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THE FORCE OF EXAMPLE.

FROM our earliest ages we are taught that the force of example has much to do with our future, which is likely to lean to good or to evil according as we have been surrounded by good or bad companions. It is very certain this is true in regard to Freemasonry and those who are associated with it. In one direction we see a Lodge ruled over by an energetic, active brother, who infuses such an amount of life and enthusiasm into the work as to make an appreciable difference on all around him, his fellows seeming to catch the contagion of activity, or to be carried away by the force of a good example. On the opposite side we have a half-hearted, easy going ruler, whose lassitude and general bearing create such an impression upon the whole members of the Lodge as to give one the feeling that there is no life in it, and that everything is going rapidly to ruin. There it is the force of a bad example, which, it has truly been argued, is more sure of making its mark than is one where imitation would be likely to lead to advantage.

Bearing this in mind we see how necessary it is for the founders of a Lodge to go about their work with enthusiasm and activity—they will probably have a governing influence on their Lodge for very many years to come, if not for ever; for it is seldom a Lodge changes in its character from one extreme to the other. A smart Lodge generally remains so, while one with an evil reputation seldom seems to rise above it. Of course there are instances of radical changes in our Lodges, but they are few and far between, and no one but those who have joined a second rate Lodge, with the desire of helping to raise its status, and have worked hard in that direction, can appreciate the task that is before them, or the almost utter impossibility of achieving the result aimed at. But even in this the one thing most absolutely necessary is the force of a good example. The Master selected for such a work requires to be exceptionally capable and energetic, with a natural aptitude for reform, and a full determination to carry the work through to the end, never leaving off for one moment until the desired result has been achieved.

In older Lodges it is often possible to look to the permanent officials for the benefit of a good example. The Treasurer and Secretary—more particularly the latter, perhaps—have often very much to do with the progress or otherwise of their Lodge. If the Secretary is half hearted in his work, and goes about his duties as though it mattered very little whether they were completed or not, the members with whom he comes into contact will, most likely, catch the contagion from him, and answer his communications in the same half-hearted way as he adopts towards them. The effect of this would probably be that few, if any, of the members would be present at the appointed hour of meeting, while those who did come would be unprepared to meet any emergency, because

they had not understood from the Secretary that this or that was coming forward for consideration. But how different all this is when we have a Secretary who forces a good example upon the members; one who is in himself a pattern of punctuality and regular procedure, and who really compels his fellow members to follow his example because they know that no amount of excusing or explanation will justify in his eyes any departure from strict routine or energetic action. Then we have the influence of the Treasurer. Some of the holders of this office add to the reputation of their Lodge, just as others detract from it, and although they may do this entirely by their own actions it is seldom there is any immediate result unless the example they set—one way or the other—is followed by the bulk of the members. There are many Treasurers who will not attempt to leave their seat even after the closing of their Lodge until they know that the finances are in regular order, and the same Brother would not consider he had carried out his duties if he attempted to leave the banquet table before the house bill of the evening was settled, and his Lodge was once more free of liability. Can it be argued that the action of such a Brother has no influence on his Lodge and its members? Rather we may say that it is comparatively easy to identify pupils brought up in such a school, because having reaped the advantage of a good example, they are anxious to provide something similar in their own case.

The ritual of Freemasonry recognises this when it impresses on the Wardens the necessity of being patterns of good order and regularity, as it is only by setting a good example that they can hope for anything good in others. Then, too, we have the Deacons and their work to deal with. How frequently an initiate's whole career in Freemasonry is influenced by the way in which he was received and treated by the Deacons. If they acted with care and diligence the first impression of the new member would be more likely to be beneficial than would be the case if they were slovenly and half hearted; indeed the force of the example set in this particular has perhaps more influence on the future of an initiate than any other part of the early preparation he receives for his membership of the Masonic Order.

Having gone thus far through the officers of a Lodge we should be leaving our task uncompleted if we omitted to refer to the guardian of our Lodge—the Inner Guard. It is almost possible to tell the character of a Lodge by the way in which an Inner Guard receives a stranger or welcomes a well known member of the Lodge—the force of the example he sets is felt by almost every brother who enters, and it seems almost as impossible to act with dignity immediately after a slovenly reception as to salute a Master with careless indifference a moment after the Inner Guard has brought one to a thorough appreciation of his position and the duty he owes to the Lodge in particular and the Craft in general.

Going outside the door of the Lodge we find another Officer—the Tyler—who has much to do, by the force of his example, in moulding the future careers of the members, not only when assembled in their Lodge but also when outside of it. What differences of character we meet with among the Tylers, who are occasionally selected, not for any apparent aptitude for the position, but rather because they wanted the work and someone had to be found to fill the post. The office of Tyler has probably the largest number of round Masons in square holes and square Masons in round ones of any post or position in the Craft. We find at one meeting a Tyler who may justly be described as perfect—he recognises that the way in which he performs his work is very likely to make a lasting impression on a candidate, and he will not allow his work to be interfered with, or the solemnity of his preparation to be upset by outside interference or interruption. We have been present when such a Tyler has requested every brother then present to enter the Lodge, or if they did not desire to do so at the moment to retire to some other room. He had a candidate to prepare and the Lodge ante-room was required for the preparation. He would not even allow regular members of the Lodge to interrupt or distract the attention of the member about to be admitted—and we respect such a Tyler for his determination to uphold the dignity and importance of his office, and the work which he is engaged to discharge. At the other extreme we have the Tyler who treats the whole matter in an easy-going style, allowing all manner of interruptions and interference, and leaving the candidate time after time to do the best he can on his own resources while some other duty is being performed or something attended to that should not be attempted at such a time, for, be it remembered, the few minutes during which a candidate is being prepared at the door of the Lodge is very apt to making a lasting impression on that candidate. He cannot be expected to enter Freemasonry with the same feelings if his first few moments of actual membership are associated with confusion and uproar as would be the case if he were prepared with order and quietness, in such a manner as to impress him with the idea that he was about to enter into a solemn compact, one likely to have an effect on his whole future career.

We have now gone through the offices seriatim, and have said enough, we think, to show that in each case there is a great amount of responsibility as to the sort of example that is set—in all the very best efforts are necessary, but whether a Brother who holds either of them is capable of performing the work or not he should remember that he can and should do his best, and doing that he will probably find he has set an example the force of which will be felt so long as he is known or remembered in his Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland has returned formal thanks to all those who rendered services to the Orphan School on the occasion of the Centenary celebration of 1892. A handsomely illustrated acknowledgment has been sent to those who chiefly helped to ensure the success of the movement, and it will be preserved by many as a most interesting souvenir of an historic event. The celebration proved an unexampled success, and as we learn with satisfaction, the fund created has not only supplied the means of enlarging and completing the School but of making permanent provision for helping the outgoing pupils to establish themselves in life. The total receipts from the stalls amounted to £25,572. The disbursements were but £3,702, and the net profit to the credit of the Centenary Fund stands at the handsome figure of £21,870. We congratulate the Governors of the Schools upon this result. Their earnest labours have willingly been rewarded, and the public learns with gratification that a permanent benefit has been conferred upon a noble charity.—*Irish Times*.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

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INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

ONE of the largest gatherings of Freemasons ever witnessed in West Yorkshire took place in Leeds on Wednesday. The event was one of considerable interest in Masonic circles generally, and to the brethren of the West Riding and of Leeds in particular, the occasion being the installation of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., of Allerton Hall, Leeds, as Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, in succession to Bro. T. W. Tew, the state of whose health has compelled him to relinquish a position which he has held with distinguished honour for more than eight years. As far as can be gathered from records, West Yorkshire has existed as a separate Masonic Province since 1822, though there are those who incline to the belief that it dates even further back than that year. Assuming that to be the year in which the Province was formed, the first Provincial Grand Master was John, Lord Viscount Pollington, afterwards Lord Mexborough, who, after having occupied the chair for 37 years, died in 1860, and was succeeded by the present Marquess of Ripon, then Earl de Grey and Ripon, whose installation took place in Leeds in the following year. The circumstances under which Lord Ripon resigned the office in 1874, about which time he joined the Roman Catholic Church, are generally known. He was succeeded by the late Sir Henry Edwards, who, owing to ill-health and advancing years, felt himself compelled to give up the position after having acted as Provincial Grand Master for ten years. Bro. T. W. Tew had for some time performed the duties of Deputy with zeal and success, and it was with the approval of the entire Province that he was selected to fill the chair of the Province. At that time—in 1885—the number of Lodges in West Yorkshire—which in 1822 comprised 27—had been increased to 68. During the reign of Brother Tew further additions have been made to the roll, upon which there are now 75 Lodges, with a membership of close upon 4,000. It has been a matter of deep regret to the Freemasons of the Province of which he has been a most popular and successful ruler, that for more than twelve months Bro. Tew has been unable, in consequence of enfeebled health, to perform the more active duties of his office, and the announcement of his resignation, though not altogether unexpected, was received with sorrow on all hands. The selection by the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, of Brother W. L. Jackson to occupy the vacant chair is a most popular appointment. For close upon thirty years the new Provincial Grand Master has taken a warm interest in Freemasonry. Initiated in 1865 in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 289 on the grand roll of England—the oldest Lodge in Leeds, which recently celebrated its Centenary—he filled several junior offices, and in December 1884 was installed Worshipful Master of his Lodge by Bro. Tew, then Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Further distinction awaited him in the following year, when Bro. Tew, on his installation as Prov. Grand Master, invested him with the collar of Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Jackson in the Provincial chair of West Yorkshire was performed by the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England, in the presence of many distinguished members of the Craft, including Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, representatives of the West Yorkshire and other Provincial Grand Lodges, and a large gathering of members of the Lodges in the Province. Every one of the 75 Lodges in West Yorkshire was represented, the assembly numbering quite 2000 brethren. By half-past two the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. H. Smith, was in the chair, and the general body of Masons had taken up the positions assigned to them to welcome the representatives of Grand Lodge and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. During the singing of the hymn "Behold! how pleasant and how good for brethren such as we," the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge entered with the banners of the Province at the head of the procession. Then the arrival of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom was announced, and, as the brethren sang the hymn "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid," his Lordship was conducted to the dais, and took his seat by the side of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by a number of Grand Officers,

Present and Past. Prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. J. Dunbar, and a portion of scripture was read by Bro. the Rev. F. Edmund Egerton. After the Earl of Lathom and other distinguished brethren had been saluted in due and ancient form,

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the gathering. He remarked that he was anxious to retire from the office which he had held for over eight years, and it was only at the earnest request of the Provincial Grand Master designate that he still retained the position of Deputy. He was thoroughly convinced that Bro. Jackson would steadily maintain the high Masonic standard which Bro. Tew had set up, and would in all respects follow in the footsteps of the worthy brother whom it was his privilege to succeed. Bro. Jackson was a distinguished gentleman, a man of exceptional business capacity, and a highly esteemed member of the Craft, and in his hands they might safely and confidently place the interests of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire. But they must not forget him upon whom had fallen the burden and heat of the day, and he asked the brethren to join with him in the expression of the hope that Bro. Tew might be spared to witness the skilful and judicious rule of Bro. Jackson.

