, G. W. Leggatt, J. F. Pearce, E. Lucken, A. S. Watts, T. Lucas, G. Frampton, H. Melhuish, W. Harvey, H. Brook, S. Kerwood, W. J. White, G. H. Corke, C. Manning, J. Taylor, G. Chamberlain, T. Mead, and W. A. Perry. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Gieve P.G. Treasurer, Edgar Goble P.G.S. G.S.B. of England, Sir William King P.M. P.G.J.D., W. Steward W.M. 1428, A. G. Holmes J.W. 342, J. M. Godfrey S.W. 804, S. Jenkins P.M. 482, J. Slade W.M. 804, W. Brookman, W. C. Bland S.W. 257, T. Cowd, F. E. Wattis, H. Bundy, C. Gillett, G. W. Edmonds, S. Saxey J.D. 345, F. L. Francis, T. G. Francis, A. D. Wood, W. A. Hill P.M. P.P.G.S.B. 309, H. Croucher P.M. Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, T. Betts W.M. 1913, T. L. Snell W.M. 487, W. Glazebrook W.M. 342, C. W. Bevis P.M. 1834, H. C. Shawyer, E. R. Fisher, H. Long, A. J. Boorman, J. Jenkins P.M. 487, R. E. Hunt P.M. 45, W. J. Townshend J.W. 1903, C. Penton S.W. 903, R. W. G. Stokes W.M. P.G. Std., T. A. Bramsdon W.M. 257, and T. Franklin. Letters of apology were received from the Mayor (Bro. Alderman R. Barnes), Bros. W. O. Clough, M.P., G. F. Lancaster, and Councillor G. A. Dean. The installation of Bro. Howarth was impressively performed by Bro. Westerman, and the new W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Miles I.P.M., E. T. Quinton S.W., E. Godwin J.W., Rev. C. E. Crowley Chaplain, H. E. Windsor Treasurer, J. Guyatt Secretary, S. F. Thomas S.D., G. Kerwood J.D., E. Naylor D.C., J. Carnon I.G., W. J. White Organist, A. E. Cogswell, T. F. Pearce, and S. S. Way Stewards. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to the Secretary (Bro. Guyatt) for the efficient and able manner in which he has discharged his duties during the past five years. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Howarth for the very satisfactory manner in which he filled the office of W.M. during the past year. The banquet was served in the banqueting room at the Masonic Club, in a manner that reflected great credit on the Club Steward. Covers were laid for eighty guests, and the menu card, presented to each one was an artistic specimen of the printer's art, and contained a portrait of the W.M., who occupied the chair. The toasts of the Queen and the Most Worshipful Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) having been enthusiastically honoured on the initiative of the Chairman, Sir William King proposed the M.W. Pro. G.M. (the Earl of Lathom) and the Officers of the Grand Lodge Present and Past, and Bro. Edgar Goble P.G.S. responded. The Provincial Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge Present and Past, was introduced by the Chairman, and Bro.

J. Gieve P.G.T. responded. In felicitous terms Bro. Westerman I.P.M. proposed the W.M., and the compliment was suitably acknowledged. The Installing Master was honoured on the call of Bro. J. G. Niven, and Bro. W. F. Westerman returned thanks. The Worshipful Master proposed the I.P.M. (Bro. W. Miles) and Past Masters of the Lodge, and Brother E. Naylor P.M. responded. Brother E. Buckle P.M. submitted the Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges, and Bro. T. A. Bramsdon W.M. 257 replied. The other Visitors was proposed from the chair, and Bros. Wattis, Jenkins, and Hunt responded. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden acknowledged the toast of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast completed the list.

