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THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE shadow of coming events in the world of Masonic Charity is making itself very apparent at the present time, when the outlook in regard to the approaching Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is anything but cheering, the falling off in the number of Stewards as compared with recent years being very considerable, the result—it need hardly be mentioned—of the special efforts that have been made during the past few months in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

It is very unfortunate that the prosperity of one of the great funds of English Masonic Benevolence should be purchased at the cost of either one of the others, but this can hardly be prevented on such a particular occasion as that shortly to be celebrated in connection with the Boys School. The Centenary of the establishment of that Institution is close upon us, and it is but natural that the English Craft should be specially appealed to for the purpose of marking the event in fitting manner, while it also follows, in the ordinary course of events, that the enthusiasm displayed on this occasion in the one direction has a depressing effect in others, on the principle, as we have always maintained, that the spring of Masonic Benevolence shows a tolerably regular flow, and any excess drawn at a particular time makes an appreciable difference until the level is again reached.

It happens, however, in this connection, that the Boys School is the last of our three Institutions to make such a special claim upon the Craft, for the same thing happened in connection with the Girls School, when it celebrated its Centenary; and with the Benevolent Institution, when the first fifty years of the existence of the Male Fund was completed; and this being so there is nothing to actually complain of at the moment, even if the usual friendly rivalry of the three Institutions was not so well known as to preclude the thought of such a course. But there is no overlooking the fact that a very serious drain is likely to be made on the resources of the other Funds, by reason of the Centenary of the Boys, and this seems likely to be specially noticeable in connection with the first celebration of the year—on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The Annual Festival on behalf of the funds of our Old Folks' Charity is fixed for the end of next month, and although there is thus some time in which to work in order to ensure its success, the outlook at present is anything but gratifying, for the number of Stewards already enrolled is much below the average of recent years, and there seems little or no chance of making good the deficiency in point of numbers during the two months

yet before us, while there is no reason to anticipate that the quality of the lists to be presented will be so far above the average as to make the total what all would like to see it.

The good work carried on by the Benevolent Institution is well known throughout the country, for there is hardly a district to be found within our borders that does not number in its midst one or more of the recipients—now close on 500—of the bounty of the Craft distributed through this particular Institution, while the fact that it is found possible to assist so large a body of annuitants with regular grants does not make it necessary to limit each of them to an insignificant amount, the payment being £40 a year for each aged Mason, and £32 a year for each Widow elected on the Funds of the Institution.

It does not require more than a moment's thought to bring the fact forcibly to one's mind that this large array of annuitants, each receiving the substantial sum we have mentioned, entails a very heavy annual charge on the Institution, and the interest on its invested funds being wholly inadequate to provide even a tithe of the annual distribution, it is self-evident that a very large sum has to be raised in connection with the Anniversary Festivals held for that purpose; and any great diminution in the number of Stewards working with this object naturally occasions alarm, as to whether sufficient will be raised to meet the calls of the year; for, despite the existence of a reserve ready to meet any such emergency, it is a general hope that it will not be necessary to commence inroads upon it, for the purpose of making the receipts equal the outgoings.

It seems somewhat superfluous to make an especial appeal to our readers to do something—however small—on behalf of the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, but it is absolutely necessary that a strong effort should be made during the next few weeks, else the Craft may find itself face to face with a deficit in this particular quarter. We are not so unreasonable as to ask for a record return, under the exceptional circumstances of the year, but we believe no member of the Fraternity would wish to see the Boys Centenary celebration benefit as a result of an actual deficit on either of the other Funds. As long as the Benevolent and the Girls Institutions can hold their own during the year we believe no one will murmur, but as appearances point at present it is somewhat doubtful whether the Benevolent Institution will be able to do so, although, as is well known, there is a strong and reliable band of workers ever exerting themselves in support of this noble Institution.

Comparisons between the three Institutions are somewhat out of place—they are each so good in their way that it is next to impossible to detract from the merits of one of them, even with the greatest of desires to put a rosier complexion on either of the others; but as one gradually

advances in years it becomes a difficult matter to prevent the thought from growing upon us, as to what is in store for us in our own old age. It is not that we become less considerate for the boys and girls, or that we grow selfish, or more inclined to look after our own interests, but the feeling cannot be overlooked that the case may in a few years be our own, and how shall we then feel? It is impossible for any of us to require the help of either of the Schools, so far as we are personally concerned, and equally impossible to say which among us at the present moment may, a few years hence, be most in need of the annuity of the Benevolent Institution.

It is a pity to have to even mention self in such a connection, but surely old age and infirmity robbed of the common necessities of life is more awful to contemplate than the possible fate of infants of to-day who, in the course of a few years, may have to seek a home in one or other of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. The country is year by year taking more and more responsibility upon itself in regard to the younger generation, and may safely be left to take a share in any provision as regards them, but old age pensions are at present but a vision of the future, and until that vision is realised there will always be a special claim for consideration on behalf of the aged.

The cry of the hour is for more Stewards for the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, not in the hope of securing any great amount to hoard up, but solely to provide the promised annuities for the year, and in adding our voice to the appeal we feel we can urge the plea in all sincerity, well aware that the cause is good, that the money is well spent, and that the need is great. We should like to know that these lines have been the means of inducing some of our friends to do more than they intended during this year, and although the actual knowledge may be denied us, we none the less hope that the list of Stewards will be increased during the coming week, as a direct outcome of these observations.

Coming to actual figures in connection with the work of the Institution, we heartily record the fact that at the present time there are 200 Aged Masons each in receipt of the handsome pension of £40 per annum, and

245 old Widows enjoying the annuity of £32 each, while thirty other old ladies are paid one half their late husband's annuity, in accordance with the rules of the Fund; so that we see that this one matter of payment of existing annuities alone absorbs a very large amount year by year, the total being no less than £16,384, while last year's income from invested Funds was little over a fourth of that total. The difference has to be met year by year—and in addition there are the current expenses of Management, &c.—and for this the special appeal in connection with the Annual Festivals is made. This year's celebration is fixed for Tuesday, 22nd prox., on which occasion the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire will preside, and will, we trust, be well supported by Brethren of his own Province, and representatives of every other division of English Masonry.

We may point to one other item worthy of the most serious consideration; despite the large number of Annuitants already on the list the roll of eligible and worthy old people is by no means exhausted, as evidenced by the fact that there are already 117 Candidates on the list qualified for the benefits of the Institution, but unhappily shut out for the time for want of funds. As we have said, the need is great, and the opportunity of rendering help is before the Craft. If any of our readers are in a position to assist we hope they will cheerfully do so.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board held its last meeting for the year on Wednesday evening, 22nd ult., Bro. J. H. Matthews presiding. Bro. Mercer S.V.P., and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, for Bro. C. A. Cottebrune J.V.P., took the two Vice-Presidents' chairs.

Out of forty-five cases on the new list one was deferred, and one dismissed. One petitioner had died. The Board gave to the other forty-two cases a total sum of £980. This amount was composed of individual grants of £50, £40, £30, £20, £15, £10, and £5 each; two of the first, six of the second, seven of the third, sixteen of the fourth, three of the fifth, five of the sixth, and three of the seventh.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

Chief Patroness—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness—H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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1911 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 267.

The 110th Anniversary Festival will take place on 18th May next, under the distinguished Presidency of

ALDERMAN SIR REGINALD HANSON, BART., M.P., LL.D., P.G.W.,
Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

F. R. W. HEDGES, *Secretary*, 5 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

MASONIC CHARITY IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE year just closed has shown a steady increase in the amounts subscribed by the Craft in the cause of Benevolence, the totals for 1897, as compared with those of 1896 being as follow :

	1896.	1897.
Benevolent Institution	£25,650 16 6	£27,129 0 1
Boys School	23,603 2 0	23,303 5 7
Girls School	19,664 3 11	21,405 14 3
Board of Benevolence	9,132 0 0	8,835 0 0

The above totals show an income of £71,837 19s 11d for the three Institutions during 1897, as compared with £68,918 2s 5d in 1896.

