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## THE "BUSINESS" OF FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY, that peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, does not appear to be able to withstand the levelling influences of the age. Year by year its teachings are becoming more and more systematised, and its principles fettered by vexatious restrictions, thereby depriving them of much of their beauty, and lowering the Order in the estimation of those who love it for its freedom and simplicity. The same rules which govern the every-day pursuits of life are gradually being associated with all that concerns the Craft, with a result which is anything but beneficial to the Order, which was never intended to be restricted by rules and regulations other than those necessary to ensure the comfort and convenience of its members. Much of the Charity of Freemasonry is losing its charm, as the result of the excessive organization practised now-a-days, and this is excused on the ground that organization is rendered necessary; firstly, to guard against imposture; and, secondly, to secure a due return for what has been given—in Charity! The ceremonies of Freemasonry, in many quarters at least, are fast being deprived of that impressiveness which should surround them, as the result of the excessive knowledge which it seems to be the aim of brethren to acquire; knowledge which enables them to rattle off the Ritual without a slip, but which appears to pay no regard to that expression so essential in ceremonies which, like those of Freemasonry, rely mainly on the effect produced at the moment making a lasting impression on the mind of a candidate.

One of the results of this excessive zeal for systematizing everything is, the frequent references made at regular Lodge meetings to the benefits of Lodges of Instruction, or, in other words, the general touting for support which is made by some of the prominent officials of these offshoots of Freemasonry. When we remember the utterances some of these over-zealous brethren have made on behalf of their particular school or system of Instruction, we almost have to ask ourselves which is the parent and which the offshoot? whether Freemasonry owes its origin to Lodges of Instruction, or whether Lodges of Instruction are dependent for their existence on the Lodges themselves? Were it not that we knew otherwise, we should frequently have been led to believe that the former was the actual state of affairs, and that Freemasonry existed for the whole and sole design of supplying members for Lodges of Instruction. Of course, these mistaken ideas would have been caused by the excess of energy displayed by those who feel they are doing what is right when they use the most forcible language in urging the advantages of the school with which they are associated.

We do not like this system of touting, which is not only being carried to excess, but, if encouraged at regular meetings on behalf of Lodges of Instruction, will soon extend to other matters—Masonic, semi-Masonic, and even non-Masonic—until a Lodge meeting will come to be recognised as a fitting occasion on which to make public advertisement of anything or everything it is desired to make Freemasons acquainted with. On more than one occasion in the past we have referred in strong terms to this tendency on the part of Instruction officials to overstep the bounds of propriety when, on being called upon to respond to a toast, they find themselves in a position to address a few words to their fellows. There is no hard and fast rule which limits

the subjects to which a speaker may refer on such occasions, nor one which compels a Worshipful Master to call an erring brother to order, but we imagine there are often many among the hearers who would be willing to raise a voice against the breach of etiquette, were it once to become recognised that in so doing they would receive support from some of those around them. We know it is sometimes difficult to know what to talk about, but a few words can generally be thought of which will suffice to acknowledge any ordinary toast, and when anything special is called for, the exceptional proposition will generally suggest a corresponding reply; but for a brother, who may be asked to speak to the toast of the Visitors, to immediately ignore the call made on him, and launch into eulogies over the Lodge of Instruction of which he is the Preceptor, Secretary, or it may be an active member, is very much out of place, and displays a lack of discretion—both Masonic and social—which does not say much for the system pursued at the Lodge of Instruction specially referred to.

There is another feature in connection with this touting for members which occasionally renders the remarks of touts most offensive. We allude to the mistaken ideas of the importance of Lodges of Instruction. As we have said above, some of them impress their hearers with the idea that Freemasonry exists solely for the purpose of keeping up the supply of Instruction members, and even if they do not always succeed in convincing their hearers on this point, it is certain this is the idea they personally entertain—that is if their remarks are to be accepted as any index to their thoughts. Even the best of brethren err in this respect, but while they do so conscientiously, and without doing injury to other equally deserving offshoots of Freemasonry, we do not know they actually commit any crime from a Masonic point of view, however much their conduct may be open to question. We have heard it remarked that it is the "duty" of every Mason to support Lodges of Instruction, and while we admit the usefulness of the many weekly meetings held throughout the country for the improvement of brethren, we certainly cannot recognise anything like a lack of "duty" by those who choose to absent themselves from all public schools of Masonry. A regular attendance at Lodges of Instruction is frequently urged as the royal road to distinction; were Masonic honours thrown open to public competition, with a severe examination to be passed by all candidates, we could recognise the force of this argument, but as things are at present, with many of our Lodges working on the principle that the brethren should be appointed to office as much in rotation as possible, we cannot see how it applies. A few months since we heard a most energetic Preceptor—a visitor at an installation meeting—boldly assert that the brother installed that night owed his preferment solely to his regular attendance at the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of the Lodge, and he further pointed out that the "only" way for others to ensure early promotion was to follow the same course. When we inquired afterwards, we found that the brother installed had worked his way through the whole of the offices, and we further discovered that he had not been appointed to the lowest office until his turn came. So much for misguided enthusiasm, instances of which we could enumerate almost indefinitely. But we believe the brethren who err are usually sincere, and while they please themselves they do not injure—or even attempt to injure—others; but there are exceptions even to this rule, and a notable instance has just been

brought to our notice. At a recent festival, a prominent official of a Lodge of Instruction was called upon to respond to the toast of success to that Lodge. Now, whatever he said was to the point, so far as speaking of Improvement in ritual was concerned, but in the excess of his zeal he certainly overstepped the limits of fair Masonic criticism, and endeavoured—we hope unsuccessfully—to make his own case better by detracting from those much loved Institutions—the Charities of the Order. To begin with, “he was sure it must be in the experience of most present that a brother initiated into Masonry in a slovenly and irreverent manner had frequently left the Lodge in disgust, never again to enter within its walls; while, on the contrary, an earnest and impressive rendering of the rites and ceremonies had had a deep and lasting effect on the mind of an initiated brother, creating in him a desire to investigate their meaning, and becoming acquainted with their object and design, making him, in fact, a zealous Mason, useful to the Craft, and an ornament to the Society of which he had become a member.” Well, there is no harm in a brother being convinced in his own mind of such facts as these, and as the speaker in question has an experience which entitles his opinion to respect, we suppose there are many who will accept his verdict, although we confess we do not feel disposed to do so at present. He then appears to have lost himself in the earnestness with which he spoke of his beloved Lodge of Instruction, even going so far as to make charges against supporters of the Charities which he would find it not only difficult, but almost impossible to substantiate. “It had, he knew, been a custom of many after-dinner speakers to impress on the minds of young Masons that their first and highest duty was, not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, but to subscribe to the Institutions, and from the very moment almost the initiated brother sat down for the first time at the table he was pressed for a subscription. An ambitious Mason, desirous of advancement, was impressed with the idea that a liberal subscription to the Charities are the surest step to Masonic honour, and munificent contributors were held up as having the highest claim to Grand and Provincial Grand Office, although they had no other qualification.”

If we may go so far as to challenge the remarks of our esteemed brother, we would ask him to name even half-a-dozen of the “many” after-dinner speakers who impress on the minds of young Masons not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, or who impress on ambitious Masons that a liberal subscription to the Charities is the surest step to Masonic honour. We have said half-a-dozen, but we might even go so far as to ask for the name of one of the “many” who publicly proclaim such doctrines.

There would not, however, be much harm in these attacks, nor would they be open to severe criticism were they made simply in good faith, and without the object of serving a secondary purpose, but they were on this occasion intended to show one side of a picture—what a Mason should not do—while the other was made to represent what he should do, and this, in brief, was, that he should support the particular Lodge of Instruction of which the speaker is a prominent member. There are some brethren who begin to envy the success of the Charities of the Order; and, feeling that much of that success is due to the personal advocacy of the paid officials of the Institutions, they are adopting similar tactics of personal solicitation on behalf of other Masonic adjuncts, but we do not think they will improve on the tactics of those they imitate if they begin by abusing others, with the object of making themselves appear to greater advantage. We do not say that the remarks to which we have especially referred were actuated by this spirit—we will dismiss them as being most uncalled for, and as repugnant to a very large number of Craftsmen. While the number of those who support the Charities remains largely in excess of those who patronize Lodges of Instruction—as is at present the case—there is little fear that advocacy of the one will seriously affect the welfare and prosperity of the other, but if advocacy of Lodges of Instruction is to be included among the responsibilities of Freemasonry, it will be well to know, as soon as possible, if the operations are to be carried out on the “cutting” principle, or on the more dignified lines of mutual aid and support.