FELIX LODGE, No. 2371.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, on Friday, the 25th ult., when Bro. Charles H. Downes was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The visitors included—Bros. Sir Henry Truman Wood 1159 P.A.G.D. of C. Eng., C. G. Hayward W.M. 114 P.P.G.R., G. Abbott P.M. 225 P.P.G.S.B., J. White P.M. 959, F. C. Atkinson P.M. 376 P.A.G.S., A. Raphael P.M. 959, S. Sleight 376, Ernest St. G. Cobbold P.M. 81, &c. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Chas. Cheston, at the conclusion of which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Charles Cheston I.P.M., W. M. Cuckow S.W., G. R. Quilter J.W., H. G. Quilter Treasurer, H. J. Wright Secretary, J. Stringer S.D., G. H. Jackson J.D., C. G. Havell Org., N. Tracy Dir. of Cers., J. H. Goodwin I.G., C. G. Havell and W. B. Cooper Stewards, Philip Cooper Tyler. Bro. Cheston was afterwards presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge, and this was appropriately acknowledged. The installation banquet followed, Bro. H. G. Quilter placing the choicest of menus before the brethren, who thoroughly enjoyed the provision made for their comfort. The toasts of the Queen and Craft, the M.W.G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the R.W. the D.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgoumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, were given from the chair, the latter toast being coupled with the name of Bro. Sir Henry Wood, who responded. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Prov. G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, the D.P.G.M. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, spoke with regret, though not without disappointment, at the absence of Lord Henniker, who had promised to be present, but telegraphed that he was unable to fulfil his engagement. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. G. Hayward, who responded. Bro. C. Cheston, gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, and in the course of his remarks said that, excepting the toast which coupled the loyalty which they owed to their Queen and the loyalty which they owed to the great brotherhood of which they were all members, there was no toast which came so near home to the hearts of Masons at that moment as that of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and more especially on the night on which he was installed. They were bound by the closest ties of allegiance to the Grand Master of the Craft, and the Master of the Province of Suffolk, but no ties could be closer than those which bound them to the Master of their Lodge, who within certain limits fulfilled so great a measure of usefulness in Masonic life. He (the speaker) had now passed through the chair of many Lodges, and that, he supposed, would be the last he should occupy, and that was the last installation ceremony he should perform. He went on to say that he had had the best opportunities of watching the work of Bro. Downes in a troublesome and difficult position in a new Lodge, and from which he prophesied that during his year of office in the chair he would perform his duties with the greatest possible satisfaction to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he could only promise them that nothing should be wanting on his part to faithfully perform the duties of the chair into which he had been installed that evening. He would do that to the best of his ability, but that ability, he reminded them, would have to be backed up by the Officers and members of the Lodge generally. He hoped that all the members should attend regularly the Lodge of Instruction, so that they might become proficient in their duties. He hoped during his year of office he should have the privilege of representing the Lodge on a Charity Festival. He concluded by proposing the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Worshipful Brother Charles Cheston, whom he still hoped to see amongst them as often as possible. Brother Cheston suitably responded, observing that he hoped to have the pleasure of introducing his son, when the time came, into the Lodge. Bro. H. G. Quilter gave the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Tracy, who responded. The other toasts were the Officers, the Visitors, and the Tyler's toast.

ROYAL ARCH.

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STAR OF GWYNEDD CHAPTER, No. 384.

THE annual installation in connection with this Chapter took place on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, Comp. J. Lloyd Griffiths was installed M.E.Z., Comp. C. H. Rees being the installing Officer. The M.E.Z. appointed as his Officers:—Comps. Robert Owen 2nd Principal, Colonel J. Balkeley Pryce 3rd Principal, G. Thomas Scribe E., R. H. Hughes P.S., T. Mills Scribe N., R. Langford Jones Treasurer, T. B. Stabington Janitor. The attendance of brethren was large. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel.

ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 732.

THE annual installation meeting took place on the 24th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when Comp. W. Botting was installed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. The following Officers were elected, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Comps. Willard H., Hawken J., Legg S.E., Denman S.N., Freeman Treasurer, Lloyd P.S., Field 1st Assistant Sojourner, Bennett 2nd Assistant Sojourner, and Hughes Janitor. The Chapter having been closed, the Companions sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed M.E.Z., Comp. W. Botting. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

BY command of the Provincial Grand Master Brother Lient.-Colonel C. Hunter, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for North Wales assembled, on the 29th ult., at Amlwch, and was received with the customary honours by the Officers and members of the St. Elian Lodge. The St. Elian Lodge was closed tyled shortly after two o'clock, the Officers and brethren present including Bros. W. Jones W.M., T. Jarvis P.P.G.S.B. S.W., J. J. Sherlock J.W., J. Hughes S.O., J. Owen J.O., T. Williams Secretary, Capt. O. Thomas P.G.S.B. of England, W. Jones P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. O. Pritchard, S. T. Dyer, J. O. Morris, &c. The Provincial Grand Master Bro. Colonel Hunter and the Provincial Grand Officers made their entry at three o'clock, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened. With the Provincial Grand Master were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Colonel G. Gordon Warren, Bros. R. H. Pritchard P.G.J.W., the Rev. J. P. Evans P.G. Chaplain, S. Hargreaves P.G. Registrar of Marks, W. D. Henderson P.G. Secretary, Captain G. E. Ashley P.G.S.B., W. Price P.M., H. A. Steer P.P.G.J.W. P.Z. 721, K. McEwan P.P.G.J.G. P.G. Supt. of Works, D. Cameron P.P.M.O., Captain O. Thomas P.G.S. England, J. Vincent P.G. Tyler. The roll of the several Lodges in the Province having been called, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, held at Llandudno, on 30th January 1892, were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Sumner was appointed Steward for the Province for the Mark Benevolent Fund. Brother R. S. Chamberlain was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—