An address of welcome (read by Bro. Waugh Provincial Grand Registrar) was then presented to the Earl of Lathom.

Lord Lathom, in reply, said he came with feelings both of joyfulness and of sorrow—of joyfulness because he had to have the honour of placing in the Provincial Grand Master's chair a man who was thoroughly worthy to occupy it, and who, he was sure, would do credit to the position, and of sorrow at the thought that Bro. Jackson was replacing so good and worthy a Mason as Bro. Tew. He was sure he echoed the feelings not only of all the Masons of West Yorkshire, but of Masons throughout England, when he said that no better Mason than Bro. Tew existed in this land.

A valedictory address which had been sent by Bro. Tew was read by the Assistant Grand Secretary (Bro. J. Matthewman). In it the retiring Provincial Grand Master said that Freemasonry, as an Institution for good, must adapt itself to the progress of the times, and endeavour to meet the requirements of the vast social, religious, and political changes which marked the latter days of the expiring century. Without sacrificing one iota of its immortal principles or the grand and noble truths which were its everlasting heritage, Freemasonry, deaf to the cries of party, regarding less of sectarian differences, could pursue its beneficent work of elevating, purifying, restraining, and enlightening humanity, and, above all, teaching the grand doctrine of Christian charity, which, in the crowd of conflicting interests, seemed sometimes in danger of being thrown aside. In passing on the symbols of his office to his successor he had the consolation of recollecting that though he ceased to fulfil the duties of the position, he would still have the happiness of living in the midst of the brethren, and he would ever esteem it a privilege to be of service to them in advocating their interests, advancing their influence, and promoting in every possible way their lasting welfare and prosperity.

On the motion of Bro. Edwin Woodhouse, seconded by Bro. Canon Bullock, a resolution was adopted expressing profound regret at Bro. Tew's resignation, gratitude for the beneficent way in which he had exercised his jurisdiction, sympathy with him in his long illness, and the hope that he might be restored to health, and that Freemasonry might benefit by the help and counsel which he had so generously proffered in his valedictory address.

At this point the Pro Grand Master took the chair, and in a few minutes Bro. W. L. Jackson, accompanied by a deputation of Present and Past Provincial Officers, entered the hall and was conducted to the pedestal. Certain formalities having been gone through, the new Provincial Grand Master took the obligation, and Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire invested him with the apron and other emblems of office. Amid enthusiastic cheering Bro. Jackson took the chair, and Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, in a few well-chosen sentences, offered him his sincere congratulations.

The Provincial Grand Master was cordially received on rising to address the company. His appointment to the position, he said, was quite unexpected by him, and was wholly unsought on his part, but it was represented to him that it was the wish of the brethren that he should accept

it and it was therefore his duty. It was difficult to succeed so distinguished a man as his predecessor, but to the best of his ability he would devote his energies to the work of the Province. Whether they applied the test of the extent and character of the work, the progress of the Order, or the charitable contributions that had been made, there had never been a period in the history of the Craft in which so great an advance had been made as the period during which Bro. Tew had held the office of Provincial Grand Master, and he had earned, as he received, the esteem and affection of every brother in the Province. He (Brother Jackson) had the good fortune to be called upon to take the office at a time when he could honestly say that the affairs of the Craft never stood higher or were in a more satisfactory condition than now. He would endeavour to follow on the lines upon which his predecessor had proceeded, for he felt that only in that way could the high position to which the Order had attained be maintained.

Bro. Henry Smith was appointed by the Provincial Grand Master as his Deputy, and briefly acknowledged the compliment. It was afterwards decided to present an address of congratulation to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May. Before the Lodge was closed a telegram was read from Brother Tew expressing gratitude for the sympathy that had been shown, and congratulating his successor on his appointment. A touching reference was made to the death of Bro. J. W. Davis, late Mayor of Halifax, and Bro. Smith invested Bro. Tom Garnett, of Slaidburn, as Provincial Grand Junior Warden in place of the deceased brother.

In the evening 570 brethren in the Victoria Hall at the Town Hall sat down to dinner, excellently served by Bro. A. Powolny. The newly elected Provincial Grand Master presided, and at the cross table were some of the principal Present and Past Grand and Provincial Officers. Music was admirably rendered by an orchestra conducted by Mr. J. Sidney Jones. During the speech-making, Mrs. and the Misses Jackson and many other ladies occupied seats on the platform.

The toasts of the Queen and the M.W. the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales were first given.

Bro. Jackson spoke of Her Majesty as "Our Queen and our Patron," and of the Prince of Wales as a Grand Master to whom Freemasons owed a deep debt of gratitude for the way in which he had "prospered the art" and furthered the cause they all had at heart.

Proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers, Bro. Jackson remarked that at no time in the history of the Craft had the relations with Grand Lodge been more amicable than at the present time, and as far as West Yorkshire was concerned nothing should be wanting to preserve a continuance of those satisfactory relations. Few men had done more for Masonry than Lord Lathom, and he hoped his Lordship would recognise that in West Yorkshire they were determined, as far as in them lay, to make the principles of Masonry a real living and vital force in the social life of this country.

The Earl of Lathom, in responding, recalled his visit to Leeds over eight years ago when he installed the late Provincial Grand Master, and said that the kindness with which he was then welcomed had been repeated on this occasion. He mentioned that this year was his coming of age as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, and that he had been a Mason since 1856, adding that he had never regretted for a single moment the day he was initiated. He expressed his great satisfaction at the way in which Masonry was prospering throughout the country, and at the fact that they were more and more getting the right sort of men into the Order. The idea of the Craft being merely a Benevolent Institution was, he was happy to say, dying out, and men were joining the Order because they were likely to do good, and not for the benefits they might derive from it. His Lordship then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P. He most heartily congratulated the West Yorkshire Freemasons that the Prince of Wales had chosen Bro. Jackson to be their leader. Bro. Jackson's record was one which would carry him very far; he had done well in everything he had undertaken, and he hoped he had a great field before him yet. They were not allowed to talk anything but Masonry at that gathering—and he had every confidence that the

affairs of the Province would be carried on not only as heretofore, but if possible better. The noble Lord alluded to the satisfactory position occupied by the three neighbouring Provinces of West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, and West Lancashire in the Craft.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, the company rising and heartily giving musical honours.

Bro. W. L. Jackson, acknowledging the compliment, reassured the brethren that no effort should be spared on his part to merit the kind words which had been spoken of him. Alluding to the Earl of Lathom's association of West Yorkshire with the adjoining county, he said that as far as the first named Province was concerned there should be no slackening of effort to maintain the high traditions which Masonry had gained. They valued Masonry for itself; they loved it for its high principles; they tried, he hoped, to embody those principles in their own lives—otherwise it was useless joining the Order. They sought to make Masonry a real social force that should tend to raise the standard of every member of the Craft. The phrases they used should not be mere empty platitudes, but the expression of ideas which they set before them, with the determination that they would try to live up to the standard which they put before themselves. If in that spirit they tried to carry on their work he had courage and hope for the future. It was no small honour to preside over a Province numbering 75 Lodges and nearly 4,000 members. It was a task of no small difficulty, but he was encouraged by their enthusiasm, which told him that they were determined that they would succeed in what they undertook. This Province had not been behindhand in the work of charity, and he hoped that in the future they would continue to give their support in this direction.

Brother Robert Grey (President of the Board of Benevolence) proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, on whose behalf Bro. H. Smith replied.

The toast of the Visitors was submitted by Bro. Richard Wilson, and responded to by the Vicar of Wakefield (Bro. Archdeacon Donne), Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. of Hertfordshire, A. F. Godson, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M. of Worcester, and E. Letchworth Grand Secretary.

Bro. T. Bateman Fox (Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee) gave the toast of the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Hedges Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. McLeod Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Bro. Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution replied.

It may be stated that the arrangements for the proceedings were carried out by a Committee of which Bro. Richard Wilson was Chairman, and Bros. C. L. Mason and C. A. Braim were Hon. Secs.—*Yorkshire Post*.

CONSECRATION OF THE HADRIAN LODGE, No. 2483.

A LARGE and influential gathering of the Craft took place at the Drill Hall, Pevensey, on the 13th inst., when this Lodge was duly consecrated. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.G.D. P.P.G.S.W., who was assisted by other Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Edward William Stillwell, P.M. 1872, J.P., P.P.G.S. Surrey, was installed first W.M. of the Lodge. The remaining Officers, who were appointed and invested, included Bro. Henry Marks 193 S.W., Henry John Capon 1110 J.W. The musical arrangements of the consecration ceremony were in the hands of Bro. A. S. Cooke Prov. Grand Organist, and Bro. John Easter P.P.G.O., the latter presiding very ably at the organ.

Previous to the opening of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a luncheon in the Drill Hall, under the presidency of the W.M. designate, who submitted the usual toasts.

Bro. Thomas Trollope said that though he was unprepared to make a speech—for he thought there would be no toast list—he was proud to be called upon to acknowledge the toast of the Grand Officers. It was gratifying to them at all times to find their work so warmly appreciated, and he could assure them that all the Grand Officers were indefatigable in their work. Besides those mentioned he alluded to Bro. T. Fenn as one of the best

exponents of Masonic ritual, and to Bro. Philbrick; and there were many others, he said, who were prominent and zealous members of Grand Lodge. As for himself he was but an ornamental figure-head, but so long as he had health and strength, he would do his utmost to advance the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. V. P. Freeman also acknowledged the toast, remarking that the new Lodge, the thirtieth in the Province, started under good auspices, and had every prospect of becoming a success.

The Chairman next proposed the Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past. The Duke of Connaught, he said, had been called abroad and was therefore unable to be present, while Sir W. T. Marriott, who had kindly promised to consecrate the new Lodge, had been unexpectedly detained in Paris on important business. The founders of the Lodge were deeply grateful to Bro. Trollope for kindly undertaking to act as Consecrating Officer.

Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts Prov. Grand Senior Warden, acknowledged the toast. He said that while all the brethren regretted the absence of Sir W. T. Marriott, he especially did so, as he was afraid he should unworthily respond. The Provincial Grand Officers, he said welcomed the new Lodge, the second added to the roll during the present year. He was glad to hear that there was every prospect of the Lodge being prosperous. The pleasure of the Provincial Grand Officers was, perhaps, tinged with a little selfishness, for, as the roll of Lodges now reached thirty, the Province secured extra privileges, and would have additional Officers.

Bro. W. Dawes next proposed prosperity to the Hadrian Lodge. All present, he said, were pleased to meet the W.M. designate and the founders, and to congratulate them. In giving excellent advice and a few practical hints to the founders, he said that prosperity came from within a Lodge, and that the brethren should aim, not at quantity, but quality. However, he hoped to find both amalgamated, so that the Lodge would be successful. In their W.M. they had one who had rendered good service in Freemasonry.

The W.M. designate, on rising to respond, was warmly applauded. He said he hardly knew how to find words to thank Bro. Dawes for his kind allusions to himself. The founders, he said, would all remember his remarks, and endeavour to profit by them in the future work of the Lodge. Alluding to his own Masonic experience, he said he was initiated thirteen years ago, and had passed the chair of two Lodges; he therefore had some little knowledge of the working of a Lodge and the duties of W.M. Personally he ventured to hope that the work of the Hadrian Lodge would not be far below that of other Lodges in the Province. He was proud to become the first W.M. of the Lodge, and although he felt, eight years since, when he came to reside in the district, that he had experienced sufficient work in Freemasonry to satisfy his Masonic craving, yet he was induced to join others in taking steps to secure the new Lodge, and the founders had at last been successful. He then submitted the visitors, and gave a hearty invitation to brethren from other Lodges to visit the Hadrian.

Bro. W. E. Morrison P.P.G.J.W., in responding, said they were all pleased to see the new Lodge started under such happy auspices. Bro. R. T. Thornton also acknowledged the toast.

The following story is accredited in *Tit Bits* to the Earl of Kintore, at a recent Masonic banquet:—

"One day, shortly after my arrival in South Australia, a gentleman came across the road, and said:

"I am pleased to see you."

"On my appearing not to recognise him, he exclaimed:

"Why, don't you know me?"

"To which I said 'No; when did we meet last?'

"Scratching his head, my friend continued, 'I suppose it is a long time ago, but I well remember meeting your father and mother on the day they came from church after getting married.'"

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday of last week, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, and was well attended by members and visitors. Bro. Edwin Hill W.M. presided, and was supported by the following:—Bros. C. Schmidt S.W. and W.M. elect, A. J. Millington J.W., C. Giescke P.M. Treas., C. M. Free P.M. Sec., Samuel Toye P.M., B. Picking P.M., John Stroud P.M., W. G. Forster S.D., J. Brundel J.D., W. H. Sherwin Org., E. M. Jeffery I.G., T. Bowler Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. E. C. Mulvey P.G.D. Herts, George Lambell 79, J. W. Isaacs 79, O. Horamann 813, G. J. Milford 1687, J. McHugh 2184, L. Boheme 2021, H. W. Bleaney 1549, T. Catterson 1668, T. W. Pelling J.D. 1343, E. Mott, G. Angold, W. H. Walton, F. S. Gill 1922, T. E. Gill 1922, C. H. S. Ward 1329, W. M. Mead 2346, J. Simpson J.D. 704, J. Smith P.M. 933.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. William Fraser was regularly raised. The report of the Audit Committee was accepted, and then the principal ceremony of the day, the installation of the Worshipful Master, was proceeded with, Bro. Charles Schmidt being installed as chief of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Subsequently he appointed his Officers, giving each of those mentioned above a step towards the chair.

The installation ceremony was regularly completed, Past Master Toye doing the chief work, and securing a vote of thanks on its completion, passed unanimously with the hearty approval of the members and visitors.

A circular letter was read from the members of the Worthing Lodge, asking the aid of this Lodge and the Craft generally in relieving some of the distress caused in the town by the dreadful visitation of typhoid fever. By their letter the brethren of Worthing proved their interest in the cause, and we consider they have made out a case for such relief as English Freemasonry can afford, and they will doubtless receive a substantial amount if their appeal for assistance is persevered in and brought under the notice of the authorities. The Upton Lodge will consider this, and another appeal made to the members at the same time, in Committee. It was proposed that some recognition of the services of the Secretary should be made, he having faithfully discharged the duties of the office for many years past to the satisfaction of the members and to the manifest advantage of the Lodge, and it was proposed and unanimously carried that a Secretary's jewel should be presented to Past Master Free, with the best wishes of the members, and thanks for his services in the past; coupled with a sincere desire that he might long remain among them, and benefit the Upton Lodge by serving it as faithfully as he had done in years gone by. After the reception of a proposition for initiation, and the transaction of some minor business, the Lodge was closed, the company adjourning to the banquet hall, where the remainder of the evening was enjoyably passed under the presidency of the new Master, who, at the conclusion of the banquet, proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were heartily received.

Immediate Past Master Hill gave the health of the Worshipful Master, who, he said, was sure to be appreciated during his year of office in the Upton Lodge, the members and visitors of which must recognise in him an efficient and painstaking ruler.

Bro. Schmidt tendered his sincere thanks to his predecessor in the chair for the very flattering terms in which he had referred to his efforts, and to the company present for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. He felt greatly honoured at having risen to the position he now occupied in the Upton Lodge. He had been working for it for years, but he had hardly hoped to attain it. Having done so he intended to do all that lay in his power to justify the confidence that had been reposed in him. He fully recognised the difficulty of the work attached to the office, and assured them he should be ready to do as much as they could give him, and, he hoped, with satisfactory results.

The toast of the visitors was next given, the Master according them a hearty welcome and expressing the pleasure of the members of the Upton Lodge at having so many guests. Freemasons were never so happy as when surrounded by a host of friends from other Lodges. On behalf of the members he thanked the guests for their attendance, hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and expressed a desire that they would come again.

Bros. E. C. Mulvey, Smith, Horscroft, Watson, and others acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Installing Master (Bro. Toye) and the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Hill). The Master referred to the services of these two members in the most flattering terms, his remarks being fully endorsed by the members. After replies from the two brethren the remaining toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE installation meeting took place on the 16th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, North Kensington, and was attended by a goodly array of members of the Lodge, together with numerous visitors. The Lodge was opened by Bro. T. C. Freeman W.M., and Bros. R. Jackson and J. Chin were passed. The W.M. then called upon Bro. G. Read P.M. to undertake the installation ceremony, the W.M.-elect, Bro. J. J. Mackay S.W., being presented by Bro. R. H. Williams P.M. The whole of the installation ceremony (and especially the three charges which were given by Bros. G. Read P.M. and R. H. Williams P.M.)

was rendered in an able and effective manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. G. Vassie S.W., W. B. Neville J.W., G. Read Secretary, J. W. Barker Treasurer, R. H. Williams D.C., F. J. Oliver Organist, J. H. Neville S.D., J. J. Rumball J.D., A. J. Turner I.G., J. W. Facey and F. A. Norman Stewards. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the W.M. initiated Messrs. J. Clarke and J. G. Bean.

The banquet was served in the large hall by Mr. Linscott, after which the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received most cordially.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine P.G.D. responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, and expressed the pleasure they always felt in discharging their onerous duties to the satisfaction of the Craft. He referred to the grand work done for Freemasonry by Bro. Cama P.G.T. He had met him in India and in other parts of the world, and his services to the Craft were as highly appreciated in all those places as they were by his numerous Masonic friends in England. Sir Somers Vine concluded by congratulating Bros. J. Clarke and J. G. Bean on their admission into Freemasonry, and he predicted that they would be an honour to the Kensington Lodge.

Bro. Cama P.G.T., who received a most enthusiastic reception, also responded to the toast, and expatiated on the many advantages of Freemasonry.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., who reminded the Lodge that he and the W.M. were initiated into Freemasonry in the same year. All the members of the Lodge knew the interest Brother Mackay took in the Craft, and he felt sure that the Kensington Lodge would continue to improve in numbers and influence under the guidance of such an excellent ruler.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most heartily for their good wishes, and concluded with a kind reference to Bro. Freeman, whom he then presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge.

The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bros. R. E. H. Goffin P.M., R.N., K. Lory P.M., and S. H. Parkhouse P.M.

Bro. Cama P.G.T. responded to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and congratulated the Worshipful Master on having decided to represent the Lodge as Steward on behalf of the Old People. He hoped the W.M. would have an exceptionally good list, to which he should be pleased to subscribe 10 guineas.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful meetings of the popular Kensington Lodge.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE, No. 1902.

THE members held their annual festival to celebrate the installation of Bro. John Charlton W.M., on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Turk's Head Hotel, Bedlington.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THE monthly meeting was held in the spacious and convenient Masonic Rooms at the Speedwell Temperance Hotel, Commercial Road, Landport, on the 25th inst., Bro. Geo. Boyce W.M. There were present the full complement of Officers and a number of other members of the Lodge, and visitors.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. E. Naylor P.M. 1776 Past Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, and Bro. W. G. Fricker, Glittering Star Lodge, No. 322, (Irish Constitution) chief bandmaster of H.M.S. St. Vincent, were balloted for and accepted as Joining members.

Mr. Charles Dore, fitter H.M. Dockyard, and Mr. Wm. Rolfe, leading stoker H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign" having been balloted for and approved, were regularly introduced, and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The business being concluded and Lodge closed in due form, the brethren sat down to an impromptu, but very enjoyable repast.

HORWICH LODGE, No. 2324.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Horwich, when there were visiting brethren from Westhoughton present. Bro. Hindley W.M. presided over a good attendance. After all the business had been transacted an adjournment was made to the Bay Horse Hotel, where the usual banquet was held, after which toasts appropriate to the occasion were honoured.

ALLAN LODGE, No. 2362.

BRO. A. Koymer, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, will be installed W.M. of this Lodge, at Alderley Edge, on the first Wednesday in October.

ECCLESBOURNE LODGE, No. 2425.