## PROFICIENCY BEFORE ADVANCEMENT.

THE Constitutions of Freemasonry, of all Masonic jurisdictions, in some manner provide that a Brother shall exhibit proficiency in the preceding degree before he is advanced to a higher one. From the earliest times this has been the custom of the Craft. When Freemasons were exclusively operative, no Master was permitted to take an Apprentice for less than seven years, in order to ensure his acquirement of the skill necessary for his advancement to be, in succession, a Fellow and a Master. Anderson, in the second edition of his “Constitutions,” refers to a regulation of the reign of King Edward III., which ordained “that such as were to be admitted Master Masons, or Masters of Work, should be examined whether they be able of cunning to serve their respective Lords, as well the lowest as the highest, to the honour and worship of the aforesaid art, and to the profit of their Lords.” In the “Charges” of 1722, it is directed, that “a younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for improving and continuing of Brotherly love.” In the earliest “Ahiman Rezon” of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Bro. Dr. Wm. Smith’s adopted, A.D. 1783), it is provided: “All Masons \* \* shall instruct the younger Brothers to become bright and expert workmen, that the Lord’s materials may not be spoiled.” This is re-enacted in the Pennsylvania “Ahiman Rezon” of A.D. 1825. The “Ahiman Rezon” of A.D. 1857 draws it more mildly: “It is recommended to all Lodges to require proof of a Brother’s proficiency in the Craft, by examination in the Lodge, before he be advanced.” The present “Ahiman Rezon,” adopted A.D. 1877, has a similar provision. The present “Constitutions” of the Grand Lodge of England enact as follows: “Nor shall a higher degree be conferred on any Brother \* \* \* until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that [preceding] degree.”

We have sufficiently stated what the law is, and the next, and, after all, the most important consideration is, how is this law practically enforced—what is the actual custom of the Craft?

There are three lines of conduct:—(1) To examine the candidate fully in open Lodge. This is the custom of probably the majority of the jurisdictions in the United States; (2) To examine the Brother cursorily in the mere elements of his preceding Degree; (3) To altogether omit the examination.

There is a growing tendency in the Craft to “let down the bars” in the matter of examination, and the result is the great increase of *uneducated* Masons. Many a Mason is *botched* in the making, and not by a purely incompetent Master, but by a supremely careless, thoughtless, and indifferent one. He does *his* work, and he cares not whether the candidate does his or not. He thus turns out an imperfect ashlar, a Brother who is innocent of Masonic knowledge, a Master Mason who is such only in name, while in fact he is the merest Apprentice. Some jurisdictions are *noted* for making ignorant Masons—we leave our readers to nominate the jurisdictions. What is the result? First, the jurisdiction itself is brought into reproach, and justly, for conferring its highest degree on unqualified Brethren. Second, these very Brethren, when they travel, find themselves unable to work their way into a Lodge. And lastly, not possessing the elementary knowledge of the Fraternity, of course they cannot erect any superstructure of Masonic learning upon it. This is a most important subject for consideration, and as we are now upon the eve of the season when our Lodges will all resume Labour, it is expedient that careful thought should be devoted to this matter, and justice bedone hereafter, both to the Craft and to individual Masons who are to be made and advanced. Masters of Lodges are the ones primarily responsible. They are Masters indeed. Whatever is done in their several bodies, whether it be well or ill done, is of their doing. If Masons who are ignoramuses are sent out by them to the Masonic world, who is responsible but themselves? And yet we have seen both Wardens of a Lodge, while acting as Master, *omit altogether* the examination of a candidate, and thus lead him to believe that when he left their hands he was an adept in the Royal Art, a perfect ashlar, a complete and finished Mason. What a delusion and a snare! What a pretence! What a deceit!

No Grand Lodge ought merely to “recommend,” that a

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Brother be examined, in order to ascertain his proficiency in the preceding degree before a higher one is conferred upon him, but such examination ought to be *required*. No option should be left in the matter, no hole in the law, through which a careless, thoughtless or incompetent Master can creep out. And there is another thought worthy of consideration in this connection: The "recommenders" of every candidate have a duty to perform. *Primarily they are his instructors*, and they are in duty bound to qualify him, themselves, for advancement. Let them perform this duty, and let all Masters of Lodges require proficiency in a candidate before advancement, and the much-needed practical reform in this matter will have been accomplished.—*Keystone*.

### THE OTHER GENERATION.

IT was in the old Masonic Temple, later United States Court House, now being remodelled for mercantile purposes, that the other generation was best known in the business of Freemasonry, in the City of Boston and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Who were the men numbered in that generation is what few now living can tell, and that so imperfectly, from personal acquaintance, that the record of things past is more reliable—would we could be as certain of things to come.

There was Winslow Lewis, the genial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; sweet in his social intercourse with the brethren; ripe in scholarship; grave or gay as circumstances pleaded; rich in his sympathies; generous and manly among men.

The Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., was of about the same period; less conspicuous in some respects; busier in purely literary work; but kindly affectioned, and loyal to the Fraternity, of which, for so many years, he has continued to be an intellectual part.

With these was Daniel Harwood, ritualist and disciplinarian, zealous among his fellows; skilled in useful knowledge; a controller of men, a leader also, when leadership meant more than cunning, and made one "great among the people."

Two or three years later came John T. Heard, whose force of character was tuned by reason, and whose comprehensive mind speedily recommended him for Grand Master when such as he was needed in the Grand East.

Numbered among these, but somewhat younger, was William W. Baker, bright, witty, and intelligent; learning from his seniors, and gaining a secure place in their confidence.

Richard Briggs was rapidly growing in favour, and ere long he had secured the approbation of his brethren, who soon advanced him to proud positions within their gift, and endorsed their opinions by subsequent preferments.

Others, some older, some younger, came into notice, and the generation had Abraham A. Dame, John R. Bradford, Robert Lash, John B. Hammatt, Thomas Waterman and William C. Martin, for counsellors and guides, while the pen of the Grand Secretary was held by Charles W. Moore, in the interest of the society wherein he was a dominant quantity.

There are others of whom we might speak with advantage; the roll was a long one, and then we are only looking at that belonging to Boston. William Parkman, later Grand Master, was working into the front places. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, less conspicuous in Masonic office, but more for his general knowledge, was always a welcome advisor. John McClellan, present always where he had the right of admission, zealous, helpful and communicative. Younger men than these were looking for that which was to come, fully believing that the perfection of Masonic character was a thing devoutly to be wished, and to the attainment of which their energies might earnestly be devoted.

The difference in age of these men was not enough to remove any of them from the generation of Masonic workmen then active. Theirs was a common purpose; to them Freemasonry was a reality; it meant what it taught, and taught what it meant; hypocrisy and deceit were altogether unknown in its work or Councils, where the exercise of brotherly love conciliated true friendship, and the relief afforded the distressed was accompanied by hearty sympathy for their misfortunes.

Theirs was the labour of love for Freemasonry, for its principles and for the good contained within it. Some of these brethren were skilful ritualists; all of them who did, worked with the spirit and the understanding also; and every one of them possessed social qualities of a fraternal and sympathetic character.

In their day it was held to be of high importance that the work should be done well, and though the Masons of this generation have better facilities, the ceremonies are no more impressive than when performed by that other generation.

Then the brethren were not so numerous, but they were sincere, and this was exhibited on all proper occasions; consultations and personal interviews were frequent, and many an hour was whiled away in the indulgence of these delights. We have heard some of them recall the old times, when a few, compared with the many who gather on similar occasions now, met in the old Temple, performed the work of the evening, and then partook of such simple refreshment as could be afforded, in contentment and peace.

In a recent conversation with Brother Richard Briggs, he told the writer that the first collation of which he partook in the old Temple, consisted of bread and butter, cheese and cider, and that he enjoyed it immensely, too.

These simple repasts were furnished by Brother Martin, who was superintendent, and who rigidly excluded all but Masons from service or participation therein. No profane presence could be tolerated; the quiet tête-à-tête, or the more general conversation, gave wings to the hour and the time went quickly by, but bearing happy memories; when we inquire for those who then governed and guided the Craft, the many are not with us, but here and there one,—and these tell us by precept and example of the good seed sown, and of the good work done by the Masons of the other generation.—*Liberal Freemason*.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

THE following is a list of the Officers appointed by the newly installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, at the meeting at Oxford, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. :—

Bro. Reginald Bird P.G.D. 357	-	-	Deputy Grand Master
H. G. W. Drinkwater 340	-	-	Senior Warden
W. L. Morgan 357	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. R. Pritchard 1895	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. C. J. F. Yule 357	-	-	
W. G. Emberline 340	-	-	Treasurer
J. S. Wells 599	-	-	Registrar
E. L. Hawkins 357	-	-	Secretary
H. Houghton 340	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Lord Valentia 478	-	-	Senior Deacon
A. A. Webb 1036	-	-	Junior Deacon
F. Marsh 1895	-	-	Supt. of Works
F. P. Bulley 357	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
B. P. Lascelles 357	-	-	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. Arnall 478	-	-	Sword Bearer
E. Home 340	-	-	} Standard Bearers
F. Pigott 1399	-	-	
G. Owens 1703	-	-	Organist
E. F. Greenwood 1515	-	-	Pursuivant
W. D. Sutton 1763	-	-	Asst. Pursuivant
Sir B. Brodie 357, F. J. Humphrey 357,	}	}	Stewards
G. Harris 1515, L. M. Wynne 599, S. C.			
Wakefield 1703, J. W. Messenger 340			
G. Norwood	-	-	Tyler

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information, and then the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Six petitions on behalf of candidates were considered, and all were approved, the children thereby becoming eligible for the next April election. Applications were made on behalf of eight ex-pupils for grants towards providing them with outfits; six of these were acceded to, and two postponed. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### MARRIAGE.

