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TENACITY FOR OFFICE.

HARSH words break no bones. The Craft in this country, at least, may congratulate itself on this. Were it otherwise, we fear our surgeons and hospital dressers would have had a busy time of it since His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. last addressed his supporters. We do not know what class of men it is who "coach" him as to the peculiar characteristics of those who are representative men or leading lights amongst us, still we cannot but feel that he must be perversely blind or insuperably obstinate if in the face of facts so easily got at he should again give expression to such windy vituperation as this last effort of his gives evidence of. The present day is supposed to be one of toleration and respect for the ideas and opinions of those who may chance to differ with us, but His Holiness will not concede a grain of toleration when he sits down to write about Freemasons and Freemasonry. What cares he who are our recognized chiefs. They may be men holding the highest position in the state, men who have gained their eminence by the display of talents that should secure for them the consideration of all who recognize true merit howsoever it may assert itself, but, here no allowance can be made; the individuals who have secured for themselves position in our ranks are men who have been cajoled, duped and betrayed.

Well, this may be so, but the so-called victims seem to be very slow in realising their degradation, and no better testimony can be adduced than that characteristic tenacity for office which marks all of those who have had the good fortune to be chosen to fill the several posts of trust and responsibility which are part and parcel of our system. For instance, our Lodge Treasurers and Secretaries, however heavy their duties, cling to office, not from any pecuniary gain that may attach thereto, but out of pure love for their occupation, and it is only in extreme cases—such as illness or pressure of business matters—that relief from duty is sought for. Where these "permanent" officers of a Lodge—if we may use such a word—are "movable" at the mere whim of a section of the members, we may rest assured that such a Lodge is not working upon sound lines.

Take, again, our Provincial Grand Masters. If our Institution had attached to it one-twentieth part of the baneful effects His Holiness gives it credit for, would such men as constitute this section of our community stand by it with so much vigour and enthusiasm? We say, no; emphatically, no. Before any gentleman, however high his social rank or station may be, is offered the chair of a Provincial Grand Master he must have gone through a preliminary course of training, and this course may be set down on an average as having occupied something like seven years. This surely should give any intelligent individual time and opportunity to make himself acquainted with all necessary details, and in

a position to know whether he was doing what was right and what would be due to himself, in his capacity as a responsible man and a citizen. Well, what is the result? We do not find our Provincial Grand Masters entering upon their duties in a loose and perfunctory fashion; on the contrary, the majority of them lose no opportunity of meeting their brethren on available occasions, and vie one with the other in advancing its interest and welfare. It is a proverbial saying, "Once a Mason, always a Mason;" we may with justice place on the same pedestal the paraphrase, "Once a Provincial Grand Master, always a Provincial Grand Master." Indeed, we will close our remarks for to-day by appending a List of those gentlemen who fill the Provincial Grand Masters' chair's, and will merely add that in our opinion these are not the class of men to whom should be charged the crimes of being irreconcilable enemies to Christ and to the Church, that they try all ways, use all arts, take advantage of all means in order to despoil the Church of her primogeniture, to rob Jesus of his chosen people, of the seat of his representative on earth, and of the centre of Catholic unity.

The following is a list of those who at present fill the chairs of the Provincial Grand Lodges, with the date of their several appointments. From this it will be seen that The Father of our Provincial Grand Masters, Lord Leigh, can boast a record of over forty years service:—

1852 Leigh, The Lord	Warwickshire
1858 Devonshire, The Duke of, K.G.	Derbyshire
1860 Amherst, The Earl	Kent [moreland
1867 Bective, The Earl of	Cumberland & West-
1869 Malet de Carteret, Col. Ed. C.	Jersey
Beach, W. W. B., Esq., M.P.	Hampshire & I. of W.
1870 Starkie, Col. Le Gendre M.	Lancashire, E. Div.
Lyne, Col. Charles	Monmouthshire
1872 Lathom, The Earl of, G.C.B.	Lancashire, W. Div.
Mount Edgcumbe, The Earl of	Cornwall [Rutland
1873 Ferrers, The Earl	Leicestershire and
Halsey, Thomas Frederick, M.P.	Hertfordshire
1874 Zetland, The Marquess of	Yorkshire N. and E.
	Ridings
1876 Snfield, the Lord, K.C.B.	Norfolk
Elliot, Sir George, Bart.	South Wales, E. Div.
1877 Guest, Montague J., Esq.	Dorsetshire
St. Albans, The Duke of	Nottinghamshire
1878 Lechmere, Sir Edmund A. H. Bart., M.P.	Worcestershire
Smyth, Major William Henry	Lincolnshire
1879 Ebrington, The Viscount	Devonshire
1880 Bailey, Sir Joseph R., Bart.	Herefordshire
Hicks-Beach, Sir Michael E., Bart., M.P.	Gloucestershire
1882 Brooke, The Lord	Essex
1884 Kensington, The Lord	South Wales, W. Div.
1885 Williamson, Sir Hedworth, Bart., D.L.	Durham
Tew, Thomas William, Esq.	Yorks., W. Riding
Jersey, The Earl of, G.C.M.G.	Oxfordshire
Harlech, The Lord	North Wales
Wakeman, Sir Offley, Bart.	Shropshire
1886 Goldie-Taubman, Major John Senhouse	Isle of Man
Henniker, The Lord	Suffolk
H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G.	Sussex
White-Ridley, Rt. Hon. Sir Matthew, Bart., M.P.	Northumberland
Egerton of Tatton, The Lord	Cheshire
1887 Euston, The Earl of	Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire

1889 Powell, William A. F.	Bristol
1890 Viscount Dungarvan, D.L.	Somersetshire
" Carrington, The Lord, G.C.M.G.	Buckinghamshire
1891 Money, Col. Gerard Noel, C.B.	Surrey
" Radnor, the Earl of	Wiltshire
" Caldwell, Lt.-Col. Robert Townley, M.A.	Cambridgeshire
" Amptill, The Lord	Bedfordshire
1892 Hamilton, Lord George Francis, M.P.	Middlesex

A DARK RECORD—MASONIC SOUL LIBERTY.

FREEMASONRY looks upon the terrible torments that were used to put down new forms of religion or extinguish the old. It sees with the eyes of memory the ruthless extermination of all the people of all sexes and ages, because it was their misfortune not to know the God of the Hebrews, or to worship Him under the wrong name, by the savage troops of Moses and Joshua. It sees the thumbscrews and the racks, the whip, the gallows and the stake, the victims of Diocletian and Alva, the miserable Covenanters, the Non-Conformists, Servetus burned, and the unoffending Quaker hung. It sees Cranmer hold his arm, now no longer erring, in the flame until the hand drops off in the consuming heat. It sees the persecutions of Peter and Paul, the martyrdom of Stephen, the trials of Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin, and Irenæus; and then in turn the sufferings of the wretched pagans under the Christian Emperors, as of the Papists in Ireland and under Elizabeth and the bloated Henry. The Roman Virgin naked before the hungry lions; young Margaret Graham tied to a stake at low water mark, and there left to drown, singing hymns to God until the savage waters broke over her head; and all that in all ages have suffered by hunger and nakedness, peril and prison, the rack, the stake and the sword—it sees them all, and shudders at the long roll of human atrocities. And it sees also the oppression still practiced in the name of religion—men shot in a Christian jail in Christian Italy for reading the Christian Bible; in almost every Christian State, laws forbidden freedom of speech on matters relating to Christianity; and the gallows reaching its arm over the pulpit.

The fires of Moloch in Syria, the harsh mutilations in the name of Astarte, Cybele, Jehovah; the barbarities of Imperial Pagan torturers; the still grosser torments which Roman—Gothic Christians in Italy and Spain heaped on their brother men; the fiendish cruelties to which Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, England, Scotland, Ireland, America, have been witnesses, are none too powerful to warn men of the unspeakable evils which follow from mistakes and errors in the matter of religion, and especially from investing the God of Love with the cruel and vindictive passions of erring humanity, and making blood to have a sweet savour in his nostrils, and groans of agony to be delicious to his ears.

Men never had the right to usurp the unexercised prerogative of God, and condemn and punish another for his belief. Born in a Protestant land, we are of that faith. If we had opened our eyes to the light under the shadows of St. Peter's at Rome, we should have been devout Catholics; born in the Jewish quarter of Aleppo, we should have condemned Christ as an impostor, in Constantinople, we should have cried, "*Allah il Allah*, God is great and Mahomet is his prophet!" Birth, place and education give us our faith. Few believe in any religion because they have examined the evidences of its authenticity, and made up a formal judgment, upon weighing the testimony. No one man in ten thousand knows anything about the *proofs* of his faith. We believe what we are taught; and those are most fanciful who know least of the evidence on which their creed is based.

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And no man truly obeys the Masonic law who merely tolerates those whose religious opinions are opposed to his own. Every man's opinions are his own private property, and the rights of all men to maintain each his own are perfectly equal. Merely to tolerate, to bear with an opposing opinion, is to assume it to be heretical; and asserts the right to persecute, if we would, and claim our toleration of it as a merit. The Mason's creed goes further than that. No man, it holds, has any right in any way to interfere with the religious belief of another. It holds that each man is absolutely sovereign as to his own belief, and that belief is a matter

absolutely foreign to all who do not entertain the same belief; and that, if there were any right of persecution at all, it would in all cases be a mutual right; because one party has the same right as the other to sit as judge in his own case; and God is the only magistrate that can rightfully decide between them. To that great judge, Masonry refers to the matter, and opening wide its portals, invites to enter there and live in peace and harmony, the Protestant, and Catholic, the Jew, the Moslem; every man who will lead a truly virtuous and moral life, love his brethren, minister to the sick and distressed, and believe in the One, All-Powerful, and Preserver of all things, by whose universal law of Harmony ever rolls on this universe, the great, vast, infinite circle of successive Death and Life—to whose Ineffable Name let all true Masons pay profoundest homage; for whose thousand blessings poured upon us, let us feel the sincerest gratitude, now, henceforth, and forever.—*Bro. R. Pike.*

"TABLE LODGES."

ONE of the old customs of Freemasonry was occasionally to open Table Lodges on occasions when Refreshment was the opportunity for social intercourse between the members.

There were several reasons for this custom. After labour, when the Lodge was duly tyled and the members engaged in the serious business which occupied attention at Lodge meetings, but little time was possible for the Brethren to enjoy the interchange of kindly and fraternal salutation. A desire for this was necessarily manifest.