ON Monday, the 18th inst., the first anniversary of this Lodge was held, the Endowed School being used for the installation of the W.M., Bro. J. M. Tempest, who was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. E. J. H. Hoskyns. The Officers were appointed as follow:—Bros. Alfred Henry S.W., Walter Schoolbert J.W., F. E. Thompson Treas., W. B. Tempest Sec., H. Wheeldon S.D., A. W. Allen J.D., John Walker P.M. D.C., C. A. Holloway I.G., E. J. Chadfield Organist, G. T. Terry Steward, and G. Moore Tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the White Hart Hotel.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

THE installation meeting was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 20th inst., when Bro. Thomas Pennington was installed by his predecessor, Bro. H. W. Willis, who has held the office for two years in succession. The W.M. appointed as his Officers:—Bro. J. H. Sumner S.W., J. Davis J.W., C. E. Oldridge P.M. P.P.G.P. Treasurer, Abel Laurence P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Secretary, J. Morley S.D., F. Mills J.D., E. Mann I.G., J. W. Woodcock Dir. of Cere., C. E. Oldridge jun. and H. Minnett Stewards, W. Lane Tyler. The auditors reported that the Lodge was financially in a better position than it had ever been. Bro. Willis was thanked for the manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation, and for his excellent conduct of the Lodge for the past two years. He was also presented with a handsome bar to attach to the jewel he received last year.

Bro. Pennington being a very popular brother there is every prospect of a successful year. After the business of the Lodge between 60 and 70 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Messrs. Bond and Frayling's well-known style. Between the toasts the company was enlivened with some excellent songs by Bro. Masters, Mrs. Pennington, Mr. Raffels, and Miss K. Hullett, which were much appreciated. Bro. Packington presided at the piano.

LOXFIELD LODGE, No. 2450.

THE meeting held at Bro. Beatty's, the Maiden's Head, Uckfield, on the 13th inst., was well attended, the company including friends from Brighton, Lewes, and Tunbridge Wells. Brother W. Wright P.P.G.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master in succession to Brother Thornton; and the same unanimity secured the re-election of Brother H. M. Longdale as Treasurer. The proceedings subsequently partook of a social character, and a pleasant evening was passed.

WALTHAMSTOW LODGE, No. 2472.

THE first business meeting of the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472, since the Lodge's consecration on 31st July, was held last Saturday, at the Masonic Hall of the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, the Worshipful Master Brother William Shurmur presiding. The other brethren who attended were John H. Wildash acting I.P.M., William Harris P.M. S.W., D. H. McGowan P.M. J.W., S. H. Baker P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Herbert Secretary, C. MacColla S.D., William Gower J.D., James Clark I.G., T. W. Stacey Organist, Thomas Franklin P.M., and P. Felsenthal Stewards, N. Fortescue, S. Fortescue, Henry H. Finch, A. Oakden jun., William Danlop Cunningham, and Visitors—Brothers George T. Westfield 2124, John R. Carsar 2374, Frederick Taylor 2256, John Crossley 2256, D. P. Holderness P.M. 2374, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1928, W. Groome P.M. 861 and 1862, C. H. Bastow J.D. 2374, G. C. Vernon Inkpen P.M. 38 and 257, Stanley Wildash 2374, C. Thompson 2192, W. Brookman 2374, A. H. Church J.D. 1375, and James Speller W.M. 2256 Prov. G.D. Essex. Brother Marx Gross was Tyler.

After formal opening of the Lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the consecration meeting the ballot was taken for Messrs. Nathaniel Fortescue, W. A. Gower, Thomas William Stroud, Joseph Inkpen, Thomas Harris Hunt, Frank Rippin, and Leo Taylor, as Initiates, and for Bros. Walter Fortescue, Sidney Fortescue, Michael Edward Donovan, Henry H. Finch, William Danlop Cunningham, Amos Oakden jun., Frederick Peck, W. H. Falford, and William Edwin Knight, as joining members of the Lodge. Afterwards Messrs. N. Fortescue, W. A. Gower, Joseph Inkpen, Thomas Harris Hunt, and Leo Taylor were initiated by the Worshipful Master, the work being admirably performed both by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. William Gower and N. Fortescue delivered the Ancient Charge. The election of a new Worshipful Master, of the Treasurer and of the Tyler, was the next business on the agenda, but as the hour was late, and closing time at Walthamstow is 11 p.m. on week days, the remainder of the programme was deferred till the November meeting, and the brethren after closing the Lodge speedily adjourned to a very elegant banquet which had been prepared for them by Bro. H. F. J. Hallows, the proprietor of the Chequers, and the serving of which he personally superintended.

At the conclusion of the banquet, which was everything that could be desired, and which elicited warm praise from every brother who partook of it, grace was said and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. The Queen and the Craft, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, &c., having been drunk,

Bro. John H. Wildash P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so said it was necessary to explain to the Initiates that this was a customary form in Freemasonry, and he addressed them first because they were the first stones in Masonry, the foundation-stones, and to the members, as he had on former occasions said, so he said now, it was a pleasure indeed to propose the W.M. It was also a pleasure to the Initiates that they had been initiated by such an illustrious brother as Bro. William Shurmur. The Initiates, he hoped would live to say to their friends, "I was initiated by one of the best Masons in the Province of Essex." He knew nothing about any other district, but he knew a great deal about this one. He knew that they would say that it was not only probable—it was a forgone conclusion—that the Initiates and the members would be able to say that their W.M. was Grand Treasurer of England; that was probable to occur: if it did not occur next year, as sure as the sun would rise to-morrow it would occur the following year. But the brethren of the Lodge would agree with him that they were under a great obligation to their excellent Bro. Shurmur, not only because he did the work so well but because he took such a deep interest in Freemasonry. Bro. Shurmur was a brother whom they were all

pleased to meet; he was always ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to Masons and to every one in Walthamstow.

Bro. W. Shurmur W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was very cordially drunk, said he feared he could not adequately express his deep sense of gratitude to Bro. Wildash for the very complimentary terms in which he had proposed the last toast, and to the brethren for their cordial endorsement of his remarks. He could not help thinking that as the first Master of this Lodge and Preceptor of the local Lodge of Instruction it would be very unbecoming in him if he were not competent to confer the degrees of Freemasonry in a very intelligent and impressive manner and with due regard to the ancient traditional ceremonies. The brethren would believe that he highly appreciated the cordial expression of their kindly good feeling, and he should certainly endeavour to prove himself worthy of those expressions by carrying out the duties of the important office to which they had appointed him to the very best of his skill and ability. He hoped that when he left the chair in due course he would take with him the good will, esteem and regard of all the brethren. That was his ambition, and he thanked the brethren from the fulness of an overflowing heart. After a short pause the W.M. continued. He was sure the brethren would excuse him, for "out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." His valued friend, Past Master Wildash, had hinted something about his being elected to that very great honour, the Grand Treasurership of England. He could only assure them that if by virtue of the suffrages of the brethren he was elected to that important position he should endeavour to prove himself in every way worthy of that high office.

Bro. W. Shurmur W.M., in proposing the Initiates and the Joining Members, said the brethren who were present in Lodge could not have failed to observe the very great attention which the Initiates paid to the ceremony of their initiation, and to that ancient charge which was delivered so eloquently, so correctly, and in such good taste by the veterans Brothers Fortescue and Gower. The brethren felt sure that the Initiates would appreciate the honour conferred on them by their being admitted as members of the ancient Masonic Institution. They were also confident that the Initiates would never regret the step they had taken, and that they would never do anything calculated to make the brethren of the Lodge and the visitors regret the part they had taken in the day's proceedings. In addition to having initiated five gentlemen they had also received into the fold of the Walthamstow Lodge nine joining members, and he asked the brethren to unite with him in drinking to those brethren with a very cheery and hearty welcome, wishing them every prosperity and good will they could themselves desire.

Bro. W. A. Gower in replying as one of the Initiates, referring to the ceremony, said he considered it very impressive, and he should always remember it and keep it in his mind. He hoped he would be a very good Mason.

Bro. N. Fortescue jun. said his father and two brothers belonged to the Order, and he hoped to become a better Mason than either of them.

Bro. Leo Taylor said he had most heartily enjoyed the ceremony of initiation, which he considered the crowning period of his life. His father, who had been dead many years, was a very good Mason, and he promised him he would make him a Mason. Consequently he (Brother Leo Taylor) had looked forward for a long time past for the happy period when he should be admitted to a participation in the secrets of Masonry. He thanked the W.M. very heartily for the way he had initiated him, and for so kindly proposing the toast of himself and the other Initiates. He also thanked all the brethren for the cordial reception the Initiates had had.

Brother Hunt and Inkpen replied with similar expressions of gratification.

Brother Finch, replying as a joining member, said he was glad to become a member of the Walthamstow Lodge because Brother Shurmur was W.M., and so many of the members were friends of his. If he could help the W.M. in the Lodge it would be his best endeavour to do so.

Bro. S. Fortescue said he trusted he would make as good a Mason as his brother, but if his brother was better than he, he should not be jealous.

Bro. W. Shurmur W.M. proposed the Visitors, and stated that it gave the Lodge great pleasure to entertain so many distinguished brethren, but he could not forget to mention that Bro. Hallows, the proprietor of the hall, had certainly done his best both with viands and wine to give them a most hospitable reception.

Brother James Speller W.M. 2256 Prov. G.D. Essex, who was called upon by the W.M. to reply first for the visitors, expressed the great pleasure he had had in witnessing the ceremonial work of the evening. It was done not only exactly, but expeditiously by the W.M. as the time was very short.

Bro. Holderness P.M. 234 regretted that he had not been at the consecration of the Lodge, but his absence, which he apologised for, was owing to his being at that time out of town. He was, however, very proud to be now present and to see the working of such an experienced Mason as Bro. Shurmur. He had had the pleasure of sitting by his side and under his rule at very many Lodges, and it was not the first time by a great many that he had had to respond to the toast of the Visitors. He supposed he was one of Bro. Shurmur's oldest Masonic associates. Very many years ago he was one of the members of the same Lodge, and he thought he might take credit to himself for having brought a certain amount of pressure and influence to bear upon him to take an interest in Masonry after he had entered it. To this he ascribed his attainment of the high position he now held in the Craft. But he could assure all who were present that he and Bro. Shurmur were brothers in more than Masonic circles. He felt quite as proud of the position Brother Shurmur attained to as if he (Bro. Holderness) had attained to it himself. The Walthamstow Lodge could not have made a better selection of a Worshipful Master and they had had an evidence of it that night; he congratulated the Lodge on having such a brother to preside over it for the first year. He must also

congratulate the Worshipful Master on his Officers and the members of the Lodge generally, for he could see that he had under his gavel the nucleus of a most excellent Lodge. He could safely prophesy that if those who followed Bro. Shurmur in the chair only attained to half his perfection in the working and ruling of the Lodge the Walthamstow Lodge would reach a position second to no other in Essex. He could not conclude without congratulating Brother Hallows on the excellent banquet he had placed before the brethren. In a suburban hotel he could safely say he had never sat down to a better banquet, and in many London hotels only equalled; in most never excelled. This was not an unimportant point, as the comfort of the brethren had much to do with the prosperity of a Lodge. He congratulated the Lodge on the success it had attained during the short time it had been in existence.