STEPHENS—EDWARDS.—On Sunday, 8th inst., at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, Bro. GEORGE H. STEPHENS P.M. 123, of Stepney and North Bow, to BEATRICE, youngest daughter of the late JOHN EDWARDS, Esq., of Cow Cross, E.C.

## THE ALBERT PIKE QUESTION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORION.

IN undertaking to investigate controversies between the various factions of high degrees, I am apt to encounter either of the following obstacles:—first, unmixed lies; second, lies more or less mixed with truth; and third, half-told truth; the last is the most mischievously misleading.

As a case in point, I sent you not long since a paragraph from the *Detroit Freemason*, which originally appeared in a Washington paper, viz., the *Capitol*, in which it was stated that Claud Samory, the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Foulhouze Council at New Orleans, which was originally established in 1813 by Cerneau, had conferred the thirty-third degree on Albert Pike, 25th April 1857, and in a previous communication (*FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, 13th December 1884) I sent you, I quoted from Pike's own writings that he did not know when he was elected a member, or when Commander. So putting this and that together, I said if the Detroit paragraph is true—that is, if Pike received his thirty-thirdship from a Cerneauite—then he must be regarded as a bogus, and the Grand "Mother Supreme Council of the world" over which he presides is of course tainted by the connection, and hence all her children and grandchildren Councils the world over will lose their character for purity. Of course, according to my own belief, the whole of our eight American sovereigns of the A. and A. Rites, including our two African sovereigns, are alike legal. But what is the use of reasoning with them? Thus, if you question six out of the eight you will find that each is very positive that he alone is the real "Simon Pure," and the others are bogus; while the sovereigns of our northern and southern jurisdictions are equally positive that they and their legitimate offspring are legal, and all the rest are impostors. Hence, if Bro. Pike had received his thirty-three degree from an impure source, I could not see what right he had to denounce the Cerneauites as clandestines.

Bro. Pike's forgetfulness as to when he became a member, &c., was still more surprising when I recalled to mind that he referred to a session at New Orleans in 1857, of which he seemingly entertained no very high opinion, for he said, in 1878:—

"There is not in the Secretariat, so far as I can find, any minute of any session from May 1801 to the session of 1860, *except what is called a session at New Orleans in 1857.*"

The expression in the above quotation which I italicise, indicates a feeling of contempt for the 1857 session, and yet he is said to have received there the thirty-third degree. In short, I was puzzled. But as business called me to New York I took the opportunity of calling on Bro. R. B. Folger, the well known historian of the A. and A. Rite in America. I shewed Brother Folger the *Detroit Freemason*, and asked whether the paragraph in question was true? Bro. Folger answered in the affirmative, to prove which he showed me an extract he copied from the New Orleans Scotch Rite Proceedings of 1857, showing that Samory conferred on Pike the thirty-third degree. Brother Folger further informed me that the said Proceedings of 1857 are very scarce, that there was but one copy, to the best of his belief, in New York, for which the owner would not take one hundred dollars, and that from the said copy he extracted the paragraph I then asked Bro. Folger to publish the said paragraph in the next issue of his *Masonic Chronicle*, which he kindly promised to do.

Bro. Folger, in the course of conversation further informed me, that there had been a split in the Foulhouze Council at New Orleans about or before 1857. This splitting business, you must know, is a chronic disease among Scotch Rites. Well, Samory was the leader of the splitters, and he, with a few others, went over to the Charleston concern. Albert G. Mackey, who was then the chief cook and bottle washer of the said concern, went to New Orleans in February 1857, when he called together Samory and his squad of deserters, and gave each one a slap on his back, when, presto! one and all were at once transformed from Cerneauites into pure Southern Jurisdiction thirty-thirdlings. Albert Pike was to have received the 33rd degree at that meeting, but a letter was received from him that he was detained at Washington, and that he would be in New

Orleans later on. On the 25th of April following Brother Pike was in New Orleans, and Samory held a session, and made Pike a thirty-third. The reader will now see how the "half-told truth," which I found in the *Detroit Freemason*, which originally appeared in *The Capitol*, led me to the erroneous belief that Bro. Pike received his thirty-third degree from Samory the Cerneauite, while in reality he received it from Samory after he was whitewashed from Cerneautism. This is "a horse of quite another colour."

On my return to Boston I told the above news to our Grand Secretary Bro. Nickerson; and, briefly, Bro. Nickerson found a copy of the 1875 New Orleans Proceedings, from which I shall give some additional information. I must, however, premise that the Charleston high degrees in the last century pretended that, by virtue of their high degrees, they acquired the right to rule the Grand Lodge. Moreover, be it remembered that each of the said high degrees swore at his initiation, and when he took office in his Lodge, and in the Grand Lodge (for they were P.G. Officers), to obey the regulations of the Grand Lodge; how then they were absolved from the said repeated oaths remains a mystery to this day. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina very naturally questioned them as to whence they derived their pretended right; to which they returned an evasive answer, viz., that they had the right, but for peace sake they would waive their right.

I am very sorry that the Grand Lodge had not courage enough to expel these pretenders for their impertinence, but, on the other hand, we must remember that the history of Masonry was then a great mystery; that the mass of Masons, who were always credulous, were already persuaded that there were higher degrees than the Grand Lodge knew of; hence it was not difficult for a Masonic charlatan, who possessed a smattering of learning to make them believe he had dived into the very centre of the "Masonic arcanum," and that he was in possession of secrets derived from the antediluvian "Masonic arcanum," that there were older Masonic landmarks in existence than the Grand Lodge knew of. The big sounding words arcanum and archives were alone sufficient to drive the simple members of the Grand Lodge out of their wits, and by some such means they were bluffed into silence, and accepted the compromise, viz., "to waive."

Again, when in 1848, Messrs. Gourgas, Moore and Co., organised the so-called "Northern Jurisdiction" for the Scotch Rite, they again repeated and printed the dogma of having a right to rule Grand Lodges, but kindly consented to waive their right, and, to the best of my belief, no American Grand Lodge took notice thereof. When, therefore, we see that the high degree quacks of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions publicly claimed a right to rule Grand Lodges, it is no wonder, therefore, that the Foulhouze Council of New Orleans, which was composed of the French-speaking residents of the said town, who, as Frenchmen, doubtless regarded themselves as superior to the descendants of the English in every respect, and more especially in high degree Masonry. Of course, the Foulhouzers also believed in their right to rule the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; and in 1850 the Foulhouze Council assumed its right, and began to charter symbolic Lodges of its own. This state of things lasted for five years without any seeming disturbance. But in 1855 Bro. Samory and a few others were all at once struck with a fit of conscience about the sins they committed to the Grand Lodge, and, therefore, in behalf of themselves and the Foulhouze Council, they made a concordat with what was then left of the Charleston Council.

I must here further explain that the high degrees have peculiar notions and a phraseology of their own—they date their meeting with the Hebrew month, and that is not all. Bishop Usher has settled to the satisfaction of the English Church the exact age of the world. But Jewish scholars differ about it, and claim their reckoning to be right. Our high degree philosophers have adopted the Jewish chronology, as I shall show hereafter. Again, the town where they hold their meetings is called "the valley;" a document containing a request is with them "a balustre," and an agreement between Councils they call, Papal style, "a concordat." The exact conditions of Samory's concordat with the Charlestonians I know not, as it was not printed. And now for the New Orleans Proceedings:—

"Saturday, 20th 'Sebat' A.M. 5617.

14th February 1857."

The Council consisted of Albert G. Mackey, Samory,

with nine other 33rds, eight of whom at least had decided French names.

"The M.P.S.G. Commander then informed the Ill. B.B. present ['B.B.' means Brothers among high degrees] that by virtue of the authority vested in the Deputies of this Supreme Council for the State of Louisiana, they held a meeting of the 7th 'Sebat' instant, and selected the following" to be made thirty-thirds, and at the head of the list was the name of Albert Pike. The remaining names on the list did not indicate French origin, a number of them were absent, and amongst them was Albert Pike. Eleven, however, were thirty-thirded on that day. Brother Samory was then invited to deliver an address in the French language, and Bro. Mackey was invited to repeat the same address in English. After which the Ill. B. Laffon de Ladebat informed the Council that he had received a balustre from Ill. Bro. Pike 32nd degree, now at Washington, that he would not be enabled to be at New Orleans before next March, and moved that the S.C. be authorised to confer the 33rd degree on Brother Pike. And now for the second session:—

"Sunday, 21st 'Sebat' A.M. 5617.  
15th February 1857."