To meet the gratification of this desire, the Table Lodge was the best and most appropriate manner of indulging this cordial and unrestricted converse. So long as the Table Lodge was opened there was a supervision of the Brethren, to prevent indecorous hilarity. To those who remember the many happy hours that marked these meetings, they need not be described. Those who have had limited acquaintance with the proceedings of these regulated happenings will be pleased to know how much of advantage comes out of them. The Table Lodge was tyled. No stranger could be present. None but Masons assembled. The Lodge Officers were in their stations. The Worshipful Master presided. The Junior Warden assisted in the preservation of order.

And let it never be forgotten what is the "charge" ordained to be read at the opening of every Lodge meeting.

This "charge" is the commandment as to the conduct of Masons at Lodge meetings. It is eminently appropriate to the assembling at Table Lodges: "Let our recreations," say this charge, "be innocent, and pursued with moderation, and never let us suffer irregular indulgences to expose our character to derision or contempt."

A Table Lodge conducted under this admonition cannot be objectionable. This command is, of course, obligatory on all Masons. The Worshipful Master at a Table Lodge is especially enjoined to see that the charge is obeyed. If the Brethren so met are imbued with a due respect for our ancient and honourable Fraternity, it will be easy to conduct the proceedings of a Table Lodge with propriety and decorum, that all may enjoy the occasion without regret.

These occasions are suited to bring out from the members remarks which test both their ability to speak, and their knowledge of the essential principles of Masonry. They can compare the fellowship of the Craft with that which so often detracts from like meetings of the profane.

The subjects treated in the short addresses made are of a higher order than those of mere social gatherings of men not governed by the noble and refined teachings which inspire the Freemason. Being a tyled Lodge, much instruction may be given as to the relations of the social phase of Masonry.

Then too, as in the olden time, songs purify the atmosphere of the surroundings of a Table Lodge. Festivity, in the Masonic sense, is healthful, and imparts happiness without alloy. Brethren learn to know each other, and the character is brought out in its especial features. The wise are appreciated, the foolish are known, the uncongenial are ascertained, and the result of these meetings is to give a better understanding of the components of the Lodge. There are very many advantages that come from these meetings.

The bond of fraternity is strengthened because all the Brethren have the knowledge of each other in their social gatherings and learn what is the real character of each member.

Those who show a want of self-control are a warning to their Brethren.

A Table Lodge is an old institution and it has not yet demonstrated any objection which might induce its abolition.—*Keystone*.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled on Monday afternoon, the 30th ult., at the new Masonic Hall, Lugley Street, Newport, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent (Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P.), who was supported by Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.S.B. England P.G.H., and a representative gathering of Companions, including G. F. Lancaster P.P. 3rd G. Principal, G. Pearman P.P.G.O., George J. Tilling P.G. Treasurer, D. S. Pring P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., F. Rutland P.Z. P.P.G.O., W. Miller P.Z. P.P.A.G.D.C., G. Williams H. 2068, W. Bates Z. 487, Charles W. Bevis Z. 342, Frank Trueman H. 175, J. C. Airs I.P.Z. 175, J. G. Garnham Z. 151, G. A. Mursell Z. 151 P.P.G.R., J. N. Palmer P.G.S. Eng., R. Boughton Smith P.Z. P.P.G.J. Leicester and Rutland, M. F. Curtis Z. 1461, L. Steele J. 394, J. Leftwich Z. 175, G. Ward P.Z. 76, R. E. Buckle P.Z. 1776, Edward T. Wise H. 1461, W. J. Miller J. 1461, E. W. Watts P.Z. P.G.R. 151, F. V. Paxton Z. 804, Horace Groves J. 151, Isaac Golden P.Z. 151, H. W. Horan, R. G. Smith, W. Lock, J. P. Pinnock, Fred. Pinnock, N. Armstrong, W. T. James, G. A. Brannon, J. Exell P.G.J., G. Jones P.P.G.O., J. H. Wavell I.P.Z. 151, C. E. Pinnock, &c. After the usual routine business had been disposed of Comp. G. J. Tilling was re-elected Treasurer; and the Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre	...	2nd Principal
T. E. Faulkner 175	...	3rd Principal
E. Goble 309	...	S.E.
G. Ward 76	...	S.N.
F. V. Paxton 804	...	Registrar
F. Rutland 175	...	Principal Sojourner
C. W. Bevis 342	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
M. F. Curtis 1461	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. C. Babbage 1780	...	Sword Bearer
J. G. Garnham 151	...	Standard Bearer
W. Bates 487	...	Director of Ceremonies
R. E. Buckle 1776	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
G. Pearman 487	...	Organist
G. F. Lancaster 257	...	Assistant S.E.
J. Exell 487	...	Janitor

At the banquet which followed the company numbered about forty.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum.—It was quite in accordance with the fitness of things that the birthday of our leading actor should have been selected for the production of the tragedy of "Becket," by the late poet Laureate. Whether intentional or not the circumstance was certainly a happy coincidence. Those who have read Lord Tennyson's work will have been struck with the beautiful imagery and many noble passages it contains, though, as its author himself confessed, it was not in its original form suited for stage representation. Mr. Henry Irving has for some time been occupied in making judicious eliminations and transpositions, so that the Lyceum edition, while retaining the poet's words, makes an admirable dramatic work, with the story of the historic battle between the Church and the Crown clearly and forcibly told. The play is now presented in a prologue and four acts, and opens with the avowed enmity of Queen Eleanor towards Becket and the friendship existing between King Henry and his Chancellor. The relations of the King with Rosamund de Clifford are also intimated, and Henry requests the assistance of Becket to convey the lady to a secret bower, of which he gives him the plan. The scene closes with the announcement of Archbishop Theobald's death, and the intention of the King to appoint Becket to the See of Canterbury. The first act shows the commencement of the strife; in the words of the Primate, Henry has raised him to the office,

"Believing that I should go against the Church with him; and I shall go against him with the Church." This sudden change of feeling is historically correct, and is stated by the old chroniclers to have been due to the divine blessing on the ceremony of his consecration, when the courtier changed into the monk. The first rapture occurs at the Castle of Northampton, where the Archbishop refuses to sign the "Constitutions of Clarendon," which relegates to the Sovereign power over the clergy. This is undoubtedly the finest scene in the piece from a psychological point of view. Act two is devoted to "Rosamund's Bower," the brightest and most pleasing part of the play. Act three deals with a patched up reconciliation between Henry and his Primate, through the mediation of Louis of France; and the legendary meeting of Eleanor and Rosamund, with the rescue of the latter by Becket. In the first scene of the final act we see Henry's hostility fanned to fury by the Cardinal's enemies, until at length he bursts forth with the historic sentence which was too readily interpreted as the order for Becket's murder. The scene of the tragedy is marvellously portrayed. Becket, knowing the intention of the Barons and courtiers martyrdom, has assisted at vespers in the cathedral, surrounded by his frightened flock of pale-faced monks, when Fitzurse and his companions demand admittance. In spite of all protests he admits his foes, who falling like wolves upon their prey, smite down the Archbishop before the altar of St. Benedict, and he dies with the beautiful words—"Into Thy hands, O Lord,—into Thy hands." As the lightning flashes and the thunder rolls overhead, Rosamund creeps from her hiding place and kneels beside the body telling her beads, and the curtain descends. Of Mr. Irving's interpretation of the principal character there can be no two opinions. Differing greatly from his rendering of the two previous Cardinal Statesmen, Richelieu and Wolsey, that he has portrayed, we see the bigoted side of Becket's character depicted. Believing that Mother Church must compel even the obedience of kings, he declines Henry's overtures of peace, even while his heart warms towards his former friend. This certainly deprives him to a great extent of the sympathies of the audience, and it is only by sheer force of art that he rises above the author. It is a magnificent performance, and thoroughly deserves the appreciative plaudits of the delighted audience. The next most striking character is that of Queen Eleanor, as represented by Miss Genevieve Ward, who, gorgeously appraised, marches with regal carriage throughout the piece, a woman with a purpose—the destruction of her enemies. Speaking her lines with admirable emphasis she made every word tell, the scene with Rosamund being especially commendable. The impetuous Henry was forcibly portrayed by Mr. Terriss; and it is almost unnecessary to state that Miss Ellen Terry made a most winsome Rosamund. Of the numerous body of Monks and Barons the most notable were Mr. Alfred Bishop as John of Salisbury, Mr. Lacy as Gilbert Foliot, and Mr. Frank Cooper as Fitzurse, while Mr. Acton Bond made a dignified Louis of France, and Master Leo Byrne, a remarkably clever little boy, appeared as Rosamund's child. Miss Kate Phillips is good as Margery, and mention should also be made of Messrs. Beaumont, Holloway, Tyars, Gordon Craig, and Haviland in supplementary characters. Last but by no means least we must record the truly beautiful and magnificent mountings of the tragedy. To the ordinary spectator they will prove delightful, but the student will revel in the fine pictures of the Plantagenet era placed before him. The historical costumes have been designed by Mrs. Comyns Carr and Mr. Charles Cattermole; and Professor Villiers Stanford has composed an elaborate overture and incidental music, which deserve the recognition of artists. The production has been a labour of love on the part of the scholarly manager, and no expense has been spared to render it worthy of the noble author.

Trafalgar Square.—Messrs. Yorke Stephens and E. W. Garden, two very capable actors, have now entered upon the management of this pretty theatre, and have produced the three act farcical comedy entitled "The County Councillor," by Mr. H. Graham, that was produced last autumn at a matinee performance. The fun is caused by a peculiar wedding present in the shape of a flask of drugged brandy given to an expectant bridegroom on his wedding morning by a practical joker. The spirit is given first of all to a lawyer's clerk, Cripps, who serves a subpoena upon Dick Wellington as an important witness in a breach of promise case brought by Lottie Singleton, a music hall artiste, against Frank Doubleton. Having deposited Cripps in an old fashioned settee, Dick goes in search of a cab to take him away, but the driver finding it "a dry job" partakes of the brandy, with the result that Wellington finds he has two victims instead of one. Mr. Faddicombe, the Councillor and intended father-in-law, coming in search of Dick, likewise refreshes himself, and is deposited in the settee by Cripps, who has returned to his senses. Thus Dick's surprise may be imagined when he finds the bodies changed. Two packets of love letters also figure in the piece, one, written by Faddicombe to Lottie, passes into the hands of various personages before the final explanation comes. The farce is rattled through in a merry fashion, and though the hypocritical Faddicombe is intended to refer to an incident of a too zealous member of the first County Council, it is thoroughly amusing. Mr. Yorke Stephens is exceedingly funny in portraying the dilemmas of Dick Wellington, and Mr. Garden is capably placed as the vulgar linen draper, who poses as the virtuous councillor. Miss Fanny Brough makes a vivacious Lottie Singleton, and Mr. Cyril Maude works hard to make fun as Cripps. Mr. Mark Kingborne as Doubleton, together with Misses Helen Leyton and Nellie Williams as Faddicombe's daughters, also assist in the general amusement, and the farce is greeted throughout with roars of laughter.