Bro. G. C. Vernon Inkpen P.M. 38 and 257, said that from the steady and excellent way in which Bro. Shurmur had carried out the ritual the brethren could not wish for a better W.M. They had also a good specimen of Masters' work in the way that Bros. Gower and Fortescue had given the Ancient Charge.

Brothers W. Brookman 2374 and John Crossley 2256 also made a brief reply to the toast.

Brother C. Thompson 2192 said he had had the great pleasure of being initiated by Bro. Shurmur in another Lodge, and he was now his guest at this Lodge. A greater honour could not be conferred on any body, considering the great estimation in which Brother Shurmur was held by all who knew him. Seeing the number of esteemed brethren who now belonged to it, he thought he might say the success of the Walthamstow Lodge was assured.

Bro. Wildash I.P.M., whom Bro. Shurmur included in the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary as a brother who was one of the principal supporters of the Lodge, and on whose exertions it was in a large measure dependent for its success, was the first to reply to the toast, and he said that the present success of the Lodge was more than a reward for any little effort that had been put forth by the residents of Walthamstow and his Masonic friends to secure that end.

Bro. S. H. Baker P.M. Treasurer said it was a pleasure to render any service to this Lodge. The Treasurer and Secretary were indeed gratified to find that for the early career of the Lodge it had received such valuable additions to its strength as the gentlemen who had come into it as Initiates and the brethren who had come in as Joining Members. The Initiates had heard from a veteran in the Order a testimony to the able way in which Bro. Shurmur had performed the ceremony. The Initiates would learn as they progressed that there was something in Freemasonry, and before they left the table they were told that their lives could not be better employed than in practising its teachings. They were to-night only on the threshold, and standing there he hoped they would sustain in the future the interest they had already shown in Masonry. In the degrees that yet awaited them they would find completeness in the mysteries, and such a store of valuable teachings that would add to the charm they had already experienced.

Bro. Samuel Herbert Secretary, without attempting to follow the eloquence of the Demosthenes of the Lodge, said he would only assure the brethren that he would perform his duties properly, many more of which than he had yet had, he hoped would be laid upon him.

Brother D. H. McGowan P.M. J.W. responded to the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. Marx Gross having given the Tyler's toast, which was heartily drunk, the brethren separated just in time to conform to the licensing laws.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DR. PARKE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught resolved at their Communication, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., to erect a Masonic Hall in Carrick-on-Shannon, in memory of the late Dr. T. H. Parke, who had been for years a member of Lodge 854 in that town. It is thought that many brethren throughout the United Kingdom will feel interested in this monument to the name and fame of one who was a true man and a good Mason, and give it their interest and sympathy. Lord Harlech the Provincial Grand Master telegraphed his readiness to act on the Committee, while Brothers B. H. Harrison, Carrick-on-Shannon; A. O'Connor, Carrick-on-Shannon; and W. C. Smith, Mohill, co. Leitrim, were appointed Secretaries to the Committee.

Though the Province of Staffordshire is at present without a Grand Master, it cannot be said, remarks the *Staffordshire Advertiser*, that the work of Freemasonry is being allowed to lag under the guidance of Lieut.-Colonel Bindley, Deputy Grand Master in charge of the Province. On Thursday a new Lodge was to be consecrated at Walsall, and the following day (yesterday) a like event was arranged for Stone.

The North London Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Thursday next, 5th October, at 8 o'clock. Companions are cordially invited to attend.

KENTISH TOWN CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

THIS Club commenced its second session on the 10th inst., at the Milton Hall, Kentish Town Road, when Bro. S. T. Quicke (Preceptor) occupied the chair and rehearsed the third degree in a manner reflecting considerable credit upon himself and also upon his old friend and tutor the late John Maclean, whose name will long be cherished alike by all members of the theatrical profession and those who delighted, and still admire, the old school of sensational drama, of which he was so brilliant an ornament. Bro. Quicke long studied Freemasonry under the guidance of his old companion, and emulates the master hand most faithfully. The other Officers present were:—Bros. Charles Dettmer S.W., Percy W. Husk J.W., H. G. Davenall I.G., F. A. Baldwin Tyler, Thomas Upton Organist, and G. F. Wheeler Secretary. Starting in October last year the Kentish Town Club of Instruction has made rapid progress, until to-day it can boast of upwards of forty members. The Club meets every Sunday morning throughout the season, and the brethren accord a warm welcome to all those who may visit them. At the conclusion of the ceremony it was unanimously resolved to start forthwith a fund towards the Masonic Charities, each member to contribute a small sum weekly, by which means every subscriber will ultimately become a life subscriber to the Institutions. Bro. Quicke mentioned that the Logic Club had contributed in this manner over 3,000 guineas towards the support and maintenance of these noble Institutions. Bro. Charles Dettmer S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

PICNIC FROM ST. HELENS.

THE members of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897, and the Ionic Lodge, No. 2405, with their lady friends to the number of between 70 and 80 recently had a most charming and enjoyable picnic to Windermere. The party left St. Helens in three saloon carriages, and after a pleasant run, Windermere was reached at 10.30. On landing they were driven in four-in-hand brakes to the Queen's Hotel, Ambleside, where the genial host, Mr. Taylor, had waiting a magnificent and substantial dinner, to which ample justice was done. After dinner the programme consisted of a drive of about 22 miles through magnificent scenery, the route being from Ambleside by Clappersgate, to Skelwith, Longrigg, Tarn, High Close, Red Bank, Grasmere, Rydal to Ambleside. The party returned to the Queen's Hotel at 5.30 and partook of tea, the catering being most efficiently executed. The arrangements were most ably and courteously carried out by Bro. S. Wolfenden, who deserved every compliment and thanks from the party.

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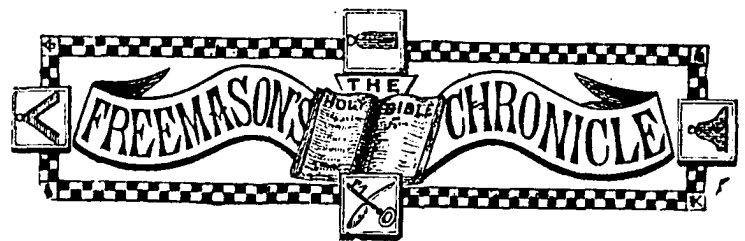
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SATURDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 1893.

We tender hearty congratulations to the Dublin Masonic Orphan School on the result of the festivities arranged to celebrate the Centenary of the Charity, no less a total than £21,870 being available for the proposed enlargement and completion of the school and other purposes which were intended to mark the one hundredth year of the Institution's existence.

There used to be a story that a newly initiated Brother was provided with a free ticket from London to Bristol by giving the booking clerk at Paddington a Masonic sign, in the form of a gentle tapping with his finger on the right side of his nose,—but who

failed in his attempt to get a return ticket, and was expelled from Bristol station as a lunatic, because he did not tap the left side for the up journey. This may be true, or not, but it is not very far fetched, even if a fabrication, for we read in some of our Provincial summonses that the "booking clerks will issue return tickets at a single fare and a quarter on Masonic clothing being produced." Who initiates the different booking clerks into the secret of what is Masonic clothing? or do they take the word of any one who shows them some little gee-gaw which he designates as such? What a pity the Railway Companies do not make this concession at all times, without waiting for some important Masonic meeting on their line!

We congratulate our Devonshire brethren on the satisfactory report recently presented by the Finance Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, the balance showing an increase of about £100 as compared with the previous year. This was considered so gratifying that an addition of two was made to the pupils, who will now number twenty, maintained at an outlay of £300 per annum.

The unseemly squabble at the Brighton Town Council in regard to the price paid by Freemasons for the use of the rooms at the Pavilion, and to which we referred in a recent issue, still continues to attract attention. We this week publish an extract from the *Brighton Guardian* in regard to the matter, while the views of the opposite party are expressed in another cutting, from the *Brighton Gazette*, which devoted a considerable portion of its space to the question. Whatever is done we should like to see Masonry kept out of the quarrel; the Town Council should treat the matter as a question of business, and their tenants should do the same—no matter what the accommodation is wanted for.

Masonry should have no connection with the workhouse, but unfortunately members of our Order are not always able to keep outside of it. We were recently in conversation with one who has been obliged to seek the cold shelter of the Union in place of the comforts of better days, and he told us his only offence in his new home was that of having spoken in church, he having commented to his neighbour on the shortness of the prayers rendered by the Chaplain, as compared with the version printed in the book of Common Prayer with which our informant was fairly familiar. Perhaps the Chaplain curtailed his remarks out of sympathy for the strength and power of endurance of his auditors, but there ought not to be any penalty, even in a workhouse, for pointing out sins of omission in others, particularly those whose duty it is to be patterns of regularity and good order.

There has just been sent to St. Helena a handsome cross in grey granite, to be placed over the grave of Bro. F. C. Fishbourne, a member of the Bar and of the *Daily News* Parliamentary corps. Early in the present year Bro. Fishbourne, when on his way out to the Cape for the benefit of his health, was landed at St. Helena in a dying state. His colleagues in the Press Gallery and on the London Press have subscribed for the monument, which, with a suitable inscription, is to mark the place of his interment. It is gratifying to know that the brethren on the island have undertaken responsibility for the proper erection of the memorial.

A two days Masonic bazaar at Stromness, arranged for the purpose of reducing the debt on the local Masonic Hall Buildings, resulted in a gain of £170—£145 of which was taken in the bazaar, the balance of £25 being presented by Bro. Sheriff Thoms.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM (VI. PART 2).

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 187).

FROM Scotland to Mexico is a far cry, and the two countries are not wider asunder than the systems of Masonry that are peculiar to them respectively. After much disorder, there sprang into existence in the Mexican Republic, as ordinarily happens in what were Spanish Colonies of old days, a Supreme Council, a Grand Orient, and a variety of Grand Lodges, together with what is unusual, a strictly local or National Rite.