Bro. Colonel Gordon Warren	...	Deputy Master
L. M'Ewan	...	Senior Warden
W. Jones	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Thomas Edwards	...	M.O.
W. A. Nott	...	S.O.
Rev. W. Ll. Nicholas	...	Chaplains
Rev. R. P. Evans	...	
R. S. Chamberlain	...	Treasurer
S. Hargreaves	...	Registrar
W. D. Henderson	...	Secretary
J. Burton	...	Senior Deacon
Allan Sumner	...	Junior Deacon
F. J. Jarmyn	...	Inspector of Works
G. L. Woodley	...	Dir. of Cers.
D. Lloyd	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
J. Parry Jones	...	Sword Bearer
G. R. Ashley	...	Standard Bearer
J. C. Watkins	...	Organist
J. Hughes	...	Stewards
T. Williams	...	
W. Price	...	I.G.
J. Vincent	...	Tyler

Other business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed. The company subsequently enjoyed a banquet at the Dinorben Arms Hotel.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 34.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday last, the 3rd inst, the regular meeting having taken place on 1st October, when, at the latter period, the following brethren, out of a list of six, were successfully balloted for and advanced, viz.:—Bros. Edward Roberts P.M., Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, and Charles Shaw, Doric Lodge, No. 2359. On Saturday two other of these candidates—Bros. Ed. Augustus Locke, St. David's Lodge, No. 1147, and James Sharples, Doric Lodge, No. 2359, duly attended to pass through the ceremony, being recruited by an additional two in the persons of Bros. Arthur Louis Boothroyd, Doric Lodge, No. 2359, and James Ormrod, Urmston

Lodge, No. 1730. The Lodge was opened soon after three p.m. by Bro. J. T. Richardson P.P.G.I.W. P.M. acting I.P.M. The four ceremonies having been disposed of, a meeting of the United Manchester Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners (attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge), was held, Bro. J. Lees Aspland W.C.N., to elevate all duly qualified candidates, after which the Matier Council, T.I. (under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees), Bro. J. M. Sinclair W.M., was held to confer the degree of St. Laurence the Martyr, and Knight of Constantinople; also the degree of Red Cross of Babylon, on all qualified and approved Mark Master Masons; and the degree of Grand High Priest on any duly qualified and approved Mark Master Mason being an installed Principal in the Royal Arch. Bro. J. D. Murray Past Grand Warden assumed the chair, and the whole of the candidates previously mentioned were, in conjunction with Bros. S. Kelly, J. H. March, and J. Lannish, participants in the three first degrees, although only one candidate was available for that of Grand High Priest, viz.:—Bro. S. Kelly. Where such an infinity of work was performed, it would be impossible to single out any particular Officer for especial mention, suffice it to say that all of them were in requisition, and each performed his share of the day's labours with cheerful promptitude, and commendable correctness. There were present at the various meetings—Bros. C. E. Towell P.G.S.O. W.M.M., J. T. Richardson P.P.G.I.W. P.M., G. S. Smith S.W., G. A. Myers J.W., A. K. Boothroyd M.O., J. M. Neal S.O., F. Stretch J.O., S. Kelly P.G. Steward P.P.G. Std. P.M. Chaplain, J. M. Sinclair P.P.G.M.O. P.M. Treasurer, J. Walker Secretary, J. H. Marsh Registrar of Marks, J. Laurisch S.D., J. Lawrenson J.D., C. Shaw Organist, J. Sharples Steward, H. C. Miller R.W. P.M., J. D. Murray P. Grand Overseer Grand Treasurer of England, A. H. Jefferis P.G.D. P.N., J. Lees Aspland W.C.N., William Cartwright P.M. 67 P.P.G.I.W. Cheshire, E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), C. Shaw, E. A. Locke, A. L. Boothroyd, and Jas. Ormrod. A banquet followed, which did great credit to the ball caterer, Mr. Allen Phillips, after which the social board was opened, to the harmonious success of which several brethren contributed, amongst others being Bros. Geo. S. Smith, E.J. A. Locke, and Charles Shaw.

KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 109.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street, Newport, on Monday, 28th ult. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Captain Homfray the Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Henry Allen was duly installed for the ensuing year. The banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel subsequently, when the new Worshipful Master was well supported by Stewards, Officers of the Lodge, and Visitors.

