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## EXCLUSION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

THE brother whose appeal to Grand Lodge against the sentence of exclusion passed on him by his own Lodge was dismissed at the last Quarterly Communication, seems to have a very faint idea of the pains and penalties he has incurred by his un-Masonic behaviour, and there also appears to be a diversity of opinion among brethren generally as to the full effect of the sentence passed upon him. There is little doubt but that Grand Lodge will ere long be appealed to for an official decision on the matter, but in the meantime, certainly before the next regular Communication, questions of grave importance may arise, even if the work of Freemasonry in one Lodge at least is not delayed, through the action of the brother implicated. It is not our intention to devote any consideration to the actual facts of the case which led to the sentence of exclusion; suffice it to say that for most un-Masonic behaviour a brother has been excluded from his Lodge, the Master of the Province in which the Lodge is held has sustained the sentence, and Grand Lodge has unanimously refused to entertain an appeal to set the sentence aside.

Before coming to any decision as to the full effect of this sentence, we must discover the Masonic significance of the term "exclusion." The note to Rule 210 of the Constitutions, to which we are referred by the Index for "the meaning of the term," defines it as being used "upon the removal of a brother from a private Lodge," while "expelled" is used only when a brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge, or a district Grand Lodge." This note then defines when it is to be used, rather than "the meaning of the term," and we must look elsewhere for a more reliable definition, before we can proceed further. This we are unable to find in the Constitutions, except by implication; but by tracing the several Rules applicable to the subject, and taking them in connection with a resolution of Grand Lodge specially made to meet such decisions, we feel we can make out a case. The Report of the Board of General Purposes submitted to Grand Lodge at the Communication of March last, and which was formally adopted, contained among other matters, a resolution to the effect that "the suspension of any particular brother involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any right or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such suspension remains in force," thereby putting a stop once for all to the idea that a brother might be suspended from one Lodge, and laugh at the sentence by appearing in another of which he was a member. In other words, suspension from a Lodge means suspension from Freemasonry, and by the same argument exclusion from a Lodge must equally mean exclusion from the Craft. We have already shown the connection between expulsion and exclusion—the one being used (Note to Rule 210) "when a brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge," and the other "upon the removal of a brother from a private Lodge"—and therefore we may look to Rule 273 for further assistance in defining the meaning of the term used. Rule 273 provides that—"The Board [of General Purposes] may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, according to the laws . . . but should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require . . . the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special

report thereon to the Grand Lodge." This Rule then clearly shows that expulsion by Grand Lodge is a much more severe penalty than suspension, and the same must equally apply to the case of a private Lodge as regards its sentences of exclusion and suspension. Being then a more severe punishment than suspension it naturally follows that "exclusion" is not less severe in its application, and thus we find that the sentence of exclusion passed on this brother "involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any rights or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such . . . remains in force."

There are other points in connection with the case which confirm our ruling, even if what we have adduced is not sufficient. Grand Lodge has been appealed to to upset the decision of the private Lodge, which was duly sustained by the Provincial Grand Master, and has unanimously refused to interfere. Grand Lodge has accordingly confirmed the sentence, and by so doing we think has brought it within the scope of Rule 5 of the Constitutions, which states that "the Grand Lodge alone has the power of . . . expelling brethren from the Craft, a power which it does not delegate to any subordinate authority in England." This might perhaps have been a point for argument previous to the passing of the resolution as to the effect of a sentence of suspension (already referred to), but now we do not think there is any necessity to touch upon it, as the Rule and the resolution taken together imply that although Grand Lodge does not delegate its power of expelling brethren from the Craft to any subordinate authority, it does so far delegate this authority as to uphold a sentence of suspension (which is now virtually the same as expulsion or exclusion) unless appealed against, and decided in opposition to the verdict given by the private Lodge.

So far we have considered the sentence as affected by the laws of the Order alone, and it is of course on that basis the case must be decided, but there is also the spirit of Freemasonry to be taken into consideration, and this would surely never tolerate the presence in our midst of a brother who has behaved in such a manner as to bring down the condemnation of the members of his own Lodge, of his Provincial Grand Master, and of Grand Lodge also, much less allow him to force his presence among the brethren he has personally insulted. But the brother who in this instance is the one implicated is, we believe, one of the principal Officers designate of a new Lodge, which is to be consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master who sustained the sentence of exclusion, while some of the founders are so circumstanced in connection with the case that they can hardly truthfully say, when called upon at the consecration, that they approve of the whole of the officers named in the warrant, and here arises a point of considerable difficulty, unless the special sanction of the Grand Master is sought and obtained previous to the consecration. Rule 121 of the Constitutions is to the effect that "No Brother shall be . . . invested as a Warden of a new Lodge, except the Brother named in the warrant for such office, unless by special sanction of the Grand Master." This, taken in conjunction with Rule 120, which provides that "every new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted," and Rule 129, which stipulates that "the regular Officers of a Lodge consist of the Master and his two Wardens, &c." would seem to imply that the Lodge cannot be properly consecrated unless some special steps are taken, or the Consecrating Officer and Founders are

prepared to associate with the excluded brother, and that to at the risk of disregarding a sentence which in our opinion precludes the offending brother from all his rights or duties as a Mason. Under all the circumstances we feel convinced an appeal to Grand Lodge must be made, when we shall have an official definition of the sentence. This will, we think, convince our "excluded" brother that his behaviour at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was neither becoming nor consistent with his present position in the Craft.

### THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

IT was with extreme pleasure we last week announced that the prayer of the brethren of South Australia for recognition as an Independent Grand Lodge had been granted by the United Grand Lodge of England, it having been unanimously resolved at the last Quarterly Communication of the latter body "to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia." This recognition by our own Grand Lodge will no doubt be followed by similar action on the part of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, each of which has subordinate Lodges working in the district now comprised in the Grand Lodge of South Australia, for in answer to correspondence addressed by our Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland we gather that the action of those bodies would, in a great measure, be guided by that of the Grand Lodge of England. Having been formally recognised as an Independent Grand Lodge by the three bodies which originally warranted the Lodges and issued the certificates of the brethren who have now formed themselves into an Independent Grand Lodge, recognition from all parts of the world must speedily follow, a result which we again heartily congratulate our South Australia brethren upon having achieved in a truly Masonic manner.

As we said at the time we reported the inauguration of this Grand Lodge of South Australia the whole of the proceedings which culminated in the establishment of the Independent Grand Lodge appeared to have been conducted with becoming gravity and decorum, while a more important fact still was, that a vast and overwhelming majority of the members of the Lodges there holding under the three Constitutions of England, Scotland and Ireland were in favour of the new order of things. At that time thirty-two of the thirty-three Lodges working in South Australia approved of the formation of the Independent Grand Lodge, but even this has been improved upon since the application for the official recognition was formally presented to the Grand Lodge of England, for now all the Lodges, and almost all the Masons in the Colony have given their adherence to the project of self government. Was there any ground then for refusing the prayer of the South Australian brethren? Certainly not, and however much we may regret the loss of the twenty Lodges of South Australia which have hitherto recognised the Grand Lodge of England as their Masonic head, we can but wish them continued success under their new government.

The action of South Australia, now that it has met with fraternal recognition, will no doubt serve as an incentive to other brethren to adopt a similar course, and we may expect, ere long, to hear of other of our Colonial Districts setting up Grand Lodges on their own account. If in such cases the same unanimity is shown as has been the case in South Australia, there can be no opposition offered. It is only when a minority strive to impose their views on the majority that opposition is called for, and in such cases there is little doubt but that existing Grand Lodges will combine in upholding the true principles of Freemasonry—to respect the opinion of the minority, however small. Even in the case of South Australia there are some brethren who desire to continue, as they have always been, recognised Masonic subjects of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Ireland, and the new Grand body has expressed its willingness to preserve and recognise their rights, a course which will no doubt soon result in their enrolment of the registers of South Australia, for individual brethren could hardly desire to ignore such truly Masonic spirit as is here displayed.

The request of the brethren to retain their original warrants from the home Grand Lodges also showed they fully recognised their position, and were yet alive to the

benefits attached to their Masonic parentage. No doubt the original warrants will be prized equally with the new ones under which future proceedings will be conducted, while as historical documents they will be treasured and handed down with as much care as though they still formed the most important part of the Lodge furniture. In conclusion, we can but repeat our congratulations, and at the same time hold up the Craftsmen of South Australia as a pattern for any who may desire to create an Independent Grand Lodge for themselves.

The withdrawal of the twenty English Lodges of South Australia from the rule of the Grand Lodge of England has made a still further addition to the vacancies on the English roll, and has served to again stir up the feeling that a renumbering of our Lodges is desirable. We are strongly opposed to such a course, and shall use every legitimate means to prevent it, as we feel that the confusion and annoyance resulting therefrom would more than counterbalance any supposed advantage which might accrue. We may return to a consideration of this subject at an early date.

### NATIVE AND AMERICAN FREEMASONRY—A CONTRAST.

YEARLY reports of Institutions, as a rule, are very dry reading. Few care to peruse them, unless personally interested. The loss is not great, except it be to the Institutions themselves. A mere record of work done is not enough to awake dormant interest. An anecdote, an apt illustration, or facts marshalled in graphic and bold array, as if the writer were thoroughly in earnest, are qualities far more likely to be successful than the dry and dusty reports that answer well enough to the letter of requirements, but do not breathe an inspiring spirit. Our American brethren seem to have unconsciously fallen into the habit of making the reports of their proceedings attractive. We say unconsciously, because there is no appearance of design. What they say is natural enough. Sometimes their language is magniloquent, and frequently takes a "high falutin'" tone, common to that class of Yankees who believe that England can lick creation, and that they can lick England. Bathos and boasting now and then commingle and disturb the sensitive nerves of the staid Britisher. Beneath it all there is an intense love of Freemasonry—a right genuine human feeling,—“a heart that leaps at every bound” to assert right and help the distressed brother. It should never be forgotten, in estimating the character of American Freemasons, that they have had to fight a long and severe war against opposition and calumny, and that the battle is still going on. We in England have never known such bitter struggles as have marred and damaged the brethren in America. Our path has been smoothed by the patronage and support of the wealthy and powerful—by princes and statesmen—by the very executive of national power. Freemasonry to us has always been fashionable, and with the exception of the Pope and a few of his more ardent disciples, we have hardly known what opposition is. Even the anathemas of the Pope, terrible as they are regarded by some people, have passed over our heads without leaving us one whit the worse, either in reputation or in influence. Our progress has been like the rippling stream, with just enough disturbance on the surface to show that it is moving. Now and then it hastens its progress when bearing royalty on its surface. It rarely, however, loses its dignity, and the only fear is that it may become too cold and impassive. As a counterpoise to this calmness we have our Charities. These keep alive and foster the warmer instincts of the brethren, and are the best correctives of that spirit of selfishness which is too often the offspring of exclusiveness and of unchequered peace. If anything, we are too respectable, too anxious for the proprieties of social life. We perform all our charitable actions in a stately way, after an approved and fashionable model. We cultivate our literature upon absolute methods, and try to convert a speculative into a mathematical science. Because we cannot logically prove our origin, we are continually discounting sentiment; aiming in fact at impossible historical accuracy. We are very Pharisees in striving after form, but not quite so heartless. We are not as dead in practical faith as we are intellectually cold, formal, and unimaginative. Our academic tendencies have not taken

all the heart out of us, and our charities remain as the golden links which unite faith and practice. Our Lodge meetings, lifeless as they too frequently are, stimulate obedience and respect for authority; they keep alive the love of ritual and do something towards strengthening the formal ties of brotherhood, while our banquets satisfy the grosser wants of the animal man. The spiritual influence of the teachings of the Craft always makes itself felt in the Lodge-room, but it loses too much of its power when the brethren separate. They then become strangers, except in isolated cases where personal friendships are formed, and which would exist apart from Freemasonry. Were it not for our blessed Charities we fear that the Craft in England would be but a skeleton, a cold and rigid formalism, enlivened occasionally by the social enjoyments of the table.