The popular Mohawk Minstrel, Mr. William Francis, will take his annual benefit at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., when a whole host of artistes will assist.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A GOODLY gathering of the members and their friends assembled at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, last Tuesday afternoon, to take part in the annual festival and other Masonic work, which is always admirably conducted at this popular Lodge. The W.M. Bro. Orilton Cooper presided, and was supported by the following brethren:—W. H. Lee P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. 2381, W. H. Swannell P.M. Secretary 2218, Herbert Kidson P.P.G.R. Lanes, S. Webb P.M. and Treasurer 1287, S. Toye I.P.M. 1227, Wm. Loundes W.M. 504, A. R. W. Powles P.M. 1901, F. W. Coffin P.M. 189, W. S. Lee P.M. 1768, W. J. Gillett S.W. 1672, F. Corbett 1973, W. H. Toye 1278, Charles Collette 93, E. R. Spiers 715, W. G. Jennings, J. A. Collings 1693, W. Kirkland S.W., W. J. Dyer J.W., Alfred Green P.M., W. Radcliffe P.M., F. J. Hentsch P.M., Alexander Dickson P.M., Henry Lindfield P.M., P. J. King P.M. &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meeting of 27th January were read and confirmed. Brother Ernest C. Collings, having answered the usual questions, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the beautiful ceremony being impressively rendered by Bro. Cooper. The Worshipful Master then resigned the chair to Bro. P. J. King, who subsequently passed Bro. Walter W. Colley to the second degree. Bro. Cooper then resumed the chair, when the installation ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. William Kirkland, who had been previously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was introduced by Bro. P.M. Hentsch, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. He was then installed in the chair of K.S. according to custom by Bro. Cooper, whose admirable working and delivery of the addresses elicited the high commendation of the brethren. The newly made Master having been duly saluted in the three degrees, then proceeded to invest the following Officers:—W. J. Dyer S.W., George Cockrell J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, G. P. Copley S.D., A. B. Spawforth J.D., Cecil Mount I.G., W. Barnes Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a favourable balance, was received and adopted, and the Committee for General Purposes of the Lodge was appointed. This concluding the business of the Lodge the company adjourned to the banquet room where a pleasant evening was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Orilton Cooper once more resumed the gavel for the purpose of proposing the health of the W.M. After alluding to the fact that the 14th February was devoted to Saint Valentine and Saint Pancake, he said that the day would henceforth be remembered in the Lodge as the installation day of Bro. Kirkland, a skilled Craftsman and worthy Mason. He would especially direct the attention of the younger brethren to the fact that their W.M. had risen step by step to the position he had now attained, and that he had proved himself efficient in each, so that the knowledge of those duties eminently qualified him for the Master's chair. Bro. Kirkland briefly returned thanks, and hoped he would prove as good a Master as his predecessor. Subsequently he gave the health of the Immediate Past and Installing Master in felicitous terms, and begged Bro. Cooper's acceptance of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren, and which he now had the pleasure to fasten to his breast. The jewel is a gold medallion surrounded by twenty-eight brilliants, with a model of the Past Master's jewel in gold, upon blue enamel. It bears this inscription:—

Presented by
the St. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211,
to Bro. ORILTON COOPER W.M.,
in appreciation of his services as Master of the Lodge,
1892-93.

Bro. Cooper, who on rising to respond was warmly received, said that he could not find words to express his thanks in the ordinary way, and therefore begged the indulgence of the brethren while he recited a poetic effusion that he had prepared. The reading of the poem was received with loud applause. The W.M. in proposing the visitors stated the pleasure of the Lodge at seeing such a large and influential number of brethren from other Lodges, and trusted they had been satisfied with their entertainment. Bro. W. H. Lee P.P.G.D. Middlesex in response said it had been a real pleasure for him to have been present, to witness such an admirable rendering of the ceremonies, and enjoy the hospitality of the brethren. He congratulated the W.M. on his promotion and cordially wished him a pleasant and successful year of office. Bros. Kidson, Loundes and Corbett also spoke to the toast. The Officers of the Lodge were next complimented, and the various brethren having acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a happy termination by the Tyler's toast. During the evening a capital entertainment was given by Miss Annie Wilson, Bros. Curtis D'Alton, Sergeant Lee, and Charles Collette, while Bro. J. A. Collings ably officiated at the pianoforte.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE installation banquet was held on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and was largely attended. This Lodge conceived the happy notion years ago of inviting ladies to their annual banquets, and there is little doubt that the increasing popularity of this influential Lodge is due in a great measure to that innovation. Other Lodges in the Three Towns have held "at homes" and "balls," but it cannot be denied that none have ever been so successful as that initiated by Fidelity Lodge, and a

general wish was expressed by all the speakers that Fidelity Lodge would ever continue to invite ladies to their annual banquets. The Worshipful Master Brother R. H. Penberthy presided, and was numerously supported. A *récherché* banquet, supplied by the new lessee (Mr. Harrison), was well served up under the direction of Mr. R. Waters, head waiter, and gave general satisfaction. The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Masters (Lord Ebrington and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe) of Devon and Cornwall, and Provincial Grand Officers. Brother the Rev. Dr. Lemon, who first responded, congratulated the Worshipful Master on the proud position to which he had been elected, and which he so worthily filled. He had no doubt that Brother Penberthy would carry out the duties of the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft. Brother J. R. Lord also responded. He felt that Brother Penberthy was the right man in the right place as Worshipful Master of Fidelity Lodge, and he wished him and the brethren of Fidelity Lodge all the success they wished themselves. Brother Cassell having responded for Cornwall, Bro. R. G. Bird Provincial Grand Treasurer for Devon said he was pleased to say that the Provincial Grand Lodge funds were in a satisfactory condition. The ladies present would be doubtless gratified to learn that at the meeting of the Committee of Petitions recently they voted several substantial sums to deserving Masons' widows, and also resolved to nominate the widow of another brother for election on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the May election. They would therefore see that they did not expend all their money in enjoyment, but voted considerable sums—in fact, more than any other Charitable Institution in the world—in Charities. Brother G. F. Bromley S.W. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which was most enthusiastically received. Brother Penberthy, he said, had worked the respective chairs with great ability, and the brethren felt assured he would, as Worshipful Master, further increase his Masonic reputation. To know Brother Penberthy was to respect him, and, in conclusion, he congratulated him on the success of his efforts in having ladies at their banquet that evening, and he hoped many years would elapse before they decided not to invite ladies to join them at their annual festival. The Worshipful Master suitably replied, and re-echoed the sentiments of Brother Bromley with regard to the presence of ladies at their banquets. In giving the toast of the Immediate Past Master and the Past Masters, he acknowledged the valuable services of Brother Vigurs Harris. The latter having responded, Brother R. J. Pitcher, who replied for the Past Masters, explained that it was thought by some brethren that Masons only should be present at the installation banquet of the Lodge, but they proposed to invite ladies to a banquet and ball at a subsequent date. The Worshipful Master submitted the health of the Treasurer and Secretary (Bros. E. H. Littleton P.M. P.G. Junior Deacon, and R. Cawsey P.M. P.P.G. Junior Deacon). He said that Brother Littleton was a thoroughly good and hardworking Treasurer, and the success of that banquet was in a great measure due to his indefatigable efforts. Bro. Cawsey was an able Secretary, and rendered his best services to the Lodge. Both brethren made felicitous responses. Bro. A. Maddock proposed the Visitors, and Bros. J. Leonard, H. Whitfield, and T. W. Martin replied. Bro. Whitford gave Masons' Wives and Sweethearts, and Bros. Littleton and Greet acknowledged in appropriate terms. The W.M. specially submitted the health of the Host and Hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Harrison), who had recently taken over the hotel. He wished them every success and prosperity in their undertaking, and believed their spirited enterprise in the conduct and management of the Royal Hotel would do much to advertise Devonport. He was sure that no one had sat down to a better dinner than they had that evening. The toast having been heartily drunk, Mr. Harrison made an apt response. Other toasts followed. After the dinner a ball was held in the large room, the music being supplied by Bro. G. Miller's string band. The W.M. Bro. R. Penberthy officiated as M.C. The concert room was under the able and courteous supervision of Bro. G. F. Bromley S.W., assisted by Bro. Greet. Master Grigg gave a violin solo, and songs were sung by Misses Bosworthick and Alice Moore, and Messrs. R. Wright, W. H. Jarvis, C. F. Hocking, and Bros. R. White and J. Leonard. Bro. Greet rendered an amusing recitation. The concert was of a high class character, and reflected great credit on all concerned. Mr. F. W. Harris ably accompanied during the evening. Bro. R. H. Penberthy is to be congratulated on the success of his installation banquet.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual installation meeting and banquet at the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth, on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Dr. Johnson Worshipful Master presided, and a large attendance included Brothers Hughan P.G. Deacon of England, Hallett P.P.G.S.D., Andrews W.M. elect, Valentine P.P.G.D.D.C., Musgrave, Frost, McBryde, and Evans, all of 303; Truscott Prov. G.R. 1254, Stevens P.P.G.S., Taylor, Wills, Shapter, and Balkwill. The ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master was impressively carried out by Bro. Hallett, after which the Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Johnson I.P.M., Crossby S.W., Hayman J.W., Hallett Treasurer, Valentine Secretary, French S.D., Furler J.D., Silk Dir. of Cers., Curtis I.G., Finch Senior Steward, Sewell Junior Steward, and Huggins Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Brother McBryde's, London Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and that of the Grand Lodge of England and Officers Present and Past was responded to by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G. Deacon of England. During the evening general testimony was borne by Bro. Hughan and other speakers to the splendid banquet provided by Bro. McBryde, who, since he left Plymouth for Teignmouth has become deservedly popular among the Masons and inhabitants generally of that town. The toast of the Host and

Hostess was made a special toast, and drank with much enthusiasm, and Bro. McBry'e, in responding, said if the banquet had been a success, the whole credit was due to his wife, who, in heart and in spirit, was a thorough good Mason.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 309.

THERE was a representative gathering of the Craft at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when Brother Edwin Penton was installed as the Worshipful Master of this ancient Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed most efficiently by Bro. J. Homan the retiring Worshipful Master, who was highly complimented upon the work and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Bro. Penton appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Homan I.P.M., Clover S.W., Reader J.W., Heath Treasurer, Hill P.M. Secretary, Gieve P.M. D.C., Sutton S.D., Edmonds J.D., Mitchell I.G., White Organist, Butler and Whiteman Stewards. Bro. Penton then presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Homan, in acknowledgment of his services during the past year. At the banquet which followed upwards of forty sat down, Brother Wilson P.P.G.O. and Mr. Wilson jun. entertained the company with some well-selected instrumental duets.

HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 1085.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday night, the 1st inst., Brother Sanders was duly installed as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. He afterwards appointed his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. Russell I.P.M., Worsnop S.W., W. Hart J.W., C. D. Hart Treasurer, Berridge Secretary, Cooper S.D., Fisher J.D., Pike D.C., Franklin Organist, Offiler I.G., Richards and Partridge Stewards, Day Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren dined together, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master being received with enthusiasm. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Pike.

MIRFIELD LODGE, No. 1102.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, King Street, Mirfield, on Friday evening, the 10th instant. The Worshipful Master, Brother Joshua Milner, was supported by Bros. J. Wilson S.W., W. H. Wilkinson J.W., Charles E. Sutcliffe Secretary, J. Jessop S.D., J. W. Watson J.D., J. Smith I.G., Timothy Child Tyler, A. A. Stott P.P.G.S. of Works, Thomas Lang P.P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and T. H. Hare P.M. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Charles Forshaw 295, 1215, and G. H. Sykes 652. Mr. John France was initiated into the arts and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, Brother Stott giving the charge and explaining the working tools. The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy on the 3rd inst., Bro. C. H. Beaver W.M. There were also present:—Bros. W. Dys in Fryer I.P.M., A. Pickford J.W., J. G. Bromley P.M. Secretary, Charles Rawle J.D., W. T. Hesketh P.M. D.C., Wm. C. Flint I.G., W. Mout Organist, L. Kirkham, J. R. E. Birkett, A. Redfearn, Ed. M. Beebe, and A. H. Bennett Stewards, Hy. Nall P.M. Treasurer, Councillor John Bradshaw P.M., Arthur A. Moss P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), William Rushton, R. Hastner, John M. Crone, John Coupland, and Hugh W. Bloomer. Visitor:—Bro. J. Ormrod 1730. The business before the Lodge was that of reading the minutes of the former meeting, the Lodge bye-laws, and receiving the Treasurer's account and Auditor's report for last year. These having been disposed of, Bro. Henry Nall P.M. explained to the brethren the first tracing board, which duty he performed in his usual masterly style. It having been mentioned that Bro. Bateman had met with an accident, a vote expressive of regret at the circumstance was submitted to the meeting and passed unanimously. We may mention that the Lodge was opened with a hymn, and was closed in a similar manner. At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, being followed by the ordinary toasts. In proposing that of the visiting brother, Bro. Fryer said that it was an unusual thing with the Architect Lodge to have their visitors condensed into so small a number as one, but what was lacking in quality was however made up in the quantity, and the S.S. of the Urmston Lodge might consider himself at home, and make him thoroughly welcome. With regard to the work of Brother Nall that evening, he must admit that to his knowledge no tracing board had been explained with such feeling and such fluency as he had exhibited. The visiting brother, in responding, also praised the manner in which Brother Nall had acquitted himself. Brother Moss P.M. (acting S.W.) in proposing the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, impressed upon them the fact that it was their chief duty to respect the ancient landmarks of the Order, and paid a passing tribute to the excellent Officer they possessed in Brother Hesketh P.M., their Director of Ceremonies. The harmony of the festive board was contributed to by Bros. Rushton, Nall, Hesketh, and Mout, the former brother displaying, in one song particularly, that he possessed a marvellous tenor voice.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

BRO. JAMES ARCHDALE W.M. held the second meeting of his Mastership on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Wheat Sheaf

Hotel, High Street, Manchester, and was supported by the following Officers and Brethren, viz.:—W. L. Burgess S.W., J. Shepherd J.W., W. H. Worsley S.D., George Thomas Lee J.D., T. P. Cooper I.G., Backley Carr P.M. Secretary, Alfred Hebden P.M. Director of Ceremonies; P.M.'s Fred. Hilton, Caldwell, Hall, Davies, Needle, Needham; Bros. Bishop, J. Hilton, J. R. Lee, Hirsch, Dean, Leech, Muller, Welch, A. B. Taylor, Hogg, Parkin, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., who, after the disposal of the general business, proceeded to initiate Mr. Sydney Drew. The next ceremony was the passing of Brother Muller, which was undertaken by Bro. Fred. Hilton P.M., this being followed by the raising into the sublime degree of Bro. Welch, which was done by Bro. Needham P.M. It is needless to say that all the ceremonies were performed with that precision and finish which characterises the Lodge of Truth. After the second passing, the brethren adjourned for refreshments, which were provided in Bro. Tom Wood's usual satisfactory manner, after which the Lodge duties were resumed. A notice of motion was made by Bro. Vincent P.M. Treasurer that the amount standing to the credit of the Lodge, viz.: £48 should be transferred to the Charity Account, and another was also made by Bro. Fred. Hilton P.M. that the sum of £20 be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution. The usual festive board followed, a very pleasant evening being spent.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.

THE annual installation meeting was held on the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley. Bro. Massie officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Lingard having been installed Worshipful Master, appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Senior I.P.M., Smith S.W., Browne J.W., Embleton Treasurer, Wood Secretary, Hutchinson S.D., Squire J.D., Frankland Director of Ceremonies, Johnson Organist, Braithwaite I.G., Nash, Webster, Sugden, and Atkinson Stewards, Rogers Tyler, Massie Almoner. A banquet followed, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday afternoon, 31st ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. Wood, who was supported by his Officers. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Collins as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring Worshipful Master Brother John Wood, the charges being delivered by Brothers Broadbridge, Balchin jun., and Isworth. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Brothers Wood I.P.M., Sayers S.W., Guy J.W., Balchin jun. Treasurer, Mitchell Secretary, Cully S.D., Upton J.D., Sturt D.C., Gregory I.G., Cole Organist, Garrett and Shepherd Stewards, Hughes Tyler. The retiring Worshipful Master Brother Wood was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he carried out his duties during the past year. Bros. Hollands, Sharp, and Stafford were elected on the General Purposes Committee, Brother Bostel P.M. as Charity Steward, and Brother Broadbridge Past Master to serve on the Masonic Rooms Committee. The Lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master Brother Collins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Brother Hawkes submitted the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which replies were given by Brothers Kuhe and Clowes. Brother Broadbridge, in proposing the M.W. Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, said the brethren would long remember the grand gathering at the Dome, when His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was installed Provincial Grand Master. His Royal Highness, though immediately afterward called away to India, showed great interest in the Province, and on his return presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Notwithstanding his onerous duties as a royal Prince, the Duke of Connaught continued to display the deepest interest in the welfare of the Sussex Freemasons. The Worshipful Master, in brief but enlogistic terms, proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, the toast being acknowledged by Brothers Langton and Kidd, the latter remarking that he had been present at the consecration of the St. Cecilia Lodge, and had always been interested in its welfare. Brother Wood, in submitting the Worshipful Master, said all present would congratulate the Lodge upon the election of Brother Collins as Worshipful Master. That brother had not only taken great interest in Freemasonry in general, but had showed excellent work in the Lodge, and had enhanced the pleasures of their gatherings by his great vocal abilities. He (Bro. Wood) heartily wished him a very happy year as W.M. of the Lodge. The W.M., on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. The flattering manner in which the toast had been proposed and the hearty applause with which it had been received was sufficient, he said, to make any young Worshipful Master nervous, but he would endeavour to thank the brethren for their great kindness to him. After many years' work he had been elected to the proud position of Worshipful Master of the St. Cecilia Lodge, and he was highly gratified to find so large a gathering present. Looking at the long list of worthy Past Masters he felt great difficulty in following them, but he knew that he would be supported by them and by his excellent Officers, and would, if blessed with health, do his best to carry out the duties of his high office. He hoped by his earnest work to prove himself worthy of their confidence, so that, at the close of the year, they would not regret the selection they had made. Brother Kuhe, in proposing the sitors, said the gathering was the largest which had attended an

installation meeting of the Lodge, proving that hospitality—one of the Masonic virtues—had been worthily practised by the brethren of the St. Cecilia Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by Brother Nawab Mahomed Eusoff Khan, M.D., who as a native of India prided himself upon being a British subject. Leaving his home, where he had been a Mason for twenty years, he had been deeply touched by the reception given to him by the Masonic body here, and cordially wished the Lodge prosperity and unanimity, and the Worshipful Master health and happiness. The toast was also acknowledged by Brothers Goss and Bennett. The Past Masters, proposed by the Worshipful Master, received replies from Brothers Wood, Balchin jun., and Isworth. The Worshipful Master gave the Officers of the Lodge, and the Initiates, Bros. Sayers and Guy responding for the former, and Bro. Payne for the latter. Brother Wood, in acknowledging the admirable services rendered to the Lodge during his year of office by Bro. Roe, proposed that brother's health. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Roe, in responding, expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in assisting the Lodge, and said he was ready to continue the services he had rendered. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. During the evening an enjoyable programme of music, arranged by Brother Cole, was sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Alice Holman, Miss Edith Cole, Bros. Kuhe, (who contributed a charming pianoforte solo), Neall, Payne, Ward, and Cole, the duties of accompanist being in the able hands of Brother Roe.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE ordinary meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on the 8th instant, Brother Alfred de Botton Worshipful Master. There were also present:—Brothers John Fisher I.P.M., George Rideal P.M. S.W., Walter Fowden J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, Leon E. Levy Secretary, Alfred Smith J.D., J. K. Heywood I.G., Walter Marshall, A. Kirkwood, S. Frankenstein, Geo. Board P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Julius Arensberg Past Master P.P.G.P., C. Frankenstein Past Master, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREE-MASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitor—Brother L. J. G. Savage 1219. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Brother Walter Marshall, who had expressed a desire to be passed to the degree of a F.C., answered the necessary interrogatories and was afterwards prepared for the ceremony, which was performed throughout by Brother George Board Past Master. This over, Brother Alexander Kirkwood was submitted to a similar test, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Brother Mamelok Past Master, who was also unaided in his duty. The ceremonies were admirably performed, and Brothers Marshall and Kirkwood afterwards expressed themselves as very much impressed by them. At the festive board which followed, Brother de Botton was congratulated upon the possession of most excellent officers, who were painstaking and anxious to perform their various duties with care and exactness, Bros. Smith Junior Deacon and Heywood Inner Guard being singled for special mention. No officer of any Lodge is better qualified than Brother Fisher Past Master to propose the toast of the Visitors, and the Immediate Past Master, who performed this duty, acquitted himself in a manner which was at once highly gratifying to his auditors. Songs and sketches were given by Brothers Savage, Levy, Frankenstein, Rideal, and Roberts.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

THE installation of Brother Bardwell as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Clare, on Tuesday, the 31st ultimo. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. Freeman the outgoing Master, the chair of Senior Warden being filled by Brother Cooke, and that of Junior Warden by Brother Ward. The Worshipful Master subsequently invested the following brethren as his Officers:—C. F. Freeman I.P.M., Garrett S.W., Vincent J.W., Syer Chaplain, Barnes Treasurer, Stokoe Secretary, Hargrave S.D., Smith J.D., Vincent Director of Ceremonies, Sedgwick Organist, Griggs I.G., Gosling Steward. On behalf of the Lodge the Installing Master presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to the Immediate Past Master, in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the past year. The brethren adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, and, under the presidency of Brother Bardwell Worshipful Master, sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Fish, after which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some capital songs were sung, Brother Hurst accompanying. Bro. Carlin, of the London Scottish, gave two performances on the bagpipes, a decided novelty in the district.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

A NUMEROUS gathering of distinguished Craftsmen assembled at Drury Lane Theatre, London, on Tuesday last, the 14th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Brother Harry Nicholls as Worshipful Master. The meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, otherwise the Grand Saloon, connected with the theatre. For the reception and better accommodation of the numerous members and their guests the customary morning performance of the pantomime was set aside, and by the liberality of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris the whole suite of rooms placed at the disposal of the Lodge. The visiting brethren were received by special Stewards at the foot of the Grand Staircase, and conducted to their seats in the Lodge room by Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. and his Assistant Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the Worshipful Master Bro. S. B. Bancroft, who was supported by his Officers and a goodly array of Grand Officers, Members and Visitors, the company numbering at that time nearly two hundred Craftsmen. After confirmation of previous minutes and the election of Bros. W. B.