Mackey's name here again heads the list, though it was on Sunday. Samory, however, opened the Proceedings. The body then marched in procession to the Hall wherein the Grand Lodge used to meet, where Bro. Samory delivered the address in French, and Bro. Mackey repeated it in English—the address covers nineteen closely-printed octavo pages. The Orator demonstrated, doubtless to his own satisfaction, that Frederick the Great first consecrated Berlin as the "Grand East" (meaning, I suppose, the Jerusalem) for the "Rite of Perfection, consisting of twenty-five degrees (in which year this took place is not stated). That he appointed Chaillou de Jourville as his Deputy in France (no date is given for that either), how Stephen Morin was sent from France to the Western Hemisphere, and how the Rite of Perfection found its way into Charleston, South Carolina, and how at last, in 1786, Frederick the Great sent a new Constitution to Charleston (bear in mind that he sent the Constitution to Charleston only), in which he changed the name of the concern from "Rite of Perfection" to "Ancient and Accepted Rite," together with eight additional degrees to be clapped on the top of the original twenty-five. And how Bro. De Grasse Tilly received the new Rite in Charleston, and how he carried it to France, where it was adopted as all right. Hence, it is clear that Charleston, the original "Grand East" in America, was the "Valley" wherein "the Mother Supreme Council of the World" was consecrated; and that all the Supreme Councils of the A. and A. Rites over the world are her children or grandchildren. After the address was finished, the Council went to work and denounced in high degree fashion the other Council held "in this Valley, of which J. Lamarre is Secretary, and Jos. Lisbony is said to be the presiding officer."

"Tuesday, 23rd 'Sebat,' 5617.  
17th February 1877."

At this Session several Knights were thirty-thirded. after which it was adjourned. And now for Bro. Pike's elevation.

"Saturday, 'Year' 1st, W.M. 5617.  
25th April 1857."

At this meeting Bro. Pike was not only thirty-thirded in duo form, but the Grand Commander read a balustre from Ill. Bro. Laffon de Ladebat, 33rd, "tendering his resignation as Deputy of the Supreme Council, for the purpose of enabling the S.C. to appoint Ill. Bro. Pike, whose election was better calculated to promote the prosperity of the Order in America," and Bro. Pike was accordingly elected Deputy, and the Council adjourned *sine die*.

And now, all I have to say is this, viz., If the divinely-inspired Saint Frederick the Great actually sent the much-talked-of Constitution to the "valley" of Charleston, South Carolina in 1786, then the New Orleans printed Proceedings of 1857 prove conclusively that Bro. Pike is a legal 33rd degree, that the "Mother Supreme Council of the world" is the perfection of purity, and that all her children and grandchildren Supreme Councils in creation are, without exception, O.K.

BOSTON, U.S., 27th October 1885.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### STATISTICS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY,

J. H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, furnishes the following statistics of Royal Arch Masonry in North America, compiled up the year 1885:—

Grand Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations.
Alabama	609	34
Arkansas	1,383	77
California	3,941	243
Canada	3,734	324
Colorado	1,049	142
Connecticut	4,244	168
Dakota	638	—
Delaware	270	15
District of Columbia	1,185	85
Florida	212	12
Georgia	880	100
Illinois	11,967	839
Indiana	4,880	368
Iowa	6,189	524
Kansas	2,579	235
Kentucky	2,535	182
Louisiana	725	17
Maine	4,301	215
Maryland	1,160	61
Massachusetts	9,543	461
Michigan	8,414	673
Minnesota	2,627	214
Mississippi	1,340	54
Missouri	4,791	375
Nebraska	2,323	145
Nevada	390	43
New Hampshire	2,395	189
New Jersey	2,704	157
New York	15,435	915
North Carolina	903	39
Nova Scotia	469	27
Ohio	10,555	809
Oregon	771	73
Pennsylvania	10,908	824
Quebec	475	51
Rhode Island	1,640	58
South Carolina	306	15
Tennessee	1,949	101
Texas	3,582	316
Vermont	2,025	82
Virginia	1,274	70
Washington	150	12
West Virginia	519	32
Wisconsin	3,941	203
Total	140,960	9,469

### GLOUCESTER CHAPTER, No. 130.

AT the Convocation of this Chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., M.E. Comps. T. Lashmore, M. Emanuel, and H. Lashmore were installed in the chairs of the three Principals, the ceremony as regarded Z. and J. being conducted by M.E.Z. Emanuel. The following Officers were invested by the M.E.Z.:—J. R. Wetton S.E., R. S. Pearce Treasurer, H. Webb S.N., Waters D.C., Aslett P.S., C. Bemister and M. Smith A.S., Harrington and Vare Janitors.

### METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 1507.

ON Thursday evening, 5th inst., the members of this Chapter held a most pleasant gathering at Anderton's Hotel. There was a large number of Companions present, including many visitors. E. Comp. W. Side was installed M.E.Z. in succession to E. Comp. Willing, who is one of the Founders of the Chapter, and was its first M.E.Z. E. Comp. S. B. Fullwood was installed in the H. chair, and E. Comp. T. Miustrell in the J. chair. Comp. W. M. Stiles was re-appointed Scribe E., and Comp. T. C. Edmonds Scribe N. The office of Treasurer was unanimously conferred on Comp. J. Willing I.P.Z. Comp. J. C. Smith was invested as Principal Soj., and he appointed as his Assistants Comp. Knight as 1st Assist. Soj., and Comp. H. Dickey as 2nd Assist. Soj. Comp. R. W. Fraser was appointed D.C., and Comps. F. W. Dinsdale I.G., Mordey as Steward. The Installment Officer was Comp. Terry, who has on so many occasions performed a similar service for this Chapter. In the course of the evening an unanimous vote of thanks was passed to him, and the most hearty sympathy was expressed towards him on account of the indisposition which would prevent his joining the Companions at the festive board. The M.E.Z. then presented his predecessor, Comp. J. Willing, with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, and stated the great indebtedness which the Comps. felt at the many valuable services which Comp. Willing had rendered the Chapter, both in the Charities and as Treasurer. Comp. J. Willing suitably replied, and was unanimously chosen to represent the Chapter as Steward for the forthcoming Benevolent Institution Festival. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquetting hall. Amongst those present were the three Principals—E. Comps. Side M.E.Z., Fullwood H., Miustrell J. Comps. W. J. Ferguson, W. M. Stiles, T. C. Edmonds, A. Hollis, F. W. Dinsdale, G. H. Deller, J. C. Smith, H. Dickey, E. J. Day, W. H. Scurrab,

D. Strond, J. W. Smith, J. J. Michael, F. F. Bird, H. Sillis, R. W. Galer, J. T. Briggs, Jno. Chapman, Edwin Storr, G. Mordey, A. Proudfoot, R. Lambourn, R. Whiting, R. A. Richardson, H. Stiles, and others. The toasts were given in appropriate language, and were drunk with great enthusiasm.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday evening. Comp. Strugnell M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Brasted J., Sheffield S.E., Blight S.N., Russell P.S. As usual, there was a very good attendance.

## GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE following speech was delivered on Monday, the 7th September, by Dr. Tarrant, M.L.A., Grand Master Mason of New South Wales, in reference to a cablegram he had just received:—

"The Grand Lodge of New South Wales is now established on such a firm foundation, and its progress as a supreme Masonic power has so far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters, that it was not my intention to again address you on the subject of the legality of the proceedings which were pursued upon that occasion—one, I think, the most eventful in the history of Australian Freemasonry—had it not been for the appearance of an unofficial English telegram which was recently published in the press, and which read as follows:—The Grand Lodge of Freemasons has refused the application of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to be recognised by the English Grand Lodge. I think the present moment opportune to address the thinking Freemasons of New South Wales through you, the oldest Masonic Lodge in Australia, "established 1821," upon the subject of the establishment of our Grand Lodge, because it does appear to me, and I believe many of you think likewise, that the person who inspired the telegram to which I refer not only violated one of the first principles of our Order, but exhibited an animus to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales which is not participated in by a large majority of the Freemasons in this territory owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. You are all aware that for a number of years the formation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales has engaged the attention of a large number of brethren in this Province, but no active steps were taken to promote this object until a number of the oldest and most energetic members of the Craft, according to the Masonic custom adopted upon such occasions, formed themselves into a Masonic Union, on 5th July 1877, and subsequently sent a circular to every Masonic Lodge in the colony, asking it to discuss the question, and appoint a delegate to represent its Lodge at the meetings of the Union. In reply to this communication thirteen Lodges appointed delegates, and assurances of support were received from several other Lodges, and a large number of brethren of the three Constitutions. At the same time the Union, as an act of courtesy, informed the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland of their movement, and not receiving any reply from those bodies, called a meeting of the Convention on 3rd December 1877, and elected the first Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, who were duly installed by Brother Manning, a past Deputy District Grand Master under the English Constitution, and Past Provincial Grand Master under the Scotch Constitution. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales having been thus constitutionally formed according to the custom of all Grand Lodges, except the Grand Lodge of England, the illegality of whose constitution I shall refer to immediately, the Grand Master caused letters and a manifesto to be forwarded to all the known Grand Lodges in the world, together with a copy of the Proceedings of the Convention, fraternally requesting recognition of the new Grand Lodge. To these, replies have been received from time to time, and at the present moment we are recognised by thirty-eight Grand Lodges, being more than half of the Grand Lodges in existence. A most notable fact about the recognition is, that the first one extended to us was from a Grand Lodge which included within its ranks that eminent jurist, Dr. Mackay, author of the "Lexicon of Freemasonry," and other standard Masonic works, who, after thoroughly investigating the legality of the course pursued in establishing the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, warmly advocated its recognition, and consented to act as its representative in his own Grand Lodge. I must now claim your attention for a few moments to refer to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, and I do not think the contrast will bear favourable comparison with the steps taken in establishing a Grand Lodge in this territory. According to Masonic jurisprudence a Grand Lodge can be established in any territory where no Grand Lodge exists; but the Grand Lodge of England, as first established in London, violated this law, as its Grand Lodge was formed by four London Lodges that seceded from the Grand Lodge of York, which was established in the year 926, having under its jurisdiction thirty-two Lodges. Notwithstanding that there was a Grand Lodge of England, we find that the Masonic body in London, then numbering only four Lodges, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge so recently as the year 1717, and from it was instituted the present United Grand Lodge of England. And this, forsooth, is the body which refuses to recognise a Grand Lodge originally formed by thirteen Lodges, which now has on its roll forty-four subordinate Lodges, containing some 3000 Masons, and recognised by thirty-eight Grand Lodges, many of them having double the number of Freemasons