"Feast, and your halls are crowded;  
Fast, and the world goes by;  
Succeed and give, and it helps you to live;  
But no Companion can help you to die.  
There is room in the halls of pleasure  
For a large and lordly train,  
But one by one we must all file on  
Through the narrow aisle of pain.  
"Rejoice, and Companions will seek you;  
Grieve, and they turn and go;  
They want full measure of all your pleasures,  
But they do not heed your woe.  
Be glad, and your friends are many;  
Be sad, and you lose them all;  
There are none to decline your nectared wine,  
But alone you must drink life's gall."

American Freemasonry having passed through the fiery furnace of opposition and persecution, seems to approach nearer to the spirit of equality, one of the principal bases on which the Order rests. Personal liberty, no doubt, sometimes degenerates into license, and public displays too often minister to personal ambition at the cost of dignity. Bro. Leonidus F. Pratt, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, put the matter very clearly in his annual address, delivered to the Companions in April of last year. He said: "We are coming rapidly to make much display and parade of our Masonic standing and handsome apparel. We are gradually drifting away from that simplicity and those practical features of Freemasonry which in our early experience so charmed and delighted us. We compromise our faith and our teachings, and we belittle our profession by too much Masonic display and too little Masonic labour." This love of display, to our mind, is the great danger of American Freemasonry. There is another evil less defensible and still more dangerous, which has the same root in the desire for novelty and show. America is overrun with so-called Masonic offshoots. Their name is legion, and their influence far from good. There are many men in this country who would undertake the command of the Channel Fleet who had never seen a war-ship in their lives, but we have few, if any, who would undertake to paint the Masonic lily, or gild Masonic gold. These pretensions seem to be the special property of our American brethren, who delight in isms, and who are ever hankering after something new. They want a little of our superfluous ballast, a little of our decorous refinement, just to keep them more faithful to their original inheritance. It is easy to condemn, easier still to give advice. We cannot do the former without giving some show of reason, the latter is generally offered without the least sense of responsibility, yet the evils are too glaring to be disregarded, and too perilous to be neglected. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we notice that there is an awakening sense of the danger of running after false gods, of seeking outside the display of that ardour which would be better exercised within the Lodge. American liberty is unlike our own, in its manifestation at least. It came to them ready made; to us it has come through centuries of trials and difficulties, through civil struggles and bloody wars. The Americans are the children of prudent fathers, and not unlike many prodigals they deal lightly with an inheritance that cost them so little to obtain. The same spirit that animates them in their political life has found a partial existence in Freemasonry. All the shows are on a huge scale, and to deprive an American of the gaudy trappings of civic and national life would be to arouse his fears of the loss of liberty. Time alone can eradicate what after all are excrescences. Americans have shown that they are worthy descendants of a giant stock, and if they gallop a little too fast now,

they will ultimately settle down into a quiet stride that betokens endurance as well as progress.

No doubt the peculiarities of character incidental to the American people have left their mark upon native Freemasonry. They do not account for all that is strange to us. The explanation must be sought in other directions. The difficulties in the Craft that we have escaped have strengthened their faith. They have fought for it, are still fighting for it, and were it not for their own follies, they would have completely triumphed long ago. To them Masonry is a living reality, which embodies the fruits of their own labours and sufferings. They cherish it accordingly, and try to make out of it something more than it really is. Their success has made them forget the beauty and reality of the substance, and they run after false shadows. They have had no such controlling forces as exist in this country. The principles of their national constitution are opposed to the spirit of patronage, and while they have gained in independence, they have lost in soberness and stolidity. They are more earnest than we are, more zealous in the cultivation of Masonic literature. Their zeal is not always tempered with discretion, nor does their charity partake of the same fixed character as with the Craft in England. Their writing abounds in sentiment, is sometimes marred by wild speculations, and too much outspokenness. Still, with it all there is the true spirit of inquiry, the strong desire to know more of the esoteric meaning of the Order, and that manly will to defend it against all comers. If they have few fixed charitable organisations, there is no lack of charity among the brethren. They rise to occasions, and give with a liberality we do not exceed. Their welcome to strangers is unbounded, and we believe we are justified in saying that they give a much wider interpretation to the word brother than we do in this country. With all their faults we cannot help loving them. Their impulsiveness, their love of show, their defiance of what we deem etiquette, lose much of their significance when we realise their good qualities. We may truly say of them, "Be to their faults a little blind, and to their virtues very kind."

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held at Northampton, on Thursday. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there was an excellent attendance of Masons of the district. Bro. Butler Wilkins Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided at the banquet, which took place after the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, and the conversazione and soiree which we announced last week was to follow proved most enjoyable. Indeed, the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, who made the arrangements for the meeting, achieved a grand success. We shall give fuller particulars in our next issue.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. After the confirmation of the minutes and the reading of others for information, an application was considered on behalf of one of the pupils of the Institution for a grant towards his education and clothing out of the establishment, the reason assigned for the departure from the general rule being the delicate health of the lad. The request was granted, and then the new petitions were disposed of. These were thirteen in number, all of which were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list of candidates for the October election. The election of the House and Audit Committees was then proceeded with. Three of the brethren who had been nominated for the former having withdrawn, no ballot was needed in the case of the House Committee, the following brethren, the same as those chosen in March, being declared elected; E. Bowyer, A. F. Godson, H. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, J. J. Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., D. Rolls, C. Sanders, M.D., and Henry Venn. A poll was needed in the case of the Audit Committee, and in due course the scrutineers reported the following as having the greatest number of votes: George Cooper, T. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, H. S. Goodall, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, W. Maple, W. H. Saunders, and C. E. Soppet. The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.



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## INTERESTING MASONIC INCIDENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Freemasons, I fear, are like many other people in this go-ahead age, who let single events escape them, and only see their important bearing when massed, like flowers, in a rich garland. The method, too, of recording facts, under present circumstances, is not the best that could be devised. It is absolutely imperative that a scientific lecture, a financial statement, or a controversial discourse should be reported by a shorthand writer. It is desirable that Parliamentary proceedings should be dealt with by the same master hand. But for ordinary purposes the narrative form is the best. It permits of description, and provided the writer be honest, not only can a report be correct in all essential points, but it can also be made really interesting. It is the custom for stenographers to look down upon those who attempt to report without knowing shorthand. My own experience leads me to the conclusion that the descriptive reporter, for most purposes, has the advantage over his skilled rival. One is free to colour his matter and make it agreeable as well as true; the other records facts in a dry, mechanical way. Points are thus lost, except to the painstaking reader, or the few directly interested in any special topic. One great reason why Society papers are so popular is, because all matters are condensed into a readable form; the husk is winnowed and the grain remains concentrated and palatable. I purpose dealing with two or three events, and if I do not make them interesting it will be because I lack practical acquaintance with my own theory.

I recollect seeing something about Lewises in connection with the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire as far back as last August. I had heard so little of Lewises in London that the bare record of the incident made an impression upon me. The subject, however, was recently brought under my notice, and I made some inquiries. It appears it is the practice with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, at their annual gatherings, when they proceed to church, to have the volume of the Sacred Law borne in procession by four Lewises. The act itself is reverent and beautiful. It is an open recognition of the sovereignty of the Great Architect of the Universe, and a proclaiming of the Bible as the grand charter of our faith. It is a homage of the creature to the Creator, and an open testimony that Freemasonry is based upon religion. Such a scene must have a good effect upon the spectators, and those who take part in it, like bridesmaids at a wedding, will remember it to the end of their days. No standard bearer should feel prouder than the Lewis selected to bear the Bible in a Freemasons' procession; and it is quite certain that the memory of such an event will long be cherished. It is an honour that is sure to bear fruit. It is calculated to stimulate a desire for intimate connection with the Craft, and to make the humble Lewis a faithful and honoured ruler in the Israel of Freemasonry. No better introduction to the Order could be found than the bearing of the book that rules and governs our faith, the great landmark by which we steer, and the great teacher which inspires charity in word and act. The brethren in Worcestershire not only paid outward homage to the Bible, not only gave a pleasant duty to the four Lewises, but each one was presented with a copy of the volume of the Sacred Law as a memento of the part he took in an interesting ceremony. Invited to partake of the banquet, the Lewises were treated as honoured guests, and having taken a glass of wine with the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and shaken hands with him, they were dismissed with their treasure before the ceremonial business of the table began. I leave it to your readers to imagine what must have been the feelings of those young men, but I think I am right in saying that the proceedings of that day would linger in their minds and stimulate to good actions in the future.