Maxwell, of No. 150, and J. A. Harrison, of No. 1589, as joining members, and the acceptance of six candidates for initiation at future regular meetings, Bro. Sir Augustus Harris presented Bro. Harry Nicholls to the Worshipful Master for installation. This beautiful and impressive ceremony was most effectively and touchingly rendered by Bro. Bancroft, whose able eloquence added to the dignity of the ritual the important qualification of conveying the full sense and import of the moral lessons it inculcates. We have but seldom, if ever, heard a more finished performance, and certainly never one which commanded greater attention and sympathetic regard. The Officers invested by the newly installed Master were—Bros. Thomas Catling S.W., Oscar Barrett J.W., the V.W. Rev. C. J. Maryn P.G.C. Chaplain, J. S. Fleming Treasurer, J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C. Secretary, Henry Neville S.D., W. E. Chapman J.D., Walter Slaughter Organist, and R. Goddard Tyler. To each of these Brother Nicholls addressed deservedly complimentary remarks, in one or two instances his natural disposition to humour displaying itself, although a sad sort of countenance left by his recent severe illness contrasted somewhat strongly with his words. Indeed, throughout the entire evening the sympathy of the brethren towards him in regard to his late family bereavement and subsequent prostration on a bed of sickness was unmistakable, and his firmness in the discharge of his new duties under the depressing result of such illness met with much commendation. After presenting Bro. Bancroft with a handsome Past Master's jewel, with words of praise and gratitude on behalf of himself and his fellow members, which presentation was cordially acknowledged by the recipient, Bro. Nicholls rose for the first time. Communications were made as to the decease of three brethren, of whom the late Bro. F. Leslie was one, and condolence with relatives were expressed and voted. On the proposition of Bro. Fernandez P.M., seconded by Bro. Sir A. Harris, the V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary was elected honorary member, supplying the place of the late Grand Secretary in that position. Bro. Letchworth expressed his gratification at the unanticipated honour conferred by the much esteemed compliment. Bro. Sir A. Harris proposed that a communication should be sent to Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough P.M. P.G.W., congratulating him on his recovery to health after a trying illness, and this was agreed too unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in due form. Carriages and cabs were now in great request to convey the large company to Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, where at five o'clock, in the Grand Hall, a very sumptuous banquet awaited their attention. By dispensation, Masonic clothing was worn, and added greatly to the brilliant effect of the entertainment. Covers were laid for 226 brethren. Amongst whom were, in addition to those already mentioned:—Bros. Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., P.G.W. P.M., Admiral Sir A. E. Inglefield, K.C.B., P.M. P.G.W., Sir Henry Isaacs P.G.W. P.M., J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Thos. Fenn P.B.G.P., Robert Grey P.B.B., Edward Terry P.G. Treas., George Everett P.G. Treasurer, General J. C. Hay G.D., Sir G. R. Prescott P.G.D., Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M. Sussex, V. P. Freeman P.G.D., Sir J. R. Somers Vine P.G.D., Chas. Barry G. Supt. of Works, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott P.G.A.D.C., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Colonel A. B. Cook P.G.A.D.C., F. Mead P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Mutier P.G. Standard Bearer, R. Clowes P.G. Standard Bearer, Colonel Ritchie, C. Martin P.G.A.D.C., John Morgan W.M. 1150, W. P. Clowes, Sir G. T. Goldie, Sir F. Dixon Hartland, Bt., M.P., Gilbert Farquhar, Hugh Fortescue, C. G. Grimstone, Colonel F. C. Wemys, C. E. Hammond P.M., C. J. Phipps, A. Raub-leigh Phillips, Surgeon Captain G. H. Thomas, Colonel F. E. Bennett, W. Tinney, W. S. Penley W.M., T. H. Bolton, M.P., J. L. Toole, E. C. Massey, G. Fairchild P.M., Samuel Johnson, E. Sewell, Cross-thwaite, J. Barrow, W. E. Morrison P.P.G.W. Sussex, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Henry Grey, Peyton Ward, H. H. Vincent, J. P. Fitzgerald, G. Alexander, C. Warner, W. Lestocq P.M., W. J. Holloway, A. B. Bennett, Major Graham, W. L. Southwell P.P.G.W., Capt. Williams Freeman, C. J. Smith, James Stephens, H. G. Danby W.M., J. D. Langton, Dr. Robson Roose, Alfred Cooper P.G.S., James Stevens Past Master P.Z., Thomas, F. H. Macklin, H. T. Bailey, T. Barker, Dr. Alfred King, Herr Meyer Lutz P.G.P., Lennox Browne, J. S. Wood, E. S. Miller, R. Cummings, General Hale Wortham, C. Coote, Dr. C. Godson P.G.S., Dr. Gordon, Gordon Smith, Richard Edgar, Arthur Toovey, C. Ambrey Smith, R. G. Venables, H. R. Crompton, Roberts, Sir Augustus Webster, P. E. Dove, Victor Stevens, Dean Brand, Laidlaw Cross, Walter Ebbetts P.M., W. Wright P.M., Evelyn Brandon, Robert Harvey, J. T. Forster, George Bishop, Dr. Bigg, William Rignold, Howard Reynolds, L. A. De Paiva W.M., L. M. Wynne, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, C. Wynne, T. G. Delmar, Arthur Temple, Jno. Jeffries, Colonel Ward, C.B., Dr. Bateman, S. Clark P.M., M. M. St. Anby W.M., C. Price, W. J. Fisher W.M., W. Ingham, F. Hill, Ernest Flower, L. R. Roumieu, W. J. Sadler, Thorndyke, F. Morgan, Groome, G. O. Haig, Brown, C. F. Drummond, Chilly, A. J. Caldicott, Herbert Campbell, Percy Spooner, Captain Lurcott, Ronald Power, H. H. Collins, L. Lablache, Arthur Collins, Percy Lyndal, Dudley Harvey, W. D. Forsdike, Alfred Bate, Jno. Stedman P.M., H. Ronnd P.M., W. Morgan, H. Heard, Phil Morris, A.R.A., James Crowdy, H. E. Fraser P.M., Dalgety Henderson, W. Lake P.P.G.R. Cornwall, W. M. Marsden, G. H. Haywood, F. Garside, H. Sutton, Cecil White, Colonel Peters P.G.S.B., Hon. Victor Pelham, W. Watson, George Conquest, J. D. Beveridge P.M., Morris Abraham, B. Hartzhorne, M. Simpson, Levy, Charles Dornton, H. S. Vandeleur, James Weaver P.P.G.O. Middlesex, W. Hogarth W.M., W. E. Sampson P.G.S., E. Rochrich, H. A. Dowell P.P.G.O. Surrey, F. W. Price, T. O. Wood P.M., Rushton P.G.S., Dr. H. S. T. Armistage, L. A. Bidwell, J. Dundas Grant, S. Edwards W.M., C. V. Cotterill, V. H. Matthews, T. Jones P.D.D.G.M. Bengal, R. W. Steggles, G. L. Munday, G. T. Chretien, Gay Repton, Henry Pettitt, G. M. Maxwell, F. Burgess, G. Maxwell, and T. P. Dorman. After the cloth was cleared the Worshipful Master proposed the customary loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. Brother Fernandez P.M. remarking that brevity under surrounding circumstances was an absolute necessity, more particularly as so many of the Lodge Officers had calls upon their time elsewhere, proposed the toast of

the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. He could not name all even of those present at table, but acknowledging the eminent services rendered by them to the Craft he nevertheless desired to submit the toast with all the energy at his command, and called upon Bro. Terry P.G. Treasurer to respond. In equally brief but pertinent terms Brother Terry replied, congratulating the Lodge on its evident prosperity, and expressing his great pleasure, as well on the part of his colleagues as for himself, in the reception at all times accorded to them at the annual recurrence of its festival. Especially was that pleasure enhanced on the present occasion when so worthy and well known a brother as Harry Nicholls was called upon to take the reins of government and rule over the Drury Lane Lodge. The toast, the Worshipful Master, was given by Bro. Bancroft I.P.M., who took the "cue" of brevity from Bro. Fernandez, yet very forcibly put before the brethren the many personal merits which rendered Bro. Nicholls a most acceptable ruler in the Craft, and more especially over a Lodge in which were associated well known names in literature, art, and the drama. Under providence, and he expressed himself with all possible reverence, Bro. Nicholls had but lately passed, as it were, through the "valley of the dark shadow." His recovery so far was a source of deep thankfulness to his immediate friends, and it could not be otherwise than a gain to the general public. He need not ask for an enthusiastic reception of the toast for he was fully assured his few words would be sufficient for the introduction of their Master's name. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and Bro. Nicholls on rising to respond was greeted with continued applause. He felt, he said, the great difficulty of finding words expressive of all the pleasure and gratification which the manner of the reception of the toast afforded him. If he did not say so much as he might it was because in his new position he considered that, perhaps for the first time in his life, he was now called upon "not so much to talk as to act." He had gone through bereavement and tribulation during the past year. Of some portion thereof he would ever be reminded when he looked upon the "three levels" which had formerly adorned his beloved deceased father's badge and now were placed upon his own, and of another portion his remembrance would always be associated with the fraternal loving kindness of his dear friend Bro. Lestocq, to whom he was delighted to acknowledge his obligations in his presence, and that of so large an assembly of Masons. He would ask the members of his Lodge to support him thoroughly during his year of office, and reminded them that "four grasps of the hand and four smiles should not be too much to ask for from even the most dilatory of Masons." Despite the prevalence of the minor key in the W.M.'s response, natural under surrounding circumstances, the innate sense of humour he possesses could not be altogether controlled, and here and there a strain of customary joyousness blended in unison with his remarks. The speech was at once a lesson in resignation and in hopeful anticipation for the future, and well deserved the hearty applause which followed its delivery. Bro. J. C. Parkinson proposed the visitors for whom Bros. Keyser, and W. Lestocq responded, the former referring to the proceedings of the day as being beyond all ordinary experience of like festivities, and the ceremony of installation a performance not likely to be soon forgotten by those who had been privileged to attend. The prosperity of the Lodge he considered remarkable, and the magnificent hospitality in which the visitors had shared deserved and received their warmest thanks. Bro. Lestocq gracefully acknowledged the grateful remarks of the W.M. when speaking of himself, and briefly endorsed the language of the former speaker in respect of both labour and refreshment. Bro. Sir F. D. Hartland proposed the Past Masters, alluding to the many services they had rendered Freemasonry, and coupling the name of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris therewith. Bro. Harris expressed his thanks on behalf of his brother P.M.'s and himself, and assured the Lodge that it gave them and him great pleasure to have opportunities for increasing the progress and reputation of the Lodge. The W.M. toasted the Officers, for whom Bro. T. Catling responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a brief but pleasant evening to a close.

