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RESTRICTING OUR NUMBERS.

IT has often been argued in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE that individual Lodges depart from the true spirit of Freemasonry when they lay down laws in any way limiting or restricting their membership, but as Grand Lodge time after time sanctions and even encourages the principle, by the creation of class Lodges and the confirmation of restrictive bye-laws, nothing can be said likely to put an end to the system, even were such a course necessary or desirable.

Within certain limits it may be well to impose restrictions, and once having admitted the desirability of doing this in one direction, it is difficult to argue against its practice in any other. The same rules and principles should be recognised all round, and that being so the whole subject resolves itself into one of expediency or individual taste, though, all the same, we cannot see that it is any the less opposed to the principles of the Craft on that account.

Freemasonry requires a perfect freedom of action in all its affairs, and this spirit of freedom is distinctly assailed by the Lodge which shuts its doors to candidates after a certain number of members have been enrolled, or which says that only men of a certain class or profession shall be eligible for proposition, but on the other hand Lodges are allowed to make laws for their own comfort, provided they do not depart from the actual spirit of Freemasonry. In the case of restricting the number of members of a Lodge that is a matter purely within the power of the members, provided that by so doing they do not put a stop on Masonic progress, and they can hardly be accused of doing that in the present day, for if a candidate cannot be admitted in one Lodge there is generally another within reach where he may find a home, although in doing so he is driven away from the natural quarter where he should find Masonic light—the one nearest home, and forced to associate himself with comparative strangers. On this account it would be well for the rulers of the Craft to cause inquiry to be made as to other Masonic accommodation in a district before they allowed a Lodge to close its doors against all comers, merely because the membership has risen to a certain point, for while we recognise that our Lodges have a perfect right to refuse whoever they choose, there are also rights on the part of an outsider, who should find no obstacle in the way of knocking at the portals of Freemasonry, with the certainty of being admitted, provided he is of good character and worthy of recognition.

The subject of class restrictions has been threshed out time after time—the right to limit Lodges to certain sections of the community has been firmly established, and no particular harm has been found to result from its practice. Why, therefore, need we concern ourselves as to its ultimate effect on the

Brotherhood? That it is opposed to the principles of the Craft is certain, but the Order of to-day is more cosmopolitan and more amenable to the rules of general society than it could have been in the days of its foundation and as a consequence much is now possible that would have been undesirable then.

From the opposite side we find subject for congratulation in the fact that the Lodges of to-day are so strong and so firmly established that they can afford to dictate terms to intending members, rather than tout for candidates, or express a willingness to admit all or any who may offer themselves.

MASONRY AND PARISH AFFAIRS.

FROM Brighton to Wigan is a far stretch, but it would seem that Freemasonry is regarded in the two towns in much the same light, its opponents in each accusing members of the Craft invested with municipal power of making an unfair use of their position, in order to advance the interests of fellow members of the Craft to the detriment of outsiders.

It will be in the minds of our readers that the dispute at Brighton is associated with the letting of the Pavilion buildings which, say the opponents of Freemasonry, are rented to the Masonic Lodges at a price far below that charged to other tenants. The controversy on the subject has waxed hot and furious, some very unseemly remarks having been uttered in the Council Chamber, while outside the feeling is even more acute, the large majority of local members of the Craft, who care little or nothing for the squabbles of their representatives on the Council, strongly objecting to be referred to in the terms that have been introduced into the discussion, and expressing a determination of severing their connection, if need be, with quarters held from such unsatisfactory owners. On the part of the Masons it is urged that the quarters rented at the Pavilion are not suitable for general purposes, that the Craftsmen are regular occupiers, and that taking the matter in its entirety they are not the undesirable tenants they are described as, but rather an acquisition to the property of the town. We can leave the matter of rent to be settled on the spot, as it involves questions of fact which it is impossible for outsiders to fully appreciate, but we cannot equally ignore the subject from a general Masonic point of view. The Craft has been assailed in a most unwarrantable manner, and, as has been previously urged in our pages, the whole subject should form matter for consideration, either at the hands of the local Masonic authorities, or at a meeting of representatives of all the Lodges interested in the buildings.

Going to the North we find the members of the Wigan Watch Committee accused of betraying their trust, and acting in a manner calculated to upset

the traditions of fairness and impartiality which should be associated with all their official dealings. It is argued that no one who is not a member either of the Freemasons or the Orange Society stands any chance of employment by this Committee, while undue favouritism is shown to those who are associated with the members by the ties of brotherhood. We imagine these matters can be decided on the spot, without much trouble, and no doubt local feeling is strong enough to force some understanding on the point; what we more particularly regret is the necessity for Freemasons to be periodically put on their defence, although, of course, if they act in such a way as to lay themselves open to adverse criticism they not only deserve the remarks showered upon them, but are guilty of a grave offence against Freemasonry, and one calculated to bring lasting disgrace and disapproval on its members.

As one outcome of the Brighton squabble we may look forward to the early erection of a Masonic Hall in the town, which is amply large enough and has sufficient Lodges meeting during the year to support such a building, and we hope some definite action will be taken by the local Craftsmen to clear themselves and the Order from the stigma that now rests upon them.

At Wigan a vote of censure was carried that will entail a thorough sifting of the charges preferred, so that here, at least, we may hope for a definite understanding being arrived at, and this, we hope, will prove perfectly satisfactory to all sides and to the many non-residents who must feel an interest in the controversy, not only because it affects the Masonic Brotherhood, but also because most Englishmen like fair play and unquestionable honesty, particularly in affairs which concern the general public and parish finance.

CONSECRATION: ST. MICHAEL LODGE.

ON the 29th ult. there was a very large gathering of Freemasons, at Stone, for the purpose of witnessing and taking part in the consecration of a new Lodge. Bro. J. Mervyn Wood P.M. and W.M. 546 was named as the first W.M., with E. C. D'Anquier, M.A., and F. Brandon P.P.G.R. as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. There has not before been a Masonic Lodge at Stone, and the brethren have chosen the name "St. Michael," and appropriately the consecration took place on St. Michael's Day. The assembly room of the Crown Hotel has been secured as the place of meeting, and there are the necessary ante-rooms in the same building. The consecration, however, took place at the Town Hall, Bro. Letchworth Grand Secretary, who attended for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge, was accompanied by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Officers, and he was assisted in the ceremony by Bros. W. J. Whittall P.G.S.W. as S.W., R. Dain P.G.J.W. as J.W., Rev. S. Wickham Jones, M.A., P.G.C. as Chaplain, and J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D. of C. as Director of Ceremonies. Among the brethren present was Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley D.P.G.M., who, having taken the chair, opened the Lodge.

Subsequently the Chaplain (Rev. S. Wickham Jones) delivered an oration on the principles of the institution. The Chaplain, in his address, said the foundation of Masonry was most honourable, and it was a most honourable art, which had existed from the very foundation of the world. The mystic signs connected with it were derived from the principles of piety and virtue.

Afterwards Bro. J. Mervyn Wood was installed the first W.M., the ceremony being performed by the Grand Secretary.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday of last week, under the banner of the Windermere

Lodge, No. 2217, the meeting place being the Windermere Institute. The Lodge was opened at noon (in the absence through continued illness of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Bective) by D.P.G.M. Bro. J. G. McKay. There were present in all between 60 and 70 brethren, including representatives from the Lodges at Kendal, Keswick, Millom, Carlisle, Whitehaven, Penrith, and other places. After the transaction of Provincial Lodge business, the brethren, wearing the insignia of their rank, went to St. Mary's Church, the procession being headed by the local Volunteer band. A shortened form of evening prayer was conducted by the Rev. Geo. Crewsdon, Vicar of St. Mary's, and the preacher was the Rev. W. Cree W.M. 332 P.G. Chaplain, of Newton Reigny, who gave an eloquent and impressive discourse. A collection was made on behalf of the Masonic Charities. From the church the brethren returned to the Institute, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. John Raine. At the close of the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The new Lodge room of the Windermere is completed, and will be opened next month.

The following were appointed the Provincial Officers for the year:—

Bro. James G. Gandy	Senior Warden
Edward Clarke	Junior Warden
Rev. Charles H. Gem	} Chaplains
Rev. John H. Hartley	
R. J. Nelson	Treasurer
Alexander Milne	Registrar
George Dalrymple	Secretary
John Robinson	Senior Deacon
Jonathan Cant	Junior Deacon
T. C. Burn	Superintendent of Works
R. P. Hunter	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Annison	Assist. Director of Cers.
R. F. Long	Sword Bearer
George Long	} Standard Bearers
J. J. Little	
D. H. Cook	Organist
Rev. Jas. Anderson	Assitant Secretary
James Lowery	Pursuivant
John Atkinson	Asst. Pursuivant
R. A. Clarke	} Stewards
Edward Pattinson	
Dr. H. J. Webb	
F. R. Buck	
William Robinson	} Tyler
J. T. Graham	
A. W. Johnston	

SOUTH WALES—EASTERN DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, under the banner of the Merlin Lodge, on Tuesday, 10th inst., under the presidency of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. There were about 100 brethren present, including a number of representatives from London and Captain Homfray D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire. Bro. Dr. H. Naunton Davies was invested Senior Warden of the Province for the year, and Bro. C. E. Dovey, Cardiff, Junior Warden. In the evening there was a banquet in the New Inn Hotel.

GRAND LODGE FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

AT the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, on the 6th ult., the proposal to apply to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant for the establishment of a District Grand Lodge for the South African Republic was brought on for consideration; a large number of members and visitors, including a goodly array of Past Masters, being present. The advantages that would follow upon the establishment of a District Grand Lodge were enlarged upon at length by the proposer, Bro. J. E. Green P.M. The discussion which ensued was a lengthy one; the speakers generally in favour of the proposal, which was ultimately carried unanimously, an amendment to adjourn the consideration of the matter *sine die* meeting with no support. No doubt this action on the part of the Johannesburg Lodge will have a large influence on the decision which the other English Lodges in the State have still to come to in the matter.—*Johannesburg Star*.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., Bro. Thomas Henry Scholfield W.M. It was the first meeting after the vacation, and was well attended, as the following list will prove, viz, Bros. T. G. Sparks I.P.M., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.S.D., John Williams P.M., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Richard Simister P.M., J. M. H. Blamey S.W., R. Alfred Hepworth J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.D. Treas., S. Gaskill Sec., J. W. Sparkes S.D., Frank W. Mee J.D., Frederick Walmsley I.G., J. G. Mead Organist, E. Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), A. Nield, J. Grime, William Morton, F. Nield, George Garlick, J. B. Hossall, Ed. G. Wood, Ben Eastwood, C. Slee, J. H. Studd, H. A. Owles, James Mitchell, And. S. Willing, A. Dunn, H. R. Yates, Ed. G. Hillier. Visitors—Bros. Walter Harrison 1588, E. Webb 1134, J. G. Bromley P.M. Secretary 1375.