In looking down the list, the glorious list of contributions to the Girls' School at the recent Festival, I noticed under the head of Monmouthshire, "1429, Master Willie Watkins, £61 8s 6d." I learn that this little fellow, just rising five years of age, is the son of a worthy brother, who has thus early initiated his boy into the faith of Masonry. It was, I believe, his Masonic baptism, and the day of his confirmation no doubt is looked forward to with hope and joy. May his father be spared to witness the day when the seed that has now been sown shall be matured first into blossom, and then into the fruits of charity. Here is an example that might well be followed by others. It is all very well to say that the brethren might bestow their gifts in their own name, and that the introduction of so young a child into matters of which he can know nothing nor understand is a mere bit of sentimentality. Granted all that objectors can say, there yet remains the fact that most of the actions of life are governed by sentiment, and that without it there would be less enjoyment than there is. The linking even of a child's name with something noble and good must have its influence in after life, and young as Master Willie Watkins is, he will never forget the figure he made in the list I have referred to. As an example it is worth much in the cause of charity. There are few parents who are not proud of their offspring, and I can imagine no better method of the early inculcation of the spirit of charity in their young minds than that of associating their names practically with a good cause. Both boys and girls can be treated alike, and there is this advantage, that as the object is pure and praiseworthy there is less danger of pride being inculcated. With some people giving is a habit, but it must have its origin in a good heart; and no

time is too soon or inappropriate for laying the foundation of a practice that once learned is never forgotten. St. Paul says, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." One of the first and most beautiful lessons an initiate learns is charity. Our ceremony describes it as sister to mercy, and we echo the words of Shakespeare—

"It is twice bless'd ;

It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes."

I fear this letter is getting too long, but I cannot close without saying that I endorse the sentiments contained in your contributed leader last week, entitled "Women as Masons." Those who are intimately associated with our Charities know the value of woman's help; were it more encouraged I should have still more faith, great as it is already, in the future of our Institutions. There are many honoured names associated with the Craft. Her Majesty the Queen, monarch though she be, is a promoter of the art. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales cannot fail to share the Masonic enthusiasm of our Royal Grand Master, and the young widow of his brother, another noble Mason, must retain a strong affection for the Order. None afforded her more loyal sympathy at the time of her bereavement than Freemasons, and the high estimation in which the late Duke of Albany was held by the Craft is a source of pride to her still. It is enough if I mention the name of the Baroness Burdett-Connis. That lady's soul beats in sympathy with every good movement, and the fact that she takes so warm an interest in Freemasonry should stimulate our faith and nerve us to further exertions. Mrs. Horace Brooks Marshall is a worthy coadjutor of her husband, and although her store of silver trowels must be great, I hope she may live long to add to it, and to swell the list of noble deeds done in the name of charity. I might go on adding name to name, but what I want is to see ladies brought more into contact with the spirit of Freemasonry; to see them actively identified with our Charities. They would then forgive the absence of their husbands more freely when engaged in Masonic work and pleasures. Their influence is mighty, and their sympathies are easily secured, but they must share a little in the outward signs of glory. They might be partakers of the banquet occasionally, like the Lewises I have named, without in the least infringing on either decorum or the laws and principles of the Order. Indeed their presence at the banquet table would add to the pleasures of dining, and their intercourse would tend to refine and chasten the more boisterous spirits. I want the ladies to be made real helpers in the blessings of charity, and, as far as possible, partakers of the enjoyments that most Freemasons so much appreciate. I am sure the Craft generally would benefit, and it is equally certain that the Charities would receive a fillip and a sustaining power, which would be a blessing all round.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

4th June 1885.

## LIBEL AND MASONIC PRIVILEGE (?).

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully agree with Bro. P.M. Stevens in his surmise that the publication of libellous matter would not be exempt from the action of the law of the realm, by any privilege, or supposed privilege, associated with the Order of Freemasonry; and I am surprised beyond measure that your contemporary should imagine otherwise. I read your answer to the query of "A W.M." in your issue of the 2nd ult. on this point, and I also read the answer to the same question given by the *Freemason*. I thought the old adage, "when doctors disagree," &c., was most applicable here, but I felt that even if you were wrong you at least erred on the side of consistency. I very much question, however, if you were wrong; indeed, my opinion is that not only "an action for libel might stand," but that it certainly would stand, and I am pleased to find so high an authority as Bro. James Stevens support your and my opinion. I think it would be monstrous to place libels published under the "square and compasses" outside the reach of the remedy provided by law. Such a course would not only be detrimental to Masonry, but would cause such scandals as would fully justify the strongest denunciations of the Order by its greatest enemies. Supposing such a privilege did exist, it would only be necessary to join the ranks of Freemasonry previous to the publication of the grossest libels, and as a defence to any legal proceedings which might be commenced plead Masonic privilege! It need not signify whether or no the person libelled was a Mason, the defence would be, "I only desired to warn Freemasons of him," or "I only desired to show Freemasons what men there are in the world."

Another view of the case which upholds your opinion is, that Freemasonry is not, so far as I am aware, recognized by law. It has no *locus standi* in a court of law, either collectively or by Lodges or individuals. I believe that in order to attain legal recognition it would be necessary for every Lodge to be registered under the Friendly Societies Act, or some such statute, but on this point I am open to conviction. I only write what I believe to be the facts of the case, and they are based on the result of an action some years since by which a Lodge sought the assistance of the law to recover certain fees from a backward member. This may not be a very creditable event to refer back to, but it illustrates my view. Even if I am wrong in my ideas—in which case you and Bro. Stevens will also be wrong—I hope the day will never arrive when libels will be published, and excused on the plea that they were privileged by Freemasonry.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

RIGHT, NOT MIGHT.

### LODGE NOMENCLATURE,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the consecration of the George Price Lodge, in a late issue, you say you "are averse, as a rule, to the naming of Lodges after well-known brethren," and further that you "are of opinion that much may be said in opposition to such a course." I am at a loss to know what objections there can possibly be to this very popular method of honouring distinguished Craftsmen, and I think your remarks, unless you have very strong grounds for them, should not be allowed to go unchallenged. I consider that to name a new Lodge after some distinguished member of the Order is not only endeavouring to do honour to the individual selected, by trying to perpetuate the memory of his name among Freemasons, but it is also an honour for the Lodge to have the permission, which I suppose is always obtained before using a name, more especially when, as is usually the case, the name is associated with all that is desired in a perfect Freemason. What can be the objection?

Yours fraternally,  
SUBURBAN.

### TRANSATLANTIC MASONIC CONGRATULATIONS.

THE following communications from the two Masonic Lodges at Newburyport, Mass., U.S.A., have lately reached the Secretary of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (Bro. Stephen Knight P.M.), in response to addresses adopted by the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope in February last, congratulating their Masonic brethren at Newburyport on the approaching celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the settlement of that town:—

S. Mark's Lodge, F. and A.M.,  
Newburyport, Mass. U.S.A.,

April 27th, 1885.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren  
Of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, Berks,  
England.

Greeting,

Your kind communication of February 25th 1885, addressed to St. Mark's Lodge, F. and A. M., congratulating the Lodge upon the 250th anniversary of the settlement of our town, and also upon the prosperity of Masonry in our community was duly received and read in open Lodge, and by unanimous vote it was ordered to be entered upon the records, and the Secretary was directed to draft a reply.

In compliance with those instructions I am very happy to report that the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge fully appreciate the fraternal congratulations of our sister Lodge in old Newbury. We sincerely thank you for your good wishes, and should any of your members visit these shores we hope to meet with them and to have the pleasure of extending a Masonic welcome.

We wish you all prosperity and every blessing, and assure you that of all the memories of this Anniversary none will be more warmly cherished by us who are Masons than that of the kindly words we have received from the Loyal Lodge of Hope.

Yours fraternally and truly,

MOSES BROWN W.M.  
GEO. H. CRAIG S.W.  
RICHARD S. DODGE J.W.  
JOS. L. JOHNSON, Secretary.  
Newburyport, Mass, U.S.A.  
13th May 1885.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—At a meeting of St. John's Lodge, in Open Lodge assembled, the kind and fraternal congratulations of Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, were read, and the undersigned were appointed a Committee to reply to the same. Craft Masonry is substantially the same the world around. Its signs and symbols may everywhere be recognised. Its bond of sympathy and fraternal regard is ever a joy and comfort. The W.M., Officers and Brethren of St. John's Lodge were highly pleased at this recognition, and heartily reciprocate your good wishes. May every success attend your Lodge, and may it ever be a beacon light shining more and more brightly till faith shall be lost in sight and hope in complete fruition.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN PIKE  
GREEN DAVIS  
SAMUEL BROOKINGS JUN. } Committee.

To Stephen Knight, Secretary,

Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope,

Newbury Berks, England.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when, through confinement indoors, want of appetite and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administrations of his Pills will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the falling nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.

### INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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#### OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Sargeant W.M., H. Baber S.W. W.M. elect, W.H. Ranson J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, C. Tarry S.D., F. T. Ridpath J.D., J. Kilvington I.G., E. Samuel D.C., W. Best and W. Horton Stewards, W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. F. C. Pasovall P.M., E. Whittaker P.M., C. Daniel P.M. 65, White, Cox, Pierson, Wadsworth, Wilmot, Horton, Potter, Chamberlain, Griffin, Hoerth, Greenfield, Astington, Shakespeare, Dr. Klein, Davies, Russell and Gillingham. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. C. H. Woodward P.P.G.W. Surrey, C. Streeter P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, Byron H. Ridge P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey, J. Rhodes P.P.G. Org. Surrey, J. D. Langton 1, P.M. 1673 W.M. 2096, E. Mitchell P.M. 720, F. T. Laughlin Organist 1365, E. Hand Organist 901, R. H. Linnett 1623, W. H. Edwards 619, R. Rogers, T. J. Wicks 184, E. Fielder 172, J. T. Woodrow 404, E. R. Holton 2021 and J. Browning 1308. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two gentlemen for initiation; it resulted in their being elected, but as they were not present the ceremony of installing Bro. Baber in the chair of K.S. was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. W. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland 30 deg., who afterwards gave the addresses in the most impressive manner. Bro. C. Daniel P.M. 65 officiated as D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Ranson S.W., C. Tarry J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treas., H. M. Hobbs Sec., F. T. Ridpath S.D., J. Kilvington J.D., E. Samuel I.G., J. Wilmot Org., W. Horton D.C., W. Best S., C. A. Wadsworth A.S., W. Lane Tyler. Bro. F. C. Pasovall P.M. having taken the chair, Bro. J. T. Hoerth was raised to the third degree. During this and the installation ceremony Bro. J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, kindly presided at the organ. Hearty good wishes having been offered by the Visitors the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the W.M. presented to Bro. J. Sargeant I.P.M. the P.M.'s jewel, which the Lodge had voted, and congratulated him on the continued prosperity of the Lodge during his year of office. Bros. Woodward, Streeter, and Langton ably responded for the Visitors. A capital selection of music, which gave great satisfaction, was performed during the evening by Bros. Shakespeare, Wilmot, Astington, Ridpath, Kilvington and others, Bro. Frank Laughlin kindly assisting at the piano.

### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A CONVOCATION of the above Chapter was held on the 8th inst., in lieu of the regular meeting which this year would have fallen on the Bank Holiday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. A. J. Henochsberg M.E.Z., W. Littaur P.Z. H., J. Da Silva J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, H. P. Isaac. Visitors—C. T. Hogard P.Z. 10, 141, 142, Hart P.Z. West Lancashire, G. Van Vollen late 188, W. Hopekirk P.Z. 742, W. George P.Z. 657. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. L. Kool 188, Rev. M. Haines Chaplain 205, J. Lichtenfeld 205, and J. Myers 188. All were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. Comps. Littaur P.Z. was elected M.E.Z., J. Da Silva H., J. W. Dewsnap J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., L. M. Myers S.N., H. J. Phillips P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. H. P. Isaac P.Z. proposed, and Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. seconded, that the sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting a P.Z. jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., this to form a nucleus for presenting him with a testimonial for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed until November, and the company, thirty-two in number, sat down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet, provided by Comp. Swayne, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed loyalty to the throne and devotion to the best interests of R.A. Masonry. Comp. L. Lazarus rose: It was his privilege for the last time to propose the health of their present M.E.Z. They had seen how ably Comp. Henochsberg had performed his duties; he had given satisfaction to every one in the Chapter. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Lazarus for the encomiums he had passed on him; he felt he hardly deserved them; when he was elected he feared he could not do the work; he had had such good examples before him, still he trusted he had done his duties; the manner in which the testimonial had been so unanimously voted to him showed the Companions appreciated his efforts; his services were always at their command. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Exaltees, whom he had the pleasure of exalting into R.A. Masonry. Comp. Rev. M. Haines, in an eloquent speech, responded; he was followed by Comps. Lichtenfeld, Kool, and Myers. The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of the Z. elect. This will be the fourth time Comp. Littaur will have occupied the chair; no better worker was known in the Order. This compliment was eloquently acknowledged by Comp. Littaur. Several other toasts followed, and suitable responses were made. The Janitor in due course brought the proceedings to a close.

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## EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

AN emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. The Chapter was opened and a conclave of installed Principals was formed, when Comp. M. Millington, the H. elect, was installed in his chair by Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z., Comp. Millington having been prevented by illness from being installed at the regular meeting. Successful ballots were taken for four candidates, and Bro. T. E. Abbey was exalted by the First Principal, the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whytehead P.Z. A notice was read from the Prov. Grand Scribe E. announcing that the Prov. Grand Chapter would be held at Middlesborough on the 19th inst., and the M.E.Z. invited the companions to accompany him. After the close of the Chapter the members and visitors adjourned to the supper-room and partook of an excellent spread, provided by the resident Tyler, Bro. Hall, and a social evening followed. The following companions were present:—George Simpson M.E.Z., M. Millington H., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. J., J. T. Sellar P.Z., C. G. Padel P.Z., W. H. Porritt P.Z. 734 P.P.G.H., J. Todd P.Z. 236 P.P.G.J., George Balmford P.Z. 236 P.P.G.O., Jas. Kay S.E., John Blenkin S.N., W. Brown P.S., G. Chapman and S. J. Dalton Assist. S., W. Stephenson Steward, W. Lackenby, B. L. Mills, W. B. Dyson, E. Thackeray, R. Ware, and P. Pearson Janitor.

## THE THEATRES.

**Prince's.**—The general verdict of approval accorded to Mrs. Langtry's *Lady Ormond* seems the more justified by subsequent representations of "Nos Intimes." Genuine success in the part has inspired her with the quiet self-possession which previously had been marred by a mechanical jerkiness fatal on the stage. Though Mrs. Langtry has not yet acquired command of the lighter and more tender tones of emotion in all the passages where outraged dignity, anger or indignation should be expressed, she rises fully to the author's intention. We have rarely seen the famous "barring out" in the third act achieved with more genuine passion. The husband at the locked door, the lover on the balcony, and the distracted wife speechless on the awful reaction of her escape from the peril over; while terror of the precipice on which she stands, is assuredly one of the most poignant scenes the modern drama offers. M. Coghlan plays with force and ease, but his Lothario is as dull as if he were a mere husband, and he scarcely offers the contrast requisite to good prosaic Sir George. Mrs. Langtry is shortly to appear, under very courageous conditions, in a new play, "The Young Tramp." We trust she may maintain the higher position won for her by *Lady Ormond*. In our earlier notice we had to regret the exaggeration of Sir Woodbine's peculiarities under Mr. Beerbohm Tree's treatment. This, however, has been greatly reformed, and the portrait is now wonderfully crisp and carefully made out to the mere crooking of a finger. Mr. Berill is as pleasant as ever as the benevolent medical fairy, who saves those infatuated people in spite of themselves. In short, the cast generally works with more smoothness than hitherto.

**Royalty.**—If a cleverly written book, wedded to charmingly bright music, are passports to public favour, "Dr. D." should have a long and successful career. The principal characters represented are Dr. D., proprietor of a hydropathic establishment at Bollenstein, very humourously played by Mr. Henry Ashley; while as his three daughters, Miss Amy Florence, Miss Ethel Pierson, and Miss Cissy Judge showed a thorough appreciation of the various situations. Miss Amy Florence in the "Spring Legend," displayed a voice of much flexibility, and was compelled to respond to a loudly called for encore; while Miss Ethel Pierson's dramatic rendering of "Tell him, breezes of morning," showed a voice of considerable compass and power, which should be heard more of. Miss Emily Cross as Miss Seraphine Lovelidge, an English lady of undecided age, gave much zest to the opera by her intelligent rendering of one of its most important characters. Mr. Lanmare, as Sir Lancelot, displayed a tenor voice of good compass and pleasant quality, and will no doubt make his mark amongst operatic vocalists, but should guard against a tendency to force his voice. Of the orchestra and chorus it is impossible to speak too highly, the whole working zealously together under the able direction of Mr. Andrew Levey, to whom a great deal of the credit belongs for the undoubtedly successful performance.

**Highbury Athenæum.**—Miss Adelaide Arnold gave her annual harp concert on Tuesday, the 9th inst., before a crowded and fashionable audience; she was assisted by Miss Clara Samuel, Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Frances Harrison, Mr. John Probert and Mr. Forington (vocalists), Mr. John Thomas (harpist), and Mr. Fountain Sheen (pianoforte). Several selections were played by a band of ten harps, under the direction of Miss Arnold, a noteworthy number being Gounod's "Marché Solennelle." Miss Clara Samuel was in splendid voice and gave a beautiful and sympathetic rendering of Handel's ever welcome, "Angels, ever bright and fair." Miss Margaret Hoare rendered Meyerbeer's "Roberto, Oh! tu che adore" in a most finished and artistic manner. A new song, "Tell her," was introduced by Mr. John Probert and was favourably received. Miss Arnold, in her solo, "Mosé in Egilto" gave evidence of a thorough mastery over her instrument, and there is no doubt she deserves, and will attain, high rank among contemporary harpists. She is to be congratulated on a most enjoyable, and in every way successful concert.

**Albert Palace.**—This new palace of art and amusement, situate close to Battersea Park, was formally opened on Saturday last by the Lord Mayor (Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P.), in the presence of the Lady Mayoress (Miss Fowler), the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex,

and a numerous assembly. Sir Robert Carden, M.P., is the chairman of the company, which has transferred the building that served for the purposes of the National Exhibition in Dublin in 1872 to its present site. A fine organ, said to be the largest and most perfect in the world, has been erected; there are a picture gallery and workshops where handicrafts are carried on. Musical and other entertainments will be given, and once a year there will be a distribution of works of art. A grand concert was given at the opening, and Bro. Pain, despite the rain, succeeded in pleasing the visitors with a fine display of fireworks. Battersea Park is a great attraction of itself, but now that this Exhibition has been built, the number of visitors ought to increase tenfold. The palace is meant for the people, and we hope they will appreciate the boon that has been provided for them.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BRAMSTON BEACH LODGE, No. 2101.

THIS Lodge was consecrated on Friday, the 5th instant, at the Public Hall, Bridge-street, Godalming. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey (in the absence through indisposition of Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master) acted as consecrating Officer, assisted by the Rev. G. P. Merrick the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Pulley Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Chas. Greenwood was unable to attend, and in his absence Bro. John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. acted as Provincial Grand Secretary. The ceremony commenced at 2.30, and was followed by that of the installation of W.M. designate, Bro. J. Payne P.P.G.P., the first S.W. being Bro. Jas. Gould and the first J.W. Bro. T. Dodd. Among the brethren were the R. W. Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. J. LeFeuvre D.P.G.M. of the same Province, and Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Stwd. A banquet was afterwards held at the Angel Hotel.

## ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

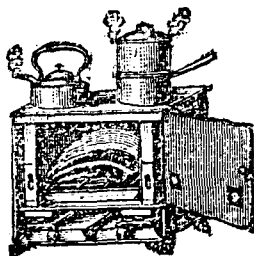
## YORK COLLEGE.

THE quarterly meeting of this body was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Victoria-avenue, Harrogate, which had been fraternally lent for the purpose. At four o'clock p.m. the M.C. was formed as follows: Fras. J. W. Meek V. Saffragan, Tudor Trevor III. Celebrant, C. L. Mason V. as Deputy, Dr. B. L. Mills I. Sec., C. Fendelow IV. P.A., Col. J. Monks II. S.A., W. F. Tomlinson I. as T.A., J. J. Wilkes II. Q.A., J. L. Atherton II. C. of N., Major McGachen I. T.B., J. W. Monckman I. Herald, R. W. Moore IV., G. Locking, Rev. W. C. Lukis VII., J. R. Dore I., and C. Palliser I. Amongst the apologies read for unavoidable absence were letters from Fras. T. B. Whytehead Ch. Ad., W. H. Cowper Prov. Sec., W. B. Williamson, W. Brown, W. Fraser, W. Logan, W. Marshall, G. Althorpe, E. H. Drury, and others. Successful ballots then took place for four brethren, who were all accepted, as aspirants, and two of them being present, were duly received into the M.C. Some formal business was then discharged, and the Celebrant proceeded to read a paper he had given notice of, whose title was "Jachin and Boaz." In the course of it he went in detail into the history and construction of those two remarkable features of the Temple at Jerusalem, their moral signification, &c. Some conversational discussion took place, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Celebrant for his able essay, which it was decided should not be published, but placed in the College archives. Two brethren were proposed as candidates, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, the 19th August, at Pontefract. A vote of thanks was passed to the Harrogate brethren for the use of their Hall, and the members then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel to tea, where they were joined by the Chief Adept, who had been unexpectedly detained by business in York.