under their jurisdiction which the Grand Lodge of England can boast of. We have not imitated the example of our London brethren who seceded, but have followed the legal and constitutional steps taken by all other Grand Lodges at their establishment, and which have been imitated by our brethren in Victoria and South Australia, and which I earnestly desire to see adopted by all the Australian colonies. The Grand Lodge of South Australia, with which we are in friendly communication, has already been recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and I cannot refrain from quoting the language of our esteemed brother the Earl of Limerick, who presided over the Grand Lodge when the application was received:—"He thought it was not out of place to remember that our colonies, although in civil matters they possessed local self-government, had shown that they were ready to rally to the assistance of the mother country whenever they might be called upon to do so. He was sure that that spirit would also exist in Freemasonry. He trusted, individually, that the motion might be accepted unanimously, and that they might wish the Grand Lodge of South Australia hearty good wishes and God-speed, and that we might recognise in it a promising addition to the Grand Lodges of the world."

Now, brethren, with particular reference to this telegram, I have the authority of the Grand Secretary, who has carefully examined our foreign correspondence, for saying that no official application has ever been made by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of England since January 1878, at the same period as communications were forwarded to all other Grand Lodges; and, therefore, I cannot understand why the idea of sending such a telegram was conceived. Can it be possible that after an interval of nearly eight years the Grand Secretary of the English Grand Lodge has become energetic about his correspondence? Or is there any member of the Local District Grand Lodge at present in London so very anxious for our recognition that he has brought our present distressed condition under the notice of the Grand Lodge of England? Brethren, to me this recognition has always been a matter of indifference. I think you all know my views upon the question; but in the face of such dreadful news we can console ourselves with the reflection that what we have done has been in the interests of Freemasonry—for the good of the Craft, and not from motives of personal ambition. Other British colonies, such as Canada, recognise our Grand Lodge, and have shown that local Masonic government, similar to that which we have established here, is not inconsistent with loyalty to the British Throne and attachment to the principles of Freemasonry over the world. And I can now assure you that I have determined to assert our full rights to this Masonic territory by, within the next few days, issuing a manifesto declaring any Lodge opened in this colony, unless owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, illegal and unconstitutional, and all persons initiated in such Lodges as clandestine Freemasons; and in taking this step I feel confident that I will receive the support of the thirty-eight Grand Lodges who recognise our Grand Lodge, and who themselves are recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. Brethren, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Grand Lodge of South Australia, which I represent in this colony, I desire to thank you.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 1017.

THE members of this Lodge reassembled, with a fair attendance, on Wednesday, 4th instant. Lodge was duly opened by Brother N. P. Vallentine, and after preliminary business the W.M. initiated, in a most impressive manner, Mr. Channon. Letters were read by the Secretary (Bro. Matthias Levy) from the foreign Lodges in Chili and Valparaiso, relating to the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, and giving expression to their condolence with the Lodge that bears his name. A resolution was passed, that a suitable reply should be sent. Both documents have been sent to Bro. J. Sebag-Montefiore, as a token of the respect shown to the honourable name of Montefiore. Lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

### AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

AN emergency meeting of the above flourishing Kentish Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. This was the last meeting of the year, which has proved the most successful one in the history of the Lodge. There were present Bros. C. I. Craig W.M., E. S. Strange S.W., W. Sparrowhawk S.D. as J.W., J. H. Jewell Secretary, John Hamblin D.C. as I.G., F. P. Leo Steward as S.D., Alexander Ross Organist; P.M.'s Thomas J. Baker, A. W. Duret, E. J. Dodd; Bros. J. Baker, H. M. Hitchins, Thomas Baker, P. C. Delpont, A. Walmer Lloyd, W. H. Pascoe, John Fyfe, Charles Hooker, R. Stevenson, George Dixon, D. J. Kent, W. Bridfoot. Visitor—Brother T. E. Hewett 749. Brother Duret, in a few feeling and sympathetic words, alluded to the death of a worthy and respected brother, a Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. John Webb who, since the last meeting, had been called away; and also to the death of a visitor to the Lodge at the previous meeting, who had died within a week of the time he visited the Amherst Lodge. Bro. E. J. Dodd P.M. P.P.G.O. also gave expression to a few words of regret on these sad events. Bro. George Dixon was raised, Bro. Duret performing the ceremony. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Brothers Barfoot, Fyfe, Delpont, Barker, and Hutchins were passed. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Amherst Arms, where Bro. Waller had liberally provided for them. Some capital music was given by Bros. Delpont, Wallace Lloyd, and Baker P.M., and recitations by Bros. Fyfe and Dodd. These were greatly appreciated.

## CLAUSENTIUM LODGE, No. 1461.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, Bro. R. Bell S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

## EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cook Hotel, Epping, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Lewis W.M., Ackworth I.P.M. Treasurer, S. Salmon S.W., F. Woodrow J.W., J. London S.D., T. Fletcher J.D., Fraser I.G., R. Fletcher Organist; and several other members and visitors. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson was entrusted, and retired, and subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. The candidate for raising and two gentlemen for initiation were unanimously absent. Bro. J. Salmon S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and a P.M.'s jewel voted to the retiring W.M., and Bros. Fletcher and Fraser, with other Officers, were elected the Audit Committee of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The Tyler was also unanimously re-elected. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. The usual Masonic and other toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Pitt W.M., Stringer S.W., J. Bedford Williams J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Thomas J.D., Dixon I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor and Banks; Bros. Mansfield, Penrose, Millington, Emblin, and Greener. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mansfield personating the candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming the usual questions were well answered by Bro. Millington. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Stringer S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and all business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned. The annual banquet has been fixed for Thursday, the 10th December; it will be held at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford.

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

—On Thursday, 5th instant, at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Bros. Hirst W.M., Williams S.W., Ware J.W., Weeden Preceptor, Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, James S.D., Patient J.D., Baker I.G.; Bros. McMillen, Allsworth, Jenkins, and Crawley. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins candidate; and the ceremony of passing, Bro. Baker candidate. Bros. Baker and Allsworth answered the questions leading to the third degree, but were not entrusted, being only Fellow Crafts. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The accounts for the past twelve months were adopted. The following Officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Weeden Preceptor, Osborn Treasurer, and Hughes Secretary. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, 12th November.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 14th November 1885:—

Monday—Mr. Morton's Ball, St. George's and Cornerstone Lodges. Tuesday—New Holborn Quadrilles, Urban Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity, Thursday—Lodge of Regularity, Pilgrim Lodge, Polish National Lodge, University of London Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phoenix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

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## THE THEATRES.