After the confirmation of the minutes a ballot was taken for Mr. James Edmond Bazzard, and this being in his favour, he was prepared and initiated by the W.M., who was assisted by Bro. Hepworth, the latter rendering the charge. The Lodge was then opened in the superior degrees, when Bro. Wildgoose P.M. gave an admirable explanation of the third tracing board to a very attentive audience. The minor business having been disposed of, hearty good wishes were expressed by Bros. Webb, Bromley, and Harrison, who represented Lodges 1134, 1375, and 1588 respectively. At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and accepted enthusiastically.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE members of this popular Lodge reassembled last Tuesday at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, to inaugurate their winter session. The W.M. Bro. William Kirkland presided and was supported by the following:—Bros. Orilton Cooper I.P.M., Hy. Nash P.M., Alfred Green P.M., Wm. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, F. J. Hentsch P.M., Dyer S.W., P. J. King P.M. acting J.W., Absell S.D., Copley J.D., Cecil Mount I.G., Spawforth, King, Colley, A. Collings, E. Collings, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. Braburne P.M. 1977 and J. A. Collings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Hy. J. Paxon having given proof of his proficiency in the former degrees was raised to the rank of Master Mason by the W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a careful and impressive manner.

Bro. I.P.M. reported to the brethren the lamented vacancy that had occurred in the muster roll of the Lodge by the death of Bro. William Wray Morgan, and bore testimony to his integrity and Masonic usefulness. He proposed that a vote of condolence and sympathy should be sent to Bro. Morgan's family. This was seconded by Bro. Nash, and supported by Bros. Alfred Green, W. Radcliffe, and the W.M., all of whom spoke in feeling terms of regret at the sad occurrence.

The application to the Board of Benevolence from the widow of a deceased brother was approved and signed by the Lodge, the Secretary undertaking to put the matter through.

This terminating the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant social evening was spent.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Railway Hotel, High-bridge, a banner was formally presented to the Lodge on behalf of Bro. A. W. Shaw, of Huntspill Court, who will shortly leave the neighbourhood.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Shaw, on the motion of Bro. J. Burnett, the senior P.M. and Treasurer, seconded by the D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. C. Elze), was agreed to with acclamation.

The Secretary (Bro. T. Floyd Norris P.M.) announced the completion of the publication of the history of the Lodge which had been compiled by himself, with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughes P.G.W. England, and copies of it were distributed amongst the brethren.

HESKETH LODGE, No. 950.

AT the conclusion of the monthly meeting, held at the Crown Hotel, Fleetwood, on the 20th ult., the members of the Lodge presented Bro. Thomas Clarke with a massive gold ring on his leaving Fleetwood to practise in London, as a token of their respect and esteem. Before the presentation was made a supper was partaken of by the brethren, at which between 10 and 30 sat down.

Bro. Schjeth P.M., in proposing the toast to the health of Brother Clarke, stated that he had during the time he had been a member of the Lodge faithfully performed his duties, and they deeply regretted his departure from amongst them.

Brother Muloch W.M. then made the presentation, and in doing so stated that he hoped Brother Clarke would not prize the ring merely for its intrinsic value, but as a token of brotherly love and esteem from the Lodge, and he trusted that he might live long to

wear it. The ring, which was subscribed for by over 30 of the members, bore a suitable inscription.

Bro. Clarke, in reply, said he sincerely appreciated the very great kindness that had been extended to him by the Lodge. He had been a member for nearly five years, and some of the happiest hours of his life had been spent amongst them; he deeply regretted that he must sever his Masonic ties with the town. He thanked them for the token of their goodwill, which would always recall pleasant reminiscences. It was an emblem of constancy, and he trusted that the friendship he had enjoyed in that Lodge would never be broken, but extended over very many years to come.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

AT the monthly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, on the 26th ult., Bro. Charles Robert Gowers S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. H. J. Sansom P.M. P.P.G.T.D. Treas., and Bro. George Burnes Tyler. It was decided to alter the night of meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday.

TOWNLEY PARKER LODGE, No. 1083.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 27th September, Bro. Geo. Parker W.M. There were also present:—Bros. W. Birkbeck S.W., R. Lingard J.W., John Taylor Treasurer, J. Simister Secretary, J. Chalmers S.D., J. W. Taylor J.D., E. Edmondson Organist, T. H. Fitzsimmons I.G., J. Selby I.P.M., R. Armitage P.M., Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C., C. Housley, Chas. Shorrocks, W. Hamilton, A. Longworth, John W. Mason, E. Downs, J. Harford, H. Wooler, W. Lowe, F. E. Hughes, J. L. Doring, Wright, Howard, M. Downs, J. Westall, H. Barber, and Nathaniel Jones. Visitors—Bros. Thos. E. Southron P.M. 1219, J. Rogers 2324, H. White J.D. 1126, H. Greenhalgh S.D. 1126, J. Brine S.W. 1126, G. L. Vaughan 1030, W. H. Mortimer 2109, W. Howard 1147, Edward Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Bro. Jas. Harford was questioned as to his proficiency in the first degree, and entrusted, after which he was duly passed. Bro. Herbert Wooler, having previously been questioned as to his proficiency in the second degree, and having proved himself qualified for the ceremony was also entrusted, being afterwards raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Selby I.P.M., after which the W.M. resumed the principal chair and rendered the traditional history to Bro. Wooler and other brethren. The business of the meeting was shortly afterwards brought to a close in peace and harmony.

The usual entertainment followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, the same being varied by songs and recitations from Bros. Fitzsimmons, R. Armitage P.M., Wooler, Howard, and E. Roberts P.M.

Bro. Selby proposed the toast of the newly raised brother (Brother Herbert Wooler), who, he explained, was the principal electrician to the Manchester Corporation. He eulogised the candidate, stating that Bro. Wooler had an illustrious career before him, which he sincerely hoped might be as bright as the light which illumined his business. As a man of superior attainments he appealed to him to study the groundwork of the three degrees through which he had recently passed, assuring him that any one who would do this carefully must find it advantageous. From what had already been seen of the candidate, he was convinced that the respect entertained for him in private life would be accentuated in his Masonic experiences.

Bro. Wooler, in reply, said that he thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had accepted the toast of his health. The Masonic ceremonies had made so deep an impression upon him that they would ever remain upon his mind. Reverting to the remarks of Bro. Selby, he said that he could not imagine how he of all others should be so fortunate. Many men possessed wonderful capabilities, but he supposed that they could not all find the field in which to display them. He gave a description of his impressions whilst passing through the ceremonies, and concluded by thanking Bro. Selby for the kind expressions of friendliness which he had used towards him.

Bro. Higham proposed the toast of the visiting brethren, saying that he appeared to be the unfortunate individual who invariably had to perform this now somewhat hackneyed duty. He spoke of the social elements of the institution, and of the friendships which it engendered by Masonic interchanges; that by visiting various Lodges a brother could make important observations with respect to other workings, the result being that a knowledge so derived was of ultimate value.

Other toasts followed.

LONDONDERRY LODGE, No. 2039.

THE installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on the 2nd inst., Bro. Hutchinson, Mus. Bac., Oxon., presiding. Bro. James Lee was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. F. S. Cowper P.M., and he afterwards appointed his Officers. The annual banquet was held at the Masonic Hall.

The toast of the W.M., proposed by Bro. John C. Moor, was enthusiastically received, as was also that of the Installing Master.

The toast of the retiring W.M. was proposed by Bro. W. A. Priestly, and in the name of the subscribers, members of the Lodge, Bro. F. S. Cowper presented to Bro. Hutchinson a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, in recognition of the excellent services rendered to the Lodge during the past year by Bro. Hutchinson, whose term of office has been exceptionally successful.

Bro. Hutchinson, in responding, said he had endeavoured to do what he considered to be his duty to the Lodge, and he was pleased he had given such satisfaction.

JOSIAH WEDGWOOD LODGE, No. 2214.

THE installation took place on the 28th ult., at the Wesleyan School, Etruria, in the presence of a large gathering. The installation ceremony was very effectively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. White, who was ably assisted by Bros. Richard Tooth P.P.G. Registrar and E. B. Jackson P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. Bro. L. A. Taylor having been installed, appointed his Officers.

Before the Lodge was closed the I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the Lodge, as a recognition of Bro. White's excellent services, and the able manner in which he had filled the chair during the last two years.

Bro. Taylor, in investing Bro. White with the jewel, paid a high tribute to the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Worshipful Master, and said that the way he had conducted the various ceremonies during the past two years had won the admiration not only of the brethren of the Lodge, but all the visitors who had witnessed the working.

Bro. White suitably acknowledged the presentation, testifying to the aid he had received at the hands of his Officers. His object, he said, had been to make Freemasonry more popular and admired; and if through his exertions he had furthered the interests of the Craft he was satisfied. In conclusion, a vote of thanks was cordially extended to Bro. Hedge, the retiring Secretary, several brethren testifying to the ability he had displayed in the discharge of the duties of his office.

On the Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, to banquet. The W.M. presided, and the usual toasts were honoured.

In proposing the toast of the Provincial Officers Brother Spencer Till referred to the fact that the Prov. Grand Master had recognised the progress of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge—a Lodge which was out of debt, and had increased greatly in number.

Bro. White submitted the toast of the newly-elected W.M., expressing confidence that he would worthily fulfil the office of Master. Brother Taylor acknowledged the toast, promising to endeavour to emulate the preceding brethren, who had so ably discharged the duties of W.M.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE installation meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel, Bro. Ebenezer Piggott W.M. Nearly ninety brethren were present. The W.M. elect was Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, a Past Master of several Lodges, a founder, and the first and only Secretary of the Chough Lodge. The performance of the ceremony of installation was divided into parts, which were taken respectively by the outgoing Master (Bro. Piggott), Bro. Massered, and Brother Edwards, and the work was efficiently performed. The following brethren received collars:—Bros. Ebenezer Piggott I.P.M., George S. Miller S.W., W. C. Smith J.W., W. B. Marcus P.M. Treasurer, A. Haynes Secretary, J. F. Percival S.D., W. V. Jull J.D., H. Saqui I.G., J. W. Breeze D.C., J. Turle Lee Organist, M. J. Almond and A. Strugnell Stewards, and T. Bowler Tyler.