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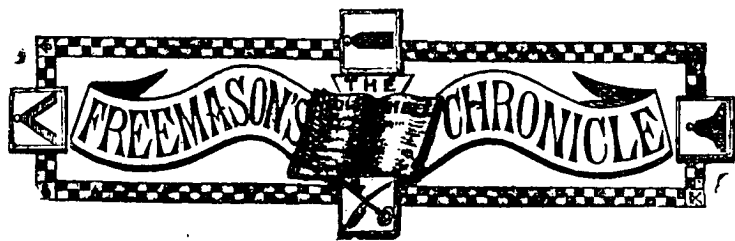
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SATURDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 1892.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master presided. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe D.G.M., and Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., acting as Past G.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. as G.S.W., and Sir E. A. Inglefield as G.J.W., Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., Thos. Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, E. Letchworth G.S., and other Grand Officers were in their respective places. There was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren. After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 7th September having, with a small alteration urged by Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T., been read and confirmed, Bro. T. L. Wilkinson nominated the Prince of Wales for M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Davis nominated Bro. Samuel Cochrane P.M. 3, 1056, and 2345, a member of the Board of General Purposes, a Vice President of some of the Charities, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the coming Masonic year. The Earl of Lathom inquired whether there was any other nomination, and no response being given after his lordship had waited some short time, the nomination of Brother Cochrane was received with loud applause. Before this the ballot papers for the election of the Board of Benevolence had been collected by the Scrutineers of votes, who were obligated to make a truthful return to Lord Lathom, and they were carried out of Grand Lodge to be counted. The Pro Grand Master informed the brethren that the Prince of Wales had again been pleased to appoint Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, and that Bro. James Brett and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune had been elected respectively Senior and Junior Vice-President. Grand Lodge afterwards passed the Report of the Board of Benevolence. This we published in our last issue.

The next business was the discussion of the following Report of the Board of General Purposes:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The proposition of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, respecting the appointment of six additional Grand Officers, not having been accepted by Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, the President of the Board laid a report of the proceedings before the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and requested his instructions.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, believing that Grand Lodge must have been acting under some misapprehension, desired the Board to submit the proposition again to Grand Lodge, with some modifications which his Lordship believes will be generally acceptable.

The proposition which the board now recommend for adoption is as follows:—

"That an addition be made to the Grand Officers appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, by the appointment of a *Deputy Grand Registrar*, to rank immediately after the Grand Registrar, *Two additional Grand Deacons*, *Two additional Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*, and a *Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1893."

"That in Provinces and Districts numbering 40 Lodges and upwards the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually *Two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*. In Provinces and Districts numbering 70 Lodges and upwards the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint *Two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*, and *Two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*. In Provinces and Districts numbering 100 Lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint a *Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar* to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Registrar, *Two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*, *Two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*, and a *Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the Provincial and District Grand Masters be empowered to appoint such additional Provincial or District Grand Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of Officers for the several Provincial and District Grand Lodges after the confirmation of the Minutes of Grand Lodge."

The amount of £25 per annum hitherto granted towards the expenses of the Library being found insufficient, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to increase the yearly grant to £50.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th November 1892.

Bro. Thomas Fenn explained, for the information of the numerous brethren who were not present on 7th September what took place on that occasion, when an amendment of Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. was carried, which disagreed with the proposition to appoint a Grand Chancellor. The Board, not wishing to lessen the number of proposed new Grand Officers—which was evidently not the intention of Grand Lodge, had dropped the Grand Chancellor, and proposed a Deputy Grand Registrar instead. As the Pro Grand Master was now present, from whose suggestion the former proposal was made, he would ask his lordship to move the altered recommendation. The Earl of Lathom then moved the recommendation, and said the idea of increasing the number of Grand Officers originated with him, and the Grand Master and himself discussed it. It was with the Grand Master's approval that he wrote to the President of the Board of General Purposes. He was not enamoured with the title of Grand Chancellor so long as he got the number of Officers. Some Provinces, like his own, had such a large number of Lodges that it was impossible to give Grand rank to worthy Masons in each of them; at the same time there were Provinces with so few Lodges that every one of them could be honoured each year. This did not seem fair. In his own Province it took eight years to select from a Lodge. Brother Fenn seconded the motion, and Bro. Lamonty supported it. After a few words from the Earl of Mount Edgumbe on the position he took at the last meeting, Brother Eve expressed himself in favour of the amended recommendation, which was subsequently carried unanimously. Bro. Fenn next proposed the last recommendation of the Board to increase the yearly grant of £25 towards the expenses of the Library to £50, £25 being found insufficient. He said that the Past Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, at the last Communication suggested that there should be a Grand Librarian. Although they had not a Grand Librarian they had a very grand Sub-Librarian, who was much hampered in the purchase of valuable Masonic books and prints for the library by the

want of money. A great many books were waiting to be purchased. The motion, which was seconded by Dr. Pocock, was carried, and Grand Lodge was closed. The Scrutineers not having made their return at the closing of Grand Lodge the Pro Grand Master took their report in his private room. The following brethren were elected on the Board of Benevolence:—

	Lodge
Dairy, Charles	141
Read, George	511
Martin, Walter	879
Pickering, George A.	890
Graveley, George	898
Bunker, James	1158
Vincent, William	1194
Goldschmidt, Simon H.	1329
Woodward, Alfred Cooper	1538
Tijou, Charles J. R.	1804
Mulvey, Ebenezer Charles	2353
Langley, George R.	2381

SOCIETY OF ROSICRUCIANS.