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**Comedy.**—Miss Violet Melnotte, like many a famous general, has advanced through honourable defeat to triumphant success, and Mr. Gilbert Tate, with proud satisfaction, can hang out his banners on the outward walls—boxes, stalls, pit balcony, "Full"—scarce standing room, even where enthusiasts peep through the curtains behind the dress circle to snatch glimpses of pretty Miss St. John, manure the ire of irate old gentlemen. The opera, "Ermenie" is perhaps not particularly new, but some of the numbers are certainly very graceful and have the advantage of excellent interpretation by the very strong company Miss Melnotte has secured. The story is founded on the famous Robert Macaire, which some of us have had the good fortune to see embodied by Henry Irving and J. L. Toole, and perhaps, with due respect be it said, to the still more dramatic interpretation of the Brothers Martinetti. Miss St. John, in the heroine, finds a congenial and graceful medium for her playfulness of manner, while the composer, Mr. Jakobowski, has furnished her with some charming songs, perhaps not very relevant to the story; but one does not look for logical treatment in comic opera. Mr. Mervyn has a stirring soldier song, which roused the house to no little enthusiasm, and manly and valiant he looked as the Marquis de Pont Vert. Mr. Bracy has little dramatic opportunity, as the young secretary who wins the love of Erminie, but he has one especially fine lyric allotted him. Immense laughter and applause rewarded the efforts of Mr. Paulton and Mr. Frank Wyatt—as Ravanne and Cadeau, known afore time as Macaire and Jacques Strop. But though Mr. Paulton was as doleful and grim as his admirers could wish, and Mr. Wyatt as lithe and fantastical, as full of quips and quirks as an Italian Punchinello, neither one nor the other seemed to belong to the story. Mr. Paulton suggests the comic relief in a Surrey melodrama, and Wyatt our old friend Jingle; such a pair would have found their career as Knights of the Road ignominiously ended. But, again, who asks consistency from comic opera? The piece is well mounted; the costumes charming. Rarely has Miss St. John appeared in a prettier dress than this lovely pink satin and maroon velvet, which suits her so well. The details of costume, also, have been carefully looked to; we find the fine gentlemen provided with the watches and fob chains in which the bucks of the period delighted; whilst the ladies wear a fine circumference of farthingale. We must not close without a word of praise to Mr. Percy Compton, who makes a careful study of an old beau, and to Miss M. A. Victor, who seems to revel in the humours of a susceptible elderly princess.

**Drury Lane.**—The Loan Collection of Egyptian and Soudanese arms, accoutrements and relics was opened on Thursday afternoon, in the Grand Saloon, at Drury Lane. Lord Wolseley has sent, amongst other things, the chain armour given him by the Khedive, and Arabi's pistols; Sir Gerald Graham contributes the kourbash given him as a parting present, and Osman Digna's Koran; Admiral Hewett exhibits his Abyssinian robes of honour; Colonel Kitchener (now on his road to Zanzibar) lends his Arab costume and a piece of carpet from Gordon's room at Khartoum; and we are also to have Major Pigott's famous hog-spear which led the "D" company of mounted infantry to victory. Lord Dundonald's and Colonel Paget's trophies; Mr. Villiers', Mr. Prior's, and Mr. Caton Woodville's sketches, and Colonel Eaton's famous medals. There is to be a reproduction of Arabi's cell, with the original furniture, a field pump by Messrs. Merryweather, and a field post office from Colonel Du Plat Taylor. Hardly a Soudan hero has failed to send his offering to the national theatre, which promises to help "Human Nature" through the vicissitudes of a General Election.—*World.*

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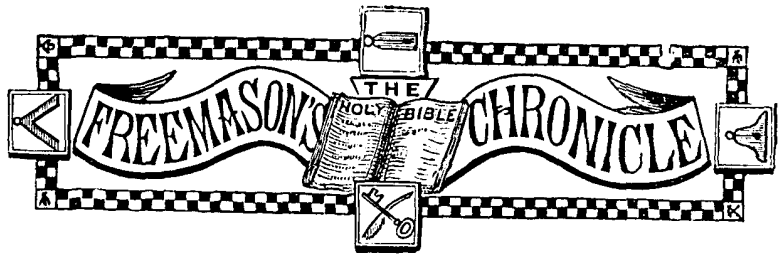
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## A VETERAN AGAIN IN HARNESS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT has been truly said that the system of Freemasonry is microscopic in character, and symbolically depicts the advent and departure of all that is mortal.

One of the most prominent traits in our Order is its inherent and intuitive disposition to advance with the march of Time. To the fact that "Masonry is a progressive science" the Society not only largely owes its present brilliant and exalted position, but in a great measure the continuation from age to age of its very existence.

In remote days, when the gloom of ignorance and superstition enshrouded the earth, Masonry, "like a glimmering light in the east," heralded the dawn of Science, Morality, and Truth. Its teachings, pure and sublime, inculcated by the enlightened few, gradually fell upon the hearts of the many, and eventually roused into active life the desire to fulfil the great and noble purpose of our Order—the Universal Brotherhood of Man, and the Universal Fatherhood of God.

It is not our intention to even briefly glance at the history of Speculative Masonry; suffice it to repeat that the progressive spirit of the science has been displayed throughout its whole career. The primitive right of initiation, as practised by our ancient brethren, was doubtless simple in character, but became amplified in successive generations; and, as Time rolled on, and the instinctive yearning increased for higher expression of Masonic Truth, the impressive beauties of the third degree were developed.

To define the exact moment when night ends and twilight begins is an impracticable task; neither can we fix upon the precise date in our history when the darkness of death was first illumined by the glorious light of the Holy Royal Arch.

It has been contended that Arch Masonry is a creation of recent date; but there is no more justice in this view than to hold that man in his present high state of civilisation is but of yesterday. There may be, in some respects, an immeasurable gulf between him and his pre-historic ancestor; but as the man of those days was the forefather of the man of to-day, and as much the cradle—ruder, may be—of an immortal soul, so the Masonry of ancient times, enshrining the germ of Universal Brotherhood, was the forerunner and progenitor of this our latest and highest type and noblest exemplification of vital and immortal truth.

Let us, whilst admiring the splendours of the edifice, forget not the due to the labourers who have passed, or are



passing from our midst, and, whilst we may, record the deeds of those whose work and struggles have so greatly aided and maintained the material welfare of our illustrious Order.

Let us endeavour to copy their bright and worthy example, emulate their noble deeds,

And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

To a veteran worker in the Craft, the following is a humble tribute—much too brief and inadequate to afford, even to the skillful, experienced, and discerning Mason, more than a scant indication of services to Freemasonry, and society in general, rendered during a long and invaluable career.

Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., LL.D., was born at Kingston-upon-Hull, on the 9th day of December 1820, and is the descendant of an old and honourable Staffordshire family. His father was captain in the 80th Regiment of the British army, and saw active service whilst in India.

He was educated at St. Peter's School, in the ancient city of York, and afterwards passed to St. Catharine's, Cambridge, where, in 1843, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in classical and mathematical honours. Subsequently he was appointed Master in King William's College, Isle of Man.

It was whilst residing there that he first saw Masonic light, having been initiated, passed, and raised in the Royal Isle of Man Lodge, No. 338, holden under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the date of his raising being 27th December 1843. This Lodge at that time contained many military brethren, but has long ago faded out of existence.

Having remained in the Isle of Man for one year, he took Holy Orders, and became Curate of Long Benton, near Newcastle-on-Tyne; afterwards removing into Newcastle, as Curate of St. Andrew's; ultimately being appointed Curate and Evening Lecturer of St. Nicholas' in the same town. Here, as elsewhere, our reverend brother discharged the duties of his sacred office faithfully and with regard to the injunctions of his Great Master, eliciting from all those within the range of his influence the warmest expressions of respect and affection.

In the year 1844 he became a joining member of the Northern Counties Lodge (then No. 586), meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and in the following year was exalted in the Sussex Chapter attached thereto.

In 1846 the University of Cambridge conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

In 1847 he was installed Knight Templar in the Kent Encampment, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and during the same year entered the Rose Croix Chapter there.

In 1848-9 he held the office of Senior Warden in Lodge De Loraine (then No. 793) in that town.

It was whilst he remained in Newcastle that his great Masonic abilities were recognised, and he received the appointment of Grand Chaplain in the Province of Northumberland.

Having, in 1849, had conferred upon him the office of Government Chaplain in India, he left this country for his new scene of labour, and almost immediately after his arrival there was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Bengal, so promptly were his worth and abilities discerned by the District Grand Master.

In 1852-3 he served the office of Worshipful Master of Lodge Star of Hope (then No. 761), Agra. During this year he was advanced to the Mark Degree; and also received, in Agra, the degrees of Excellent and Super Excellent.

He was one of the founders of Lodge Dalhousie (then No. 922), Mussoorie, and presided as its Worshipful Master twice—viz., in 1854-5 and 1855-6; being also a founder and First Principal of the Chapter attached to that Lodge.

It was during his Mastership of the Dalhousie Lodge he printed, by request, a sermon preached before the brethren of Mussoorie and Dehra. This elicited from a renegade Mason at Agra a pamphlet, which contained one of those rabid and bitter attacks which at that time were so frequently and unjustly levelled against the Society. It was on this occasion our learned brother stood forward and proved himself the worthy champion of a righteous cause, and replied by his celebrated work, entitled "Freemasonry Represented and Misrepresented."

This contribution to Masonic literature would alone

have sufficed to establish a reputation of the highest order; and to day it justly occupies a position as a standard record of clear, forcible, and unanswerable arguments in refutation of anti-Masonic calumny and slander.

For this great and lasting service he received the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bengal, and the rank of Provincial Grand Warden.

In 1857 a terrible shock vibrated throughout the whole civilised world, and shook our Indian Empire to its base. The memory of that awful Mutiny will never be effaced from the minds of the nation at large, much less from those whom by accident or the call of duty were brought face to face with death, almost without a chance of rescue, amidst the most harrowing scenes of bloodshed and destruction. It was then that our reverend brother, by his cool judgment, unflinching courage, and Christian fortitude, proved himself worthy to be numbered amongst that band of heroes whose names are recorded on the immortal roll of fame.