All these bodies, except the Supreme Council, which was supposed to strictly confine itself for the future, to the business of the A. and A.S.R., were recently said to have met in convention, and organised a Grand Symbolical Diet (or general Grand Lodge), after which they severally and voluntarily went out of existence.

Such was the account delivered (in substance) to Grand Master Tyler of Texas, and it resulted in the "Treaty of Monterey," executed 26th October 1891, and subsequently ratified by his Grand Lodge and the Grand Diet of Mexico.

By this instrument, the two Grand Bodies mutually recognised each other as the sovereign and supreme authority in Texas and Mexico respectively.

The sagacity and enterprise of G.M. Tyler were warmly applauded in other American jurisdictions, notably in that of Missouri, and at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge—11th October 1892—Bro. B. H. Ingram G.M. observed in his Address:—"Some years ago this Grand Lodge granted a Charter for the establishment, in the City of Mexico, of Toltec Lodge, No. 520. Two or three years ago an organisation was effected in that country under the name and title of the 'Grand Symbolic Diet,' with the President of the Republic of Mexico at its head as Grand Master.

"I understand that all the Lodges of Mexico, except Toltec, have come under obedience to it. The Grand Lodge of Texas and, I believe, some other American Grand Lodges have recognised it, and are now in fraternal correspondence with it.

"I addressed a communication to Toltec Lodge, advising them to either accept a Charter from the 'Grand Symbolic Diet' of Mexico, and come under obedience to it, or else surrender its Charter. My communication has not been answered. I now recommend that the Grand Lodge order the Charter to be withdrawn."

The Special Committee, however, to whom was referred the above portion of the Grand Master's address, reported:—"We cannot require Toltec Lodge to join a Grand Lodge organisation, of whose legality we are in doubt, or at least have not sufficient information to form a proper opinion." They recommended, therefore, that the matter should be further referred to a Special Committee of three, with instructions to report thereon at the Annual Communication in October 1893, which recommendation was adopted.

These proceedings in the Grand Lodge of Missouri were read with deep interest by its remote pendicle in the city of Mexico, and resulted in the publication of a remarkable pamphlet, entitled *An Inside View of Mexican Masonry*.

The writer, Bro. Richard E. Chism, occupies at the present moment the Chair of Toltec Lodge for the second time. He has resided in the country more than twelve years, is well acquainted with the Spanish language, and with the social classes. Also, he has, during the last three years, made a special study of Mexican Masonry.

His first point is the want of union among the Mexicans themselves, and he states that the Mexican National Rite, the Reformed Scottish Rite, and the Grand Lodge of the Federal District, all protest against the Supremacy of the Symbolic Diet.

He next observes,—“that the organisation of the Grand Dieta, which now claims exclusive jurisdiction over Symbolic Masonry, was *not* the result of any convocation or convention of Masons. It was the act of the Supreme Council, A. and A.S.R., which called the Grand Dieta into existence, and it still exists by the will of that Supreme Body.”

We are also told, on the same authority, fortified, it should be stated, by the depositions of four American Masons resi-

dent in the Mexican capital—that the obligations in the Lodges under the Grand Dieta are taken on honour only, that women are admitted to the three degrees, that the use of the Bible is dispensed with, and that politics are freely discussed in the Lodges.

So far I have gleaned from the article in *Ars,—Freemasonry in Mexico* (written by myself), but in the July-August number of the *Square and Compass*, Denver, Colorado, there is the following:—"The pamphlet of Bro. Chism has called forth a reply from General Agramonte, which is entitled, *The True View of Mexican Masonry*."

"He denies that women are admitted. Regarding the non-existence of the Bible, he states the reverse of Bro. Chism. As to politics he claims no relevancy whatever." It is, perhaps, needless to add that the General considers the Charter of Toltec Lodge should be revoked.

Still more recently, however, I have received several written and printed communications from Bro. Chism, some of which being in the Spanish language, I regret to say that I cannot read with the same facility as when I was W.M. of the Inhabitant's Lodge, Gibraltar, in 1858. But on the whole, I can master their contents quite well enough to see that Bro. Chism advances new arguments in support of the positions he formerly maintained; also, and it is a point of no little importance, that the admission of the fair sex to a participation in Masonic fellowship by the Mexican Lodges, is stoutly re-asserted—Genl. Agramonte's statement of his (Bro. Chism's) recantation of this particular allegation notwithstanding.

The reviews in the current number comprise notices of "Bain's Masonic catalogue," of "Leighton's History of Temple Lodge and Chapter, No. 51, Belfast," and of the 2nd edition of "Ferry's History of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65." The reviewer in all three cases being Bro. Speth, it goes without saying that no point of real importance escapes his vigilant scrutiny, and that the weight and value of his remarks reach the highest standard that the booklets embraced in his criticism will admit of.

The reviews are followed by an excellent portrait of Dr. Robert Plot, the famous author of the "Natural Histories of Oxfordshire (1677), and Staffordshire (1686), with descriptive letter-press—the opening portion dealing with the career of the Antiquary, and the final one (from the pen of Dr. Begemann), dissecting his well-known account of the Freemasons of Staffordshire (1686), and indicating the printed and manuscript literature where collateral evidence relating to many of Plot's statements and conclusions is afforded.

The second and last paper read before the Lodge, during the period covered by the *Transactions* under review, forms the fifth in the series of "Masonic Celebrities," contributed by myself, and is a literary portrait of the Rev. William Stukeley, M.D. The subject of my sketch, who was born in 1687, became a Medical practitioner in the first instance, and afterwards a clergyman, dying in 1765. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society, and of the Society of Antiquaries, a learned Antiquary, and rather a voluminous writer.

Among the manuscript collections left behind at his decease, were his Autobiography, Diary, and Common-Place Book. The *Autobiography* is headed,

"Abstract of my Life, for M^r. Masters, of Bennet College, May, 1720."

"1720. Admitted a fellow [of the College of Physicians]. This year he published an account of Arthur's Oon, & the Roman vallum in Scotland, in 4^{to}. His curiosity led him to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, suspecting it to be the remains of the mysteries of the antients, when with difficulty a number sufficient was to be found in all London. After this it became a public fashion not only spread over Brittain and Ireland, but all Europe."

The *Diary* contains the following,

"Jan. 6. 1721. I was made a Freemason at the Salutation Tav., Tavistock Street, with M^r. Collins, Capt. Rowe, who made the famous diving Engine

"June 24 [1721]. The Masons had a dinner at Stationers Hall, present, Duke of Montague, L^d. Herbert, L^d. Stanhope, S^r. And. Fountain, &c. D^r. Desaguliers pronounc'd an oration. The

G^d. M^r. M^r. Pain produc'd an old MS. of the Constitutions which he got in the West of England, 500 years old. He read over a new Sett of Articles to be observ'd. The Duke of Montague chose G^d. M^r. next year. D^r. Beal, Deputy.

"27th Dec. We met at the Fountain Tav, Strand & by consent of Grand M^r. present, D^r. Beal constituted a new Lodge there, where I was chose M^r."

"1722. May 25. Met Duke of Queensboro, Lord Dunbarton, Hinchinbroke, &c., at Fount. Tav. Lodg, to consider of Feast on St. Johns.

"Nov. 3. The Duke of Wharton and L^d. Dalkeith visited our Lodge at the Fountain.

"Nov. 7. Order of the Book instituted.

"Dec. 28. I din'd with L^d. Hertford introduc'd by L^d. Winchelsea. I made them both Members of the Order of the Book or Roman Knighthood.

"1723. Oct. 4. I read my discourse of the Dorchest. Amphitheat. at the Lodg. & deliver'd to every Bro^r. a copy."

The next repository upon which I shall draw is headed, *Common-Place Book. W. Stukeley, 1720.*

"In the year 1717 I came to London.

"I was the first person made a freemason in London for many years. We had great difficulty to find members enough to perform the ceremony. Immediately after that it took a run, & ran itself out of breath thro' the folly of the members.

"June, 1726, being sadly plagu'd with the gout, I retired to Grantham, thinking by country exercise to get the better of it. Here I set up a lodg of freemasons, wh. lasted all the time I lived there."

Stukeley's testimony extends over a period of nine years (1721-30), and it will be convenient if we examine it at three stages or intervals, viz., under the years 1721-22, 1723-26, and 1726-30.

1st Period.—1721-22. The doctor tells us in two places, that there were very few Freemasons in London when he became a member of the Society, and in one—that "his curiosity led him to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, suspecting it to be the remains of the mysteries of the antients."

This event occurred nearly six months before Grand Master Payne "read over a new sett of articles to be observ'd," so the admission of Stukeley may be regarded as having taken place while the old (or original) laws of the Society remained in force.

(To be continued).

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 72.

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

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ON THE INSTALLATION OF BROTHER THE RIGHT HON. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., F.R.S., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE, IN THE ALBERT HALL, LEEDS, 27TH SEPTEMBER 1893.

From far and wide the Craftsmen gathered here—
The Albert Hall was crowded in each part,
And rang and echced with full many a cheer
Which came with deep emotion from the heart.
By many tongues our Art was praised and lauded—
LORD LATHOM did his task surpassing well;
Whilst we, his Masons, shouted and applauded,
For none our PRO GRAND MASTER can excel.
May the new Ruler of this Province vast
Know much of joy throughout the coming years,
May no dull cloud his firmament o'ercast,
May Truth and Justice be his pioneers,
May Wisdom guide—Hope, Faith and Love hold sway,
And Fortitude and Prudence be his stay.

Winder House, Bradford,
28th September 1893.

At a recent meeting of the Newcastle Town Improvement Committee plans were submitted by the Central Masonic Hall Company for new Masonic buildings fronting Pilgrim Street, Shakespeare Street, and High Bridge. The plans, which showed that the company intend to erect a fine block of buildings, were passed.

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THE TYLER'S TOAST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you inform me of any regulation that exists as regards the ceremony of drinking the Tyler's toast. In London Lodges it is given and received in like manner to other toasts, but I find in Provincial Lodges that it is in many instances given by the Tyler standing in any part of the room, the brethren being seated, the "points" given in a whisper, and the "fire" gently tapped on the cuff of the coat. Upon asking the reason of this very extraordinary proceeding, I am told that the Tyler's toast is a silent toast out of respect to the suffering of poor and distressed Masons. Is this right?