We regret to hear that Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, Grand Superintendent of Works, has latterly been in somewhat indifferent health, though this has not prevented him from attending to his official duties.

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## HOW SHALL WE ATTAIN UNIFORMITY IN THE WORK.

**A**CCURACY, uniformity and impressiveness in the rendition of the "work" throughout the Lodges are all-desirable in every Masonic jurisdiction; always sought after, but very rarely if ever attained. This is not surprising. To successfully accomplish all of these would be to work almost a miracle. But a degree of perfection may be attained in each of these respects; and how best to do this is to-day exercising the minds of the most thoughtful and active members of the Craft. Among the agencies employed are, Grand Lecturers, Grand Instructors, District Deputy Grand Masters, documentary instruction in exoteric matters by Grand Secretaries, and Grand Visitations by Grand Masters. Each and all of these are more or less valuable, but still the desired work is not anywhere accomplished. We propose to examine somewhat into this subject, and endeavour so to elucidate it that advantage may result to the Fraternity.

We take the easiest and simplest matter first, and yet the one which is practically most neglected. The procedure and minutes of all of the Lodges in a jurisdiction should be uniform. To ensure this, each Lodge should be furnished with a blank "Form of Minutes," and a copy of the Constitutions of the Craft—in Pennsylvania styled the "Ahiman Rezon." Every Lodge in this jurisdiction has been supplied with these, and yet if the book of minutes of a Lodge in A—should be compared with another in B—, only a hundred miles distant, the two might be found to be as dissimilar as two books can well be, written in the same language. This is the fault, primarily, of the Secretaries, and secondarily of the Worshipful Masters presiding over them. *Neither will take the pains to follow a plain precedent.* This is inexcusable. It does not require any extraordinary exercise of brains to avoid this error, but only such ordinary care as any intelligent, or even semi-intelligent, man should exhibit. All lapses in this matter must be attributed only to sheer carelessness, and the only way to remedy them is by persistently and repeatedly calling the attention of Secretaries and Masters of Lodges to the importance of uniformity of Lodge procedure, under the plain directions of the "Ahiman Rezon," and uniformity in the recording of Lodge minutes, following strictly the official form furnished for their guidance.

If we cannot easily attain uniformity in the written forms of Masonry, how much more difficult must it be to accomplish correctness in the unwritten work of the Craft. Here there cannot be any but oral instruction—how shall this best be given? This is the conundrum that puzzles Grand Masters and Grand Lodges. The trouble is, that instruction goes in at one ear and out at the other. It has sometimes seemed to us unfortunate that man has two ears. Men presume upon their wealth of ears. Not everything that flaps is an ear—not everything that stares is an eye. "O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes and see not; which have ears and hear not." We sometimes think that committees of inquiry do not inquire sufficiently about the seeing and hearing of candidates for Masonry, for surely if these senses were both as acute as they ought to be we should have fewer (practically) deaf and dumb Masons.

Of course it is impossible for a Grand Master to personally visit a tithe of the Lodges in his jurisdiction—hence he must largely do this work by Deputy—by District Deputy Grand Masters, or other authorized instructors. The plan is an excellent one, but it does not work, because so often the Deputy is either careless or uninstructed. To be able to teach he must first learn. Learn what? To do the work, all the work—and to do it *accurately*, as officially authorized by the Grand Lodge and Grand Master, and *efficiently*, so that it is not words, mere words. Words must be made things in Masonry; they must be permeated with ideas, and expressed impressively and forcibly. How many Masons are marred in the making! If the W.M., or S.W., or J.W.—whoever it is that occupies the Master's station—were presenting a material stone for a material edifice, such a stone as is symbolized by the half-made piece of work that sometimes is sent out of a Lodge Room, only fit to be cast out among the rubbish, he would get his discharge forthwith. Not a few Masonic officers merit such a discharge. Those who *will* occupy official station, and

won't learn to properly perform the necessary duties thereof, should be placed where they belong, on the floor.

The duty of every Grand Master is (1) to learn all the work; (2) to visit every Lodge in his district, several times a year if possible, and once *if possible or not*; have the officers perform the work before him, correct their errors, then perform it correctly himself; and call the Officers together subsequently in the Lodge Room for personal instruction. Any Brother who is not willing to do this should not be willing to assume to be a District Deputy.

A Grand Visitation by a Grand Master, accompanied by his Grand Officers, is an important means towards the end of accuracy, uniformity and impressiveness of Lodge work, but it cannot supply the place of the labours of a District Deputy. At most it can only supplement those labours. If there has been gross carelessness and neglect, all that the Grand Master can do is to expose to the Brethren their ignorance, which is pleasant to neither party. If there be a fair amount of accuracy in the work, a Grand Visitation is most salutary. It inspires the Brethren, excites their enthusiasm, wakes up the forgetful, brings out the indifferent, enhances the interest taken by all in Masonic matters, strengthens the "Mystic Tie" which unites Freemasons in a common brotherhood, diffuses light in the Craft, and promotes those strong social feelings which should be inseparable from Freemasonry. That Grand Master is to be envied who has a conscientious, industrious, intelligent and efficient staff of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters. Brethren, of whatever station, let us all do our *duty*, wherever we stand, and then it will be well with Masonry as a whole in the jurisdiction, well with the subordinate Lodges, and well with ourselves as individual Masons. Then the work will be "*improved*" not by adding to it, or taking from it, but by giving it just as it authoritatively is, correct in form, and as a result unvarying in the several Lodges, and impressive in manner, thereby forcibly teaching all that the words express.—*Keystone.*

### THE LATE DR. HOPKINS.

**T**HE funeral of this worthy brother took place at Locksbrook, on Friday, the 5th instant, the service being conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Anderson. The body was interred in the same grave as his wife. Wreaths were sent by the following Lodges of Freemasons, as well as a vast number of individual Masons and friends of the deceased:—Royal Cumberland Lodge, Royal Cumberland Chapter, the Cumberland Mark Lodge (T.L.), and the Royal Albert Edward Lodge (906). Among the friends present were a large number of Masons from the Royal Cumberland Lodge (41), of which deceased was a Past Master.

Dr. Henry Hopkins, Ph.D. and M.A., of the University, Giessen, was a Fellow of the Royal College of Preceptors, one of its Founders, and was for nine years a member of the Council. He was formerly principal of the Hazelwood School, and afterwards of Summer Hill School, Birmingham, from Midsummer 1833, till Christmas 1857. Then owing to bad health he retired and settled in Jersey. In 1866 the late Dr. Hopkins removed to Guernsey, in 1867 to Totnes, and to Bath in August, 1874. He was born at Kidderminster on the 27th June, married on the 12th July 1833, his wife dying 23rd April 1880. The late Dr. Hopkins was a prominent Freemason, being P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, P.M. 41 and 43, Founder and P.M. 958, hon. member 43, 301, 377, 379, 590, 958, 1443; P.Z. of R.A. Chapters 328, 587, 710; member of 41; hon. member 328, 377, 379, 590; Past Grand Junior Warden of Grand Mark Lodge of England; P.M. 26; Founder, P.M. and hon. member 74; Chaplain of the Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.L.); hon. member of the Union of German Freemasons, Leipzig; Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Dr. Hopkins has by his will, under which his sister and Mr. William Peach are executors, left considerable sums of money to the Masonic Charities.

Sir H. W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., has expressed his intention of erecting a cottage hospital at Rubon as a memorial to his late uncle, R.W. Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Salop.

Bro. E. Palmer S.W. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, held at the high School for Boys, Plumstead, Kent, was on Thursday, the 4th inst., unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Brother Coupland P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother W. Larder Tyler. A Committee was formed to take into consideration the advisability of building a Masonic Temple in connection with the Lodge.

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By command,

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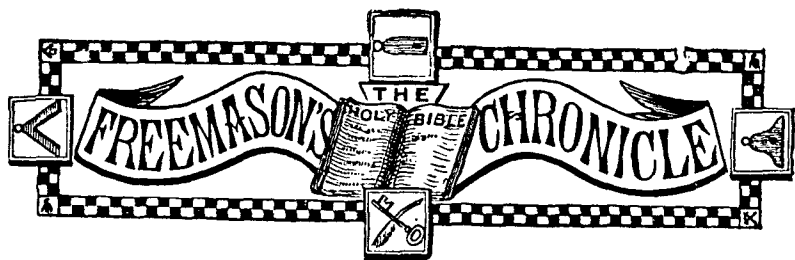
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday last, the 6th instant. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Master, who had the support of the following: Bros. R. H. Thrupp D.G.M., James Inglis P.S.W. as S.G.W., H. J. Adams J.G.W., Rev. R. Fawssett Chaplain, H. G. Buss Treas., J. W. Lambert Registrar, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary, A. G. Fisher S.D., A. Bryant J.D., D. P. Cama Sword Br., E. M. Lott G.O. Organist, W. H. Lee A.G. Sec., J. Featherstone A.G.D.C., John Gilbert Tyler. Amongst others present were the following Past Provincial Officers:—G. Cordwell P.P.G.R., D. W. Fenn P.G.R., W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B., F. C. D. Crespigny P.P.G.C., W. H. Green P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Sedwell P.G.J.W., F. Walters P.G.D., J. George P.G.O., H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S.W., J. Tickle P.P.G.Reg., J. W. Baldwin, F. W. Levander P.P.G.S.D., Edwin Gilbert P.P.G.S.; C. W. Pridmore, C. J. Axford, W. A. Rogers, W. Taylor, Dr. J. B. Ryley, C. Graham, T. W. Cooper, J. J. Marsh Standard Bearer, T. Noton W.M. 1309, George Tegg W.M. 1237, Fletcher Knight S.W. 1326, J. J. Wilson J.W. 382, W. H. Rohrs P.M. 946, H. W. Nicholson, I.P.M. 382, J. C. Jessett P.M. 1512, K. R. Montgomery W.M. 1871, C. Stevens I.P.M. 1793, C. A. Walter P.M. and Treasurer 865, R. H. Williams J.W. 865, J. Ferguson P.M. 1691, G. Gregory P.M. Sec. 2087, Rev. S. R. A. Buller 1503, W. Angus P.M. 1310 and 619, J. Etherington S.W. 1310, T. G. Holdsworth S.D. 1310, H. A. Pitkin 382, R. C. Hall S.W. 382, G. J. Jenkins 382, T. Aitken 382, Joseph Lonsdale P.M. 382, James Taplin J.D. 382, E. Cotton W.M. 382, Charles Veal Sec. 1549, E. Stanton 778, A. Bailey Org. 382, G. Clark jun. P.M. 1777, Harston S.W. 865, F. J. Parks I.P.M. 1777, R. Bilby 1702, J. J. Schloss 1702, P. W. Morfitt 1861, J. T. Briggs S.D. 1503, J. A. Wilson 1326, E. Baber P.M. 1238, F. G. Mitchell 1226, Scurrah J.W. 2048, H. H. Room I.G. 1777, W. J. Spratling J.W. 1293; G. Fehrenbach P.M. 382, C. C. Crnickshanks P.M. and Secretary 1777, W. Cassila J.W. 1326, John Gnest 1777, S. Larcombe P.M. 788, W. S. Dunkley W.M. 1777, J. Galt Fisher P.M. 1191, M. L. Larham P.M. 1777, J. Finch J.D. 1793, J. Osborn W.M. 1897, E. Rogers J.W. 1238, C. Corston P.M. 865, J. Proffitt P.M. 1389, J. Woodmason 1639, C. S. Buck W.M. 1702, John Hill Secretary 1702, W. T. Buck P.M. 1702, J. Hepburn P.M. 1702, C. J. Knightley 1744, H. D. Cama 255, N. D. Francis J.W. 255, G. T. Clayton I.P.M. 1782, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, &c. After the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and of Lodges had been called, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read; also the Reports of the Audit and Charity Committees. All of these were unanimously confirmed.