A banquet followed, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. When the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. he presented Bro. Piggott with a magnificent gold jewel of a Past Master, which had been unhesitatingly voted by the members of the Lodges in acknowledgment of Bro. Piggott's successful year of Mastership.

The Chough Lodge having originated with the Chough Amateur Musical Society, music always takes a front place at the meetings, and on this occasion the toasts were interspersed with some lovely singing, under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, by Miss Ada Patterson, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, Bro. J. Müllerhausen, Bro. Miles Mole, Bro. Frank Swinford, Bro. Arthur Strugnell, and Bro. Fred. Bevan.

EAST LANCASHIRE CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 2nd inst., Bro. Major John Heap W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Capt. A. Allinson Hinde J.W., Chaplain, Capt. John W. Challoner Chaplain, Col. J. Howarth Clark, J.P., P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Capt. Fred Pratt Secretary, Surgeon Capt. Arthur H. Smith S.D., Walter Hughes J.D., Major W. H. Hopkins P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. D.C., Surgeon Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough Org., Colonel Henry L. Rocca, P.M. P.P.G.D., Surgeon-Major W. O. Wolseley P.M. (A.M.S.), Capt. A. B. Wilkinson P.M., Capt. James Andrew, Edward Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Lieut. James Nasmyth Sidebotham, and Major G. Herbert Bates.

The Lodge being duly opened, the Secretary submitted for confirmation the minutes of the regular meeting of 4th April, and emergency meetings held 17th April and 3rd July, after which the ballot was taken as a joining member for Bro. Brigade Surgeon Lieut. Col. Duncan, M.B., 3rd V.B.M.R. and of the Army Medical Reserve, which proved favourable.

Bro. Sidebotham was then questioned by the W.M. as to his proficiency in the first degree, and having acquitted himself satisfactorily he was passed into the degree of a F.C. by Bro. Colonel Rocca, who performed the whole of the ceremony.

The election of Officers afterwards took place, Bro. D. P. Scloss

S.W. being unanimously selected as W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Andrews and Major Bates being appointed Auditors. Treasurer and Tyler were also elected. Bro. Lieut. George H. Higson (859 Isaac Newton Lodge) King's College, Cambridge University, was proposed by Bro. Capt. Andrew, and seconded by Colonel Rocca as a joining member.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the same being diversified by songs, &c., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

WARRANT OFFICERS LODGE, No. 2346.

THE opening meeting was held on Friday, 15th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. J. Hitching the Worshipful Master, who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. A. Molony I.P.M., C. A. Pugh S.W., J. Lewis J.W., G. Cook P.M. Treasurer, W. F. Cheesman P.M. Secretary, W. A. Greene S.D., W. E. Bailey I.G., J. D. Lidbury Steward, H. B. Dickens A.D.C., H. Wall Assistant Organist, and A. G. Young Tyler. The following Past Masters were also present, Bros. M. A. McInerny, and H. Gardiner, besides thirty-nine lay members. The visitors were:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Cole P.M. 20, Major Woolmer Williams P.M. 569, C. W. Benstead 700, T. Keen 700, J. Goulston 1349, W. R. Blood 730 I.G., G. T. Simmons 1327, J. F. Reade 2409, M. Healey 898, H. J. Sarmon 1107, J. N. Stevens 2308, and C. Dealey 1093.

The first business was the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular and two emergency meetings.

The ceremony of passing was then performed, Bro. R. E. Maskall being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was next proceeded with, when the following brethren were introduced to the W.M., who performed this very interesting ceremony: Bro. C. L. Hayman, J. Hayman, A. H. H. Niblett, J. A. Romain, and A. W. Heapy. Various matters of minor business were disposed of, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren subsequently dining together at Freemasons' Tavern.

At the conclusion of the dinner the loyal toasts were given, and heartily acknowledged.

The I.P.M. submitted the toast of the W.M. He did so, he said, with great pleasure, as he knew by actual experience the capabilities of Bro. Hitching. The Master, as most of them were aware, was a thoroughly good and substantial man, and a thoroughly good brother, a man with a big heart, and a Mason they could thoroughly depend upon. In him the Lodge had one who would do his duty and who might be relied on to persevere and conquer. He was a very busy man, and had but little time, but all the same he could be relied upon to carry out his duties in the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members and with ultimate benefit to them. He felt that whatever words were uttered in praise of Bro. Hitching they would be no more than he deserved, and he also felt no one could more sincerely wish him success than he did in proposing his health as Master of their Lodge.

The W.M. tendered his hearty acknowledgments, and thanked the members most sincerely for their reception of him that night. He trusted that while he remained in office there would be no discordant note to disturb the harmony that now existed in the Lodge, but that all would go on with the good feeling that was now manifest. The members might rely on his carrying out the work that was placed under his control in the most thorough manner it was in his power to command, and he hoped for the very best results.

The toast of the Visitors was next given from the chair. The Master expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many guests that evening, as the Lodge has always made a feature of extending a hearty welcome to visitors, and the members were glad to know that their efforts in that direction were appreciated. On behalf of the Lodge he expressed gratification at the attendance of their friends, and hoped they had all enjoyed themselves.

Responding on behalf of the Visitors, Bro. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Cole made some flattering remarks. The Warrant Officers Lodge, he said, was only three and a-half years old, and had over a hundred members on its books; he was naturally gratified at its present very satisfactory position. He well remembered being present on several occasions, and considered the founders had every reason to be proud of the work that had taken place in it since its consecration. He felt sure the W.M. would have the support of the members, just as they in turn would have the best attention Bro. Hitching could give them, and continued success should be the result.

Bro. Major Woolmer Williams P.M. 569 was next called upon, and in the course of his reply he spoke in the same eulogistic terms of the brethren, and expressed the especial pleasure he had that night experienced in witnessing the unexampled work of the Lodge. Brother Benstead 700 followed in the same strain. He knew the W.M. was certain to prove a credit to the Lodge. He hoped the members would give him plenty of work to keep him fully employed, and enable him to demonstrate what he was capable of; it would be a great thing for Freemasonry if every Master was as fit and as fully qualified for the work as he.

Bro. W. R. Blood 730 (I.C.) next responded. He congratulated the Lodge on its Master, its three really capable Past Masters, and its efficient Officers.

Bros. Keen, Goulston, Simmons, Reade, Healey, Sarmon, Stevens, and Dealey also acknowledged the toast.

The toast of the I.P.M. was not given, owing to the absence of Bro. A. Molony from the dinner, a bereavement in his family being the cause.

In submitting the next toast the W.M. said it was one always received with cordiality in their Lodge—the health of the Past Masters, and on this occasion he intended to couple with it the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The best he could say of the brethren included in this joint toast was that they were always ready and willing to assist the Master in the work of the Lodge. Each of the brethren he referred to was ready at all times with co-operation and advice which was very necessary for a Master to have. The Treasurer

was a particularly good Officer, looking after the finances of the Lodge with the greatest of care, and managing their affairs in such a way as to be able to hand over this year a much larger balance than any previously known in the Lodge. Of the Secretary he could not speak in too eulogistic a manner. He was second to none, and had been of great service in the Lodge. He attended to every part of his duty in a satisfactory manner, but beyond that he possessed abilities others did not enjoy, inasmuch as he was able to entertain them at their festive board in a manner that would put many professionals in the shade.

Past Master M. A. McInerny was the first to respond. One of the most pleasing duties afforded to the Past Masters was that of acknowledging the toast proposed on behalf of the former Masters. It had always afforded him great pleasure to respond, but he had especial pleasure in doing so on that occasion, when they had in the chair a brother with whom he was well acquainted, and whose character he fully appreciated. He also expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so many old friends round him, brethren he had known in Gibraltar and elsewhere.

Bro. H. Gardiner P.M. also spoke, and fully endorsed the words of Bro. McInerny.

Bro. G. Cook P.M. Treasurer felt that the Warrant Officers Lodge had been as unique in its Treasurers as in its Secretary, as the brother who preceded him in the office was a brilliant light in Masonry. He referred to Bro. J. Lewis J.W.

Bro. W. F. Cheesman P.M. acknowledged the toast as Secretary, thanking the Master and members of the Lodge for the reception they had accorded him. He had the honour of being their Secretary from the foundation of the Lodge, and he accepted the position most willingly and heartily. He also thanked them for the very kind way in which they had referred to his efforts as an entertainer, and assured them he was ready and willing at all times to amuse them when opportunity offered, and convenient for the members to listen to him.

The toast of the Officers was next given, and responded to by Bros. C. A. Pugh S.W., J. Lewis J.W., W. A. Bailey I.G., H. B. Dickins Asst. Dir. of Cers., and J. D. Lidbury Steward.

Bro. J. T. Simmons presided at the piano, and Bros. J. Hitching, H. Gardiner, A. J. Wilson, J. B. Short, J. A. Romain, W. J. Boyle, G. Cooke, and W. F. Cheesman contributed to the harmony during the evening.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy conclusion.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

BRO. W. H. BOLT W.M. was re-elected for the second year, at the last meeting of the Lodge, held on the 28th ult.

BARRY LODGE, No. 2357.

THE fourth installation meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel, Cadoxton-Barry, and was largely attended. The Lodge having been opened, and the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. T. Higman) having been presented by Brother Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. to the Installing Master, the ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. J. J. Williams W.M. of the Lodge, assisted by Bro. George Thomas P.M. The new W.M. invested his Officers, and the Lodge was closed. An interesting presentation was made to the retiring W.M., who was made the recipient of a Past Master's jewel in gold, a gift from the Lodge as token of esteem and regard of the members, and also of their high appreciation of the ability he had shown in his conduct in the chair during the past twelve months.