THE York College of the "Society of Rosicrucians in Anglia" met at the Mascio Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Saturday afternoon, the 19th ult., that being the last meeting of the four held annually. As the name implies, there is some affinity in the symbolism adopted with the seventeenth century Society of Rosicrucians, but the society follows Masonic lines, and the primary qualification of membership is that of being a Freemason. Its pursuits are, however, archæological, and the summer meetings are usually held at places interesting from that point of view, and papers are occasionally contributed which are printed with the year's proceedings. In the absence of the Celebrant (Dr. Hill-Drury), Colonel Monks, a Past Celebrant, presided, and there were present Bros. T. B. Whythead, C.A., C. L. Mason, Trevor, Meek, Tomlinson, and Atherton, Past Celebrants, and members from other towns. This being the meeting for the election of Celebrant for the coming year, Bro. William Flockton, of Culston, was elected to that position, and will be installed at the annual meeting at York, in February next.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A LODGE.

THE members of the Regents' Park, No. 2202, attended the monthly meeting of their Lodge, held at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, on Saturday afternoon, the 3rd inst. It was noticed that the W.M., Brother William James Hall, looked pale, and he was advised to have some brandy. He did so. When he was about to take his seat to commence the business he suddenly reeled and fell with his face to the floor. It was at first thought that he had only fainted, but when Dr. Henderson (who lives two or three doors off) arrived, a few minutes later, he pronounced life to be extinct, through sudden failure of the heart's action. Bro. Hall, who was 43 years of age, was senior partner in the firm of Hall and Passingham, of Grafton Street, Tottenham Court Road.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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St. James's.—Mr. Alexander has found another success in Mr. R. C. Carson's four-act comedy "Liberty Hall," and it is a success that is honestly achieved, and which reflects credit upon both the author and his interpreters. The story shows how two daughters of a deceased baronet are reduced to poverty by the sudden death of their father, whose estates are entailed, and declining the generosity of the heir, who desires to have them in possession, take up their quarters with an humble relative, a secondhand bookseller in Bloomsbury. A lodger in the same house is a Mr. Owen, who is presumably a commercial traveller, but who appears to pay more attention to Blanche, the elder sister, than to his business. Some very pleasant funning brings the story along until the proper time arrives for Mr. Owen to declare himself as the young baronet and claim Blanche as his bride, when all ends happily. The slight plot conveys but little idea of the brilliant and witty dialogue which is thoroughly enjoyable, while the acting is most natural. Mr. Alexander is delightful as Owen, his easy bearing and excellent manner carrying the piece through in a most interesting fashion. Miss Marion Terry is also well fitted with a congenial part as the haughty but noble minded Blanche, and Miss Maude Millett is lively as her sister Amy. Mr. Edward Righton gives a capital sketch as the proprietor of Liberty Hall, and Mr. Ben Webster once more gives us one of his amusing specimens of the genus masquerade. Young Richard Saker does well as the Shop-boy, and Mr. Nutcombe Gould as Lawyer Peddick, Miss Fanny Coleman, Miss Alisa Craig (Ellen Terry's daughter), Mr. H. Vincent and Mr. Holles represent the minor characters to advantage. We may reasonably expect that "Liberty Hall" will continue to open its welcome doors for many a day to come.

Trafalgar Square.—Mr. Levenston has acted wisely in reviving Alfred Cellier's popular comedy-opera, "Dorothy," which achieved so great a success upon its original production. Miss Decima Moore now represents the winsome heroine, her charming singing being only equalled by her piquant acting. Miss Florence Dysart is also heard to advantage as Lydia; while Geoffrey Wilder and Harry Sherwood find capital representatives in Mr. Joseph Tapley and Mr. Leonard Russell. Two of the original caste resume their characters, viz., Mr. Furneaux Cook as the cheery Squire Bantam and Mr. John Le Hay as Tom Strutt. Mr. William Elton now represents the unfortunate Lurocher; Miss Lucy Shaw makes an agreeable Phyllis; and Miss M. A. Victor is amusing as the portly Mrs. Privett. The opera is magnificently mounted, and there is little doubt that it will enjoy a renewed lease of life and popularity.

Two new plays were submitted for the approval of the public this week, and both have achieved a fair measure of success. At the Criterion Mr. Charles Wyndham has "The Silent Battle," in which the principle characters are undertaken by himself, Miss Olga Nethersole, Miss Winifred Emery, Miss Mary Moore, and Mr. Herbert Waring; while the genial proprietor of Terry's Theatre returns to town and appears in a play by Miss Florence Warden, entitled "Uncle Mike." Both pieces will be noticed in our next issue.