We append particulars of the receipts and grants :

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Dividends	-	-	£4,629 18 6
Donations and Subscriptions	-	-	19,442 1 1
Grand Lodge	-	-	1,600 0 0
Grand Chapter	-	-	150 0 0
Legacy (less duty)	-	-	90 0 0
Proportion of admission fees to Albert Hall	-	-	1,166 14 6
Interest on cash at call	-	-	50 6 0
			<u>£27,129 0 1</u>

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Donations and Subscriptions	-	-	£19,321 6 7
Grand Lodge at Albert Hall (proportion)	-	-	1,166 14 6
Grand Lodge Subscription	-	-	150 0 0
Grand Chapter	-	-	10 10 0
Life Presentation	-	-	525 0 0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call	-	-	1,847 10 4
Legacy	-	-	54 6 0
Music Fees	-	-	50 12 6
Science and Art Department (Grants earned)	-	-	15 14 0
Prize Funds	-	-	10 19 0
Sundry Receipts	-	-	69 11 4
Rent of Bushey Grove Park	-	-	81 1 4
			<u>£23,303 5 7</u>

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Donations and Subscriptions	-	-	£17,412 6 5
Subscription from Grand Lodge	-	-	150 0 0
Subscription from Grand Chapter	-	-	10 10 0
Proportion of proceeds of Diamond Jubilee Meeting, Albert Hall, 14th June	-	-	1,166 14 6
Interest on Investments	-	-	2,324 1 10
Interest on Deposits	-	-	44 17 7
Receipts for Musical Instruction	-	-	120 0 0
Legacy	-	-	100 0 0
Miscellaneous Receipts	-	-	77 3 11
			<u>£21,405 14 3</u>

Board of Benevolence.

1897.	No. Relieved.	Total Granted.
January	16	£480 0 0
February	33	1,000 0 0
March	40	1,135 0 0
April	25	560 0 0
May	23	655 0 0
June	27	665 0 0
July	17	465 0 0
August	19	535 0 0
September	20	685 0 0
October	25	595 0 0
November	42	1,080 0 0
December	43	980 0 0
	<u>330</u>	<u>£8,835 0 0</u>

The fourteenth annual festival of the Grand Masters Mark Lodge of Instruction will be held much earlier in the year than usual, the date fixed being Wednesday, 16th February, when the event will be celebrated at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. The annual banquet will be subsequently held in the Grand Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at which Sir Joseph Dimsdale J.G.W. has kindly consented to preside.

Co-operative Educational Travel,

ORGANIZED BY

HENRY S. LUNN, M.D., Ch., F.R.G.S. (Fellow of the Medical Society of London);

and

J. T. WOOLRYCH PEROWNE, M.A. (Late Classical Scholar, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge).

A Special Masonic Cruise

TO

Egypt and the Holy Land.

CHAPLAIN, THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON STEVENS, P.G.C.

The cost of the Cruise will be 25 guineas, including second class return ticket London-Marseilles, via Dover and Calais, and a 25 days' cruise. Land-excursions extra. The party will leave London on 21st January, returning on 16th February.

Other cruises leave London 18th February, and 12th April.

Lecturers for the season: Sir Arthur Arnold, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, the Head-Master of Wellington College, the Head-Master of Cheltenham College, Sir Lambert Playfair, Rev. Canon Moore LL.D., Dean Forrest, Canon Tristram, Professor Sayce, Professor Ramsay, and the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford (Chaplain of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem).

Full particulars, with a plan of the Steamer, from the

Secretary, 5 Endsleigh Gardens, London, N.W.

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ALDERSHOT CAMP CHAPTER, No. 1331.

THE monthly meeting was held on Monday, 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Aldershot, the Principals present being Comps. H. Williams Z., W. Cockburn H., and E. Downs J.

The meeting was asked to ballot for and, if approved, exalt Bro. Clarke, of the Aldershot Camp Lodge, and Bro. A. Weller, of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536. The ballot proved unanimous, and both being in attendance the exaltation was duly carried out in accordance with the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. An interesting feature at the opening, says the "Aldershot News," was the assistance of two Provincial or District Officers, who have recently joined this Chapter after an absence of some six years on foreign service. Both promised to take an interest in its future working. This, together with the intended joining of an old Past Master from the Panmure Lodge, will no doubt provide in the future for some slight relaxation on the part of those who have constantly been in harness for the past four years, and to whom all credit is due for the persistent energy with which they have carried out all the duties of their offices.

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ALDERSHOT MILITARY LODGE, No. 54.

THIS Lodge met on the 16th ult., under their W.M. Bro. J. Jenkins Kennett, to advance two Brethren who had already been approved, and to ballot for another candidate from the Aldershot Camp Lodge. Two of these Brethren were present, and they were consequently admitted to the full privileges of Mark Masons.

A warm welcome was extended to them, as they were almost the "first fruits" from the adjoining town of Farnham, which, viewed from a Mark Mason's point of view, is almost virgin soil. No doubt others will soon follow their example.

The exigencies of the service having removed the Junior Warden to Malta, the W.M. explained that although the Lodge would feel the loss, still as it had come in the form of promotion to the absent Brother, they must not complain. He added that as the Junior Warden's chair was an important one, being entrusted with very special duties, he would confer brevet rank on his Master Overseer, and ask him to discharge the duties until the time came for rearrangement. It was unfortunate, indeed, that at this meeting most of the letters of apology for non-attendance should come from the ranks of the Past Masters, and earnest hopes were expressed that in the New Year memories would be better, and difficulties much less than now appeared to be the case.

After the W.M. had given an impressive address on the courtesies observable between sister Lodges and the Brethren generally, the Lodge was closed.

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DE TABLEY LODGE, No. 396.

AT a recent meeting of the Lodge, held at Frodsham, Bro. Joseph Abrahams, of the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 758, Runcorn, was accepted and duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master.

Afterwards Bro. F. A. Smith S.W. P.G.J.O. was duly installed in the chair by Bro. S. Davies I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W., in a very impressive manner.

WISDOM, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY!

A practical view of the case.

ONE of the greatest beauties of Masonry is the way in which its mysteries appeal to all intelligences. To the Hebraist and to the Mystic it opens out a vista in which the Kabbalah plays an important part, and by its aid he may see the glorious perfection of all things under the symbol of King Solomon's Temple; to the historian in a lesser degree it opens a vista of historical research dating from the Pyramids of Egypt to the present day; to the antiquarian it appeals through scrolls and manuscripts, jewels, rebus, and what not. And, above all, it appeals to the ordinary man, whose time and tastes do not permit him to extend his reading in any of the above directions, as a perfect system of morality, a state of fraternal equality elsewhere unknown, and as a system of symbolism, in some measure within the compass of his attainments. I use this phrase advisedly, not that I have any wish to decry the power of the ordinary Mason in grasping symbolism, but on account of the very complicated systems of Masonic symbolism which sprang up in the last century, and flourished in the Masonic lodges held by such men as Cagliostro, Swedenborg and others in various parts of Europe. And perhaps more truth underlies the symbolism of the three columns than in any other path of Masonry. I have in a previous notice of the Sephirath in these pages mentioned the Kabbalistic derivation of the names and relative positions of the three columns and shown how apt the translation is which we assign to them at this day. But there is a practical way of regarding them, which is none the less interesting, which every Mason is at liberty to work out for himself. As we now understand it we find the three columns: Wisdom — SKI; Strength — HKT; Beauty — IAB; and I propose to show that no building can be complete without the conjoint action of these qualities, as the Temple of King Solomon was not complete without the joint action of three great original Master Masons. Let us then consider the subject categorically.

(i) WISDOM.