Yours fraternally,

VISITOR.

[There are many variations of the way in which this toast is given. In some parts of the country it devolves on the Junior Warden. We favour a "heartly" reception, on the principle that poor and distressed brethren should be as heartily received as others, and also because such a course is more likely to cheer them up than would the funeral custom referred to in the latter part of our correspondent's letter. The whole subject of toasts, their proposition and reception, would form an interesting study—somewhat difficult to deal with in the pages of a public print, but we may be able to approach the subject later on. Has our correspondent visited a Lancashire Lodge? He would find a very different "fire" there to what we are accustomed to in London. Another feature we have met with is the standing of all the members during the proposition of a toast.—ED. F.C.]

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 16th inst., the writer of the article on "The Meeting of Grand Lodge" asks if any of your readers can inform him whether they have ever known a case in Grand Lodge where a motion for the "previous question" has been allowed.

I cannot give him an instance; and I cannot find any allusion to such a motion in the Grand Lodge proceedings for the last twenty years, and, like himself, I should be glad if any of your readers can inform me whether there is any case on record? I greatly doubt it. Perhaps the writer of your article may be glad of the following quotations:—

"Previous Question. It is out of order in Masonry to resort to this method of quashing a debate." [*Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Cyclopædia*, p. 574.]

"Rules of Debate. 24. No motion for the 'previous question' can be entertained."—[*Paton's Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence*, p. 236.]

"A call for the previous question will not be permitted."—[*Lockwood's Masonic Law and Practice*, p. 53.]

"Previous Question. A Parliamentary motion intended to suppress debate. It is utterly unknown in the Parliamentary Law of Masonry, and it would be always out of order to move it in a Masonic Body."—[*Mackay's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry*, p. 601.]

"Now, there are various modes of closing a debate, all of which are defined and regulated by Parliamentary law. One of these is by a call for the previous question. Although there is no positive law on the subject, yet the spirit of comity and courtesy which prevails in the Institution, the authority of the best Masonic Jurists, and the general usage of the Fraternity, have concurred in the decision, that the previous question cannot be moved in a Masonic Lodge. All the provisions, therefore, of the parliamentary law which refer to the subject of the previous question, are inapplicable in Masonry, and need not be studied by the Master of a Lodge."—[*Mackay's Masonic Parliamentary Law*, p. 19.]

"Debates in a Masonic Lodge must be conducted according to the fraternal principles of the Institution. In the language of Dr. Oliver, the strictest courtesy shall be observed during a debate in a Mason's Lodge on questions which elicit a difference of opinion; and any gross violation of decorum and good order is sure to be met by an admonition from the chair. It must always be remembered, that the object of a Masonic discussion is to elicit truth, and not simply to secure victory. Hence, those means of suppressing due inquiry, which are so common in popular assemblies, are to be avoided; therefore it is that the motion for the previous question so frequently resorted to by parliamentary strategists, as a means of stifling debate and silencing the voice of the minority, is never admitted in a Masonic Lodge. The discourtesy which such a motion exhibits on the part of the majority, and its evident object to prevent inquiry, make it entirely antagonistic to the benignant principles of the Masonic Institution. I have never, in my own experience, known the motion for 'the previous question' to be made in any Masonic body

and I suppose that the incompetency of such a motion has never been doubted. Bro. Benjamin B. Finch, who, from his long experience as clerk of the United States House of Representatives, had become an expert in the science of parliamentary law, and who was equally skilful in Masonic practices, said that Freemasonry knows no 'previous question' and no Masonic body should ever tolerate it."—[*ib. pp. 55, 56.*]

I may, with your permission, have something to say upon the writer's other point later on, but meanwhile would draw his and your attention to the curious coincidence of your extract from *The New York Dispatch* printed in the same number of your paper on p. 173.

Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

25th September 1893.

BRIGHTON LODGE QUARTERS.

A MELANCHOLY example of the change that has come over the spirit of the Brighton Town Council, like so many other democratic institutions, is to be found in the attitude taken up by a peculiar strata of Municipal thought towards the Masonic Fraternity. We can hardly compliment Mr. Booth on having allied himself to the little knot of busybodies who have found their way into the Council Chamber, but have not hitherto entered the fellowship of that mighty Order, that mysterious brotherhood, which, in spite of the sneers of its critics, is associated with some of the noblest charitable institutions of the country. * * * * *

If the history of transactions connected with the letting of apartments on this exclusive property ever comes to be traced in black and white, the feature that will stand out most prominent on every page will be the consistent manner in which the Committee has lost custom by extravagant demands for the accommodation. So far as the Masons are concerned, the negotiations may show that a continuous hiring has been recognised as warranting a modified tariff, and under that scale of payment the various Lodges in the town have met in the Masonic Rooms to transact their business from year to year supremely unconscious that they were beggars on sufferance, or that there was any cause for dissatisfaction as to the terms of their holding. * * * * *

The probability is that Brighton Masons will treat with indifference the sneers indulged in by a section of the Council. The observations are scarcely worth respectable consideration, but the Chairman of the Pavilion Committee owes it to the Masonic Fraternity in the town to refute the insinuations. When the promised return is presented it will probably be found that the Masons are one of the best customers the Pavilion has had. * * * * *

Only during the last year a project has been seriously considered by the Lodges to provide themselves with a Masonic Temple. The majority of the Fraternity expressed themselves unwilling to entertain the scheme for the present because they felt that the Pavilion rooms gave them all the accommodation they required, and it was not worth while incurring the risks necessarily involved in such an undertaking while they had a central assembly room on fair and reasonable terms. We are not sure that the insulting tone of some of the observations made in the Council Chamber will not induce Masons to reconsider their position at an early opportunity. Then we shall see what a magnificent rental can be made out of the Masonic Rooms. Assuredly the Pavilion would suffer in prestige did the Grand Order, which has the Prince of Wales as its figure-head and the Duke of Connaught as its Provincial Grand Master in Sussex, sever its connection with that historic place of meeting.—*Brighton Gazette*.

According to Mr. Booth, the Masons pay much less for the use of the Pavilion rooms than any other public body. For the Masonic rooms they have been charged hitherto only fifteen shillings, whilst other folks are obliged to pay three pounds, and they are granted the use of the banqueting room for sixty shillings, whilst the ordinary charge is three times as much. More, undoubtedly, will have to be heard of this matter. Mr. Booth's charge of favouritism was not disposed of by the general assertion that the Masons are exceedingly good tenants, nor by Alderman Abbey and Mr. Daniel's *tu quoque*. A reasonable reduction, no doubt, ought to be made for the frequent use of the rooms by the same body, but an allowance of seventy-five per cent. is too much. What the Masons have been paying can scarcely have covered the cost of gas and service. Certainly no profit can have been gained from their tenancy, and I have yet to learn why they should be favoured more than others, or why they should be granted such a reduction from the ordinary charges of the Town Council as no private person with public rooms could possibly afford to allow. The thanks of the town are due to Mr. Booth for bringing this matter to light. It must now be followed up, either by Mr. Booth or Mr. Dell, with the view of getting the scale of charges to the Masons put on a satisfactory and business-like basis.—*Brighton Guardian*.

Mr. J. E. Neale Shand, eldest son of Brother J. E. Shand P.M., won the first prize (a silver cup) for swimming, at Messrs. Bertram & Co.'s athletic sports at the Crystal Palace, on the 22nd inst. Bro. Frank Tidiman officiated as starter during the sports. The cup bears the following inscription:—"Messrs. Bertram & Co.'s Crystal Palace Athletic Sports. First Swimming Prize, won by J. E. Neale Shand, 22nd September 1893."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF MILLBROOK NEW CHURCH.

THE foundation stone of the new church at Millbrook was laid on the 21st inst. by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. Cornwall, Deputy Grand Master of England, with full Masonic rites, but it is much to be regretted that the effect of the ceremony was somewhat marred by the heavy rain which fell during the whole proceedings. Notwithstanding this, brethren from all parts of the county turned up in large numbers to support their noble and revered Grand Master, and with a goodly sprinkling of members from the Three Towns there were quite 300 in the procession. There was also a fairly large attendance of the public, who watched with great interest the ceremony, which was carried out by the Earl with that solemnity and efficiency which has been the distinguishing feature of his Masonic career. Efforts have been made for some time to get Millbrook a parish church, and through the munificence of the Rev. J. E. G. Farmer, formerly vicar of Millbrook, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and Lord Clinton they have been attended with success. The two noblemen named have generously given a site on the north side of the village, and the church when erected will occupy a commanding position. The contract price for the building is about £4,000 exclusive of the seating, which with the tower will cost about £3,000 more. The arrangements for the ceremony were excellent, and but for the unpropitious state of the weather would have been attended with great success. The town was nicely decorated with triumphal arches, flags, &c., and the W.M. and brethren of Meridian Lodge, No. 893, of Millbrook, heartily co-operated with the vicar, the Rev. H. W. Millett.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Meridian Lodge, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presiding. A procession was then formed, and on arriving at the site a special service was held, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bodmin officiating. The vicar asked, in the name of the parishioners, the Provincial Grand Master to lay the foundation stone with Masonic rites.

The Provincial Grand Master having intimated his pleasure of complying with the request, said: Mr. Archdeacon, men, brethren, and friends, assembled here to witness this ceremony, be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country. Although not ourselves operative Masons, we have from time immemorial been associated with the erection of buildings, to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us secrets, concealed from those who are not Masons, but they are lawful and honourable, and not opposed to the laws either of God or man. They were entrusted to us by our predecessors, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them inviolate to our posterity. We are assembled here to-day, in the presence of you all, and in the sight of the Most High, to erect a house to be devoted to His worship and praise, and we pray that God may bless that work as it seemeth best to Him; and as it is the first duty of Masons in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work, I, on behalf of our fraternity, call upon you all to join with us and with our Provincial Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain delivered an appropriate prayer.

Bro. C. J. Hine (of Hine and Odgers, architects) presented the Provincial Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel bearing the following inscription:—"The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of Millbrook Church, 21st September 1893. From Hine and Odgers, architects."

The Provincial Grand Master then laid the foundation stone, which simply bore the inscription "A.D. 1893," and having proved the same by the plumb rule, said:—"I find this stone to be plumb, and that the Craftsmen have prepared it true and trusty. The Provincial Grand Master proved the stone by the level, and said:—"I find the stone to be level, and the Craftsmen have laboured skilfully; and finally proving it by the square, said:—"I find this stone to be plumb, level, and square, and I declare it to be truly laid, and that the Craftsmen have worked well."