This Saturday evening the new Palace Theatre of Varieties will be opened to the public under the management of Brother Sir Augustus Harris P.G.T., and report speaks highly of the entertainment provided. This consists of two grand ballets, "a tragedietta" by Justin H. McCarthy, and various incidentals, while the orchestra will number some fifty-five performers under the direction of Messrs. Gaston Serpette and J. M. Glover.

Mrs. Langtry's season at the Haymarket terminates this evening; "Agatha Tylden" has done very well. On Monday, "The Prodigal Daughter" will find a home at Covent Garden, as Drury Lane is required for the rehearsals of the pantomime "Little Bo-Peep."

"Walker, London" will reach its three hundredth performance next Monday evening, on which occasion Mr. Toole will "say a few words," and a souvenir of the popular comedian will be given to each of the audience.

Mr. Carson's plays "Robin Goodfellow" will not be produced by Mr. Hare, at the Garrick, until 5th January next.

The Christmas ballet at the Alhambra is founded on the well-known and always popular story of "Aladdin, or the Wonderful Lamp," one of the oldest and most fascinating fictions in the world. The story has so often been treated in a dramatic, burlesque, and choregraphic form, that the only difficulty the constructor (Mr. John Hollingshead) has had is to condense the action in five scenes without dropping the curtain. Mr. Bruce Smith, the scenic artist, has, with his usual ingenuity, made this possible. The costumes, mostly of a Chinese type, have been made by M. and Madame Alias, from designs by Mr. Howard Russell; the illusions, of which there are many, have been invented and constructed by Professor Hermann. The music has been composed by Mons. G. Jacobi; and the dances and action have been arranged by Signor Carlo Coppi. One of the great effects of the ballet will be a crystal scene, or diamond lace-work medium, on which Messrs. Defries and Sons (celebrated for their happy application of crystal to electric and gas-lighting) have been working for several months. The magnitude of the work is shown by the fact that the crystals weigh nearly two tons, contain over three quarters of a million of facets, and are held together by twenty-

four miles of wire. The idea of the crystal medium was suggested by Mr. Hollingshead. The corps de ballet has been strengthened for this production. Signorina Legnani will act as the Princess, and a new danseuse from Milan, Signorina Pollini, has been engaged to represent the Spirit of the Lamp. Mr. Fred Storey (from the Gaiety theatre) has been specially engaged for the grotesque part of the Magician, and Aladdin will be represented by Mdlle Marie. The whole will be produced under the general direction of Mr. John Hollingshead, and the stage management of Mr. A. G. Forde. "Aladdin" will be performed (for the first time) on Monday, 19th December.

OUR FAMILY TREE.

THERE is no doubt the principles on which Freemasonry is based are most admirable, that those principles have been most successfully carried out in all ages and countries, and that they are capable of still further development in the future. But nothing is so calculated to mar the beauty of those principles as the attempts which are continually being made to associate every distinguished man that ever lived, and every noteworthy event that has ever happened since the world was created, with Freemasonry. We have seen it gravely stated that Adam was a Mason, though the native modesty of the writer induced him to refrain from any attempt at solving the knotty question, whether our worthy first parent was initiated before or after he took to wearing an apron of fig-leaves. Noah, the first naval architect, not "arkitect," has been set down as a Mason. The Patriarchs, we believe, are supposed to have been Craftsmen. The two Saints John were Grand Masters, though we have never heard any sufficient reason assigned for the supposition. Euclid was a learned geometrician, and therefore he must have been a Freemason. Pythagoras, who is said to have been, in reality, the author of the famous forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid, was also one of us,—very probably a Past Master of the Craft, as the figure of the said proposition plays a very prominent part in the jewels of Past Masters. A host of celebrities of every age and race are claimed as members of our fraternity. The great reformer, Martin Luther, has been said to have been initiated into our mysteries a short time after he had burnt the Pope's Bull of Excommunication. The most worthy absentee from the roll of worthies is the great Julius Cæsar. We do not remember ever to have seen him described as a Brother by any trustworthy Mason. Possibly, some imperfection disqualified him from participating in the benefits of initiation. Some day this omission may be rectified, or, perchance, in the lapse of time, some brother, more remarkable for his ambition to be enrolled among our Masonic historians, than for the profundity of his wisdom and discretion, may seek to counteract it by the insertion of other distinguished personages—say, for instance, Jonah, or the "Last of the Mohicans." Passing from personages to events, we find the building of the Tower of Babel included as marking one of the earliest epochs in history; but whether or not the first stone was laid with Masonic ceremonial we have never heard. Happily, we are gradually becoming wiser in our generation, and brethren no longer make themselves conspicuous by such exhibitions of ignorance as we have been describing. Still there is even now a great deal of what may be called "sermonising" connected with the Craft, which will convince our readers that the statement is not without some justification. Be it well understood, however, that we have no idea of speaking irreverently of any persons who have been mentioned by name. We are merely desirous of showing how Masonry is affected by the absurd lengths to which such writers go when they give way to their imagination.—*Chronicle* (Sydney).