In the evening the annual installation banquet was held at the Royal Hotel.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—Held at the Prince Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, 11th inst., Bros. Spooner W.M., Young S.W., Underhill J.W., Ferguson Preceptor, Gregory Secretary, Beveridge S.D., Edmonds J.D., Atkinson I.G., Messer, Hanes. Lodge opened to the second degree. Bro. Beveridge answered the questions, was instructed and raised. Lodge resumed and ceremony of initiation worked. Bro. Hanes candidate. Bro. Edmonds proposed Bro. Spooner, W.M. elect of the Cricklewood Lodge, as a member, and he was admitted. Bro. Young was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Sympathy Lodge of Instruction, No. 483.—A new Lodge of Instruction has recently been established at Gravesend under the banner of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, which bids fair to become successful. It is held at the Star Hotel, Porrook Street, in the centre of the town and very convenient for the members. The furniture has been presented by various brethren, so that the Lodge starts free from debt or any liability. Thus Bro. A. Ronaldson P.M. gave the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square, Compasses and Cushion; the three pedestals were presented by Bros. T. T. Hogg S.W. and C. Matthews; the rough ashlar by Bro. J. P. Moore P.M.; the perfect ashlar, with tripod and crane, a handsome piece of workmanship, by Bro. R. West S.D.; the Columns by Bro. J. N. Willis; the general decorations by Bro. W. J. Hayward P.M., and a fine box of working tools by Bro. Watts. There are also collars for the Officers and aprons for the three degrees together with a useful set of tracing boards. The Lodge has secured an excellent Preceptor in Bro. Henry Fors P.M. P.Z., and the ceremonies and ritual will be conducted on the lines of the Lodge of

Emulation. A Lodge of Instruction established under such auspicious circumstances cannot fail to be advantageous to the brethren, and will doubtless benefit many in our noble Order.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 581.—The regular Lodge meeting of this well known institution was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. There were present:—Bros. H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Preceptor, G. T. Leonard Treasurer, Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C. Secretary, J. Selby P.M. acting W.M., Ed. Loebell acting J.W. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a candidate was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Selby, the working tools being presented by Bro. Lingard. The traditional history was afterwards given by Bro. Hebden.

The names of four brethren were announced who were desirous of becoming members, viz., Bros. Harry Barber and Archibald Longworth, Lodge 1083, Thomas Henry Stott 1219, and William Allen Smith 877.

In addition to those already mentioned, there were present:—Bros. Tom Wood P.M. Prov. G.A.D. of C. Cheshire, Edward Roberts P.M., Ashworth, and Yeadon. The Lodge was closed at 9 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH.

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DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Chapter for the Province was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple. The arrangements for the reception of the visitors—this being the first time the P.G. Chapter had visited Barnstaple—gave every satisfaction. Lord Ebrington P.G. Supt. occupied the throne, and was ably supported.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Comp. A. J. Truscott) reported that the dues amounted to £89, and after payments to the Masonic Charities and the ordinary expenses there was a balance in hand of £48 12s, although they began with a balance of £41 14s 5d.

On the proposition of Comp. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, seconded by Comp. J. Leonard, the balance sheet was adopted.

Comp. W. Allsford moved that £10 10s be voted to the Devon Educational Fund.

Comp. J. Leonard seconded.

The P.G. Master said he was under the impression that some years ago the Grand Chapter passed a resolution to give £5 5s annually to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and no more.

The P.G.S. said the vote of five guineas to the two funds had to be paid in any event.

Comp. W. G. Rogers then proposed that a similar contribution be paid to the Devon Fortescue Annuity Fund.

Comp. Lord seconded, and it was carried with acclamation.

Comp. Lord nominated Comp. W. Allsford 202 as P.G. Treasurer, remarking that he had been an Arch Mason for over twenty-eight years, and had done yeoman service.

Comps. Gregory, Brewer, and Crabb supported.

The nomination was accepted with enthusiasm.

On the proposition of Comp. Frank R. Thomas, Comps. L. R. Lord and J. W. Cornish, of Plymouth, were appointed Auditors.

The P.G. Superintendent then invested his Officers:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers 112	-	-	Principals
G. Strobe Lowe 156	-	-	
G. C. Davis 251	-	-	Scribe E.
Major Mortimer 444	-	-	Scribe N.
W. Allsford 202	-	-	Treasurer
T. Sanders 1234	-	-	Registrar
A. S. Hendry 189	-	-	Principal Sojourner
H. Ascott 252	-	-	
C. S. Withell 2025	-	-	Assistant Sojourners
J. G. Kevern 70	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Willis 106	-	-	
J. Algar	-	-	Standard Bearers
C. J. Ficks 1247	-	-	
J. Nussel Lord 1247	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. D. Ford 105	-	-	
J. Leonard 202	-	-	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. Wallis 1255	-	-	
N. Pike 230	-	-	Organist
R. Harper 201	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
H. Shooter 112	-	-	Janitor

Votes of thanks having been given to the Companions of 251 for receiving the visiting brethren, the Grand Chapter closed in harmony.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—The meetings were resumed at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Comps. Bailey M.E.Z., McLaren H., Radcliffe J., Osborne S.E., Speldrith S.N., Jenkins P.S., Landale, Gregory, Dehane, Walden, Murrell, George Bird, Davis, Higgins, Angill, Carey, Ardrey, Buxton, Tuck, Merrifield, Webb, and T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Landale, J. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton, candidate. The beautiful and earnest manner in which the Principals gave the charge and lectures gained the warmest praise from the Companions. Comps. Tuck, Buxton, Walden, Murrell, and others were elected members. Companions are earnestly solicited to attend this Chapter, where they will receive every instruction and kindness. The new quarters are very commodious and Comp. Tuck, the courteous manager, shows every attention to the wants and comforts of the Companions. Meetings will be held every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

MARK MASONRY.

DEVONSHIRE.

ON the 28th ult., at the Rougemont Hotel Assembly Rooms, Exeter, a Provincial Grand Lodge was held. Those present included the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, O.B., M.P., P.G.M. The report of the Provincial Grand Secretary was received and adopted, as was that of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, which showed a favourable balance in hand of £34. The report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was also received and adopted, recommended that twenty-one guineas should be given for Charities. A vote of congratulation was passed to Deputy Bro. G. M. Lowe on his appointment to the office of P.G.W. of the Craft. Bros. Lowe, Stoker, Grover, and Crouch were appointed to serve on the General Purposes Committee. Bro. Hughan Past Grand Warden of England referred in complimentary terms to the recently drafted Bye-laws of the Province, which had been prepared by Provincial Grand Secretary, and a vote of thanks was given to that brother for his labour in connection with the work.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Rougement Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

ALFRED CHAPTER.

THE September meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. F. T. Hussey M.W.S., when the Chapter was honoured by the presence of Bro. the Rev. H. G. Morse 32 degree Inspector-General for the S.W. district. Bro. F. T. Elworthy 31 degree P.M. W.S. was re-elected Treasurer, T. H. Chaffin P.M. W.S. re-appointed Recorder, and A. E. Perkins 1st General unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place in June next.

The brethren united in a banquet at the Castle Hotel, and the usual toasts were proposed.

R.M. INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Tavern, London, W.C. Bro. Henry Smith Past Grand Deacon Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire Treasurer of the Institution presiding. He was supported on the dais by Bros. H. A. Hunt, Peter de Long, J. H. Matthews, A. C. Spaul, and C. E. Keyser. The business before the Court was merely formal and consisted of the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the July Court, the reading of summaries of the minutes of the several subsequent General Committees for information, and the election of Scrutineers of votes.

Among the portions of business which required confirmation was the voting of £600 for structural alterations in the infirmary of the School which, according to the designs of Bro. H. A. Hunt P.G. Superintendent of Works, by introducing a separate staircase will completely isolate infectious from non-infectious cases.

The business of the Court having been transacted, the election of 15 out of an approved list of 37 candidates for admission to the School was proceeded with.

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

FORFEITED VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think your correspondent has misnamed his query. In what way have the votes in question been forfeited? To my thinking they have been most successfully used in the object for which they were created, viz., the election of the candidate put forward.

The unfortunate collapse of the said candidate is naturally vexing to those interested, but I fail to see that it gives the Province or Lodge in question any claim on the Institution for the votes expended.

I think it will be generally understood by the Governors and Subscribers that the vacancy should be filled without election, and by the next highest on the poll of the April election last. Should the nominee of the Province of Cheshire hold that position, then, of course, it would fall to them, but not otherwise.

I think it is generally understood that votes once given are expended and cannot be recalled. They possess no value or power beyond the fact that the highest numbers gain the object.

We will suppose a case being a last application and 4,500 votes given for that case, whereas the lowest successful candidate was credited polled 4,501. Would any Province or Lodge consider themselves entitled to compensation for so-called lost or forfeited votes?

I think our worthy Brother will, on reflection, see that this is merely one of the disappointments of life, and any alteration of the rules would simply be an injustice to the other candidates.

Wishing our Brethren of Cheshire success in all their nominations,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE P.M. 1426, London,
P.G.D.C. Invernesshire, St. John Kilwinning, No. 6 (S.C.)

9th October 1893.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fancy the majority of your readers will feel inclined to take the common-sense view of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain in connection with this subject, rather than fall in with "LEX SCRIPTA'S" ideas, notwithstanding the opinions he quotes.

As the proverbial pound of fact is worth a ton of theory, I may state that in the revised Bye-laws (1890) of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, there is the following regulation:—

"The Provincial Grand Lodge may, by an amendment carried in favour of the 'previous question' decline to entertain and consider any motion."

Of course the Bye-laws were "approved" in the usual way, and we all know how careful the late Grand Secretary, Col. Clarke, was to draw his pen through anything in Bye-laws that was not in order.

As I take it—the moving and carrying of the "previous question" is not only the most convenient, but the most courteous way of saying "This matter had better stand over for the present."

Yours fraternally,

CESTRIAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The explanation given in your last issue by Past Grand Chaplain V.W. Rev. Bro. Simpson, M.A., in answer to "LEX SCRIPTA'S" comments upon moving the "previous question," is so far satisfactory, showing at least that it was not so unjustifiable an innovation in Masonic procedure as implied by "LEX SCRIPTA."

Yours fraternally,

INTUITIVE, P.M. P.Z.

11th October 1893.

The Prince of Wales has fixed Tuesday, 26th November, for the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456. The Benchers of Lincoln's Inn having given permission for the Lodge meetings to be held in Lincoln's Inn Hall, the ceremony will probably be held in the Library. The banquet which is to follow will be laid in the Hall. The Prince of Wales has signified his intention to be present, and the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, assisted by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master, and other distinguished Grand Officers will consecrate the Lodge.

CENTENARY OF THE COMBERMERE LODGE.