WARNER LODGE, No. 2256.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, when there were present—Bros. James Speller W.M., G. Hurley S.W., W. Shurmur J.W., J. J. Briginshaw I.P.M., H. A. Alpess Chaplain, R. Kershaw Secretary, W. A. Finch S.D., George Long I.G., C. G. Outchey P.M. Director of Ceremonies, W. B. Whittingham, C.C., N. Fortesone, C.C., Rev. M. Rees Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, J. Taylor, J. Bird, H. T. Dammatt, W. Latter P.P.G.O., C. MacColla, T. Scoresby Jackson P.P.G.S.D., A. D. Stephens, W. A. Longmore, W. Finch P.M., H. H. Finch, J. Ellis 1524, W. Harris P.M. 1662, G. Houghton, A. Holmes, and many others. Bro. H. H. Finch was raised to the third degree in a most impressive manner. Later on, a banquet was served, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Brother Hurley, in proposing the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, stated that Bro. W. Shurmur, who had given so much satisfaction in the Province as Treasurer, would be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer in 1894, and that a very large and influential Committee was being formed to secure his election. The announcement was received with great enthusiasm, and all the brethren promised to exert their utmost to secure his return. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th instant, at the King's Arms, John Street, W.C. Present—Brothers Baldwin Preceptor, Andrews Worshipful Master, Larter Senior Warden, Barr Junior Warden, C. Reeves

Treasurer, F. Reeves Secretary, Cowland Senior Deacon, Hood Junior Deacon, Rashleigh Inner Guard, and Norrington P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Brother Andrews rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Brother Norrington being the Worshipful Master elect. The Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Brother Andrews, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Norrington candidate. The Worshipful Master worked the first section of the third lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother Larter proposed, and Brother Rashleigh seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Brother Andrews for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of installation and raising, and for the kind and courteous manner in which he imparts Masonic instruction to the brethren.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 37.

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The train is gone, and I am left behind,
Unknown and friendless in a distant town,
My body weary and my soul cast down.
Where shall I home and sweet communion find?
A sudden thought brings transport to my soul,
And for the present does my gloom destroy:
I search my book, and oh! the gush of joy.
"A Lodge to-night," and there I find a goal.
A bond of sympathy unites me now—
I clasp the hand of Masons, true and good,
The warmth of welcome from the Brotherhood
Drives all the trace of care from off my brow.
Builder Divine, I humbly bow the knee,
And thank thee ever for Freemasonry!

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St. John's Lodge, No. 70, was on the 7th inst., presented by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon with three handsome Masonic pictures for the embellishment of the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Dr. Lemon was heartily thanked.

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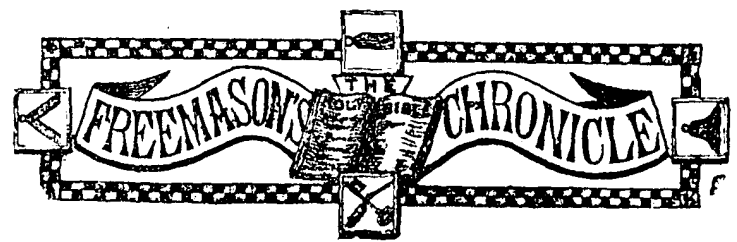
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A Saint John the Evangelist's Day Oration by Bro. James G. Haswell.

THE history of every nation is fraught with eras and events of peculiar importance, which extend their influence to succeeding ages and generations, and which are fondly commemorated by latest posterity. The ancients often celebrated the virtues and recounted in song

the heroic deeds of their ancestors, thus encouraging each other to the imitation of their virtues. In the history of modern times almost every day of the revolving year is presented as the anniversary of something memorable which befel our forefathers, and is remembered by us, their sons, with joy or with sorrow. And though the celebration of this day is calculated to carry our minds back to an early age in antiquity, yet the virtues of our patron are recorded in the book of God, and we commemorate his virtues and remember his name with joy, and not with sorrow, feeling assured that he has a seat at the right hand of the Great Grand Master on high, there to be the subject of His favours and blessings throughout an ever during eternity. This teaches us that we too must die, and that all things earthly must decay and crumble into dust. It also teaches us another important lesson, and this is consoling, that if we live righteously and godly in this present world, we shall not only receive the praise of all good men, but we shall ultimately receive the approbation of our Father in heaven.

We celebrate this as the natal day of St. John the Evangelist, and the return of it is hailed by every true Mason as a time of rational rejoicing and holy remembrance. We have met as a band of brothers to commemorate the virtues and to deck the mausoleum of him who taught mankind the doctrines of heavenly inspiration, and whose whole life was devoted to the service of the Most High. After the lapse of ages we still have before us the inspired writings of our exalted patron. Through the dark ages of superstition and idolatry they were as a beacon-light, guiding all who would follow them safely through the labyrinthian mazes of heathenish darkness to the resplendent light of the gospel, soon to shine in all its brilliancy throughout the habitable earth. The doctrines taught by St. John and his contemporaries are now high in the ascendant of all doctrines received from a fallible source; the prophecies are hastening to their fulfilment, and all heathen nations will soon receive that universal light, emanating from the throne of God through the instrumentality of his ministers upon earth, when all things earthly shall hasten to their final consummation.

We have chosen St. John the Evangelist as one of the patron saints of our Order, not that we have any conclusive proof of his having been a member of the institution of Speculative Masonry, but because he was an able advocate of the principles of Masonry, and the high veneration in which he was held by early Christian Masons. We do not think it necessary to give you a narration of the life of our distinguished patron in the enumeration of his many virtues, believing that you are all acquainted with his history, revere his name, and believe the doctrines which he taught. As an Order we believe the doctrines which he taught, because they came from God; teaching man true wisdom, in showing him his depravity, his inability to do any acceptable act without the aid of his Maker, and the necessity of a change of heart, a preparation for heaven. Also teaching him that race, with all their inventions must decay and return to their mother dust.

"Every production of human power and skill bears this inscription. I am made to perish; man himself the moment he begins to breathe begins to die." And the most durable, the most magnificent of his works, are no sooner completed than they begin to decay and crumble into dust. In vain does the antiquary search for the primitive grandeur and magnificence of the monuments of antiquity; they have either fallen in ruins or are tottering from their crumbling base, remaining only the wonder of an age, the design of which was long since lost in oblivion. Where is Nineveh, and Babylon, and Thebes with her hundred gates? All have gone; thrones, kingdoms and empires have alike met with the same fate. Every nation has left behind monuments of human folly. The Egyptians have left upon the plain their huge and stupendous pyramids, which even to this day, in their dilapidated state, attract the attention of the traveller. And they stand as lofty monuments, towering almost to the clouds, and showing to the world the folly and extravagance of the projectors. "They have gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns," and have left behind them those decaying fabrics which have not benefited succeeding generations and now only remain as the pompous mausoleums of the illustrious dead; and as the astonished traveller beholds, he may say to the sleeping dust within: Sleep on! ye once proud ones, entombed for ages in the temple of fame—that temple

which, if exchanged for a better, must be for one "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Here is enough presented to the mind for reflection and meditation, and well may we exclaim in the language of the poet:

"Look behind thee—cities hid
In the night of treacherous story;
Many a crumbling pyramid,
Many a pile of senseless glory,
Temples into ruins hurled,
Fragments of an earlier world."

Ah yes! they remain but as fragments of an earlier world. "The certain principle of decay has entered into all the works of man." "And of that Temple of the Lord, that magnificent structure on Mount Zion," reared by the Grand Master of Israel with the assistance of both Jew and Gentile, and standing in after ages "the wonder and glory of the world," "not one stone remaineth upon another." The decree had gone forth from the eternal throne, and that decree was irreversible. That decree was passed by the same supreme power whose omnipotent fiat, nations, thrones and kingdoms have been hurled from their sandy foundations, falling in ruins from their towering heights, leaving nothing of the past but fragments, and the names of the actors recorded on the historic page or locked in the archives of nations. But amid the general ruin, amid the downfall of kingdoms and imperial thrones, amid the changes and innovations of every age, Masonry has escaped, and is at this day unpolluted, uncontaminated. And there yet are in the great constellation of heaven's best boons to man two bright luminaries, resplendent, shining, guiding all those who approach the light, as did the star in the east, to Him, who will be the rewarder of all virtuous men in the grand consummation of all things. These two bright luminaries are the Christian Religion—heaven's full and overflowing love to man, and Masonry her handmaid—one of heaven's means for the instruction of man, and the amelioration of his condition. Religion and Masonry now stand pure and unscathed by the persecutions and general ruin of the past. And is religion then made pure by the persecutions of the past? The Temple of Masonry now stands burnished like bright gold by the unhallowed fires of persecution which have raged against it; ignorance and superstition have attempted to defile this Temple, and to raze with the ground that beautiful edifice, erected and dedicated to God, by the inculcation within of those great moral truths which always tend to bring man nearer to his Maker. On the altar of this Temple is ever spread the Holy Bible, heaven's best gift to man; its doctrines are inculcated, and he who believes not in its sacred contents must for ever be debarred the privilege of entering this temple of truth.