The Archdeacon delivered an invocation, and the Provincial Grand Master scattered corn, wine, and oil on the stone.

The architect handed to the Provincial Grand Master the plans, and his Lordship approved of the same, other portions of the ceremony being regularly fulfilled.

Subsequently the brethren proceeded by the steamer "Eleanor" from Millbrook to Cremyll, and, at the invitation of the Provincial Grand Master, partook of luncheon in the Orangery. About 260 sat down. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and the loyal toasts having been given,

Bro. E. D. Anderton proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and said they were indebted to the Earl for his generous hospitality, and in allowing them to view his beautiful gardens and grounds.

The Provincial Grand Master, who was cordially received, thanked the brethren for attending in such large numbers. As Masons they ought to take an interest in the laying of the first stone of any public building, and whatever their opinions or differences might be the laying of the first stone of a new parish church was one of considerable interest. He took a great interest in Lodge Meridian, and he thought it would be a good opportunity of bringing the Lodge forward by holding a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting there that day. He trusted that although the weather had been so inclement no one would suffer any ill effects therefrom. He reminded them that it depended entirely upon subscriptions whether they were to build the tower of the Church up to the eaves of the roof or not. He was indebted to Bro. Chirgwin, the Provincial Grand Secretary, for the great assistance he had rendered in completing the arrangements for that day. He then submitted the health of the visitors, referring to the presence of Bros. Captain Strode-Lowe, and Dr. Lemon, who had done a great deal for the Craft.

Bro. Captain Strode-Lowe, in response, said he trusted that the friendship and brotherly love which had always existed between the brethren of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall would ever continue.

The Provincial Grand Master said he was going to propose the health of the architect, but Bro. Hine asked that the church should be completed first.

The brethren then strolled through the grounds, and on leaving gave hearty cheers for the Provincial Grand Master.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Niagara Hall, Westminster.—Among the hundreds of thousands of people, including most of the members of the Royal Family, who visited Mr. Philipoteau's magnificent painting of the "Niagara Falls in Summer," there were several who expressed the desire to witness the same scene from a winter aspect, which has been declared by travellers to greatly surpass the former in grandeur. The public have now an opportunity of witnessing this remarkable spectacle which must strike every spectator with awe and wonderment. It is stated that no two winters produce impressions exactly the same, owing to climatic and atmospheric variations; but the artist was fortunate in securing a very beautiful picture last winter, which is said to be superior to that of many previous years. The great mass of ice floes on the river enhances the brilliant emerald colour of the water, while the delicate tracery of the snow-limned trees and the marvellous mounds or hummocks of ice caused by the frozen spray are faithfully portrayed. The painting is a veritable triumph of the panoramic art, and will doubtless attract many thousands to Westminster. The details of the scene are described at intervals during the day by Bro. T. Hunter-Boyd, the well known lecturer on the "Ancient Egypt" picture, which was so popular. In addition to the panorama there are many hundreds of fine photographs of Niagara in the vestibule which are well worth inspecting.

A new and original play in four acts by Mr. Sydney Grundy entitled "Sowing the Wind" will be produced this (Saturday) evening at the Comedy, in which Messrs. Brandon Thomas, Cyril Maude, Sidney Brongb, Ian Robertson, Edmund Maurice, Will Dennis, Chandler, J. Byron, Misses Rose Leclercq, Annie Hughes and Mrs. Campbell Bradley will take part.

The first matinee of "The Tempter" will take place to-day at the Haymarket, at 2 o'clock.

The production of the "Lady Killer" and "Binks" at the Strand has been postponed until after Mr. Roberts's short season.

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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, 30th September.

1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 2nd October.

25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
144 St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2020 St. Botolph's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
R.A. 28 Old King's Arms, Freemason's Tav, W.C.
R.A. 91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056 Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
M.M. 224 Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
136 Perpetual Friendship, Clarence, Bridgewater
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zealand Street, Wakefield
166 Harmony, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
251 Loyal, Masonic Hall, Barnstable
328 St. John, Masonic Hall, Torquay
331 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
395 Guy, Victoria Hotel, Leamington Priors
428 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, North Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Worcester
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome
694 Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Masonic Hall, Fowey, Cornwall

1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
1050 Gundulph, King's Head, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1211 Godrich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1220 Solway, The Grapes, Aspatria, Silloth
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
1993 Wolseley, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
2039 Londonderry, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
2106 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall
2240 Arrow, Burton House Hot., Kingston, Hereford
2290 Fairfield, 14 Fairfield Street, Fairfield, Lanc.
2322 E. Lanc. Centurian, Victoria Ho., Manchester.
2373 Hardwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield

R.A. 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
R.A. 262 Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 364 Nelson of the Nile, M.H., Batley
R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitby
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 599 Cherwell, Masonic Hall, Banbury
R.A. 2147 Cray Valley, Institute, St. Mary Cray.
M.M. 37 Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke

Tuesday, 3rd October.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
785 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, G.E. Eastern Hotel, E.
1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
2032 Richmond, Greyhound Hot, Richmond, Surrey
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hot.
2150 Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

R.A. 1 G. Masters', Hotel Victoria, Northumber-
land Avenue.
R.A. 169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
R.A. 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly

52 Union, 47 St. Giles' Street, Norwich
70 St. John, Huyshe M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia, Mile Town, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
252 Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
294 Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley

315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
361 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Mas. Hall, The Parade, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, F.M.H., South Molton
457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
660 Camaldunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
695 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
731 Lonsborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
791 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
967 Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Penryn
974 Pentaphn, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston

1002 Skiddaw, M.R., Challoner St., Cokermonth
1072 Aberystwith, Masonic Hall, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1197 Nyanza, Masonic Hall, Ilminster
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1282 Anchole, Masonic Rooms, Gray Lane, Birm.
1336 Square and Compass, Mas. Rooms, Wrexham
1367 Beamister Manor, White Hart, Beaumister
1498 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1780 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Masonic Hall, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Masonic Hall, Builth, Brecon
1903 Cholmondeley, Commercial Hotel, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1981 Arnold, The Castle, East Molesey
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2134 St. Michaels, Chequers Ho., Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Deuchar's Bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne
2295 Scarisbrick, Masonic Hall, Stockport

R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, York
R.A. 1837 Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday, 4th October.

511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.
1299 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.W.
1585 Royal Commemoration, White Lion, Putney
1687 The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1766 St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shore-ditch

R.A. 55 Constitutional, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1305 St. Marylebone, Regent M.H., Air Street
R.A. 1323 Granite, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
K.T. 129 Holy Palestine 33 Golden Square, W.

74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
159 Brunswick, Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse
168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
282 Bedford, Bedford Square, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock Hotel, Boston
970 St. Anne, Masonic Hall, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1003 Prince of Wales, Masonic Temple, Jersey
1004 Athole, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Kingston Sq., Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1663 Mulling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Prudhoe Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, M.H., King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Masonic Hall, Walston
1509 Madoc, Masonic Hall, Portmadoc
1532 Bective, County Hotel, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1660 Arlecdon, Freemasons' Hall, Frizington
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842 St. Leonard, Saxon Chambers, St. Leonards
1862 Stranton, Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson, Lanc.
2200 Pantiles, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton, Derbyshire
2365 Alan, Queens Hotel, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay, Brecknockshire
2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesborough.
2453 Duke of York, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Club Rms., Birch Lane, Longsight

R.A. 54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Runcible
R.A. 221 St. John, New M.H., Silverwell St., Bolton
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
R.A. 333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
R.A. 342 Royal Sussex, 79 Commercial Rd., Portsea
R.A. 47 Fidelity, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Tiverton
R.A. 1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 1358 De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, 1358 De Grey and Ripon

Thursday, 5th October.

27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel

227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stoney
742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., Southwark
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles,
Camberwell
1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road,
Paddington
1707 Eleanor, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Tottenham Street
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772 Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
2291 West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford, E.
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone

R.A. 34 Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174 Sincerity, Ches. Cheese, Crutched Friar
R.A. 1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 1718 All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Rd., E.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.H., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
110 Loyal Cambrian, Mas. Hall, Merthyr Tydvil
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshires
195 Hengist, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Toimorden
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Naphthali, Navigation Inn, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Northampton
362 Doric, Masonic Hall, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
531 St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, County and Lane Ends Hot., Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithial
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancs.
1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Northgate, Elland
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1324 Okeover, Market Hall, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384 Equity, Central Hotel, Widnes
1473 Bottle, 80 Merton Road, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starke's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, M.H., Eastgate, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Masonic Hall, Lymm
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford
1674 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1899 Wellesley, Wellington College H., Sandhurst
1911 De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
2043 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading
2169 Osborne, M.H., Medina Road, East Cowes
2255 Philbrick, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
2317 Bisley, National School, Bisley
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hildesley
2386 Clarence, Masonic Hall, Queen St., Chester.

R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 429 Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581 Rectitude, Midland Hotel, Ardwick Higher
R.A. 982 Sun and Sector, Mas. Hall, Worthington
R.A. 1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1074 Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby
R.A. 1242 Tynwald, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade,
Douglas, Isle of Man
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158 Rose and Thistle, 20 King Street, Wigan

Friday, 6th October.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1489 M. of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 8 Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Railway Hot., Highbridge
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Gt. George St., Leeds
375 Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Chas. Ch., Newbury
601 St. John, Charlton Arms, Wellington, Salop
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Leebury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
936 Adair, Private Room, Aldeburgh
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1009 Shakspeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1098 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal
1230 Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
1375 Architect, Mas. Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1495 Southwell, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, M.H., Landonia, Penarth
1839 Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Drill Hall,
Wolverhampton.

2376 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Layland,
Lancashire.
2433 Minerva, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead

R.A. 359 Peace, F.M.H., Albion Ter., Southampton
R.A. 632 Concord, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge
R.A. 1466 Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Saturday, 7th October.

1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead
1383 Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
2442 St. Clements, Bell Hotel, Leigh
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 30th September.

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

Monday, 2nd October.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' June.
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
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, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7:30
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

Tuesday, 3rd October.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
920 Lily of Richmond, Station Ho., Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Hootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington
1830 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1305 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 4th October.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall 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
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,
761 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 Foxteth, 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
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1923 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, 5th October.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
751 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., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, 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, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1623 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1741 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 8
1990 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, 6th October.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
785 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
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
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, 7th October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
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