This was the Wisdom of construction. By this may be understood the general lines of the building and the conception of its undertaking. This was, as is well known, the province of the first of our Grand Masters, and it was from his hands that the general lines of the building emanated. They were, as I have shown in a previous article (The Jews and their Temple), exactly twice those of the Mosaic Tabernacle. The next point after the dimensions would naturally be the selection of materials, and the readiest method of employing those materials in an economical and scientific manner, and this branch may very aptly be termed the civil engineering of the building; the binding together of the weaker parts and massing of materials where they are most needed to resist pressure or thrust from the roof. This it will be seen is purely a matter of science in which beauty has no part whatsoever, as witness the highly utilitarian construction of such Government buildings as barracks, workhouses, and such buildings, which are erected solely with a view to efficiency consistent with cheapness. In this way construction should never be the sole object in erecting any architectural edifice, but should be modified to a great extent by the hand of the architect, who, as will be presently shown, disposes of the beauty of the building. For whereas the civil engineer disposes his materials so as to combine a minimum of cost with a maximum of strength, the architect so arranges his work as to allow a margin of strength that he may to a certain extent take liberties with his building, and by this means alone even obtains architectural effects of solidity, which no amount of applied ornament could effect. Take for instance the Egyptians or the Greeks, who were, as I have shown in a previous article, fully acquainted with the use of the Arch. How often do we find it in their buildings? Very seldom. Why? because it would introduce complications in construction, thrust and pressure, which would tend to tear their edifice to pieces. In later days, however, this principle became much neglected, particularly by the French and German Freemasons, who rather prided themselves on their skill in construction, and who, in the end, reduced some of their cathedrals to a mass of thick ungainly piers and buttresses. In England, however, it is satisfactory to note that the beautiful vaulting of some of our cathedrals saved the English Freemasons from falling into the evil ways of their French and German confrères. But let it not be supposed that the construction must be disregarded or concealed. The eye naturally seeks for it, and though "mass" is an important factor, it must not overlie construction. Take St. Paul's Cathedral in London, or its prototype St. Peter's at Rome; these all have sufficient strength for architectural effect, but the construction is lost, hidden away, and the main supports grouped together in a few huge masses, so much so that the spectator cannot estimate the dimensions of the building. Read what Mark Twain says about St. Peter's at Rome, and you will at once see that he did not estimate the size of the building until he saw a workman repairing a pillar hanging by a rope to do so, and he at once described him as being like a spider hanging by a strand of his web. This at once explains all; the huge dimensions of St. Peter's were lost to Mark Twain's eye, and he was unable to grasp them. The Gothic Architect would have of course adopted a far different plan; he would have split up his masses into a series of piers and thus accentuated the construction instead of hiding it. From these few points both for and against construction, we may see that Wisdom, or in other words purely scientific principles, can never be utilised alone in the rendering of any great Architectural construction, but must be aided by the two following considerations of Strength — "Stability and Material," and Beauty — "Artistic Adornment."

(ii) STRENGTH.

By this is meant not only the sheer strength which is to support the roof and resist the various forces at work to disintegrate the building, but also the artistic strength over and above the mere mechanical strength above referred to, which makes the building as it were a monument likely to withstand the shocks of time. Look at the Pyramids, what more stable than they and the Parthenon, which has been used as a powder magazine, the contents of which even have exploded, and yet it remains. Those readers of the I.M.R. who have heard Mr. Henry Holiday lecture on the Parthenon, and who have seen his beautiful model of the building as restored by himself, can realise its stability. Look at the area of its grand columns at their base, thirty-three feet, an area almost unequalled in the history of that particular epoch. The Pantheon at Rome, though a majestic building, sinks into comparative insignificance beside the Parthenon, though both are much of the same size. Why? Because the pillars of the Pantheon are smaller and taller, because they were more constructive. Take again the chapel of St. John, in the Tower, how grand and strong are its columns, though it may be whispered that this was due to clumsiness of the Masons, rather than to anything else. But the principle applies wherever one looks. Does a brick and slate cottage look

as well as a rubble and thatch? Which looks better? The rubble and thatch undoubtedly. Why? Because the walls are thicker, the roof is thicker, and thus solidity is and always will be more pleasing than mere flimsiness. Therefore, to add grandeur to the building, stability is necessary. But there is yet another kind of strength which is indispensable to the Perfect Temple, and that is the strength of material, and by this is implied not the mere physical strength, but rather the æsthetic strength gained by the use of striking or costly materials, as was the case in the building of King Solomon's Temple. And the first consideration of this is size. A wall composed of large stones has more dignity than one composed of small ones, and the Egyptians knew this well when they reared their obelisks, and memnons. What is it strikes the observer on the embankment about Cleopatra's Needle, apart of course from its age? Its monolithic grandeur; that indeed was the chief difficulty in transporting it to England; other buildings, like Temple Bar for instance, can be taken down and re-erected with but little trouble, but the monolith required care and careful forethought to preserve it intact during its eventful voyage. Such portions of the Temple itself as required stonework were supplied with the largest available blocks—blocks which indeed would strike terror into the heart of the modern contractor. Baalbec again boasts stones, to again quote from Mark Twain, "as large as a street car," and probably weighing as much as some of the largest girders ever lifted by our latter day machinery. Then come pillars whose shafts are of a single stone; are they not always more striking than if composed of several parts? Have any of the readers of the I.M.R. ever noticed the magnificent hexagonal monolithic shafts of the pillars supporting the portico at Secunderabad Railway Station? They are a very sermon in stones on the subject of strength. But this massiveness of stone is more or less lost to us in the present day, and we have to thank our Gothic Architects for the loss; they, however beautiful were their buildings, and they are unquestionably the finest examples of architecture the world has seen, laid over-much stress upon constructive skill and ornament, and thus lost to us one of the most important features in true architecture. Apart from mere size, the question of the value of the materials now arises—and that is an important one. People will flock to see the Queen's Crown, in the Tower of London, and will wonder at its beauty and jewels, but who would care to step across the road to see a model, equally beautiful but an imitation? Again, wherein does the Taj at Agra attract its visitors; its proportions and shape are much the same as other moslem structures; it is not the building that attracts, it is the marble, and the agate and other precious stones used to adorn it, and it was considerations such as this which led to the lavish employment of cedarwood, brass, gold, silver in the building of King Solomon's Temple. True it is that wood was perishable, but the ease with which it lent itself to carving, its costliness and the evidences of labour bestowed upon it were sufficient justification for its employment in the Temple. As of wood, so of brass, gold and silver. Thus we have seen how necessary both the skill of construction and the solidity, stability and strength of materials are to the perfection of the building; but yet remains the most important hand of all, the hand of the skilful architect who is to combine his forces with the other two in one harmonious whole.

(iii) BEAUTY.

Under this head may be classed those dispositions of the two former sections which are required to make the building pleasing to the eye and a work of art. It is essential that Beauty should adorn the edifice before it can be called an architectural effort. But what may be called the Beauty of an edifice, and wherein may it be exemplified? This is indeed a hard question. It may consist in the proportion of the length to the breadth and height, in the form of the supports or pillars, or the artistic embellishments of its different parts.

Referring again to the Parthenon, we have an example of perfect proportion in architecture, and one where the adornment of beauty lies in simplicity. Supposing even its columns were square and mouldings flat, even then the Parthenon would not cease to attract, so well balanced are its several proportions of length, breadth, and height. So again it is with the Gothic Cathedral; though in a far different manner. Here we see the height of one part contrasted with that of another, the central aisle towering over the side aisle, and duly subordinating it to its level as a part and adjunct of the whole building. In fact a very barn, provided it be well proportioned, has an artistic beauty; but if to this ornament be added in a fitting manner, then it bids fair to be a work of art and worthy to be ranked among one of the noblest works of man; or, again, a building whose construction is not ornamental can by sheer force of added ornament become an architectural achievement. For instance, the proportions of Solomon's Temple were hardly such as would find favour with the present day architect, or even with his Greek or Roman predecessors; yet by dint of the lavish and costly added ornament it became at the time it was built quite one of the wonders of the world.