We are sorry to hear that Bro. J. E. Shand P.M. met with a serious accident, by being knocked down by a hansom cab whilst alighting from a tram car in motion, close to his own house in Camden Town, N.W. We are glad to hear that he is progressing satisfactorily, but it will be some weeks before he can attend to any business. Bro. Shand desires to thank all callers for kind inquiries.

A Masonic funeral service, in memory of the late Bro. W. P. Allen, will be held on Sunday, 11th inst., in the Victoria Hall, Walthamstow, when the Ven. Archdeacon C. G. Dunbar, D.D., will officiate. The service will commence at 3 p.m. Brethren are requested to assemble in the ante-room at 2 p.m.

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

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Saturday, 10th December.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2369 Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Gt. Queen St.
2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 12th December.

5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall
2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
2394 Galen, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

R.A. 22 Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 1118 University, Café Mico, Piccadilly
R.A. 1789 Ubique, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.C. 63 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.

40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104 St. John, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
105 Fortitude, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth
106 Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Faversham
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
197 Indefatigable, Masonic Hall, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, Music Hall, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth
314 Peace & Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston
330 One and All, Masonic Hall, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
632 Concord, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Llanelli
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, The George, Wirksworth
893 Meridian, Masonic Hall, Millbrook
941 De Tablay, Royal George, Knutsford

1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1380 Skelmersdale, Latham Hall, Seaford
1408 Stamford and Warrington, M.C., Stalybridge
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Western Hotel, Moss Side, Lanc.
1592 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Private Rooms, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urnston, Victoria Hotel, Urnston
1792 Tudor, Masonic Hall, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford
1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Market Hall, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Harecastle Hotel, Kidsgrove
1918 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall, Lanc.
1952 High Peak, Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington, Som.
2034 Masefield, Moseley and Belsall Heath Institute, Moseley, Worcester
2049 Eilan Vannin, Masonic Hall, Douglas, I. of M.
2144 De Tatton, Stamford Arms, Bowden, Cheshire
2185 Ardwick, Midland Hotel, Ardwick, Lanc.
2197 Spencer Walpole, Temperance, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man
2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells, Norfolk

R.A. 156 Harmony, Huysse Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 264 Nelson of the Nile, M.H., Batley
R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 58 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn
R.C. 22 Victoria, Ipswich

Tuesday, 13th December.

98 Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City
235 Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross
548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
834 Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

R.A. 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.

80 St. John, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
93 Social, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Masonic Temple, New Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
319 New Forest, Eagle Hotel, Lymington
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Masonic Hall, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
502 Rectitude, Masonic Hall, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone
573 Perseverance, Drill Hall, Halewood
603 Zealand Masonic Hall, Tofts, Clockhampton
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Harwich
698 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, W. Salisbury
723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Road, Aldershot
764 Harbour of Refuge, M.H., West Hartlepool
877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897 Loyalty, Mas. Chambers, Hall St., St. Helen's
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St. Gosport
954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
973 Royal Somerset, M.H., North Parade, Frome

1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Wharfage Ass. Rs., Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Oldfellows' Hall, Egremont
1369 Bala, Plas Coch Hotel, Bala
1402 Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay
1414 Knole, St. Nicholas Parish Rooms, Sevenoak
1476 Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate
1713 Wilbraham, Black Horse, Walton, Liverpool
1782 Machon, Swan, Colleshill
1837 Lullingsone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Mas. Temple, Stonehouse, Devon
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Heron Bay
2104 Whitwell, F.M.H., Sockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Masonic Hall, Hull
2164 St. Germans, Peel Castle Ho., Peel, I. of Man
2256 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
2324 Horwich, Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire
2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Eastbank St., Southampton

R.A. 43 Fortitude, Great Western, Birmingham
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Kingley
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324 Reason, Wellington Inn, Staleybridge
R.A. 402 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 567 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 640 Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 652 Industry, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
R.A. 691 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
M.M. 162 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 14th December.

Committee R.M.B.L., Freemasons' Hall, 3
Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13 Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
166 Union, Criterion, Piccadilly
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road

1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St.
1261 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, G.E. Hotel, L'pool St.
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., U. Norwood
1803 Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
2410 Esculapius, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.