Many were the addresses, congratulations, and testimonials which he received; but none to which he attached more value than that received from the residents in Meerut during the Mutiny, of which the following is a copy:—

Meerut,  
30th January 1858.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned, your parishioners, cannot permit you to leave the cure, over which you have presided (and for the last nine months alone), without placing on record, in this prominent manner, our sincere acknowledgments of your estimable qualities both as a pastor and as a friend, and our deep and unfeigned regret at losing the spiritual attention of one who has endeared himself alike to all.

The fearful tragedy of the 10th May 1857, the occurrences of the following morning, and the scenes through which we subsequently passed, appalling even the stoutest hearts, can never be effaced from our recollection. But, when remembering those scenes, how can we forget your unwearied and incessant exertions during that harassing period to fulfil worthily the duties of your sacred calling? The constant visitation of the sick; the establishment of the relief fund, which had its origin with you, and its attendant duties; and last, though not least, your voluntary daily ministry in the fortified square, will ever be remembered by us with feelings of deep affection. Firmly assured are we that those fervent aspirations which, in that season of peculiar trial and anxiety, ascended to the throne of the Most High, were not disregarded by Him who can save by many or by few.

Grieved as we are from personal considerations, and from a knowledge of your private and public worth, at losing you, we should be wanting to ourselves did we not heartily and sincerely congratulate you upon your preferment, so richly deserved. May we hope that, when far away, you will give an occasional passing thought to those who now bid you "Farewell."

Believe us, Dear and Reverend Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

H. RICHMOND JONES, Colonel, Carabineers, Commanding Station.  
J. CRACROFT WILSON, Commissioner.  
G. WHISH, Lieut.-Colonel, Brigade Major.  
W. KINLESIDE, Lieut.-Colonel Commanding Artillery Division.  
H. TOMBS, Major, Horse Artillery.  
ALFRED LIGHT, Captain, Artillery.  
C. W. MACTIER, M.D., Artillery.  
DAVID B. SMITH, M.D., Artillery.  
ELLEN WILSON, (Lady Archdale Wilson).  
ELIZA GREATHEAD.  
EMMA HOGGE.  
FLEETWOOD WILLIAMS, Civil Judge.  
B. PARROTT, Captain, Stud Department.  
N. PENNY, Major-General.  
W. N. CUSTANCE, Lieut.-Colonel, Carabineers.  
MARY CUSTANCE.  
W. GRAHAM, Adjutant, Carabineers.  
W. F. WALLACE, Captain, 7th N.I.  
C. R. DOUGLAS, Inspecting Postmaster.  
D. D. HUNTER, Captain, 60th Rifles.  
ARTHUR W. OWEN, Captain, 11th Regiment.  
G. SMYTH, Colonel, 3rd Cavalry.  
JANE SMYTH.  
W. GALLOWAY, Captain, 3rd Cavalry.

And all the other Residents in Meerut.

Subsequent to the outbreak of the Mutiny at Meerut, of which place he was then Senior Government Chaplain, Brother Smyth removed to Singapore, where he became the Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and Worshipful Master of Lodge Zetland in the East (then No. 748), and first Principal of its Chapter.

He was also Worshipful Master of Lodge Fidelity, Singapore (which was afterwards incorporated with Lodge Zetland in the East), holding the Mastership of both Lodges at the same time, by dispensation.

Singapore, it may be mentioned, is a great highway between India, China, and England. Large numbers of naval and military men and civilians are constantly pass-

ing and re-passing. It is a gathering place of people of many nations; and it was here that Brother Smyth performed a very large amount of Masonic working. In 1860 the University of Dublin conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Leaving India in 1867, followed by the sincere regrets and good wishes of a vast number who had become endeared to him, both natives and Europeans, and many tributes to his worth by the Press, he revisited his native country, and was six months later appointed by Sir Edmund Beckett and his father to the then new living of St. Chad's Far Headingley, Leeds, which he now holds.

In 1872 the University of Cambridge conferred upon him the degree of LL.D.

Since his residence in Leeds, Brother Smyth has passed the chair of Eminent Preceptor in the K.T. Preceptory, filled the office of Provincial Grand Mark Chaplain of West Yorkshire, and rendered other valuable services to Craft, Mark and Arch Masonry in that town and elsewhere.

In November 1884 he became one of the Founders and Senior Warden of Lodge Prudence, 2069, and is now its Worshipful Master elect, and will be installed this day, 14th November. He has also been nominated First Principal of the new Chapter which is now in contemplation to be attached to Excelsior Lodge, 1042.

Under the auspices of this veteran, now again in harness, there is every prospect of success and prosperity for these new undertakings in Masonry in Leeds.

As a worker in many Masonic degrees, Brother Smyth has proved himself a master in every sense of the word, and had an experience seldom surpassed or even equalled in extent. Probably few Masons living have taken an active leading part in so many ceremonies, or initiated so large a number of brethren into the Order.

As a writer on the subject of Freemasonry, more especially with regard to its tenets and principles, Brother Dr. Smyth has been most prolific, and, at the same time, has displayed a high degree of erudition and research, both historical and philosophical.

The magazines of a generation back, and many subsequent effusions, both in pamphlet and other forms, bear testimony to his skill and ability as an author.

Let us hope that for many years he will live to enjoy the blessings of health and strength, and to receive the respect and veneration he has so well earned from the whole Craft.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

**T**HE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 5th instant. The throne was occupied by the Grand Master, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart.; Bro. James Crichton acted as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. George Fisher as Grand Junior Warden. There was a large attendance of Grand and Past Grand Officers. A *vidimus* was submitted by the Grand Cashier, which showed that the income of the Grand Lodge for the past quarter had been £957, and the expenditure £611, leaving an excess of income to the amount of £346. There had been 1360 entrants to the Craft during the quarter. A statement as to the funds of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Trust, for the three months ending 20th ult., showed that £20 had been voted to brethren, or widows of brethren, in distress. The Grand Committee submitted a report of a Special Committee which they had appointed to confer with the two brethren who had issued some publications that were recently under the notice of the Grand Lodge. Certain conditions which had been laid down by the Grand Committee, and which were accepted by one of the brethren in question, were approved, and the case was sent back to the Grand Committee. It was intimated that Bro. John Baird, Glasgow, had resigned his seat on the Grand Committee, and that the Committee had placed on record their high sense of his services to the Grand Lodge during a period of fifteen years. Bro. Robert Nisbet, Glasgow, was unanimously chosen in his stead. A report was submitted from the Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of East Renfrewshire, to the effect that the annual visitation of the Lodges within that Province had been completed last month, and they were all found in a satisfactory state,

and had received a fair addition to the number of their members during the past year. It was reported by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirkshire that they would offer no opposition to the proposed disjunction of the Lodge Peebles Kilwinning from the Province, and on the recommendation of Grand Committee it was resolved to place it in the Metropolitan Province. It was also resolved to form the three existing Border Provinces into two—viz., Haddington and Berwick, composed of Duns; St. John, Kilwinning; Haddington; St. Abb's, Eyemouth; Dunbar Castle, Dunbar; St. Luke, Lauder; St. John, Coldstream; St. Baldred, North Berwick; and Tyne-side, East Linton. Roxburgh and Selkirk will also consist of eight Lodges—St. John, Selkirk; Kelso; St. John, Jedburgh; Hawick; St. John, Stow; Tween, Kelso; Galashiels; and St. James, Hawick. A report was submitted by a Special Committee appointed to inquire and report to Grand Committee as to the working of the law anent compulsory part of fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge. That Committee was of opinion that it would be impolitic to rigidly enforce the law, and equally inadvisable to expunge it; and recommended that each Provincial Grand Lodge be directed to urge the Lodges under its jurisdiction to have themselves fully represented in Grand Lodge, and thereby strengthen the hands of Grand Lodge in raising the status of Freemasonry and increasing its usefulness as a medium of well-directed benevolence. This was adopted. Grand Lodge then proceeded to nominate brethren for election at St. John's to the offices falling vacant this year. It was unanimously, and with acclamation, resolved to nominate Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., again to be Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the following were also nominated:—Bros. Frederick G. Villiers of Closeburn, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, Grand Senior Warden; James T. S. Elliott jun., of Wolfelee, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. Pearson M'Adam Muir and the Rev. J. Watt Grand Chaplains, W. M'Leau jun., C.A., Grand Senior Deacon, J. D. Duncan Grand Junior Deacon, Dr. R. R. Anderson Grand Architect, James Inches Grand Jeweller, Captain F. W. Allan Grand Bible Bearer, Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell Grand Sword Bearer, Provost Brand Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dr. Cranstoun Grand Bard, W. Harrison Grand Director of Music, Major W. Halls Grand Marshal, and David Reid Provincial Grand Secretary of Glasgow Grand Inner Guard. The Earl of Airlie had been named by the Grand Committee for nomination as Grand Junior Deacon, in anticipation that his lordship's name would have been returned as an affiliated member of a Scottish Lodge; but that had not been done, and it became necessary to nominate another for the position. After other business, Grand Lodge was closed.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. H. Maudslay P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. James Terry (Secretary) announced that the Marquis of Hertford, Senior Grand Warden of England, had kindly consented to preside at next year's Anniversary Festival of the Institution. Bro. Terry urged on the members of the Committee the necessity for exerting their influence to secure Stewards to support his lordship, the number of brethren at present on the list of Stewards being much below the average. The death of three male annuitants was reported, and four petitions considered; three of the latter were accepted, and the other deferred. One female annuitant, who has recently inherited some property, resigned her annuity, and the applications of two widows of deceased annuitants for the moiety of their late husband's grants having been considered, the requests were granted. The Warden's report having been received, and some other business disposed of, the meeting was brought to a conclusion.