A very good instance of added ornament, raising what was previously a barrack to the level of architecture, is what is known as the Writer's Buildings in Calcutta; these were formerly of the usual Government workhouse stamp of architecture, and were a distinct blot upon the beauty of Dalhousie Square, particularly as they stood next to that really fine attempt at Palladian Art, the Post Office; the anomaly even melted the hearts of stern Government servants, and gave them longings for something more æsthetic, with the result that a new facade was added to the old structure, which, though not of surpassing beauty, is yet architecture as opposed to the old constructive appearance of the building. From this then we may deduce that it is the task of the Craftsman to work the stone and other materials, and to heap them together speedily and to obtain the desired effect by doing so. The constructive agent, or as we should now term him the civil engineer, uses his materials in such a manner as to be economical and yet effective. Strength and mass are obtained by a slight over-proportion of the engineer's calculations, and by the selection of both strong and costly materials. But where these leave off the true architect, the maker of Beauty, steps in. The materials selected are now arranged not so much with a view to the economical as to the artistic effect; light and shade are now employed to produce a form which in itself will be of permanent beauty. Then the ornament is added to accentuate the effect already gained, and the work is complete. Thus the harmonious working of the three great Master Masons is an absolute necessity to true architectural effect. The one cannot work without the other, and this I have endeavoured to show by quoting examples of buildings generally known to most readers. Though this is in no way a scientific explanation of the three columns, yet it embodies, I trust, a very practical view of the functions of the three Master Masons, which accords not inaptly with the words, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.—Frank Stevens, in "Indian Masonic Review."

On Wednesday, 15th ult., the first Masonic Ball in connection with the St. David's Lodge, No. 679, was held at the Constitutional Hall, Aberdare. The hall was most tastefully decorated, and in every way the ball proved a complete success.

A Feature of the Metropolis.

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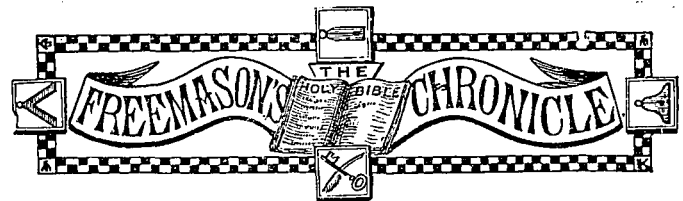
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SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY 1898.

We are pleased to learn the North London Masonic Ball, held annually on behalf of the Institutions, promises this year to be another great success. The date fixed is Thursday, 27th inst., and it is hoped that last year's return of £94 may even be exceeded on this occasion. Bro. F. Humphreys (44 Canonbury Square, N.) is acting as Hon. Secretary, and will be glad to supply any further information.

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The Lord Warkworth Lodge, No. 1879, held their annual ball in the Central Hall, Amble, on the 14th ult. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, with flowers and flags. Several emblems of the Craft were hung on the walls, and the stage, which was occupied by the orchestra, was beautifully set off with flowers, supplied by Dr. Smythe, Amble House. Over forty couple were present.

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The annual Ladies' Banquet and Ball in connection with the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, will be held at the Criterion, on Wednesday, 19th inst., and is expected to be as great a success as usual. Tickets may be had of Bro. James Morris, the Woodrow Lodge of Instruction, Stone's Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

A MEETING was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, 20th ult., when Bro. H. Kemp W.M. presided, and was assisted by the following Officers and Brethren: Bros. Walter Tyler S.W., A. Clarkson J.W., T. H. T. Jarvis I.P.M., James Weaver P.M. Secretary, Sampson Godden P.M. Treasurer, A. V. H. Pauncefort P.M. Organist, Percy Day acting S.D., Frank Heywood J.D., James Southgate I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. G. H. Havell P.M., Jabez Williams, T. C. Bond, A. Harden, P. Greenwood Hartley, R. Spencer, A. T. Chamberlain, W. Reynolds, W. G. West, A. J. Taylor, H. McClelland, J. E. Dee, S. H. Bradford, R. W. C. Palmer.

Visitors: Bros. Jas. H. Greenwood 1423, Arthur H. Seal 2032, Henry T. Kobelt 2353 and 2593.

The Lodge, which is both ancient and prosperous, was opened in due constitutional form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The W.M., after examining Bro. J. E. Dee, and satisfying the Brethren that he was a suitable member for passing, for which he was a candidate, duly proceeded with the ceremony, which was conducted in a most impressive manner. After satisfactorily disposing of other business the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned, when the Brethren proceeded to a Christmas Feast, as the menu informed those who partook of it, that it was "After ye manners and ancient custom of ye countrie" which was wanting in no single item to add to its enjoyment, and voted by all to be thoroughly unique.

The toast of the Queen and the Craft was received with Loyal and patriotic fervour, as also was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master.

In proposing the health of the W.M., the I.P.M. spoke of him in high terms. It gave him, without a taint of flattery, the very greatest pleasure to propose the toast, for he felt certain it would be received with acclaim, and more, because he felt confident that the comfort of the members and prosperity of the Lodge was in thoroughly good hands.

The W.M., in a few concise remarks, thanked the Brethren for the very kindly manner in which they had received the toast, and trusted that whilst he occupied the position he did that night the same harmonious feeling would rule their meetings; and when he handed over his duties to his successor the same unanimity would exist.

The other toasts of the evening were heartily honoured.

The pleasures were enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. McClelland, Chamberlain, Bond, Kobelt, Bradford, and Hartley, whilst a well delivered recitation was given by Bro. Heywood.

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HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

THE regular meeting of this Poor Law Service Lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, on Friday, 10th ult., when the W.M. Bro. H. G. Holland P.M. 2054 2353 presided, and was supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—J. H. Rutherglen I.P.M., R. H. Nicholls S.W., J. W. Hunt J.W., Rev. F. J. Greenwood, M.A., Chaplain, F. G. Soper Assistant Secretary, H. Ramsbottom S.D., C. J. Ridgway J.D., J. B. Schrader Organist, E. A. Frith I.G., H. Tull Steward, J. Willis Assistant Steward, R. Brown P.M., W. B. Neville P.M., W. C. Russell, James Barnett, T. Badcock, O. W. Roberts, M.D., E. Burgess, T. W. Norman, C. E. Clarke, F. W. Willmott, G. W. E. Hope, A. Burden, T. P. Warwick, J. C. Glover, H. T. Kobelt, Robert Brown, A. H. Hope, Charles Spencer, J. Lamb, T. Aplin Marsh, H. C. Williams, J. G. Swinton, J. A. Battersby, J. Merchant, John C. Morgan.

Visitors:—Bros. J. Roberts J.W. 1604, R. B. Hannah 1624.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The W.M. then, in a very impressive manner, raised Bros. Robt. Brown and H. C. Williams, and also passed Bro. F. W. Willmott.

Mr. Walter Mills Ball, having been unanimously accepted as a candidate, the W.M. was pleased to vacate the chair in favour of the I.P.M. Bro. J. H. Rutherglen, who was desirous of initiating this candidate into the Order, and duly carried out the ceremony with great satisfaction. After disposing of other business the Lodge was closed with perfect harmony, and adjourned, when the Brethren proceeded to a banquet, which was admirably served and thoroughly enjoyed.

After the Loyal toasts, the I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., eulogised both his working and management of the Lodge, and was pleased to see the progress that had been made, as well as the comfort and harmony that existed. He thanked the W.M. for so kindly giving him the opportunity of initiating the candidate that evening, which, to his mind, demonstrated the generous nature which pervaded his disposition.

In replying, the W.M. stated that though he was very proud of being a P.M. of two Provincial Lodges, he must admit that the longer he occupied the position of being their W.M. the honour conferred upon him of being installed in a London Lodge seemed to grow in magnitude, and it was his constant endeavour to further the advancement of it. He had initiated the scheme for a Ball to be held at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on the 18th January, and trusted the Brethren would do all they possibly could to make it a success. He was forced to admit he was anxious about it, as he never went in for failures, but it was needless to say that the anxiety was not from personal feelings, but on account of its being the first Ball of the Hugh Owen. The Brethren did not need reminding that all the schemes that had been started since the consecration of the Lodge had been successful, and this one must not be a failure. He thanked the I.P.M. for his generous remarks and kindly feelings towards himself; it helped him to stand at the helm and steer with precision, and he hoped that his boys would not only be Freemasons—and good ones—but follow in the path cut out for them by Bro. Rutherglen the I.P.M. After thanking the different Officers for their able and valuable assistance, and their constancy in the different offices, he

hoped that both as Poor Law Officers and Freemasons they would remember the Benevolent Fund of the Poor Law Officers Association, for which he proposed a collection, which realised £3.

The Wardens and Chaplain replied to the toast of the Officers.