ON Thursday of last week the Freemasons of Macclesfield and Congleton, and other towns in Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire celebrated the Centenary of the Combermere of Union Lodge, No. 295. The bells of St. Michael's were rung in honour of the occasion, which was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire (Lord Egerton of Tatton). The brethren met at two o'clock in the Town Hall, the spacious Assembly Room of which was converted into the Lodge-room, His Worship the Mayor kindly placing his parlour at the service of the brethren. The W.M. (Bro. Thomas Lockitt P.M. P.P.G.S.D.) presided, and the Prov. G.M. and the Provincial Officers were received in due form. Lord Egerton then took the chair.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Lord Egerton of Tatton by the W.M. of the Centenary jewel and his Lordship's election as the first honorary member of the Lodge. The W.M. was also presented with a Centenary jewel by Lord Egerton, on behalf of the Lodge, all the Officers of which in the Centenary year have "passed the chair," as follows:—Bros. Thomas Lockitt P.P.G.S.D. W.M., George Ibeson I.P.M., William Whiston P.G.S.W. S.W., Geo. Jas. Goodwin J.W., Thomas Lockitt Treasurer, John H. Brookes P.G.A. Sec. Secretary, James Needham P.P.G.S.D. S.D., Benj. R. Leech J.D., Robert Brown P.P.G.S. D. of C., Thos. Wadsworth Org., Henry Maydew I.G., John Staniforth and John Fred. May Stewards, Daniel Mason Tyler, Frank Hulme Assistant Tyler.

The Centenary Warrant was presented to the Worshipful Master by Lord Egerton, who said it was interesting to look back in the records which had been admirably compiled by Bro. R. Brown P.M., and to learn that although the Lodge had had various habitations and had passed through many vicissitudes it had remained intact during 100 years, an achievement which spoke emphatically for the thoroughness with which it had maintained and carried out the principles of the Craft during that period. He trusted that the Centenary Warrant would be an inducement to brethren of the present and future generations to maintain the high character of No. 295 for many years yet to come, and to keep the bright torch of Masonry burning in that part of the Province. Brother Lockitt accepted the Warrant, and presented to the Prov. G.M. a commemorative jewel. In return Lord Egerton, on behalf of the brethren, presented to the Worshipful Master a similar memento of the interesting occasion.

Bro. Dr. Forshaw, of Bradford, read an ode which had been composed for the occasion, and which eloquently portrayed the tenets of the Craft. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Lord Egerton, Dr. Forshaw was awarded a special vote of thanks for the time and trouble he had taken in composing the Ode. Many of the Provincial brethren also favourably commented on it, saying that it was far in advance of anything ever heard in Lodge, and speaking in the highest terms of the able manner in which it was delivered. As it was inserted in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week our readers will doubtless have formed their own opinion ere this. It will also appear in a book entitled "A Hundred Years' History of Freemasonry in Macclesfield," which is in the press, the author being Bro. R. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S.

Bro. Brown's book states that the Lodge was formed in June 1793, the Beneficent Lodge of that day being its founder. It met at "The Duke of Devonshire's Childer, Goose Lane"—the Brunswick Street of to-day, its first W.M. being Bro. Thomas Hibel. "The history of Masonry in Macclesfield for the past century is, to a large extent, the history of the town and district, for a careful perusal of the records of the Lodge shows that the Craft has ever been conspicuously associated with every great and good work, whether it entailed the lending of its influence and presence to memorable public functions or exercising the greatest of all gifts, which is, and ever must be, the crowning excellence of our fraternity—Charity." The Lodge met at different places in the lapse of years, including the Hen and Chickens and the Golden Lion, before—many years ago—it settled at its present *locale*, the Macclesfield Arms Hotel. The Masons took part in the laying of the foundation stones of Hardsfield Church, the Town Hall, and other public buildings. Bro. Brown makes special reference to the great work in Masonry of Bro. John Smith, of Langley, who was such a tower of strength in the Craft, and to whose memory the Brethren have erected a monument in St. James' Church, Higher Sutton. It will also contain a list of the members of the Lodge in the Centenary year, and the records of the local Masonic events, which bring back to memory the names of many old Macclesfield families. It will thus possess an interest outside the Craft.

Before the Lodge rose, on the proposition of the Secretary, the W.M. was re-elected charity representative. Votes of thanks having been passed to His Worship the Mayor for the use of his parlour, and to the Vicar for the use of the Old Church, the Lodge proceedings terminated.

After the Lodge meeting the brethren walked in procession, in Masonic clothing, to the Old Church, the procession being witnessed by a large concourse of spectators, many of whom attended the service. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bros. James Stevens and Joseph Townley, the latter presiding at the organ. Bro. the Rev. T. T. Higgins Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, Vicar of Saint Peter's, Congleton, preached an appropriate sermon from Luke x. 3—"Go thou and do likewise." The rev. gentleman based his remarks on the three points that a benevolent disposition was in accordance with the best and truest principles of our nature, that the exercise of benevolence proves the truest comfort and joy to the benevolent individual himself; and, lastly, the spirit of benevolence was the spirit of the Gospel and after the example and practice of Jesus Christ. In concluding an able discourse, the rev. gentleman said he was there to-day to plead on behalf of the charitable institutions amongst them and in connection with their Order, and he had reason to believe that the good people of Macclesfield were always ready to support a right cause when contributions were solicited from them.

When they remembered the number, the extent, and the efficiency of their charitable institutions, it rendered pleading with them utterly and entirely unnecessary. Go where they would throughout the length and breadth of the land or throughout the length and breadth of the civilised world, and saw the self-sacrificing efforts to relieve the poor and distressed, he thought they might, with pardonable pride, ask themselves in the words of the Latin poet, *Quae regio in terris nostri non plena laboris?* They were there with proud and grateful hearts to commemorate the Centenary of a Lodge which was still flourishing and useful, and still an ornament of the great order of Freemasons. What might have been the vicissitudes of the Lodge during that time he could not say, but the history of the Combermere Lodge was, it appeared, being compiled by a worthy member of it, and he was sure when they had the pleasure of reading the record that that Brother had preserved for them, not only the worthy brethren of the Combermere Lodge, but the worthy brethren throughout the length of this Province and throughout the length and breadth of England would be ready when they have before them this glorious example, and determined, in the words of the text, to "go and do likewise. Might God in His mercy and grace give them power to follow the christian example of those who had gone before them, so that when the hour of their departure had come they might be partakers of the blessings and glory reserved in heaven for those made perfect through the blood of Christ.

At the close of the service a collection was made in aid of the Cheshire Benevolent Masonic Institute and the Macclesfield Infirmary.

In the evening Lord Egerton presided at the banquet at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel.

The toasts were of the usual character interspersed by songs and recitations. A pleasing part of the proceedings was the introduction to Lord Egerton, by the Director of Ceremonies, of Bro. John James Mason, who is the oldest brother in the county, having been a member of the Combermere for fifty-eight years. His Lordship congratulated the venerable brother on his presence and long Masonic career, and heartily proposed and drank to his health. The speeches were of a highly interesting character.—*Macclesfield Courier*.

AN ENGLISH RESTAURANT IN PARIS.—English chops and steaks, English cookery and specialties of all kinds, are to be offered to the Parisian public at 26 Boulevard des Capucines, by the enterprising Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The best French cookery will be supplied also; and, in fact, it is proposed to start a thoroughly high class Restaurant, which, while offering the best *cuisine* of both countries, will be mainly conducted on English lines. Messrs. Spiers and Pond's vast experience in catering should bring to a successful issue a scheme which will be watched with interest on both sides of the channel.

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AT A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 12th October 1893,

HENRY SMITH, Esq., Treasurer, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks, V. Patron, in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 15 GIRLS into the Institution, from a list of 37 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List.	Name.	Votes.	No. on Poll.
27	Jones, G. M. ...	4120	1
16	Arkell, H. L. P. ...	3501	2
23	Rankin, E. R. ...	3326	3
12	Templer, G. M. ...	3273	4
17	Hitchen, A. E. ...	3272	5
32	Ward, W. M. ...	3254	6
15	Cartwright, E. M. ...	3133	7
5	Ace, F. S. ...	3123	8
6	Gallott, D. ...	3102	9
29	Sims, M. E. H. ...	3031	10
34	Roberts, E. E. ...	3026	11
28	Green, J. D. ...	3020	12
37	Floyd, N. ...	2771	13
19	Cranfield, M. ...	2760	14
9	Norbury, M. A. ...	2754	15

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1	Croft, L. W. ...	3575	14	Curtis, J. C. ...	2514
2	Wheeler, F. H. ...	3099	15	Griffiths, F. H. ...	2473
3	Wilson, J. A. ...	3065	16	Milam, H. E. ...	2458
4	Campbell, C. E. D. ...	2901	17	Evans, A. W. ...	2417
5	Beckett, R. G. ...	2793	18	Pyne, F. D. ...	2425
6	Brewis, J. M. ...	2785	19	Podd, H. G. W. ...	2374
7	Allen, W. J. R. ...	2774	20	Castle, F. H. ...	2358
8	Hall, F. W. ...	2632	21	Caton, R. J. T. ...	2356
9	Walker, J. B. ...	2677	22	Brown, D. ...	2320
10	Roy, J. ...	2604	23	Good, B. H. ...	2293
11	Horsburg, S. A. ...	2602	24	Finch, B. ...	2258
12	Dowdell, S. J. E. ...	2560	25	Bono, L. W. ...	2200
13	Salomonski, E. O. ...	2517	26	Newman, G. ...	2118

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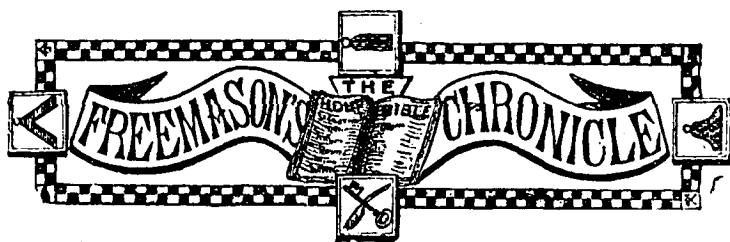
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SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 1893.

The cry of free education for the young has already made itself felt in Masonic circles, among those who are ever striving to benefit their fellow creatures. We have lately recorded that in Lancashire and Cheshire some alteration is contemplated in the local Masonic Educational Funds as a consequence of government grants being now available for educational purposes, and something of the sort will probably be attempted elsewhere.

In Devonshire, for instance, the Secretary of the local Educational Fund has found it necessary to contradict a statement that has been made to the effect that the Fund is self supporting—as a consequence of free education, it may be assumed—whereas the facts of the case are that Devonshire has a sum of £1,000 invested for this purpose and has twenty children on its hands, whose education, &c., entails an annual outlay of £300; a sum it would puzzle even the most enthusiastic devotee of the government system to secure for such a number of children.

It is undoubtedly true that some help will be in future obtainable from government under this head, but we fear it will never be in the power of the State to do the work so efficiently and so thoroughly as many of our Provinces are doing. It has always been the aim of the Masonic Order to educate its orphans as well or even better than would have been their lot had their parents lived, and we hope the same spirit will actuate them in all their dealings with the distress which arises around them.