A recommendation that the sum of £10, from the funds, be voted to a distressed brother was agreed to, and then the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master announced that after many years association with the Province Bro. H. G. Buss had intimated a wish to resign the Provincial Grand Treasurership. Sir Francis said that all the members of Provincial Grand Lodge would regret that ill-health was the cause that made it incumbent on Bro. Buss to adopt this course; they all hoped that Bro. Buss might be spared for many years to visit Provincial Grand Lodge in the capacity of a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer. He (the Provincial Grand Master) had looked round with a view of proposing a brother possessing the necessary qualifications for the post, and he had now much pleasure in proposing Bro. Archer, Past Provincial Grand Warden, as Provincial Grand Treasurer. This proposal was seconded, and carried unanimously. At the same time some discussion ensued as to the advisability in the future of making a change in the representative of this office at each recurring Festival.

The following brethren were then formally invested as the Officers for the next twelve months:—

- Bro. Dr. W. A. Rogers - - - Prov. G. Senior Warden
- William Taylor - - - - - Prov. G. Junior Warden
- Rev. S. Saunders - - - - - } Prov. G. Chaplains
- Spencer R. Buller - - - - - }
- F. B. Archer (elected) - - - - - Prov. G. Treasurer
- John Proffitt - - - - - - - Prov. G. Registrar
- J. F. H. Woodward - - - - - - - Prov. G. Secretary
- W. Coombes - - - - - - - - - } Prov. G. Senior Deacons
- Chas. Graham - - - - - - - - - }
- C. A. Walter - - - - - - - - - } Prov. G. Junior Deacons
- J. W. Baldwin - - - - - - - - - }
- W. T. Buck - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. S. of W.
- S. Larcomb - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. D. of C.
- C. J. Axford - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Deputy D. of C.
- J. Lonsdale - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Assist. D. of C.
- J. C. Jessett - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
- J. Osborne - - - - - - - - - - - } Prov. G. Standard Bearers
- C. W. Pridmore - - - - - - - - - }
- C. Stevens - - - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Organist
- W. H. Lee - - - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Assist. Secretary
- J. Featherstone - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Pursuivant
- Edwin Gilbert - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant

- R. H. Williams, 865 - - - - - }
- J. G. Fisher, 1194 - - - - - }
- Dr. J. B. Ryley, 1423 - - - - - } Prov. G. Stewards
- John Ferguson, 1691 - - - - - }
- Thomas Goodchild, 1793 - - - - - }
- K. R. Montgomery, 1871 - - - - - }
- John Gilbert - - - - - - - - - - - Prov. G. Tyler

The Prov. G.M. when investing the Officers expressed great dissatisfaction that the Prov. Senior Grand Warden had not been present last year to be invested, and was also absent that day. He sincerely thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary for the great assistance he had rendered him the last five months, which he did not hesitate to say was the most trying period he had experienced since he had been Prov. G.M.; the Province owed Bro. Woodward a debt of gratitude for having brought its affairs into perfect working order. He pointed out that eight of the Lodges had lost their appointments to Provincial office this year because the Secretaries had not sent in the returns of Officers as required by the Book of Constitutions. Some had not sent them in for five years, consequently he was quite ignorant who the Masters and Past Masters were. In future he should not appoint any brother to Provincial office unless the returns were sent in immediately the W.M. was installed, and the other requirements of the Book of Constitutions in every respect complied with. He therefore strongly recommended the Worshipful Masters, and Past Masters of Lodges to keep a sharp lookout after the Secretaries, if they wished to obtain Provincial honours.

The following grants were made from the Provincial Benevolent Fund:—To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £15 15s, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £15 15s, and to the Benevolent Institution £15 15s. Provincial Grand Lodge next voted twenty guineas towards the fund being raised to place a tombstone over the grave in West Hampstead Cemetery, of the late P.G. Secretary, Bro. H. C. Levander. It was agreed that the sum of £100 should be transferred from the Benevolent Fund of the Province to the General Fund. It was arranged, on the motion of Bro. Japheth Tickle, that a committee be appointed to consider the best means of recognising the services of Bro. Buss, and it was also arranged that a revision of the Bye Laws governing Provincial Grand Lodge be forthwith entered upon. Shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was supplied by Bro. Phillips, at the Chequers Hotel, and notwithstanding that nearly double the number sat down over those who had previously intimated their intention so to do, Brother Phillips's arrangements seemed to give general satisfaction. At the same time, in future we think it would be well if tables were spread in a second room for those who are behind time in applying for banquet tickets. This would remedy the overcrowding so general on these occasions.

The Provincial Grand Master after dinner proposed the health of the Queen, and of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., whose efforts on behalf of the Order of which he is the head Sir Francis highly commended, and referred with satisfaction to the initiation of Prince Albert Victor by the Grand Master as a proof of the interest he took in the Craft. The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. H. G. Buss Past Assistant Grand Secretary, and Past Provincial Grand Treasurer Middlesex, who said that the toast should really have found a respondent in Bro. Thrupp, who was of higher rank in the Craft than himself. But as the Master could do no wrong, and as the Provincial Grand Master had called upon him (Bro. Buss) to reply, he felt bound to do so. Sir F. Burdett having referred to his (Bro. Buss's) services to the Province of Middlesex, he thanked him much for his kind observations. The brethren had so fully exhausted the subject of the qualifications of those who held office in the Craft that any words of commendation from him in responding for the Grand Officers would not be necessary. The Provincial Grand Master had spoken of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom in terms which every member of the Craft would know they were entitled to; both were most excellent Masons and Grand Officers, and were always willing to do everything they could for the service of the noble Craft. On their behalf he therefore thanked the Provincial Grand Master and brethren, but he regretted his name had been coupled with the toast, because if Bro. Thrupp had had to respond the brethren would have been favoured with a speech worth listening to. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.D., who was loudly called for, said the brethren had already had a very good reply from an old and experienced Mason, but as they required a few more words he would add that all the Grand Officers appreciated the encomiums passed on them at the banquets wherever they went, as well as the high estimate they experienced of the efforts they made for the Order. Bro. E. M. Lott Grand Organist also replied, in answer to repeated calls. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., proposed the R.W. Prov. G.M. All Provincial Masons had known Sir Francis Burdett for a good many years, but no brother however humble in the Lodge, even if he had been only a year in the Craft, could say that he did not receive a hearty greeting from the Prov. Grand Master. That was one of the distinguished characteristics of the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. He had always a kind word for every brother in the Province, and that was the reason there was such a large gathering at the table that evening, even though they met in such a remote part of the Province. The Prov. G.M. in reply to the toast, which was most warmly received, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of him, and also thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his kind words. He felt he did not deserve them, though he could confirm the statement that he was always ready to receive every brother that came before him, whether he was a junior or a senior member of the Order. He was also glad on all occasions to see brethren of the higher grades and the older members of the Province. As long as he could see the brethren rally round him as they had on that occasion, he should do all he could for the Province and the brethren. He was now an old member of the Province, and he must say it had gratified him very much to see the advance it had made, in the last six or eight years especially. They were now out in a far district of the

Province, and he could not be expected to see so large a number of brethren assemble at such an inconvenient place, but as they had come, and so readily too, he must thank them most sincerely. He had believed there would be a very indifferent attendance, in consequence of the difficulty of getting there, but it might yet be better when other railways came down to Uxbridge. The Prov. Grand Chapter will be held at the Mitre, Hampton Court, on the 22nd of this month, and he would be very glad to see Royal Arch Masons there. He then proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, a genial, kind-hearted Mason, who if anything was wanted to be done was ever ready to do it, not only the ordinary working of Masonry, but in all degrees he was perfectly up in any work he might be asked to perform. He did not think there was a brother in the Province so efficient, and he (the Prov. G.M.) felt very small indeed by the side of him. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. of Middlesex responding said, there was a very strong body of Provincial Grand Officers, and they all endeavoured to keep up the prestige of the Province. They were only too proud and pleased to work for the good of the Order. Every one of them did all he could to promote the welfare of the Craft in the Province of Middlesex, and so long as they had Sir Francis Burdett to preside over them they would continue to do everything they could to promote its interests. The Prov. Grand Master next proposed the Visitors, and apologised for cutting the toasts so short, accounting for it by the circumstance that the brethren were anxious to leave by the 8.20 p.m. train. They were much gratified to see the Visitors, and should be ready to see them again. When these banquets took place the brethren of the Province were not more gratified with them than they were to see Visitors enjoy them. He hoped on the next occasion there would be even more Visitors than there were at present. He called upon Bro. H. Massey to respond. Bro. H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, in reply said, that though he was there as a humble member on the roll of Visitors, he believed there was no one present more competent to acknowledge the hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Middlesex, as no Visitor had experienced more of it. On all occasions he had been received in the Province with the most unbounded hospitality, and though he was never fond of replying to toasts, he was glad on this occasion to have the opportunity afforded him of, even though inadequately, acknowledging so much past kindness. The Prov. Grand Tyler, Bro. Gilbert, then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated. An excellent programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Prov. G. Organist, by Bros. Collins, Arthur Weston, Colson Philips, and Franklin Clive.