Several glees were sung by the W.M., Chaplain, Bros. Glover and Barnett. Songs were also sung by Bros. Barnett, Glover, Spencer, Willis, Willmott, and Soper Secretary.

With the Tyler's toast a very satisfactory and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

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WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

AT the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., Bro. W. Annis W.M., W. H. Latham S.W., A. Clarkson J.W., A. V. H. Pauncefort P.M. Treasurer and Preceptor, H. T. Kobelt acting Secretary, R. Brown S.D., Percy Day J.D., T. H. Pate I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robert Brown acting as candidate.

On Wednesday, 29th ult., Bro. F. Hewson W.M., W. H. Latham S.W., J. Scarlett J.W., A. V. H. Pauncefort P.M. Preceptor and Treasurer, Henry T. Kobelt acting Secretary, Alfred Collins J.D., T. H. Pate I.G., and Percy Day.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Day acting as candidate.

Bro. Kobelt, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first two sections of the lecture.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 20th ult., at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's), Pantons Street, Haymarket, Bro. J. Klempner W.M., H. Wood S.W., A. Butcher J.W., C. Woodrow Prec., I. W. Simeons Sec., G. Spice S.D., W. West J.D., A. W. Musk I.G., J. Morris, J. E. Culverhouse P.M., E. Wavell, Rudderforth P.M., J. Wynman, Edmonds P.M.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. opened the Lodge to the third degree, and resumed to the second, when he announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. Morris offered himself as candidate.

After the usual formalities the ceremony was gone through. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and intimated his intention of rehearsing the second ceremony, for which Bro. E. Wavell P.M. Chiswick Lodge offered himself as candidate. He was entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed, this, as well as the former ceremony, being delivered in a faultless manner.

Bro. E. Wavell P.M. and Secretary 2012 was proposed and unanimously elected as a member, which compliment he duly acknowledged. Bro. H. Wood was elected W.M. for Monday, 3rd January.

The Brethren expressed their hearty good wishes to the W.M., to Bro. Woodrow Preceptor, and to Bro. Simeons Sec., tendering them the Compliments of the Season.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Monday, 27th ult., Bro. George Leach presiding.

Bro. W. H. Treasure S.W., who was last month unanimously elected Master for 1898, was regularly installed and then appointed his Officers.

The annual banquet takes place at the Club, Princess Square, Plymouth, on Tuesday, when Bro. Treasure will preside.

Before the Brethren dispersed they offered the newly-installed Master hearty congratulations.

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ST. MARTIN LODGE, No. 98.

THE Brethren assembled on Thursday, 16th ult., at Burslem, to celebrate the festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. John R. Roden as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Lodge was opened in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, when the ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. Robert Owen W.M.

After the investiture of Officers, efficiently performed by Bro. Pearson, the Brethren adjourned to the Court-room to a banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 104.

ON Monday, 13th ult., this ancient Lodge held the annual festival of St. John in their new abode at the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport. For the past twelve years the Lodge has been held at the White Lion Hotel, having been compelled to remove from private rooms at Ashton House, Greek Street. It is the desire of the rulers of the Craft that Lodges should be held as far as possible in Masonic rooms, and although frequent efforts have been made in Stockport to attain this end, they have for various reasons failed. The Brethren of St. John Lodge, however, determined to achieve for themselves what could not be obtained by the combined four Lodges in the town, and their removal to the Mechanics' Institution has been a great success.

The ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master Bro. Frederick P. Lees was very effectively rendered by the outgoing Master Bro. P. D. Hayes.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. H. Grimshaw, and gave general satisfaction, and after a most enjoyable evening, spent in songs and the usual Masonic toasts, the Brethren separated, well satisfied that the removal to their new abode was very successful.

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LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148.

THE installation of Bro. W. Pierpoint as W.M. took place on Monday, 20th ult., at the Lion Hotel, Warrington. There was a good attendance, and after the business proceedings a banquet was held, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Mrs. Gilbert gave the utmost satisfaction with her catering for the guests.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, when Bro. John Lark was placed in the chair, and appointed the assistant Officers of the Lodge for the year. The annual banquet will be held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth.

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DUKE OF ATHOL LODGE, No. 210.

THE installation of Bro. Robert S. H. Woolfenden as Worshipful Master took place on Wednesday, 15th ult., at the Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren were entertained to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. E. Edmondson W.M. 323, Stockport, officiated in connection with the musical arrangements, which were of an excellent and enjoyable nature.

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CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

ON the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. W. J. Hoare was installed W.M. in the presence of a board of nearly forty Installed Masters. The ceremony was very efficiently performed.

A special feature was the presentation of the Centenary Charter, Bro. Stenlake remarking that while the old Charter under which the Lodge had had so eventful and useful a career would be venerated for its age, and as an indication of grand work accomplished, the new Charter would, he trusted, be regarded as an incentive to still greater achievements, and a higher and a fuller recognition of Masonic principles in every phase of public and private life.

The annual banquet was fixed for 5th January, and it was resolved to present Bro. Tozer with a Past Master's jewel.

A large company of members and visiting Brethren adjourned for refreshment, and congratulations for the W.M. on being called on to preside over so flourishing a Lodge, and a hearty recognition of the splendid services of his predecessor during the centenary year, formed the burden of the speeches.

The year now drawing to a close has been an eventful one in the Lodge's history, its centenary having been celebrated within the past twelve months. Its charter was granted in September 1797, for Falmouth, and two years later it was transferred to a Plymouth Lodge stationed at the Citadel. After a great many changes it removed in the year 1860 to 193 Union Street, Plymouth, where it continued twenty-seven years, ultimately taking up its abode in the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square. Its present number, 223, was received in 1862. In September last the Brethren and visitors assembled in large numbers to do honour to the Lodge's hundredth birthday. In conveyances a goodly party was taken to Flete, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mildmay, and back to Yealmpton for luncheon, and thence to Plymouth, where an "At Home" was held in the evening by Bro. Tozer, in the Freemasons' Club. When the company dispersed it was acknowledged that one of the largest and happiest of gatherings in the annals of Freemasonry had been witnessed.

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LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

THE annual meeting was held at Barnstaple, on Tuesday, 28th ult., when Bro. G. C. Davie Deputy Prov.G.M. P.G.A.D.C.Eng. installed Bro. M. Squire as W.M., and that Brother regularly invested the Officers.

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INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 361.

THE members celebrated their annual festival of St. John the Evangelist, at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, on Thursday, 9th ult. Bro. G. H. Scott was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. A. Walker.

After the business of the Lodge had been transacted the Brethren, to the number of 62, sat down to an excellent dinner, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically drunk.

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SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 439.

THE members held the annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist in the Masonic Rooms, Bingley, on Wednesday, 29th ult. There was a full attendance, including a number of visitors from neighbouring Lodges. Bro. Louis James Wills, Bingley, was installed Worshipful Master for the year.

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ST. PETER LODGE, No. 476.

THE annual installation meeting was held at Carmarthen, on Tuesday, 20th ult., when Bro. Henry Studt was installed Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Master Bro. B. Spivey.

There was a numerous attendance of Brethren from the eastern and western divisions of South Wales, over fifteen Lodges being represented.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, when Bro. D. E. Williams catered a sumptuous fare for about 100 guests. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured during the course of the evening, a feature in the proceedings being the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 723.

THE usual meeting took place on Tuesday, 14th ult., at Aldershot, when Mr. James May was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. Several notices of motion which appeared on the summons were duly carried, and donations will be forwarded to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educational establishments, and "Our brother's bed" at the home at Clapham, S.W., the Brethren being of opinion that they merited their support, being in accordance with the principles of the Craft. The life governorship of the Aldershot Hospital, for which the Lodge has qualified, was directed to be vested in the name of Bro. J. Youd P.M.

ROYAL EDWARD LODGE, No. 892.

ON Tuesday, 14th ult., the members met at the Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster, when Bro. Henry Gosling was installed Worshipful Master for the second year by Bro. R. W. Stafford P.M. of the Palladian Lodge, Hereford.

After the banquet the Loyal toasts were honoured. The gavel was entrusted to Bro. Peregrine Prince for the toast of the Worshipful Master, and he submitted in felicitous terms the health of Bro. Henry Gosling, which was drunk with a bumper.