The brethren of the Transvaal seem to be sincere in their desire for a District Grand Lodge to manage their affairs, and have passed a resolution at one of their Lodges to apply for the necessary warrant. This means progress, and as it is being promoted in regular form we wish its movers every success in their efforts.

The Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay, Brechin Castle, was recently initiated in Lodge St. James, Brechin, No. 123. The accession of this prominent member of the noble house of Ramsay to the ranks of the Brotherhood has created considerable interest. The Maules and the Ramsays have always taken a lively interest in Freemasonry, and done much for its advancement; and that their services have been appreciated is evidenced by the fact that so many belonging to these noble families have been raised to the highest honour the Craft has to bestow. In looking down the list of Grand Master Masons of Scotland we find the following distinguished names connected with these families:—George, 5th Earl of Dalhousie (1804-5); the Hon. William Ramsay Maule, of Panmure, afterwards Lord Panmure (1808-9); James Andrew, Lord Ramsay, afterwards 10th Earl, and first Marquis of Dalhousie (1836-37); Fox Maule, 11th Earl of Dalhousie (1867-69). It will be within the recollection of most that the late Earl of Dalhousie held the high and responsible position of Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire for several years before his death.—*Dundee Courier*.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM (VI. PART 2).

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 218).

PASSING from these speculations, let me next come to Stukeley's statement that he "was the first person made a freemason in London for many years," which is in direct conflict with Anderson's account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its fourth meeting, in June 1719, where we are told that "some Noblemen were also made Brothers, and more new Lodges were constituted."

Also, according to the same authority (*Constitutions*, 1738), the Duke of Montagu being very popular, the brethren, in 1722, wished him to serve another year as G.M., and therefore "delayed to prepare the Feast." But a reference to the extracts which I have given from the *Diary*, will show under 25th May 1722, that Stukeley then met three noblemen at the "Fount. Tav. Lodg. to consider of Feast at St. John."

Again, the *Constitutions* say, that having been irregularly placed in the Chair on the 24th June 1722 (St. John's day), "the noble Brothers" and others disowned Wharton's Authority, until the breach was healed by the Duke of Montagu on 17th January 1723. With this, however, compare the entry in the *Diary* under 3rd November 1722—"The Duke of Wharton and Ld. Dalkeith [G.M., June 1723] visited our Lodge at the Fountain."

The *Daily Post*, 20th June and the *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, 30th June 1722, have been cited in my *History of Freemasonry*, but the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, held 24th June in that year, as described in the latter paper, will again bear reproduction:—"they had a most sumptuous Feast, several of the Nobility, who are members of the Society, being present; and his Grace the Duke of Wharton was then unanimously chosen Governor of the said Fraternity."

Second period, 1723-26.—Stukeley was present in Lodge on 4th October 1723, and so far as the evidence extends, it was his last attendance at any Masonic meeting, prior to his removal from London to Grantham, in 1726. There is, indeed, only one clue to guide us in forming any judgment in the matter. In his *Common-Place Book*, after recording the circumstances attending his initiation, he observes—"Immediately after that it took a run & ran itself out of breath through the folly of its member."

Something is here satirized of which Stukeley strongly disapproved, and what it was we may not indeed be able to ascertain, but it is an undoubted fact that from 1722 down to 1725, and perhaps later, the bonds of discipline so recently forged were unequal to the strain which was imposed on them. The evidence confirming this is abundant, and can be readily referred to.

I shall, therefore, content myself with a few remarks on the centralizing tendency of the Grand Lodge, as exemplified by a publication (the *Book of Constitutions*) of 1723.

Subject to some trifling alterations, this work was compiled between 29th September and 27th December 1721, as the "manuscript" was ready for examination on the latter of these dates.

The book introduces three striking innovations. It abolishes Christianity as the religion of Masonry, forbids the working of the "Master's part" in private Lodges, and arbitrarily imposes on the English Craft the use of two compound words—Entered-Apprentice and Fellow-Craft—which had no previous existence in its terminology.

Against these deviations from established usage the brethren rebelled, and the more earnestly, because it gradually became apparent that the Grand Lodge, designed at first as a governing body for London and Westminster, was slowly but surely extending its authority over the whole country.

The three innovations which have been instanced, can only of necessity receive the briefest notice at my hands in the present article.

The first of them, the drawing a sponge over the Ancient Charge "to be true to God and the Holy Church," was doubtless looked upon by many Masons of those days, in very much the same manner as we now regard the absence of any religious formulary whatever, in the so-called Masonry of Mexico and France.

It is possible that Stukeley was among the number, and,

indeed, there is nothing else in the Masonic history of the period that seems to me in any way calculated to provoke such a criticism upon it, as we find recorded in the *Common-Place Book* of the Doctor.

Masons of the present day take so little interest in the past history of the Society, that the attitude of certain Grand Lodges by whom the obliteration of the first and principal Charge of the Ancient Masons has never been acquiesced in, is simply viewed as a very ordinary example of Continental perversity. But our German brethren, who point to the *original* Mason's Creed as a Landmark, assert (and it is easier to ridicule than to confute them), that in so regarding it, they are the true Freemasons, and ourselves the dissenters.

The second Innovation was triumphantly swept away by a Resolution of Grand Lodge on 27th November 1725:—"A Motion being made that such part of the 13th Article of the Gen^l. Regulations relating to the making of M^{as}ts. only at a Quarterly Court may be repealed, and that the M^{as}t. of Each Lodge, with the consent of his Wardens and the Majority of the Brethren, being M^{as}ts., may make M^{as}ts. at their discretion. Agreed, Nem. Con."

The effect of the third Innovation has been considered at some length in a previous volume of our *Transactions* (i. 176), and it will therefore be sufficient to mention in this place, as indicative of the general discontent, that whereas 64 Lodges are shown on the Engraved List of 1725, only 54 appear in the edition for 1729.

Third period, 1726-30.—In June, 1726, Stukeley "retired to Grantham," at which place he tells us, "I set up a Lodg of freemasons, wh lasted all the time I lived there." This was until February 1730, when he removed to Stamford.

The Lodge of Grantham never appeared on the roll of the Grand Lodge, which it would have done, I think, had the proceedings of this body been viewed with favour by the doctor. Under the circumstances, therefore, it seems to point out, firstly that independent Lodges continued to organize themselves for many years after the formation of a Grand Lodge (of which there is ample corroboration); and secondly, that however discontented Stukeley may have latterly been, as a London Mason, his zeal revived on his removal into the Provinces, where for three years and a half, and until at the age of 42 he had exchanged physic for divinity, and settled in a new town, his interest in the Craft never abated.

The Mr. Collins initiated at the same time with Stukeley, would seem to have been R. Collins the painter. Captain Rowe I have failed to trace, as I also have any explanation whatever of the entries relating to the "Order of the Book." A copy of the first and last page of the "old MS. of the Constitutions," noticed in the *Diary* under 24th June 1721, is still preserved in one of Stukeley's volumes of Drawings. These extracts have been examined by Bro. G. W. Speth, and a "note" about them will be found in our *Transactions* (iv., 171). The "evidential value" of the entries in the several manuscript repositories, could only be appraised by a careful scrutiny of the originals, which I have not seen. Hence I am merely able to offer the conjecture, that apparently in the *Autobiography* and *Common-place Book*, the reflections of latter years were occasionally set down after entries of earlier date, owing, it may reasonably be supposed, to there being blank spaces on which they could be recorded.

With the memoir of Dr. Stukeley it had been my wish to incorporate an essay or article *On the Medical profession in connection with Freemasonry*.

Freemasonry "rose at a single bound into notice and esteem" on the Duke of Montague accepting the Grand Mastership in 1721. The Duke was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (as also was the fourth "Noble Grand Master," the Duke of Richmond). The first Deputy Grand Master was Dr. Beale. The first Initiate, after a Masonic torpor of some duration (as we learn from a writing under his own hand), was Dr. Stukeley. With these names I must for the present conclude, though they would only serve as the beginning of a long series, did not space forbid such an amplification of the paper I am noticing in the CHRONICLE. One final observation will be permissible, and it is, that I shall be glad to receive particulars of any medical brethren, home, foreign, or colonial, in the present or past, who are or were eminent as Masons, or practitioners, or in any other way whatsoever?

Notes and Queries are supplied by the Editor, and

Bros. Andrew Hope, J. Jerman, W. F. Lamonby, M. C. Peck, J. H. Clendinning, Francis E. Clarke, Thos. Francis, W. H. Jacob, William Simpson P.M., William Hammond, and John Yarker. The last named again brings up the puzzle of *Naymus Graecus*, and cites the opinion of Major Robert H. Murdoch, R.A., that this mysterious and patriarchal Craftsman was no other than *Marcus Graecus*, from whose MS., Friar Roger Bacon obtained the secret of gunpowder? I shall venture to throw out a hint, which if taken by Bro. Murdoch, might enable us to form a better judgment in the matter—it is, that he should read us a paper, or write an article embodying his views, to be published in *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*?

Current events are summed up as usual by Bro. Speth in the *Chronicle*—not to be confused in the present instance with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which is serving at this moment as the vehicle of my remarks. Under *Germany*, he alludes to the formation by Bro. Settegast of a *fourth* Grand Lodge in Berlin, "The Grand Lodge Kaiser Frederick of Masonic Fidelity."

"Doubt was expressed as to its legality from a police point of view, arising from the construction to be placed on the decree of 1798.

"The establishment of the Grand Lodge Frederick brought the whole matter before the Oberwaltungsgericht at Berlin: which has decided that the edict of 1798 is now practically inoperative, and that all Lodges in Prussia stand under the general laws regulating clubs and other societies. There is therefore nothing now to prevent any Grand Lodge in Germany from establishing daughter Lodges in Berlin or other Prussian dominions, in like manner as the three hitherto favoured Grand Lodges have done in other States of the Empire.

"To our Colonial brethren, who object to the three British Grand Lodges exercising concurrent jurisdiction, and still more to our American brethren, who stand aghast at anything short of sole jurisdiction, this spectacle of *nine* Grand Lodges all holding sway in every part of Germany, and erecting Lodges side by side in the same town, must be heartrending; but the probability is that German Masons will not find it such a terrible task to live together in peace, once the present excited feelings have calmed down."

There is only one further feature of the serial under review, to which I must refer. The illustrations are alike interesting and profuse, and my observations will now be brought to a close, by an expression of sincere wonder at the number of good things set before us by our indefatigable Secretary and Editor in the latest instalment of what, in truth and justice, may be termed his "life's work."

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 73.

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

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Yet all our prayers for Mercy ever heeds.

Winder House, Bradford,
2nd October 1893.