#### PROVINCIAL G.L. OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge and commemoration of the different Lodges (now numbering 22) in the Province of Lincoln was held on Thursday, the 4th instant., at Boston, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. H. Smith, of Elkington Hall, near Louth. There was a large gathering of the brethren from all parts of the county, over 200 being present. Every accommodation had been provided by the two Boston Lodges, the "Harmony" and "Franklin," the former being the oldest Lodge in Lincolnshire, its charter dating back to 1719. An interesting feature of the day was a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Badley for his services to the Province in connection with the Central Charity Organisation, of which he was appointed the first Secretary, in 1868. The report of the Charity Committee showed that since the last annual meeting two Lincolnshire boys had been elected into the Royal Masonic Institution, and that they had now in the Central Institution and enjoying its advantages seven boys, three girls, three aged Freemasons, and two widows of Freemasons. On the proposition of Bro. H. Clark, W.M. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, Grimsby, it was unanimously resolved to raise a sum of 1,000 guineas for the relief of necessitous Freemasons and their widows, and that as a slight testimony to the great Masonic services rendered to the Charities and the Craft generally by the late Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingborough, near Grimsby, such fund should "for all time" be known as the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund. At the conclusion of the Lodge, the brethren dined together in Shodfriars' Hall.

#### PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Friday, 5th inst., at the Pavilion Hotel, Folkstone, the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Viscount Holmesdale occupying the chair. He was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Eastes and Bro. R. T. Tatham Senior Grand Warden, and by the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. Thorpe, and the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Alfred Spencer, the Grand Chaplain the Rev. V. S. Vickers; also Bros. Emerson, Warde, Green, Lovett, W. Wimble, A. Wimble, T. P. Franklyn, George Friend, S. W. Shaw, F. Hughes-Hallett, George Baker, Thornhill, C. S. A. Atkinson, and Sears, the W.M. Bro. Joseph and the following brethren of the Temple Lodge, Folkestone—J. Kennett, G. L. Hart, J. English, A. J. Crane, A. Petts, F. Klatt, G. Spurgen, H. Waite, A. H. Holbein, H. Samson, and others. The usual routine business of the Lodge was transacted, and resolutions adopted for the disposal of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in support of the various Charitable Institutions in connection with the Craft. It was also decided to hold the annual Provincial meeting this year at Gravesend, on Wednesday, 1st July next. At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren adjourned to partake of a *récherché* banquet, provided at the hotel by the proprietors, Messrs. Spurgen and Waite. We understand the South Eastern Railway will make special arrangements for the conveyance of the brethren to and from Gravesend at the annual meeting.

#### REVIEWS.

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"Proceedings of the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the year ending 27th December 1884." Philadelphia, J. Spencer Smith, 501 Chestnut-street. 1885.

AMID the dry bones of formal reports there is not a little in these pages that is instructive and interesting. We learn that a "Dr. W." could not be recognised as a Royal Arch Mason because he had been made by a Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and therefore did not possess the necessary qualifications. The M.E. Grand High Priest, Companion A. R. Hall, wished the Charity Committee to be better organised, but the Committee, feeling that the R.W. Grand Lodge, insubordinate Lodges, and Royal Arch Chapters under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania were well provided with funds and that they did the charitable work so well, it was not desirable to offer any new proposition. There is thus no permanent charitable fund in connection with Grand Chapter, but there seemed to be no fear as to the means when necessities arose. The welcome fact is announced that the "Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" would be formally opened on the 1st January, at a house rented for the purpose 3337 North Broad-street." No doubt it is now in full operation. Companion Hall, the M.E. High Priest, in his annual address, alluded to the satisfactory financial position of Grand Chapter and of the Mark Lodges under the same jurisdiction. He lamented, however, the decay in usefulness that had set in among the latter. He said that when the Grand Chapter established them they permitted the Mark Degree to be conferred upon Masons who had not passed the chair in a Lodge of Craft Masons. That privilege had since been rescinded, with the result that the Mark Lodges had declined, and they were now living upon their means. Companion Hall approved of the principle of life membership in Chapters. It keeps good brethren in the Fraternity, but he objected to the amount as being too low. The money too, he said, was spent instead of being invested. He recommended that Grand Chapter should fix the sum for life membership and annual dues, and make them uniform, as they did in the case of admissions. The whole tone of the report is excellent; business-like, bold, and manly. Companion Hall knows how to hold office with dignity and effect; for instance, the M.E. Grand High Priest has power to confer the Capitular degree without report from an investigating Committee and a ballot, but he held that it was only right to act upon that power in extreme cases, and not then until the unanimous consent of the brethren present had been obtained by ballot. Companion Hall having retired from office, Companion Geo. W. Kendrick jun. was appointed M.E. Grand High Priest, and in his address he exhorted his hearers to take a deep interest in the Chapters, and to be regular in their attendance. An Appendix contains reports from other Grand Chapters, and from the address of the M.E. Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Companion Henry Macpherson, we learn that at the establishment of the Grand Chapter in 1857 there were only three Chapters held under the English jurisdiction. In nine years the number had increased to 24, in eighteen years to 67, and in twenty-seven years to 80, notwithstanding that during the latter nine years "a daughter had been born," under the title of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was held on the 18th April 1884, when the Grand High Priest, Companion Leonidas Pratt, delivered an address, admirable in tone, though somewhat inflated in style. We quote two extracts, with which we shall take our leave of this excellent record. He said:—

"It can scarcely be denied that the world, that humanity is growing colder and more selfishly practical. The nobler impulses, the holier aspirations, and the loftier purposes of life are smothered and lost sight of in the wild and reckless wrestle for fortune, fame, or position. Let us, measurably at least, set our breasts against this demoralising storm, and make Freemasonry once more practically what it has always been in theory, the grandest of all human institutions."

"Exalted sentiment, though wrapped in polished and well-rounded periods, will not clothe the naked, feed the famished, nor heal the sick and suffering. The tears of the desolate will flow in spite of gorgeous moral formulas, and neither prayer nor exhortation will turn back the piercing blast from homeless and defenceless childhood. Let us mingle something more of homely relief with our holy pretensions and saintly invocations."

"Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall." Edited by William James Hughtan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Cornwall, &c., &c. "Royal Cornwall Gazette" Office, Truro. 1885.

ANYTHING coming from the pen of Bro. Hughtan is sure to be welcomed by the Fraternity, and this little book is not unworthy of notice. It is a model of arrangement and clearness, and contains all that the brethren in the Province require to know, and something that is useful to the Craft in general. From a list of the towns where the festivals have been held we find that in 1863 there were fifteen Lodges, in 1884 there were twenty-nine. These are set out according to their towns, with days of meetings, and afterwards in full detail. The roll of Lodges gives the actual places of meeting and the dates of warrants, and "notes" are appended giving useful information to the brethren, brought up to date. An analysis of returns from 1877 to 1884 is instructive. St. Petroc Lodge did not come into existence until 1878, and the Molesworth Lodge not until 1882, but with the returns of these added the number of subscribing

members has declined from 1567 in 1877 to 1473 in 1884. During the latter year there were 94 initiations, the highest in any one Lodge being nine. A table of precedence is given, as well as the order of procession as followed in the Province. The laws and regulations are printed in full, there is a statement of accounts and of the Central Masonic Charties in London, setting forth the number of recipients from Cornwall. An official directory for the Provincial Grand Chapter, with returns up to 15th April of the present year is also furnished. The Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund had £3,740 16s 10d in hand at the end of last year; a list of beneficiaries is recorded, and the whole cost of management is set down at only £18 3s 6d. There is a directory of all the officials in the Province, and a list of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, but this unfortunately is valueless for present reference. Lord Cremorne (not Cremone as printed) is not Grand Senior Warden, but the Marquess of Hertford. Col. Sackville West and not Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P. (Lord Mayor) is Grand Junior Warden. This is a slight defect, but it mars an otherwise really excellent little book. Either it should be issued earlier or kept back until a later period. In the present instance Bro. Hughan would only have had to wait a little over a fortnight to be able to correct the return to which we have referred. He gives information up to the 13th of April and Grand Lodge met on the 29th. Perhaps Bro. Hughan will consider this matter before another issue of his work appears.

"Report of the Protestant Defence Association of the Church of Ireland for the years ending 5th November 1882, 1883, and 1884, with Lists of Subscriptions, Balance Sheets, &c."

"The Pope and Secret Societies."

BOTH these publications—the one a pamphlet, the other a broad sheet—are issued by the Protestant Defence Association of the Church of Ireland, from their Committee-room, Clare-street, Dublin. This Association is composed of some of the best and most loyal men in Ireland, and have for their objects "the diffusion of Protestant principles, the vindication of Protestant truth, and the promotion of Protestant unity and action." The pamphlet sets forth, in calm and temperate language, how these objects are to be accomplished, and we commend it to all those who desire the welfare of the Church in Ireland. We invite especial attention to an extract from a lecture delivered by Bro. Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough, when at Bath, on the sacerdotal office. Funds are urgently needed, and it says little for the patriotism of Protestants that the association should be so poorly supported. Without for one moment wishing to trench upon political ground, we may with propriety quote the authority of Mr. Gladstone as to the necessity of unity amongst the friends of the Protestant Church of Ireland. Replying to the late Mr. Miall, in the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone said: "I am not going to recant anything which I have said on the subject of the Irish Church disestablishment, but I am bound to say, in reference to the present condition of the Church, whether there is not more freedom for religious thought in the disestablished Church in Ireland—that she is less free than she was before. . . I must honestly confess that if, as an individual member of the Church of England, more than as a Minister, my honourable friend thinks to lure me out of the condition in which I find myself in the Established Church by pointing out the felicity or tranquillity our brethren in Ireland are at this moment enjoying, I entirely differ from him, and I would rather remain where I am." There is no reason to believe that matters have mended in Ireland since the above memorable words were spoken by Mr. Gladstone. Indeed there are grave fears that the present condition of things is getting worse, and that it will require all the energies of the Irish and English brethren combined to resist the Priest on the one hand and the Home Rulers on the other.