The Worshipful Master replied, remarking that he should continue to carry out the duties entrusted to him, with the assistance of his Officers, in the same manner as during the past twelve months. He greatly relied upon the help of those in office, and testified to the support accorded him during his first term as their Worshipful Master. He trusted he should still retain the confidence of the Brethren, and he could assure them it would be his constant care to pass through the chair another year without treading on anyone's corns.

Bro. Edward Bellow, in a neat speech, welcomed the visitors to the gathering, and said how pleased they all were to see faces from other Lodges. They always were welcomed at Royal Edward, and he must say that his experience had been that the same warmth of welcome had been extended to him when visiting other Lodges in the Province.

Bro. Salwey, whose name was coupled with the toast, humourously replied, and said he considered that it was well Masons should be known as such wherever they went. They had had that evening the privilege of listening to the words of wisdom from the Installing Master, and he could not sit down without bearing testimony to the high merit of the work done by Bro. Stafford.

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LOYALTY LODGE, No. 897.

THE installation of Bro. J. L. Hodgson took place at the Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Bro. H. Moxon W.M. acting as Installing Master. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Fleece Hotel, at which about fifty were present.

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ANGLESEA LODGE, No. 1113.

THE annual installation took place on Monday, 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Menai Bridge, Bro. A. Hornby being installed W.M. by Bro. T. Lloyd Griffiths P.M.

The banquet was served at the Victoria Hotel, a large party sitting down to the admirable menu prepared by Mrs. Thomas. The musical programme was furnished by the Bangor Cathedral quartette party, the soloists being Messrs. Jevons, Buxton, and James. There was a large attendance of visiting Brethren. In the course of the proceedings the retiring W.M., who has earned a vast amount of popularity during his year of office, and has greatly contributed to the strength, efficiency, and importance of the Lodge in Masonic circles in Wales, was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

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ARTHUR JOHN BROGDEN LODGE, No. 1715.

THE installation was held on Friday, 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grange, when an influential gathering of the Craft from various Lodges took place, and Bro. Percival Blythe was installed W.M.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Crown Hotel, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 13th ult., Bro. Geo. Griffith Mends W.M. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Francis Taylor, who had been balloted for on a former occasion, was initiated by Bro. John Bowers P.M. Prov.G.P., this ceremony being followed by that of raising Bro. William Proudfoot to the sublime degree of M.M., by Bro. John Slyman, J.P., P.P.S.G.D. The Working Tools of both degrees were presented and explained to the respective candidates by Bro. J. Ormrod S.W., the ancient charge in the first degree being delivered to the initiate by Bro. J. S. Whitley J.W., in that careful and impressive manner which we have previously noted in these columns.

An election of Officers afterwards took place, with the result that Bro. Ormrod was unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect, a similar selection again placing Bro. Ed. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. as Treasurer. Auditors were appointed, and a Committee formed to carry out the arrangements of the forthcoming Festival of St. John, after which the ancient charges contained in the book of Constitutions were read by Bro. Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Tr. Secretary, and the Bye-laws of the Lodge were read by Bro. Hedley Jones S.D.

At the festive board, which succeeded Lodge business, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were agreeably relieved by songs, &c., the contributors being Bros. J. S. Whitley J.W., J. Bowers P.M., John Hardwicke Marsh P.M. Prov.G.Std., Walter Bowers I.P.M., and Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459.

Amongst other toasts was that of the W.M.-elect, proposed by Bro. Marsh, who stated that the fact of having introduced Bro. Ormrod into the Urmston Lodge gave him the greatest pleasure. Bro. Ormrod, at the time of his entry into their midst, was resident in Glasgow, whence he journeyed expressly for the three degrees, going back each night by a late train.

Bro. Ormrod replied, adding, in the course of some interesting remarks, that if he failed in the high position to which they had elected him it would be through no lack of effort on his own part.

The toast of the candidates, proposed by the W.M., elicited from Bro. Proudfoot the admission that previous to his advent into Freemasonry he had often wondered why its secrets had never been divulged to the outside world, but after what he had gone through in the three degrees necessary to constitute him a Master Mason, he no longer wondered.

Among those present and who have not been previously mentioned, were Bros. G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D. of C., Past Masters R. Swindells, John Walton, John Walton jun., W. E. Ashworth and John Goodwin. Visitors:—Bros. Thos. Schofield P.M. 1887 P.P.G.S., W. Mosley P.M. 1773, Dr. Arthur H. Smith P.M. 2322, and others.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 17th ult., Bro. Wm. Lambert W.M. There was an attendance of members and visitors numbering nearly forty.

The principal business was that of passing Bro. John T. Ireland to the degree of F.C., and raising Bros. J. McIntosh Barrett and John Jackson to the sublime degree of M.M., the former ceremony being undertaken by Bro. W. Mosley P.M., and the latter by Bro. S. Statham P.M. P.P.G.Tr. Bro. W. Thos. Blease S.W. presented and explained the Working Tools in the second degree, and the W.M. those in the third degree.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were introduced, the harmony which relieved the same being contributed by various Brethren.

Bro. Thos. Threlfall P.M. P.P.S., in proposing the health of the candidates, spoke of the third degree as one of the finest pieces of ritual ever produced. He also dilated upon the attributes of the Brethren included in his toast, adding that Bro. Barrett had been pioneered through by one of the oldest Past Masters connected with the Lodge.

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ARROW LODGE, No. 2240.

THE sadness which prevailed amongst the members of this Lodge, owing to the death of Bro. H. Wishlade during his term of office as W.M., was dispelled on Monday, 13th ult., by the installation of his successor. The Brethren had been without a chief during several months, and the loss of Bro. Wishlade's commanding and kindly presence was keenly lamented. But on Monday afternoon they manifested transition to joy in the sense of the old French proclamation—"The king is dead! long live the king!" Really, the Arrow Lodge, the youngest detachment of Freemasons in the Herefordshire Province, is the most flourishing of all of them, says the "Hereford Times," the mother Lodge at Hereford scarcely excepted, and the Brethren have been fortunate in a succession of most able and popular Masters. The one who is now advanced to King Solomon's chair is Bro. Richard Atherstone Billiald, who has had experience in higher ranks in Masonry, and, as one occasionally attending Grand Lodge, may be regarded as a connecting link between the Arrow and the metropolis. There are no fewer than eight members of the Lodge holding present or past Provincial rank. One of them is Bro. F. P. Young, the first initiate in this Lodge, and the first Secretary, an office he has filled ever since, except when he was W.M. and I.P.M., and it is to his genial personality that the progress of the Lodge is in a measure due. During the interregnum caused by the death of Bro. Wishlade the duties of W.M. have been carried out by Bro. Wellington Lloyd, who was appointed Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies at the last Provincial Grand Lodge. He also acted as Installing Officer on this occasion, a ceremony which he conducted in correct and admirable style.

Bro. Billiald, after acknowledging the honour of his preferment, appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of business, the Brethren adjourned to the Burton House Hotel for refreshment, when Bro. Lodge and his sisters provided a first-class banquet, which was highly appreciated.

Bro. C. Wellington Lloyd, in proposing the Worshipful Master, made a touching reference to the death of Bro. Wishlade, who, he said, was a pattern Master, who had worked extremely hard to make himself accomplished in his duties. Alluding to his successor, Bro. Lloyd remarked that the Lodge was very fortunate in securing Bro. Billiald as W.M. Bro. Billiald had sought higher honours in Masonry than the Master's chair, and he was sure that he would fill that position with credit.

The W.M. thanked the Brethren for their extremely kind reception, and said he believed with Bro. Lloyd that if the Officers rallied round him he should be able to carry out the details of his work with satisfaction to himself and everyone concerned. He admitted that he had been seeking higher honours without passing the chair, and had no doubt that it was better to learn the duties thoroughly by going through the different offices in the usual way. He could with justice praise the Brethren of this Lodge for the accuracy of their knowledge, and thought that the way in which the ritual was observed at Grand Lodge left something to be desired in comparison with this and many other Provincial Lodges. He endorsed with all sincerity the reference which had been made to the late Bro. Wishlade. No one regretted Bro. Wishlade's death more than he. The late Brother was certainly an admirable Master, whose good work he hoped he should be able to continue.