How to SOLVE THE UNEMPLOYED PUZZLE has occupied the attention of our shrewdest philanthropists for many years, but it is still as far off being solved as ever it was. It would be impossible for any Government to establish a permanent system of relief works to give remunerative employment to every one requiring it. On the other hand there is great room for improvement in the help given through the casual wards. Deserving workers should be given an opportunity to retrieve the ground they have lost. No matter, however, what defects there may be in our social laws there is no flaw in the method by which Holloway's Pills and Ointment cleanse the system and enable it to withstand the attacks of disease.

BLUNDERS.

THE humour of this world would be very circumscribed if blunders were confined to that class of people alone of which Mrs. Malaprop is a notable example,—those people who apply the inopportune word, or use observations entirely out of season. "Ah! few gentlemen nowadays know how to value the ineffable qualities in a woman!" was one of her characteristic remarks which is very familiar, and will long be remembered.

Absurd blunders are often committed by those who claim to be educated people, and through a variety of causes almost unexplainable. Sometimes they are the result of ignorance, but more often of pure accident, as in the following story, of which Mr. Anthony Trollope is the narrator.

Altering a motto:—"One of Oliver Cromwell's Ironsides, after the civil wars, settled down as landlord of a village inn. True to his training, he selected a scriptural motto for his signboard, on which he inscribed the words:—"God encompasseth us." The words became obliterated through time, but something of their sound remained, and when long after the signboard was renewed by a new landlord, the motto re-appeared, with a blundering, but more suitable device in the centre, viz., "The Goat and Compasses."

Tussaud's Blunder:—A very ridiculous blunder was once made by Madame Tussaud in connection with the waxwork effigy of a notorious poisoner: it was contained in the announcement that "Dr. Palmer was executed at Stafford with two hundred other celebrities."

An M.P. at fault:—A London correspondent once pointed out a blunder which was committed by Mr. Muntz, the member for Birmingham. The House was discussing the Civil Service estimates, and in the vote for Mining Inspectors there was an item for "clerical assistance." The honourable member expressed his objection in these words: "He did not know that the mining inspectors were such very wicked people that they required clergymen to be kept to look after their spiritual condition." The House roared; and the honourable gentleman joined in the merriment when he received the explanation that "clerical assistance" meant the assistance of clerks, and not of clergymen.

London v. London:—Mr. John Claudius London, a landscape gardener and writer upon agriculture, once communicated with the Duke of Wellington, asking permission to pay a visit to the residence of the latter at Strathfieldsaye, for the purpose of inspecting the magnificent beeches growing there. As the writing was very illegible, the Duke was entirely mistaken both as to the name of the sender (whom he thought was the Bishop of London), and the particular request conveyed in the letter (which he understood referred to breeches). Accordingly the reply was wrongly addressed by the Iron Duke to Dr. Bloomfield, Bishop of London, as follows:—

"My dear lord, I shall always be glad to see you at Strathfieldsaye, and my servant shall show you as many pairs of my breeches as you choose to inspect; but what you want to see them for is quite beyond me.—Yours, &c., Wellington."

Unconscious Irony.—The well-known Sergeant Adams, trying a case of nuisance, on his summing up gave the jury an explanation of the offence in question of extraordinary length. Before they retired he expressed a hope that the jurymen had understood the points which he had laid before them. "Oh, yes, my Lord," said the foreman, "we are all agreed that we never knew what a nuisance was until we heard your lordship summing up."

Arkwright's Blunder.—It is said that by a certain clause in the will of Richard Arkwright, the inventor of the spinning jenny, a sum of ninety thousand pounds was literally thrown away. Intending to benefit his daughter, he left the sum of one million sterling to his son-in-law, Sir R. Wigram. The legatee being a stranger in blood to the testator, had to pay legacy-duty at the rate of ten per cent., or one hundred thousand pounds, whereas had Mr. Arkwright's daughter been legatee instead of her husband, the amount to pay would have been only at the rate of one per cent., or ten thousand pounds.

Interrupting the Speaker:—A firm of well-known German merchants formerly trading in Portland Street, Manchester, and also at Bradford, Yorkshire, promoted a picnic for the benefit of their employes, which took place at a village some few miles distant from the latter town. Two or three of the masters, together with the heads of the various departments from both houses accompanied the picnic party, by way—I suppose—of casting a nuance of respectability over the assembly. The services of a local band had been obtained, sports of various kinds provided and a commodious tent erected, where a substantial banquet had been supplied by the liberality of the employers. The inevitable speeches followed from the principals, and were accepted with the usual acclamations, for an employe often looks upon his superior with a certain amount of reverence, just as the Chinese regard the Grand Lama with a degree of awe. A member of the firm was in the midst of an interesting speech, having just reverted to the successful meeting, and was promising another re-union, which, if it did not rival the present one, should at least not fall very far short of it, when the band, through some blundering signal struck up "Not for Joe," a tune which at that time was a very popular one. The speaker recognised the humour of the tune and circumstances, burst into laughter, and immediately resumed his seat to the amusement of his audience.

Badly Expressed:—We do not know whether the recipient of the following letter felt amused or enraged on reading it. It was written by a Buckinghamshire farmer to a distinguished scientific agriculturist, to whom he felt under obligation for introducing a variety of swine: "Respected sir,—I went yesterday to a fair at A—, I found several pigs of your species. There was a great variety of beasts, and I was greatly astonished at not seeing you there." Here is another from an illiterate farmer, who, wishing to enter some

animals at an agricultural exhibition, wrote as follows to the Secretary of the Society: "Enter me also for a jackass. I have no doubt of gaining a prize."

Emphatic:—"Sir. My Wiuf is ded and wounts to be berried to-morrow, at wonner klok. U nose wair to dig the Hole—by the said of my too nther Wiufs. *Let it be deep!*" were the peremptory although perhaps not lucid instructions of a bereaved husband to his undertaker.

Paradoxical:—"My lord," said the foreman of a Welsh jury, when giving in the verdict, "we find the man who stole the mare not guilty."

Mrs. Grunly says:—During the rage for spelling bees, a clergyman was "turned out," as the term was understood, at a fashionable assembly for spelling drunkenness with one "n." Upon his return to the parish where he held his ministrations, he found himself very coldly received by his parishioners, and accordingly sent for the parish clerk to learn the cause. "Well, sir," was the answer of the man, "a report has reached here that you were turned out of a great lady's house in London for drunkenness."

Perplexing:—"I say, old fellow, what are your politics?" asked one friend of another. "Conservative—my father was a conservative," he replied. "And what is your religion?" continued the other. "Protestant—my father was a Protestant," was the answer. "And why are you a bachelor?" persisted his friend. "Because my father was a—oh, confound it, don't bother me with such stupid questions."

The following is a rich specimen of a blunder once perpetrated by a bell-ringer in Cork.

Caution:—"O yis! O yis! Lost somewhere between twelve o'clock and McKinney's store, in Market Street, a large brass key. I'll not be after telling yees what it is, but its the key of the bank sure."

Irishisms:—In the Irish Bank Bill, passed in 1808, there is a clause providing that the profit shall be equally divided, and that the residue shall go to the governor. "Share, which is the entrance out?" was the question which a bewildered son of Erin once asked at a railway station. That was a provident Irishman who went to get his life insured, "so that when he died he could have something to live on, and not be dependent upon the cowl'd charities of the world, as he once was." It was an Irish handbill that announced with boundless liberality in reference to a great political demonstration in the Rotunda, Dublin, that "ladies without distinction of sex would be welcome."

An Illogical Revenge:—During the Irish rebellion in 1798, the rebels, who had conceived a violent hatred against a great Dublin banker, adopted a very extraordinary method of revenging themselves upon him, in passing a resolution that they would burn his notes. They accordingly did so, forgetting that by this action they were cancelling his debts, and that every note so destroyed put a corresponding value into the banker's pocket.

Irish Divines:—The clerics of Ireland have always been noted for their eccentricities. None but a clergyman from beyond the Channel would, on being appointed to preach a "condemned" sermon, have selected an old University discourse, and have promised the unfortunate criminal who was to be hanged on the morrow, that the remainder of the homily should be given on the next Sunday. And we may be certain that none but an Irish clergyman would have divided his sermon into parts, first addressing those who were present, and afterwards those who were absent.

Rival Echoes:—On hearing an English gentleman speaking in praise of the Eagle's Nest echo, (Killarney), which repeats the sound several times, Pat promptly replied: "Faith, sir, that's nothing at all to the fine echo in my father's garden in Galway, for if you say to it, 'How do you do, Paddy Blake?' it will immediately make answer: 'Pretty well, I thank you sir.'"

Pat's Toast:—At a dinner party in France, a toast was given, "The land we live in." "With all my soul," responded an Irishman who was present, "here's to poor old Ireland!"

"Bock of Rarities," by Bro. EDWARD ROBERTS P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T.

It was understood that Arnold Allan Cecil Keppel, Viscount Bury, M.P. for Birkenhead, would be proposed yesterday (Friday) evening as a member of the Rock Lodge, No. 1289, Birkenhead. He was to be proposed by Bro. John Daken P.M., and seconded by Bro. C. S. Dean W.M. of the Lodge.

The Eccentric Club has of late more than justified its name. Its premises at Piccadilly Circus are, if not palatial, at all events something more than comfortable, and the attendance is always attractive, and the fun merry and extensive till the small hours of the morning. The Eccentric is, however, not to be left behind in its elder brother of the Savage, and it is to have a Freemason's Lodge attached to it. The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, has just authorised the formation of the Lodge, of which Sir Augustus Harris is denominated in the Warrant the first Worshipful Master. The new Lodge will meet at the Café Royal in Regent Street, and the consecration is to take place on Friday week.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Educational and General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Monday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to examine petitions from candidates for election on the Fund, and to place on the list such as were eligible. Bro. W. Powell P.P.G.T. presided over a large attendance. It was explained that three candidates who were unsuccessful at the election in April last were still eligible, and that two other applications had since been received, one from Okehampton, the other from South Molton, and the usual forms having been complied with, it was decided to put both names on the list. This will make five candidates for two vacancies. The election will take place at Exeter on the 30th instant. A statement having gone forth that the Educational Fund was self-supporting, Bro. Gover, the Secretary, explained that so far from this being the case, the invested funds did not exceed £1000, the interest from which was no more than sufficient to support two children. They had, however, already eighteen children on the Fund, and these would be increased to twenty by the election on the 30th inst., involving an annual expenditure of £300. They were, therefore, dependent on annual subscriptions to that amount, unless they encroached upon their invested capital, which they were most anxious not to do. It was stated that Bro. W. Willoughby had offered to arrange another concert in Plymouth Guildhall on behalf of the Educational Fund, similar to that of last year, which proved so great a financial and musical success. The offer was accepted, with thanks to Bro. Willoughby, and a committee, consisting of Brothers Gover, Lord, Bird, Mutton, and Dillon, was appointed to consult with him in carrying out the necessary arrangements. It is proposed to hold the concert about the middle of November.