The broad sheet is one of the most effective placards we have seen. The principles of the Orange, Masonic, and Jesuit societies are printed side by side in three columns, in orange, blue, and red ink respectively. At each corner, underneath, are recorded, "some fruits of Romish teaching," and in the centre bottom panel are engravings of the two sides of the "medal struck by order of Pope Gregory XIII. to commemorate the massacre, on Bartholomew's Day, of 60,000 French Protestants, in 1572." Anything more repugnant than the principles of the Jesuits as are here given from their own writers it is impossible to conceive. Our own are well known, and we cordially recommend a perusal of those of the Orange Institution. Apart from their special significance, they are generally, in a high degree, moral, religious, and charitable.

The annual distribution of Prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, will take place on Saturday next, the 20th inst.

At the installation meeting of the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on the 10th instant., E. Comp. W. H. Dean P.Z. P. Prov. Grand Reg. Dorset, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. during the past year.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Comps. Knight M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Shoppard P.S. The respective offices were well sustained.

## HOW FREEMASONS SHOULD MEET FREEMASONS.

HOW should they meet; how should they act, and how should they part? Masons should meet their Brother upon the level, if they remember their obligation. If they obey the teachings of Freemasonry they will extend the hand with their heart in it whenever and wherever they meet a brother Mason, no matter what kind of a coat he may wear, or what position in life he may hold, he is a brother.

We should ever be ready to speak a kind word and do all in our power to promote his welfare and advance his interest. We should always and be ever ready and willing to even put ourselves out to do an act of kindness, for we are bound together by the strongest ties—our sacred honour. We should never speak ill of him, or allow another to do so if it lies in our power to prevent it. We should dwell together in unity. We should bear each other's burdens. If he is sick, visit him; if he is poor, help him with our means, for we know not how soon we may be in his place. When we hear a brother speak ill of another we think he has forgotten his obligation, and the teachings of the Lodge has been like sowing seed on poor ground. And when we part with a brother let us part upon the square, by leaving an impression on his mind that we are his friend indeed; that what he tells us is lodged in a faithful breast. But we are sorry to say it, we have met those who are not what they should be to be true Masons; we have heard them speak unkind words against their brother Masons, and in our opinion there is no meaner man on God's green earth than a man taking his petty spites into the Lodge; because he does not like another for some cause, he will try to poison the minds of the brethren of the Lodge against him. He will say mean things about him in a sly mocking way. He will insinuate something, but he will not come out like a man and a true Mason and tell what his grievances are, and give the brother a chance to defend himself. Fie, for shame! Such a person is worse than the midnight assassin who steals behind his innocent victims and thrusts the stiletto in his back, for the assassin has taken no obligations nor has he had the teachings of the Craft. Brethren, let us remember that life is short, there is none of us perfect. If we were weighed in the balance we would be found wanting. Let us act like men and be Freemasons indeed. Let us act well our part, there all the honour lies. Let us forgive as we hope to be forgiven. There is a place where all are equal and we are hurrying there fast. We will meet upon the level when the gates of death are past, we shall stand before the orient; our Master will be there, to try us by his unerring square. So, brethren, let us meet upon the level and part upon the square.—*Detroit Freemason.*

As it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour so it is the hope of winning a prize which to a very great extent ensures the enjoyment of "Our Boys" on the occasion of their annual athletic sports in the School grounds at Wood Green. But the prizes have to be provided, and their provision costs money, which has to be raised irrespective of the general funds of the Institution. Last year a total of £32 6s was collected, but this sum left a balance "on the wrong side of the sheet," £1 12s, which at present stands as a reminder to the President of "the sweets of office." We hope a better fate is in store for this year's "audit," but in order to ensure such being the case it will be necessary for additional funds to be forthcoming, as it will never do to have to lower the number or value of the prizes, which have doubtless ere now been decided upon and won time after time in the imagination of the youthful competitors. Donations, which last year ranged from one shilling upwards, and which this year may be equally varied, will be received and fraternally acknowledged by ourselves, by Bro. F. Binckes the Secretary, or by Brother Dr. Morris, the Master of the School. We gave last year's balance-sheet in our last issue.

The following dinners have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 13th June:—

Monday—60th Rifles, 5th Dragoon Guards. Tuesday—Royal Engineers. Wednesday—18th Royal Irish, 7th Royal Fusiliers, United Lodge. Thursday—90th Regiment, 8th Hussars, Coffee and Eating House Keepers.



## 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, 13th JUNE.

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea  
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
1624—Woolston Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
1637—Unity, Harrow  
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon  
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 15th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst)  
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly  
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W  
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
F.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth  
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
R.A. 1281—Brent, Masonic Hall, Top-ham  
M.M. 141—Skolmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

## TUESDAY, 16th JUNE.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon

- 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourier, Cornwall  
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland  
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
R.A. 793—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby  
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall  
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 17th JUNE.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Baronsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leventhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
239—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Doyne's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
1988—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Clergall Road, Cubitt Town  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eva Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Wilthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W  
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square  
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.  
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-squares, Salford  
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
1086—Watton, Skolmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du ham House Northallerton  
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshotton  
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames  
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales  
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde  
R.A. 691—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Heniton  
R.A. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

## THURSDAY, 18th JUNE.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Waridon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Inst.)  
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1145—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)  
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
1684—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
1744—Royal Savoy, York-hire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1791—Creaton, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne

- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton  
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester  
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester  
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 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts  
 M.M.—Canynnes, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

## FRIDAY, 19th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 799—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 92—Moirs, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lornain, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 20th JUNE.

- Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys  
 Wood Green  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Art-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1000.**—There was a large attendance of Essex brethren at the annual festival of this Lodge, held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Friday, 5th inst. The close of the session was appropriately marked by the delivery, by Bro. James Stevens, of his highly interesting and instructive lecture on the ceremonial and ritual of the first degree, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences." Lodge was opened promptly at 6.30 by Bro. F. Dorrell Grayson W.M. of the Mother Lodge, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. G. R. Dawson S.W., J. F. Harrington P.M. 160 J.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.Prov. G. Chap. Chaplain, A. Lucking P.M. 1000 Treasurer, T. F. Barrett P.M. 1000 P. Prov. G. Reg. Secretary, C. Floyd S.D., L. Warren J.D., F. C. Woodman I.G., C. Martin Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambert P.M. 1460, W. M. Peacey, W. Waterhouse, W. H. Lackey, H. Kerridge, W. E. Bridgland W.M. 933, A. M. Gernise, R. Dempster, G. F. Lyles P.P.G.S.W., A. Cayton, &c.; and on the roll of Visitors were Bros. F. Wood P.P.G.S.W., Bradshaw Brown P.M. Grand Steward's Lodge, H. Harper P.P.G.S.B., M. V. Willson P.P.G.S.B., G. J. Glasscock P.M., D. Smith, M. Pearson, G. Thomas, J. W. Lightowers, &c. The only business before the Lodge being the lecture which Bro. Stevens had been specially invited to deliver, the W.M. at once introduced that worthy brother to the meeting, and for a space of two hours the earnest attention of the brethren was given to his

most interesting address. There can be no doubt as to the usefulness of this lecture, for it was evident that the discussion and explanation of the several "points" kept all present absorbed in the subject of discourse, and but for the exigencies of time, the desire for its extension would have been complied with. As it was the brethren were reminded that provision had been made for their entertainment before separating, and the W.M. then, in a very neat and appropriate speech, moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to our distinguished brother, James Stevens P.M., for his admirable lecture, which had afforded much instruction to the brethren, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Lucking P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Stevens suitably acknowledged the vote and Lodge was closed, and adjourned until September. Refreshment followed labour, and a couple of hour's of social enjoyment, in the course of which some excellent songs were given by talented members of the Lodge, and two admirable Masonic recitations by the guest of the evening, brought to a close a session of Masonic work in connection with the Priory Lodge, of which the Mother Lodge may well be proud.

**Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**

—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th June, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Ware S.W., Hughes J.W., Brown S.D., Weeden Preceptor, Ashton I.G., Southwell Tyler. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Southwell candidate, who also answered the questions leading to the second degree. The first section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The meetings of the Lodge were adjourned from Thursday evening next until the first Thursday in September.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**

—A meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 1st June. Present—Bros. Collingridge W.M., Parker S.W., Marks J.W., Norton S.D., Snook J.D., Brett I.G., Forge Treas., Fenner Acting Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edmunds acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then adjourned.

On Monday, 8th June. Bros. Parkes W.M., Marks S.W., Cooper J.W., Turner S.D., Western I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Collingridge being a candidate for raising, answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the three degrees. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for Monday, 15th June. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. Bro. Western W.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 22nd June.

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THE Bible is a book which has been refuted, demolished, overthrown, and exploded more times than any other book you ever heard of. Every little while somebody starts up and upsets this book; and it is like upsetting a solid cube of granite. It is just as big one way as the other, and when you have upset it, it is right side up still. Every little while somebody blows up the Bible; but when it comes down, it always lights on its feet, and runs faster than ever through the world. They overthrew the Bible a century ago, in Voltaire's time—entirely demolished the whole thing. "In less than a hundred years," said Voltaire, "Christianity will have been swept from existence, and will have passed into history." Infidelity ran riot through France, red-handed and impious. A century has passed away. Voltaire has "passed into history," and not very respectable history either; but his old printing-press, it is said, has been used to print the Word of God; and the very house where he lived is packed with Bibles—a depot for the Geneva Bible Society. Thomas Paine demolished the Bible, and finished it off finally; but, after he had crawled despairingly into a drunkard's grave, in 1809, the book took such a leap that since that time more than twenty times as many Bibles have been made and scattered through the world as ever were made before, since the creation of man. Up to the year 1300, from four to six million copies of the Scriptures, in some 30 different languages, comprised all that had been produced since the world began. Eighty years later, in 1880, the statistics of eighty different Bible Societies, which are now in existence, with their unnumbered agencies and auxiliaries, report more than 165,000,000 Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture, with 206 new translations, distributed by Bible Societies alone since 1804; to say nothing of the unknown millions of Bibles and Testaments which have been issued and circulated by private publishers throughout the world. For a book that has been exploded so many times, it still shows signs of considerable life. I have heard of a man travelling around the country, exploding this book, and showing up "the mistakes of Moses," at fifty shillings a night. It is easy work to abuse Moses at fifty shillings a night, especially as Moses is dead, and cannot talk back. It would be worth something, after hearing the infidel on "the mistakes of Moses," to hear Moses on "the mistakes of the infidel." When Moses could talk back, he was rather a difficult man to deal with. Pharaoh tried it, and met with poor success. Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, and it is said found a grave in the Red Sea. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram tried it, and went down so deep that they have not yet got back. But now Moses is dead, and it is easy to abuse him. It does not take a very brave beast to kick a dead lion.—*American Paper.*

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