Bro. F. P. Young P.P.G.S.D., who proposed the very important toast the Masonic Charities, said the Brethren of the Lodge had eleven or twelve votes between them, all of which they gave to the Herefordshire Province to pay off a debt of votes for enabling them to get a boy into the Institution. This Masonic School was about to be removed to Bushey, as the present buildings were not large enough. The invested capital was, he believed, about £60,000, which brought in an annual income of £1,700, which certainly was not half enough. The Herefordshire Province had three boys in the school, costing the Institution about £140 a year. Therefore, the Institution certainly had a claim upon the Province for liberal help towards the funds. Bro. T. Smith, of the Palladian Lodge, Hereford, had sent him a notice that he had been elected to act as Steward at the forthcoming Centenary in London, to be held in July, and hoped the Arrow Lodge would give him a grant of not less than £10 to take up along with grants from other Lodges. From what he had heard, Bro. Young understood that the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales expected to raise £100,000 on that occasion, and he had not the slightest doubt but that His Royal Highness would manage it. Upwards of £11,000 was wanted to commence the new buildings, and he earnestly hoped this Lodge would consider the matter and send up a good sum of money.

Bro. W. W. Robinson, who responded in the absence of Bro. E. Williams, said he was on the Committee of the Herefordshire Masonic Charities Association, and, speaking for the Palladian Lodge, he knew there was a strong desire to do all that possibly could be done for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the forthcoming Centenary. At the last monthly gathering of the Palladian he made a proposition first that they should give Bro. Smith a sum of twenty guineas as the grant from the Palladian Lodge towards the building fund. Bro. Smith, who seconded the motion, said he only regretted that the proposer did not mention a larger sum. Thereupon he turned round to the W.M. Bro. Beddoe, who was Treasurer, asking him if he would allow him to propose a larger sum. Bro. Beddoe said there were plenty of funds, and he would pay whatever was voted. Accordingly he proposed forty guineas, and this motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously. Bro. Smith, on hearing he was coming to Kington, said he hoped he would urge the Arrow Lodge to subscribe liberally so that he might take a handsome amount from the Province. Bro. Smith must personally pay ten guineas to the Masonic Charities and two guineas as a Steward, so that he would pay twelve guineas, for which he would receive two votes. He had mentioned this matter to Bro. Billiald, who informed him that he thought of going to the centennial meeting himself, and taking whatever money he could from the Lodge. He would therefore ask the Lodge to do their best in the matter, so that Bro. Billiald might well represent them. If

they voted twenty guineas they would receive a permanent vote for life. In fact, they would, by subscribing now, get an accumulation of votes which they would not get by subscribing a similar amount a year hence. It would take the Province about five years to pay off the debt of votes which they had borrowed. Besides the three boys whom they had now in the Institution, two others had just passed through and been placed out in the world. To the cost of those the Province had not contributed more than a fifth or a sixth, so that they ought, in justice, to do their very utmost on this occasion.

The W.M. said that, as Bro. Robinson had remarked, he thought of attending the Centenary meeting himself, but if he did not go he should certainly send the grant of the Lodge by Bro. Smith.

Bro. C. Moordaff proposed the Founders of the Lodge, humourously remarking that he had not been told whether it was the Founders of the Arrow Lodge started in 1791, or the Arrow Lodge which now existed. He was afraid he could not call upon the Founders of the old Arrow Lodge to respond, though perhaps they might consider they were with them in spirit.

Bros. F. R. Tidd-Pratt and A. Parker, two of the surviving Founders of the present Arrow Lodge, responded, ably following up the witticisms of Bro. Moordaff.

Bro. Col. Moutray Read, in proposing the Wardens and the Officers of the Lodge, mentioned some researches in history on the subject of Freemasonry, and the origin of the name. In the reign of Henry III. alone more than 150 abbeys, priories, and religious houses were built. The European Masons became numerous and powerful bodies, and several privileges were granted them by the Popes, such as the right of fixing their prices, taking apprentices, and admitting "accepted" Masons into their Corporations. Hence they styled themselves "Free Masons."

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LOYAL HAY LODGE, No. 2382.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated by the members at the Masonic Hall, Hay, on Monday, 13th ult. The Lodge was not quite so well attended as usual, but those who were present took the greatest interest in the proceedings, and were very hearty in their good wishes for a very prosperous year of office for the new Worshipful Master Bro. J. H. Edwards. Bro. Edwards is one of the founders of the Lodge, and has always taken the greatest interest in Masonry, and discharged all his duties with such efficiency that his Brethren felt that he was justly entitled to be advanced to the chair of King Solomon.

After the Lodge had been duly opened, Bro. J. H. Edwards was installed, the ceremony being efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. Rev. C. D. Paglen, an earnest and accomplished Craftsman.

During the investiture the W.M. delivered a suitable charge to the Officers, and impressed upon each one the necessity of faithfully discharging the duties pertaining to his office.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where a first-rate banquet was prepared by Bro. Thomas Stokoe, which was highly appreciated, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Friday, 10th ult., Bro. William Charlton, J.P., Worshipful Master.

Four ceremonies, which included an initiation, were announced for performance, but a passing and two raisings only were taken. The W.M. passed Bro. Alfred William Bentham into the degree of F.C., whilst Bros. Edwd. Webb P.M., and Buckley Carr P.M. P.P.G.D.C., raised Bros. William Johnson Charlton, and William Henry Crawford respectively, to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the same being varied by songs, etc.

The candidates, in reply to the toast of their health, were unanimous in expressing the satisfaction which they had derived from the ceremony.

Bro. Wm. B. Akerman P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., in his characteristically happy manner, and the latter replied, proposing in turn the health of the Past Masters, the response being in the capable hands of Bro. Thomas Plumptre P.M.

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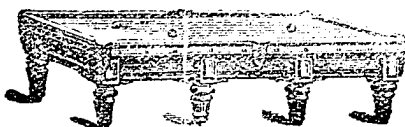
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MASONIC JOURNALISM.

IT may justly be assumed that Masonic periodicals serve the best interests of the Craft and therefore merit a generous support. Masonic journalism meets a need which otherwise would not be fully provided for. It does this by setting forth the vital principles wrought into the system of Freemasonry, by pointing out the substantial basis, social, intellectual and moral, on which it is established, by explaining its laws and enforcing its teachings, and by calling attention to movements which are of importance as related to its beneficent activities and its world-wide mission.

If it is conceded that Masonic journalism holds a rightful province of influence and service, within the lines thus marked out, then all possible encouragement should be given to competent workers who use the pen for the good of the Craft, to the end that the best results may be obtained through this agency. Such encouragement is often withheld, and consequently, the magazine or paper devoted to the interests of the Fraternity fails to be interesting and helpful, as it might be under more favourable conditions. It dies at last, perhaps, for want of adequate support.

Is it not a little strange that so many Brethren are neglectful of Masonic publications? Even among the more thoughtful Craftsmen not a few may be found who make "vain excuses" for not subscribing to a Masonic periodical. "I have no time to read a Masonic publication," is the expression which often comes from the lips of Brethren who are able to find time to read the daily newspaper, the literary and scientific magazine, and numerous other publications which engage their attention and command their support. Is it not want of interest, rather than want of time, which constitutes the real reason for their neglect of the Masonic periodical? If Brethren belonging to this large class were more disposed to investigate the system of Freemasonry, to search for its hidden light, to trace its movements at home and abroad, there can be no doubt that they would find time for reading Masonic books and periodicals which treat of the important features of the Institution, and tell the story of its varied expression in ways of an extended usefulness. Then would they render a practical support to Masonic journalism by means of which the periodicals of the Fraternity would become more attractive and more useful.