CHARGES AGAINST WIGAN MASONS.

AT the meeting of the Wigan Town Council last week, Mr. Councillor M'Quaid moved:—"That the Council views with anxiety the deterioration of the borough police force, and respectfully recommends the Watch Committee to take into consideration the best means of placing it in a state of efficiency." Mr. M'Quaid made a number of grave charges against the Watch Committee as to the way in which appointments were made, and protested strongly against the prejudice that had been shown against persons of a particular religion and nationality. It was the common talk of the town that no candidate would be successful in entering the force unless a member either of the Freemasons or the Orange Society. It was patent that promotion was not given on account of merit, but depended upon patronage. Mr. Alderman Farington, Chairman of the Committee, hotly denied the charges, which, however, Mr. M'Quaid said he was prepared to prove. On the resolution being put, the supporters of Mr. Alderman Farington and the Watch Committee, under some misconception, called out "Aye," and, before any one could realise what had taken place, Mr. M'Quaid's resolution was unanimously adopted. The greatest consternation was apparent, and Mr. Alderman Farington gave notice that he should move the rescinding of the resolution.—*Oldham Chronicle*.

Kilwinning, in Ayrshire, was a centre of special interest for Freemasons throughout Scotland on the 30th ult., the occasion being the opening of the new hall for the mother Lodge. Founded by the builders of the Abbey about the middle of the twelfth century, the Lodge has continued to hold session to the present day, and to its missionary efforts are to be traced the extensive ramifications of the Order not only in Scotland, but in other parts of the world. The new building forms a fine outstanding feature in the architecture of the place. For the consecration ceremony deputations attended from nearly thirty Lodges.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Adelaide has for the past few weeks been staying in Yorkshire (Bradford). For some years he has been Chaplain to Lodge St. Albain, No. 30, Adelaide, South Australia. The Bishop is perhaps better known to Yorkshiremen as the Rev. George Wyndham Kennion, vicar of All Saints, Bradford. Rather more than ten years ago, when Dr. Kennion relinquished his parish work at Bradford for the responsibilities of a colonial bishopric, he was undoubtedly one of the most eloquent and popular clergymen in the West Riding. His energies in Church work were well seconded by his then curate, the Rev. Rawdon Briggs—who stood six feet high and was a fine cricketer—and to whom Sir Francis Sharp Powell, M.P., afterwards presented the living. Ordained by the Bishop of Tuam in 1869, Dr. Kennion at once became that prelate's domestic Chaplain. Then he accepted a curacy at Doncaster, became an Inspector of Schools for the Diocese of York, afterwards vicar of St. Paul, Sculcoates, Hull, and then vicar of All Saints, Bradford. He was consecrated Lord Bishop of Adelaide in Westminster Abbey on 30th November 1882, by the Right Rev. Dr. Jackson, Bishop of London, assisted by the present Archbishop of York (then Bishop of Lichfield), the late Bishop Ryan (formerly vicar of Bradford, rector of Middleham, and at the time of his demise vicar of Stanhope, Darlington), Bishop Hellmuth (vicar of Bridlington), and other distinguished prelates.

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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, 14th October.

178 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1685 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1904 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2369 Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Gt. Queen St.
R.A. 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
R.A. 1928 Gallery, Anderton's, Fleet Street
R.A. 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., S.E.
M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.
1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1415 Campbell, Mire Hotel, Hampton.
1637 Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow
1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead
1900 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2006 Tilbury, Tilbury Docks Hotel, Essex
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2147 Crays Valley, The Institute, St. Mary Cray
2326 Wigan, Masonic Hall, Wigan.
2369 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Monday, 16th October.

21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1657 Aldersgate, The Albion, Aldersgate St., E.C.
1894 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St.
2265 Barnard, Cafe Monaco, Piccadilly.
R.A. 1866 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 2060 La France, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
M.M. 239 Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whitby
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gt. Heath
468 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1113 Angelsea, Victoria Hotel, Carnarvon
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
1238 Gooch, Town Hall, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973 Saye and Sele, Mas. Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport
2086 Dacre, Assembly Rooms, Stevenage
2208 Horse, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.
2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shoo
Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, Victoria Hotel, Manchester
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 296 Loyalty, F.M.H., Surrey St., Sheffield
R.A. 428 Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

Tuesday, 17th October.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Strickwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, White Lion, High St., Putney
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queens Westminster, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 284 High Cross, Liverpool Street Hotel, E.C.
213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
394 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor

402 Royal Sussex, George Hotel, Nottingham
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Masonic Hall, Hanley
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff

1006 Tregulrow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1704 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham
1833 St. Keyna, Lamb and Lark Hotel, Kaysnham
1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
1894 Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1903 Pr Edward of Saxa Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Ruzeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willow
2351 Ermine, County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 458 Dove, Town Hall, Uttokator
R.A. 645 Humphrey Cheetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 792 Oliver, M.H., Osborne St., Basingstoke
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dursford
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Cantham
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

Wednesday, 18th October.

General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Graysm St. E.C.
619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich

1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150 Buckingham and Chando, F.M.H., W. 1.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Little Mill Street
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
2345 Duke of Fife, Alexandra, Clapham Common
2349 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle, Londonhall St.
2361 Crickwood, Crown Hotel, Crickwood
2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice, Forest Gate

R.A. 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Casino Street Hotel
R.A. 1698 Ley Spring, Anderton's, Fleet Street
R.A. 2191 Savage Club, 33 Golden Square, W.
M.M. 144 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86 Loyalty, King's Arms Ho., Prescot, Lancashire
121 Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Panzano
127 Union, King's Head, Margate
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigton
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
311 South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Levens
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, M.H., Soane St., Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
591 Faith, Grosvenor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester
591 Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
633 Yarborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
682 Dartmouth, Masonic Hall, W. Bromwich
683 Iscu, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maldenhead
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hoxall
874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells
899 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Brompton
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Room, Wokington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1136 Carey, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freem. Hall, Manchester
1240 Holte, Victoria Hall, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighton
1334 Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Manchester
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horncastle
1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Runcorn
1774 Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ash-on-Under-Lyne
1763 Albert Edward, F.H., Hallersfield
1988 Mawddack, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parale, Douglas
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Garsport
2153 Hope, India Arms Hotel, Garsport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel,
North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall,
Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse
2266 Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham
2283 Euston, New Inn, St. Neos
2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne

R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester
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R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Walsall
R.A. 731 Truth, Maonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 750 Friendship, M.H., Whitcliffe, Colchester
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1337 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Mardy
R.A. 1603 Francis Burdett, Albany, Twickenham
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick

Thursday, 19th October.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
40 Gilson, Guildhall Tavern, Graysm Street
55 Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel W.C.
189 Temperance, White Swan, Donkford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wool
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1681 Lonsdaleborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1716 All Saints, 117 High Street, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich

R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1393 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square
M.M. Bon Accord, Mark Masons, Hall, W.C.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
50 Howard, Town Hall, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
203 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
247 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
269 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ash-on-Under-Lyne
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Colmsford
283 Amity, Grey Mare Hotel, Haslingden
322 Peace, Warren Berkeley Hotel, Stockport
332 Virtue & Silence, White Lion, Huddersfield, Suff.
337 Candour, New M.R., Uppermill, Saddleworth.
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale
425 Castrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
630 St. Cathbert, Masonic Hall, Howland
659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Institute, Blyth
663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., Devizes
710 Pleiades, Masonic Hall, Totnes
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
787 Beaureper, Lion Hotel, Belper
802 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southall-on-Sea
1011 Richmond, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1032 Townley Parker, Town Hall, Chorley
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1184 Eliot, Masonic Hall, St. Germains, Cornwall
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
1299 Pembroke, Shiel Park, near Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Croydon, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Greyhound Hotel, Huddersfield
1534 Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Risca, Mon.
1576 Dee, Union Hotel, Cheshire
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1872 St. Margaret's, Maple Hall, Scarborough
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
2091 Castleberg, Ashfield Hotel, Salford
2153 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Sney's Street, Salford
2402 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell, Notts
2405 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield
2316 Princes, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldgs., Southampton
2341 Cloncaey, Freemasons' Hall, Oulton
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R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ash-on-Under-Lyne
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R.A. 653 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Birtley, Newcastle
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Witley
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plunzead
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Church Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1324 Okeover, Mire Hotel, Blyth, Derby
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R.A. 2099 St. George's, Mas. Rooms, Bury
R.A. 2195 Military Justice, Masonic Hall, Derby
M.M. Canyuge, Freemasons' Hall, Bury
M.M. 21 Howe, George Hotel, Mason Mowbray

Friday, 20th October.

Board of Management, Boys' School
1902 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1539 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern
M.M. 176 Era, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.

152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Helston
347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Manchester
445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
541 De Loraine, F.M.H., Grainger St., Newcastle
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
951 Prince of Wales, M.H., Stow-on-the-Wold
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1096 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal
1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Three Swans, Market Harborough
1644 Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penitton.
1794 De Vere, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Stretford.

2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
2386 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
2447 Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170 All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 414 Union, M.H., Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 555 Henniker, Crown Hotel, Framlingham
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull
R.A. 1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., L'pool
R.C. 19 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 120 White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield

Saturday, 21st October.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham St.
1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 142 St. Thomas, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, N.W.
M.M. 251 Mount Moriah, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.

368 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
398 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
811 Yarrowburgh, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
R.A. 1194 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court
R.A. 1851 Ewell, Sun Hotel, Kingston
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon

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Saturday, 14th October.

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, 16th October.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
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
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 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' Junc.
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, Magdalen Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. 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, 17th October.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
189 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
403 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. Wilham, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
920 Lily of Richmond, Station Ho., Richmond, 7:30
929 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 Edgumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30,
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bottle, 146 Berry Street, Bottle, 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
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2148 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 18th October.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 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,
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 514 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1682 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Horvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1903 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
2349 Warrant Officers, 33 Old Compton St., W., 7:30
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Grilliron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 19th October.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
203 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
740 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 9
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, Bathnal 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
1559 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
1622 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, 9
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N., 8

Friday, 20th October.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1299 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
1612 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, 21st 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
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

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