Mighty efforts have been made to raze with the ground the beautiful Temple of Masonry, but like the wave-repelling rock it has withstood the storms and tempests of ages, and its whitened summit may yet be seen towering above the darkness of superstition, the rage of party zeal, and bearing in the gloom of their own disappointment those designing men whose misapplied and feeble energies were thus in the end abortive.

Brethren, we worship not in times consecrated by polytheism to strange deities, but we consecrate our temples by the worship of the "One True God," and by the help of revelation we can behold the Temple of the Lord, we can see its beauties, and learn that we were created to inhabit one more beautiful and perfect, made by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe "eternal in the heavens." With the hope of being inhabitants of this perfect Temple, let us rejoice, and look with proud admiration upon the splendid and magnificent structure reared by our illustrious Grand Master Solomon; supported by him whose virtues we this day commemorate; now looked upon by a majority of the world as a temple to virtue. Upon its majestic dome, reaching far, far above the gloomy piles of decayed heathen temples, blazes as a beacon fire the pure and holy flame of universal love. By its light many in every age and nation have been enabled to see and read that grand system of ethics, stamped with the impress of truth: preparing them for the reception of those great, grand and glorious truths, given to man by heavenly inspiration, sustained and sanctioned by divine authority. May this light continue to shine through all coming time, and shed its lustre o'er the world, increasing its brightness by the vestal fires which ever burn upon our altars—unextinguished, guiding to the hill of science, promoting morality and virtue, a light

which shall guide many to that temple "whose maker and builder is God."

Friends, this is an age and a day of rejoicing. The light of science, with its illuminating rays, now diffuses light resplendent o'er all the civilised world; the fetters of superstition are knocked off and broken in twain by the power and influence of that gospel whose bright beams celestially shine throughout the greater part of the habitable earth, giving life and energy to man, and placing him in that situation which it was intended he should occupy. It has pleased God in every age of the world, and under every dispensation, to make use of men as instruments in the propagation of His truths, and in the establishment of His kingdom upon earth in the hearts of men. God has blessed and perpetuated every Institution which has for its object the inculcation of morals and the amelioration of the condition of man. He has blessed that eminent patron of our Order whose virtues we this day commemorate. God has blessed him who was cast on Patmos' rocky Isle by the cruel Emperor Domitian. It was there he suffered all the horrors of banishment; it was there he showed forth all the Christian graces; it was there he exhibited that humility and meekness always characteristic of the true Christian, and there it was that heaven's revealed will was written on his heart, evidencing the glory and the goodness of God to man—sublime as sublimity and lasting as eternity. This is the natal day of him who was the instrument in the hands of God of giving to the world a part of this revelation—this light—sufficient to guide man to his great unoriginated self-existent author. Endowed with heavenly inspiration, St. John the Evangelist uttered these solemn truths as from the mouth of Him—

Whose voice was heard on Sinai's awful mount.

And however simple the exercises of this day, we should feel the importance, the sublimity and grandeur of the doctrines taught by our distinguished patron, and we should learn to imitate his simplicity, humanity, charity, and his practice of all the virtues. Our task then to-day is simple, yet sublime, and our offerings should be the incense ascending from grateful hearts up to the throne of God.

We come not before you as an Order with our hands imbrued in the blood of our enemies. We come not in the pomp of war, with swords unsheathed with which we have achieved victories. No triumphal arch is erected to commemorate our glory, nor do we come with our hands reeking in the blood of our enemies, immolated upon the altar of sectarian zeal. But we come before you bearing aloft the olive branch of peace, and exerting an influence in the amelioration of the condition of man. Has science and Masonry existed in the same nation, and has science with airy wing taken her flight to regions more remote, to cultivate people more ignorant? There has Masonry appeared by her side, rearing high the temple of morals, and inculcating therein those principles which tend to elevate and expand the mind of man—those great moral truths taught by St. John the Evangelist, that eminent man of God who possessed all the Christian graces, who was worthy and well qualified, and who was raised to the Temple of God, eternal in the heavens. There he rests, in the full enjoyment of the smiles and favours of the Great Grand Master.

Leaving this distinguished patron of our Order and pattern for all good and virtuous men, we shall have enough to do in the consideration of the origin of Masonry, its principles, emblems, and design, either taken separately or collectively, as we can best point them out. Every good Mason, on occasions like the present, takes great pleasure in attempting to point out with all the clearness and precision he is master of, something of the history and design of the Order. In attempting this we need not dig for hidden treasures amidst the ruins of all the temples dedicated to heathen gods, rendered conspicuous on the pages of history by a recital of the ignorance and superstition of the past, but we may search first for the truths of Masonry in the revelation of God's will to man, and in the book of nature, which has been spread out before us by the great omnipotent author of our existence. For its progress amongst the nations we may refer to the writings of many of the sages and philosophers of every age. Thus can be traced the origin and growth of an institution which has for its object the inculcation of morals, and the teaching of that system of ethics which is built upon the foundation of eternal truth.

It is asked, from whence the origin of Masonry?—when were the first dawns of its light seen upon earth? We answer, when first the great I Am spoke this world into existence from chaotic darkness; then were the first principles of Masonry developed in the order of the universe; and in the recognition of that great unoriginated intellection, as the Grand Master over all his works. The principles of Masonry were developed—

"Ere the infant sun
Was rolled together, or had tried his beams
Athwart the gloom profound;"

As order grew out of the perfections of the Deity, so Masonry is built upon the broad foundations of the order observed in the works of nature. And the first principle of the Order is the recognition of the great I Am as the Grand Master over all His works, and as the great donor or giver of all good, the author of that revelation which records His full and overflowing love to man. This revelation lies open upon the altar of every Masonic Temple, a star in the east, guiding all those who will approach, practice, and believe in a sacred light. This light is the Holy Bible—

"Lamp of our feet, whose hallowed beam
Deep in our hearts its dwelling hath;
How welcome is the cheering gleam
Thou sheddest o'er our lonely path!
Light of our way! whose rays are flung
In mercy o'er our pilgrim road,
How blessed, its dark shades among,
The star that guides us to our God."

Deprive us of this star—deprive us of its guidance—and we are lost in the labyrinthian mazes of unassisted human reason. Assisted by revelation, we behold in perfect order and beauty the commands of God, all conducive to the happiness of man: all linked together, and essential to give us just conceptions of the glory and the grandeur of the Deity.

The fundamental truths of Masonry, notwithstanding its antiquity, have been derived from the inspired writings. And though we may trace it in its operative or in its speculative character from the most remote ages, and find it like the history of the most renowned nations of antiquity, obscured by the fictions and legends of an uncultivated age, and the ceremonies within its temples veiled in mystery; yet we must come to the conclusion that a religious object was the primary purpose of the institution. "And if we view Masonry in its operative character, in that heaven-favoured clime of Western Asia where architecture was taught in all its perfection, and where we can trace the Phœnician builders of the Temple of Solomon, the Dionysian artificers, the Masonic instruction of the Knights of the Temple," we shall find that the world was benefited, not only by the arts and sciences which emanated from the Masonic repository, but in the still more important matter of religion. For revelation teaches us that the living God dwelt not only in the Mosaic tabernacle, but that He dwelt at a future period in the Temple of Solomon—in that Temple which was built by the united efforts of Jew and Gentile Masons. From this we are enabled to discover the wisdom and the goodness of God, in thus uniting by the strongest ties these two distinct nations, and in thus giving to the Gentile world correct views of the One True God. These views obtained to a greater or less extent in some of the Gentile nations, though perverted by the natural depravity of man. Some of the Grecian philosophers no doubt understood the principles of Masonry, for we find them travelling to the east in quest of knowledge of things Divine and human; receiving light from revelation by reading the original manuscripts as written by Moses, or by tradition, receiving light from "Masonry by beholding those gorgeous piles of architectural skill which never were the acquisitions of a day; returning to their native land and incorporating into their system some of those moral truths received from revelation; together with that science of morals and discipline which they had learned from Operative Masonry, thus adopting and sanctioning this mode of enlightening their disciples." And whether we view Masonry in ancient or modern times, we are driven to the conclusion that it is enlightening in its nature and progressive in its morals, and yet, notwithstanding this conclusion, it would be asserting too much to say that Pythagoras and other philosophers taught the principles of Masonry in as great purity as they are taught at the present day, for the Saviour had not appeared, and Paul had not yet stood in

the midst of the Areopagus and proclaimed unto the knowing Athenians his knowledge of the living God. They had never heard him proclaim that glorious doctrine which was calculated to overthrow all the errors of the Greek philosophy. All the sublime truth and resplendent beauty of the Greek philosophy was but a borrowed light from the pages of heaven's inspiration, received either by tradition, or from the inspired penmen of antiquity. That philosophy was but the scintillation of those great and eternal truths soon to be corruscated, in all their bright and glowing colours, in the adoption of God's revealed will to man, as the basis of all wisdom, of all truth, and the only guide to immortal joys.

—Voice of Masonry.

(To be continued).

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES STENING.

THE remains of the late Bro. James Stening, the oldest solicitor on the rolls, who died on Friday, the 20th ult., within a few days of completing his 96th year, were interred at Kingston Cemetery, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. In accordance with the deceased's wishes the funeral was of a quiet and unostentatious character. The Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, of which the deceased was a member, was represented, and a wreath was sent by the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham, of which the deceased was the oldest member. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass mountings, a plate on the lid bearing the inscription:—"James Stening, died 20th January 1893, aged 95 years." The service was read by the Rev. Cedric E. Crowley (Vicar of St. George's, Portsea), and the remains were interred in a plain earth grave in the new portion of the consecrated ground.

We are extremely sorry to record the fact that Brother Elias Nathan P.M. Zion Lodge, No. 1798, has suffered a bereavement in the death of his wife. The late Mrs. Nathan, who was an estimable lady, and beloved by a large circle of friends, passed away on Wednesday, the 8th instant. Bro. Nathan, as one of the oldest P.M.'s in the Province of East Lancashire, is well known in the Masonic world, and this announcement of his sad loss will, we are sure, evoke a widespread sympathy upon his behalf.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence, and the quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters, were held on Wednesday night, at Freemasons' Hall. The three principal chairs were occupied by Bros. Robert Grey, James Brett, and C. A. Cottebrune during the first part of the evening, but subsequently, owing to Bro. Brett being compelled to leave, his place was taken by Bro. Cottebrune, whose position was then filled by Bro. S. V. Abraham G.P. The paper of business for Grand Lodge for 1st March was read to the Board of Masters, and the Board of Benevolence afterwards confirmed £530 worth of recommendations to the Grand Master at the January meeting. In dealing with 29 new cases the brethren deferred two and discussed one, and voted to the remainder £610 in grants of £60, £50, £40, £30, £20, £15, £10, and £5.