R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square, W.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, M.H., Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Bank Buildings, Hythe
146 Antiquity, Masonic Hall, Bolton
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, F.M.H., Bristol
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Masonic Temple, Jersey
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Lancashire
238 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
323 Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport
567 Unity, The Woolpack, Warwick
661 Fawcett, M.H., Spaham Harbour
668 Benevolence, We. School Room, Princetown
679 St. David, Masonic Hall, Aberdare, Glam.
731 Arboreum, Masonic Hall, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham

1005 Zealand, The Bell, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1060 Marnion, 14 Church Street, Tamworth
1061 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burley
1068 Royal Edward, Masonic Club, Stalybridge

1091 Erme, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1125 St. Peter, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton
1140 Ashton, Reform Club, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Masonic Hall, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Masonic Hall, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1393 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Masonic Rooms, Workington
1465 Ockenden, Assembly R., Haywards' Hall
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1592 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1594 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Stockport
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Habburn-on-Tyne
1703 Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney
1715 Arthur J. Brogden, M.H., Grange over Sands
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1843 Ferrum, Masonic Hall, Mid. Harbours
1855 St. Maurice, Working Men's Hall, Portlough
1879 Lord Warkworth, Masonic Hall, Antrim
1932 Whitworth, Masonic Hall, Salford
1947 Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046 Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
2158 Arthur Sullivan, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester

2193 Royal Hampton Court, M're H., Hampton Ct.
2231 Smyth, Masonic Hall, Osborne St., Grimsby.
2294 Wavertree, Coffee House, Church Road
2399 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich, Cheshire
R.A. 62 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 83 Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstable
R.A. 350 Meribah, Church Hotel, Kearsley
R.A. 393 Berwick-upon-Tweed, M.H., Parole, B./T.
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709 Invicta, Bank Street Hotel, Asford
R.A. 758 Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Lincoln
R.A. 1021 Henry Cook, M.H., Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 192 St. Outhbert, Masonic Hall, Barwick

Thursday, 15th December.

6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly
49 Gihon, Guildhall, Tavern, Gresham Street
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich

R.A. 34 Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. Bon Accord, Mark Masons, Hall, W.C.
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
58 Howard, Town Hall, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
322 Peace, Vernon Arms, Stockport
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale
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1011 Richmond, Old Boar's Head, Manchester
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1534 Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich
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2107 Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
2153 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe
2263 Hallamshire, M.H., Surry Street, Salford
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield
2316 Princess, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldg., Southampton
2341 Clemency, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham

R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Chichester
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
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R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Acreington
B.A. 1273 St. Michael's, M.H., Accrington
M.M. Canyuges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17 Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 16th December.

2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1533 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern
M.M. 176 Era, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 6 St. George's, The Albion, E.C.
K.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.

152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Manchester
541 De Loraine, F.M.H., Granger St., Newcastle

663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., Devizes
1096 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Three Swans, Market Harborough
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penitton.
1794 De Vere, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Stretford.
2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich.
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R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., L'pool

Saturday, 17th December.

1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

911 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
2036 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 10th December.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 12th December.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
392 Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7:30
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 13th December.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 8
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 14th December.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Burnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30

65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knighttrider 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, Hoppa, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
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, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 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
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creation, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Euterson 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, 15th December.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
283 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
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1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbled., 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
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1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
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1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
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1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
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1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
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Friday, 16th December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, 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, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
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
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
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, 17th December.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 581.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on Thursday, 8th inst. There were present:—Bros. H. H. Warburton Preceptor, G. T. Lenard Treasurer, A. Hebden Secretary, Godfrey Higham, Kenworthy, Schofield, Lingard, Entwistle, Lee, Bamford, E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Beaver, Dean, Pickford, Kenworthy, Loebell, Mills, G. Parker, Armitage, Connor, Vickers, A. Ashworth, Lindup, Sleigh, Peol, Shorrocks, Cuthbert, Battersby, and others. Brother Kenworthy was appointed to the Worshipful Master's chair, Brother Schofield to that of the Senior Warden, Brother Lingard to that of the J.W., Bros. Entwistle and Lee accepted the respective positions of S.D. and J.D., while Bro. Sleigh performed the duties of I.G. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for eight brethren who had been proposed as joining members with a successful result in each case. Four of these brethren put in an appearance, and after admission, took part in the business of the evening. Two ceremonies had been announced for rehearsal, but on account of the great pressure of general work, elections, &c., the passing was abandoned, and only the initiation proceeded with, Bro. Samuel Bamford acting as candidate. The address in the N.E. was given by the acting W.M., and the working tools were presented by the acting S.W., after which Bros. Higham, Hebden, and Bamford assumed the principal chairs, and the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place. Bro. Warburton was re-appointed Preceptor, Bro. Lenard re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Hebden was re-appointed Secretary. A Tyler was also appointed. The Lodge was then closed. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

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