It is a pleasant task to conduct a Masonic periodical and to treat the varied topics which pertain to the historic presentation of Freemasonry, its scientific and moral character, its symbolism and beneficent work. It is pleasant to gather information respecting the activities of Masonic organisations and tell the story of such movements on the printed page. It is not so pleasant, however, when this work is done, and an appeal is made for that support which is requisite to maintain the life of the periodical, to find that such desired aid is not forthcoming, and that so considerable a number of excellent brethren decline to subscribe, having "no time," as they say, to read a Masonic paper or magazine. It is a little discouraging, also, that so many worthy Brethren have not yet been brought to see the attractiveness of Freemasonry except in its social and charitable ministries. They do not care for the philosophy and literature of the Institution. They are not much interested in what the Craft may be doing outside the limits of their own Lodge. It cannot be expected that Masonic Journalism will gain very much of recognition or practical support from this class, albeit they are by no means inattentive to the actual duties imposed by the Lodge or other organisation in which they have membership. Fortunately for the interests of Masonic journalism there are others who hold in high appreciation the books and periodicals of the Craft, as being helpful to them in their desires to become acquainted with Freemasonry in its widest unfoldings. It is to such a class that Masonic writers and publishers must look for the practical support essential to the maintenance of the periodical literature of the Order. Brethren of this stamp, who think, and read, and study, to the end that they may better comprehend Freemasonry as a system, and note its expression in varied forms, and in distant localities as well as at home, may confidently be relied upon to endorse Masonic journalism according to its merits, and to support Masonic periodicals which subserve the true and best interests of the Institution.—"Freemasons Repository."

PROFANES AND MASONIC EMBLEMS.

FROM the commencement of Masonry in its present form there has been an effort to attach to it other orders, societies, and Fraternal institutions. How the effort has succeeded the history of the institution recites, even revealing the fact that some of them have become so far merged into the enlarged system that they have received recognition as Masonic. That an order in its effort to survive the effect of unjust and

inequitable laws, before the Great Charter granting certain civil liberties and confirming them, should seek the protection of Masonry, and in the passage of years become recognised as Masonic, because it makes the possession of Craft Masonry a foundation from which must come its membership; should in the present day have become such a part of the enlarged system of the York rite that no one now questions its Masonic essence; is not a source of wonder when we examine the events of history surrounding its adoption or engrafting.

The Templars and Craft Masonry were not so remote from each other as not to have each almost the same peculiar doctrines, and the amplified knowledge of the orders as to certain liberal ideas may have been, in a manner, identical. Certain it is that the same geographical field, although at different periods of the world's history, served as a knowledge quarry for each, in the study of the occult teachings of the inhabitants. Whether the degrees intervening were the product of degree makers it is not necessary to discuss, or even to offer any evidence in support of a single assertion herein made. The fact being that the field of conjecture and speculation must be entered to a certain extent for analogy in all such discussions.

Modern secret societies and orders are all built upon the plan of Masonry, or rather they are looked upon as endeavouring to imitate Masonry. It may not be so much a desire to imitate, as the fact that Masonry is the oldest institution of the kind, and that the founders of modern orders having received their first knowledge of a secret society from Masonry, have stamped their productions with its impress. It is even in many instances sought to ape its antiquity, and the very modern production is paraded as a very ancient, and we thus have "Ancient" orders scattered about like leaves in autumn. Not satisfied with the adoption of "Ancient," one modern society has taken unto itself certain of the tools and implements of Masonry and woven them into a combination of square and compasses with which coat lapels are decorated, and the wearers no doubt are satisfied of the antiquity of their society, and indeed it may be admitted that it is "antique."

A society which adopts the tools, implements and emblems of Craft Masonry, and yet makes no claim to being Masonic, may be excused from the charge of attempting to impose. It is not intentional, perhaps, and the intent being absent there may be no great harm done, at least the law of propriety has been violated through ignorance. It is not so on the other hand, however, and a society composed of Masons and profanes can have no excuse for parading Masonic emblems in conjunction with, or forming a part of the insignia of such order. That part of the membership of such an order are Masons, and the other part the female relatives of such Masons, does not make it Masonic, and therefore a display of one of the emblems, working tools or other insignia for the purpose of showing its near "affinity" to Masonry cannot be in good taste. Such an order or society has never been "adopted" by Masonry; the only thing that has ever been done is an attempt upon its part to adopt Freemasonry. No such attempt then is a warrant for the adoption of its symbols or emblems, or a manipulation of the Holy Bible, Square and Compass at the opening or closing of its sessions.—"Kansas Freemason."

The first annual supper of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge of Instruction will take place on Monday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Watford, when Bro. G. E. Lake Deputy Prov.G.M. Herts P.G.D., &c. will preside, and several other distinguished Brethren have promised to attend, some fifty or sixty members of the Craft being expected. The Installation ceremony will be previously rehearsed by the Members of the Lodge, at 7 o'clock prompt, Bro. J. P. Taylor P.M. P.G.A.D.C. (R.A.) Middlesex Preceptor acting as Installing Master. Tickets for the supper (3s each) may be obtained of Bro. Taylor, 95 High Street, Watford.

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The Hugh Owen Lodge of Instruction, which was established the early part of last year, has done remarkably well in the way of support for the great Charities of the Order. At the closing meeting of November last the seventh and eighth ballots of five guineas each were decided in connection with the Lodge Benevolent Association, the total of £42 thus disposed of showing an average of upwards of £4 a month for the whole time of the Lodge's existence. No doubt many others have done more than that in the course of their career, but few have exceeded it in their first year, and if the same average can be maintained it will be something to boast of in the no very distant future.

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LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1924 Wickham, Brockley
2535 Fellowship, Frascati
2578 National Artillery, Criterion
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
61 Probity, Halifax
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, White'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
408 Three Graces, Haworth
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
467 Tudor, Oldham
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
613 Unity, Southport
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1575 Clive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kingston
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.
765 St. James, Southwark
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
2032 Richmond, Richmond
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
160 True Friendship, Rochford
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
366 St. David, Milford

393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
789 Dunheved, Launceston
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
847 Fortesque, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1488 St. Eleth, Almwch
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield

Wednesday.

1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Prescot
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
320 Loyalty, Mottam
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool

1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1265 Vale of Catnos, Oakham
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesbrough
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1383 Friends in Council, 33, G'den Sq.
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
71 Unity, Lowestoft
110 Loyal C'brion, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
195 Hengis, Pournemouth
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
360 Pomfret, Northampton
361 Industry, Hyde
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
710 Pleiades, Totnes
761 St. John, Dursley
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby

856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1164 Elliot, St. Germans
1231 Savile, Eland
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padihun
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2028 Granite, Narborough
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
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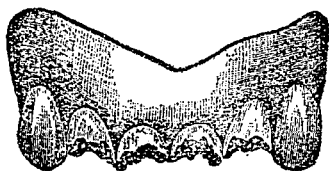
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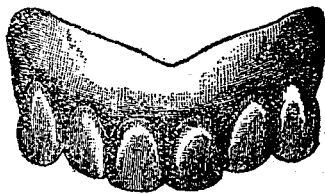
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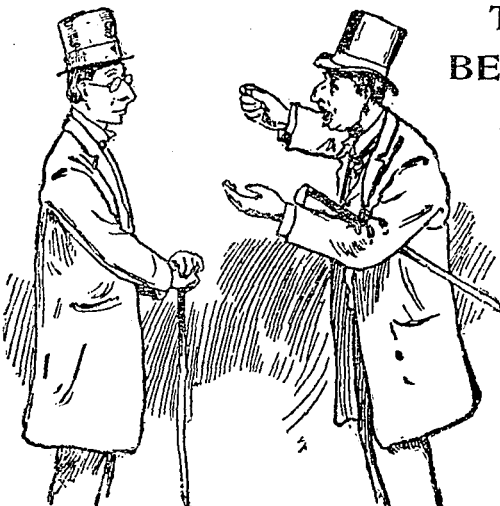
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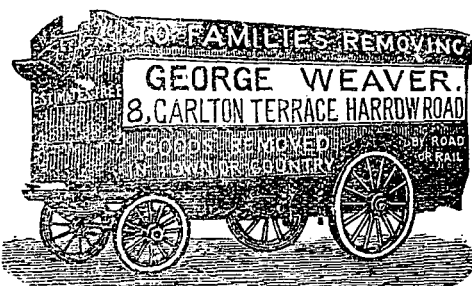
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