Bro. James Stevens' lecture on the Ritual, Ceremonials, and Symbolical Connection of the Craft degrees, postponed from the 27th ult., is to be delivered in the Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, on Friday evening, the 24th inst., at 7 p.m.

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writes as follows:—

OSBORNE, 22nd August 1892.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 18th February.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St.
1641 Orichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton
M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Choquers, Walthamstow

Monday, 20th February.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1657 Aldersgate, The Albion, Aldersgate St., E.C.
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St.

R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 2060 La France, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
K.T. 128 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whitby
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Victoria Hotel, Carnarvon
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury
1205 Melham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
1238 Gooch, Town Hall, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Huysho Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley
1809 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1973 Saye and Sele, Mas. Rooms, Folkestone, Kent
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport
2086 Dacre, Assembly Rooms, Stevenage
2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth
2289 Bluncellands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.
2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shields
Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield

R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 277 Tudor, F.M.H., Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296 Loyalty, F.M.H., Surrey St., Sheffield
R.A. 332 Doric, M.H., St. Peter's Hill, Grantham
R.A. 428 Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich
R.A. 1051 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

R.A. 1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham
M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
R.C. 28 William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday, 21st February.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queen's Westminister, Holborn Restaurant
2022 Henry, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden

R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1017 Montefiore, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
R.A. 1348 Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 284 High Cross, Liverpool Street Hotel, E.C.
R.C. 45 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
384 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Mentor, Masonic Hall, Hanley
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
451 Frederick of Unity, F.M.H., Croydon
460 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Maltton

667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dufkinfield
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
906 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1761 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham
1838 St. Keyna, Laml and Lark Hotel, Keyasham
1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
1894 Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1903 Pr. Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
1911 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 105 Fortitude, Huysho, M. Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 415 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 340 Alfred, M.H., Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446 London, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460 Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne

R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarum Hill, Gt. Grimsby
R.A. 764 Fawcett, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
R.A. 792 Orléans, M.H., Osborne St., Basingstoke
R.A. 804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant, Hants
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hall
M.M. 166 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

Wednesday, 22nd February.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newway Place, Poplar

1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818 Clapham, Criterion, Piccadilly
2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Coldharbour Lane, Brixton.
2455 St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Sarisbury
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
220 Harmony, Crown Hotel, Garston
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hall
257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Newton Moor
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
851 Worthing of Friendship, Stone Assembly Rooms, Worthing
996 Sonides, Masonic Hall, East Dereham

1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1093 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1243 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
1396 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Barv, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Old Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley
1723 St. George, Masonic Hall, Bolton
1733 Sunbury, M. gpie Hotel, Sunbury
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church
1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset
1967 Beacon Court, Ghazee Fort Hotel, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Cook, Durham
2044 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tansall, Staff.
2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.
2186 Striguit, Masonic Hall, Nelson St., Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Swinton, nr. Manchester
2279 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornton
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.

2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Cadoxton, S. Wales.
2435 Wineslat, Bell Hotel, Winslow
2441 Noel, St. James's Hall, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Masonic Hall, Broadstairs.
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle

Thursday, 23rd February

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

1563 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
1974 St. Mary Abbotts, Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester Road, West Kensington
2264 Chough, Canon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157 Bedford, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 763 Wilton, Preston, Crown Street Hotel, E.C.

39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Assinon Arms, Millerton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Durlington
202 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Devonport
236 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Baccup
346 United Brethren, The Grosvenor, Blackburn
349 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
590 La Cesarce, Masonic Temple, Jersey
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636 D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Dorset
784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek

1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath
1166 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde
1313 Formor, Masonic Hall, Southampton
1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1437 Liberty of Havering, Golden Lion, Romford
1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hall, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Acreington
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1630 St. Michael, Queen's Hotel, Coventry
1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
1971 Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Aldershot
2017 Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Masonic Hall, Gidalming.
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, Staffordshire.

2215 Anfield, Sandon Hotel, Afield, Lancashire
2263 St. Leonards, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffee House, Church Road, Wavertree.
2387 Manchester Dramatic, F.M.H., Manchester

R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 216 Sacred Dots, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 314 Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland

Friday, 24th February.

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 4
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
2000 Earl of Mornington, Holborn Restaurant
R.A. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 749 Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
M.M. 223 West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Helston
445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
755 Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton
810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
951 Prince of Wales, M.H., Snow-on-the-Wall

1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Banet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bealgrave
1712 St. John, F.M.H., Fawcett Street, Newcastle
1822 St. Quentin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glam.
2115 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Shillton
2231 Kingsley, Masonic Hall, Northampton

R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 431 Ogle, M.H., Norfolk Street, North Shields
R.A. 471 Silarian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 630 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1036 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkstall
R.C. 8 Royal Kent, M.H., Maple St., Newcastle

Saturday, 25th February.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
R.A. 1623 West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Mickle
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
2048 Henry Lovander, Station Hotel, Harrow
2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 18th February.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
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
1233 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7
1621 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 20th February.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
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

332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
 518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 833 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
 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, 3-2 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
 1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho., Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, 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, 21st February.

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
 531 Old Boar's Head, Manchester
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 920 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, 7
 800 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1348 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, B.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1305 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 22nd February.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Loadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
 1682 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creaton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 23rd February.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Cambo well, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

1625 Trodegan, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1993 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 24th February.

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
 831 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1305 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1331 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, 25th February.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.E. 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.

The Duke of Cambridge has sanctioned the appointment of Lieutenant Hector H. Har-vest, R.A., by the Government of Western Australia, to take charge of the defences in King George's Sound.

The Marquis of Bredalbane is about to build a pier at the head of the Loch Etive, Argyllshire. This will be a great convenience to tourists through Glencoe, who have hitherto been obliged to land in small boats.

The Queen has approved of Colonel Henry Collingwood, late of the Gloucestershire Regiment, who served at the capture of Lucknow, being appointed to the command of the Wiltshire Regimental District, to succeed Colonel Albert L. Walker.

The largest salmon caught in the River Avon at Christchurch for the past eight years was captured on Wednesday morning by a fisherman named Rogers in the run at Mudeford. It was a splendid fish, and weighed 46 lb.

On the 9th and 10th inst. entertainments were given in Captain Laverton Leighton's Music Room, at Westbury, Wilts, on behalf of the Great Western Railway Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which resulted in £23 being handed over to Mr. A. W. Hennell, the secretary of the fund.

Mr. Justice Cave is still indisposed in consequence of a severe cold, and it is not expected that his lordship will be able to resume his judicial duties for some days.

Madame Patti will return here from the Riviera nearly a month earlier than had been anticipated. According to present arrangements she will leave Nice for Craig-y-Nos during the second week in March.

The Duke of York has agreed to become a patron of the South London Royal Eye Hospital, the new model premises of which were opened by his Royal Highness in December last.

Her Majesty has selected Dr. William Job Collings to be a Fellow of the University of London, in place of the late Lord Sherbrooke. Dr. Collin's name was placed first on the selected list by the recent vote of Convocation.

London is about to receive a distinguished scientific visitor. Professor Rudolf Virchow, of Berlin, has engaged to deliver the Croonian Lecture before the Royal Society, on 16th March, on the position of pathology among the biological sciences.

Much better news of Bishop Thorold, who has been suffering from blood-poisoning, comes from Farnham Castle. The Bishop is now able to get up, but most of his confirmations up to the end of March will be taken by the Bishop of Guildford, himself a convalescent.

The Duke of Edinburgh has forwarded to the Actors' Benevolent Fund, through its president, Bro. Henry Irving, a cheque for fifty guineas, which amount his Royal Highness, as president of the English Committee of the Vienna Musical and Dramatic Exhibition, proposed should be applied to such charitable purpose out of a surplus fund at the disposal of the committee.

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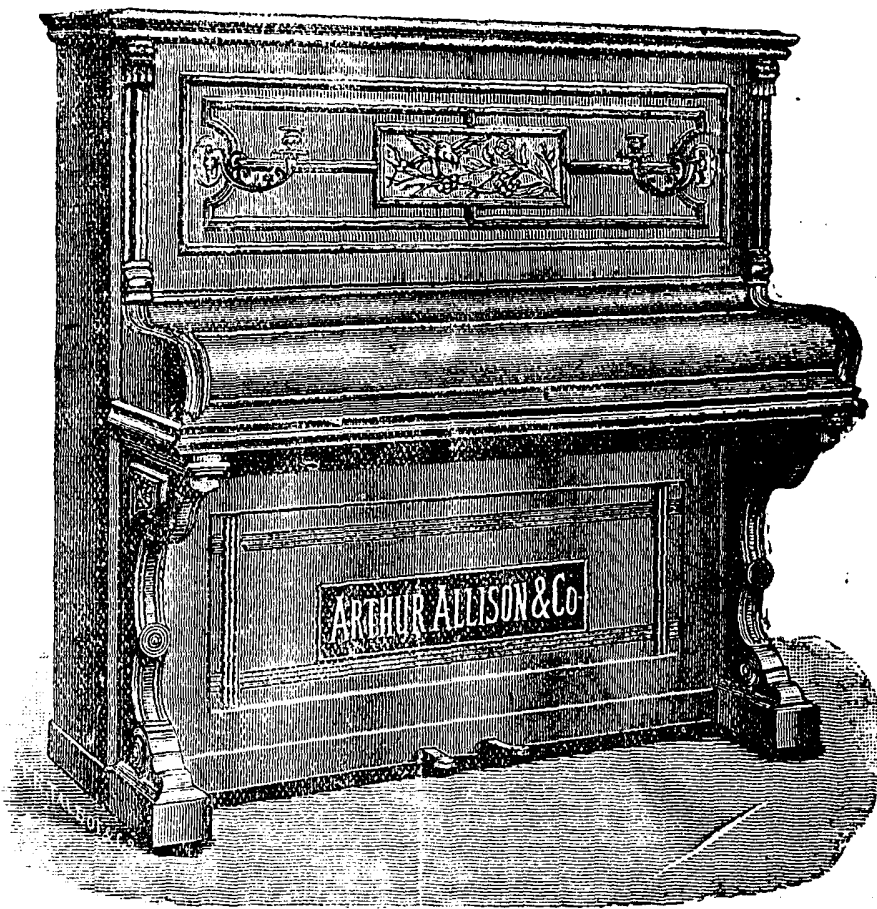
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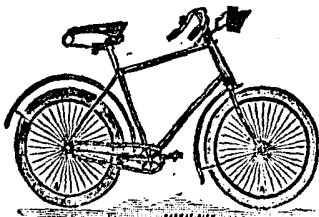
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