A Musical Entertainment was given by Bro. Lott, Grand Organist, at the Girls' School, at Battersea Rise, on Monday, in celebration of the birthday of the Grand Master. Bro. Lott was assisted by Misses Amy Sargent, Minnie Kirton, Bros. Egbert Roberts, W. E. Glazier, and T. Tremere. A very happy holiday was enjoyed by the children.

## MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTH  
AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on the 2nd inst., by invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. The Lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Lodge entered in procession. The acting R. W. Provincial Grand Master (the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett D.P.G.M.) in the chair having been saluted, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called. Letters of apology were read from the Provincial Grand Master, detained by business connected with the municipal elections, and several other members of Provincial Grand Lodge, who were prevented from similar causes. The report of the General Purposes Committee was read and adopted. The Provincial Grand Secretary stated that the condition of the Lodges in the Province was as follows:—

Lodge.	Subscribing Members.	Initiated.
York (T.I.) . . . . .	81	5
Star in the East, 95 . . . . .	51	11
Middlesborough, 276 . . . . .	27	1
Fitzwilliam, 277 . . . . .	28	2
Beverlac, 281 . . . . .	26	1
Drifelt, 291 . . . . .	19	5
Streoushall, 337 . . . . .	16	3
Total . . . . .	248	28

The Treasurer's balance sheet was read and adopted, and on the roll of Lodges being called all were found to be represented. Bro. J. M. Meek was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and thanked the brethren. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Officers:—

Bro. J. T. Sellar W.M. York (T.I.) . . . . .	Senior Warden
J. Marshall P.M. 277 . . . . .	Junior Warden
T. C. Davison W.M. 276 . . . . .	M.O.
W. Fraser W.M. 95 . . . . .	S.O.
T. Dixon W.M. 281 . . . . .	J.O.
Rev. W. G. Chilman 277 . . . . .	Chaplain
J. M. Meek P.M. 276 . . . . .	Treasurer
T. N. Marwood W.M. 337 . . . . .	Reg. of Marks
T. B. Whytehead P.M. York (T.I.) . . . . .	Secretary
G. S. Highmoor S.W. 291 . . . . .	Senior Deacon
J. W. Marshall S.W. 277 . . . . .	Junior Deacon
J. Knaggs S.W. 95 . . . . .	J. of W.
W. H. Cowper P.M. 276 . . . . .	Director of Ceremonies
W. Highmoor Sec. 291 . . . . .	Sword Bearer
M. M. Westerley S.W. 281 . . . . .	Standard Bearer
C. R. Staniland 277 . . . . .	Organist
F. Smith J.W. York (T.I.) . . . . .	Inner Guard
J. Verity Sec. 95 . . . . .	Tyler

Three Stewards from the York, Star in the East, and Streoushall Lodges. Bros. W. H. Cowper, G. Balmford, J. Marshall, and Rev. W. C. Lukis were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. Brother R. H. Peacock was also nominated, but he generously withdrew the nomination. Bros. T. C. Davison and W. J. Watson were elected Auditors. A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of the Fitzwilliam Lodge for their hospitable reception, and after an expression of hearty good wishes, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed and the Provincial Grand Master returned in procession. The Fitzwilliam was then closed, and the assembled Mark Masons adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where Brother Fitchett, the proprietor, served up an excellent dinner, after which the usual toasts were observed, and songs and speeches enlivened the evening.

The installation meeting of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, took place on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, and that of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W. We hope to give reports of each in our next issue.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to forward you a copy of the *Sydney Evening News*, containing an address of the Grand Master of New South Wales, which I am sure will be read with interest by a large number of your readers. As one who thinks the Masonic papers in England should be independent of any Masonic body in England or elsewhere, and should represent all, I trust you will give Dr. Tarrant's address in full. No doubt many will think, with me, the time has come when, in the interests of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales should be formally recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, as it is already by thirty-eight Grand Lodges.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES P.M. P.Z.

## THE POWER OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have often been amused when I have thought of the absurd inconsistency displayed by opponents of Freemasonry. As you say in your last issue, at one time they declare that Freemasonry is powerless, while at others the greatest power is attributed to it. At one time it can do nothing, at others it is accredited with powers far above anything it lays claim to; but the last charge made against it—that Freemasons are clamouring for the execution of the Canadian rebel, Louis Riel, is cruel. That it is far from the truth I feel convinced, as I am certain that no body of brethren would so far depart from the principles of Masonry as to take any voice in urging the execution of a prisoner, nor can I see any reason why Freemasons should so act. I should like to hear that the Privy Council had taken some notice of the unjust accusation contained in the petition to which you refer.

Yours fraternally,

OCTAVUS.

## CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can imagine no more pleasing surroundings than those which were associated with the Centenary of this Lodge, as reported in your last issue. The Master of the day was an initiate of the Lodge of nearly fifty years ago, while the Senior Warden could look back on his initiation into Freemasonry in the same Lodge thirty-three years ago. All the other offices were filled by Past Masters, and from what I can gather, everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner. Centenary celebrations are of necessity few and far between, but one celebrated under such conditions as the Lodge of Unions celebrated theirs is indeed a rarity. I sincerely hope that the future may give us many instances of similar prosperity and unanimity as was there displayed, and that the Lodge in question may long continue to enjoy the reputation it now holds.

Yours fraternally,

X. P.

## PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to say that your article upon our Centennial was so gratifying to the brethren that, after it was read and considered, I caused it to be published in a paper which circulates more extensively than any other, not merely among the Masonic Fraternity, but all of our people, so that to-day it is broadcast. I thank you for the article, because it inspires the race with new hope, and I feel assured that we have, in you, a friend who will be to us a great help in this our time of need, for with you truth is mighty; and, knowing as I do, that it endures for ever, I trust that the friendship you have manifested to us is enduring. I also thank you for your allusion to our great helper, Bro. Jacob Norton, whose heart and pen has never yet failed us. He, like Bro. Findel, Grand Master Glitza, and all the Lodges of Germany, Switzerland,—in a word, all the Masonic world (the United States and England excepted,) has championed our cause; but from the signs of the times you reason well when you say, "that the time is not far distant when we shall see that Freemasonry has succeeded in uniting all races in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

Again, I thank you for the bread you have thus cast upon the waters, which I know will be seen throughout all the future: for it is truth, and will therefore live for ever.

Per order of Grand Master,

E. SULLAVON,

Grand Secretary Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

P.S.—Should you desire any copies of Centennial for circulation, please inform me, and I will forward.

26th October 1885.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gr y, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea  
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Belford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.  
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

- 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
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. (In)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham.  
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
1489—Marques of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Patney, at 8. (In.)  
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 Barlett R.O.L. (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  
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.  
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Exbridge  
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingsea  
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
725—Stoncleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1512—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castelford  
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

- R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 129—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford  
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham  
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster  
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham  
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl  
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 1  
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blags., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stoney (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
830—Dulhouse, Saters' Tavern, Pownail-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 (ia.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cauning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
1438—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)  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
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. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
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

- 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)  
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent  
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorer, Cornwall  
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
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. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford  
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset  
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne  
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke  
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool  
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant  
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Rowan Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
228—United Strength, The Hope, St. John's Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Baddett-road, E. (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pownail-road, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
1159—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
128—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleigall Road, Cubitt Town  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 513 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.  
1524—Duke of Cambridge, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., West London, at 7.30 (In)  
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
1662—Beverlyfield, Croqueters, Fresh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Jona Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
1863—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street  
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
M.M. 166—Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
M.M. 199—Duke of Cornhaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Canham  
36—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W  
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, Heckmondwike  
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham

311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Macclesfield  
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 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—Wulton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1391—Brighthouse, 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  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 17—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 234—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick  
 R.A. 238—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 R.A. 191—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
 M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

#### THURSDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 65—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 335—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1723—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road  
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 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.)  
 R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 278—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester

367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Acreington  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Sarbiton  
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland  
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn  
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingdon  
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
 M.M.—Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

#### FRIDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.  
 Grand Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 739—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 883—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

1334—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1453—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1494—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1435—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Tottenham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Nottiaz Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
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 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
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 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
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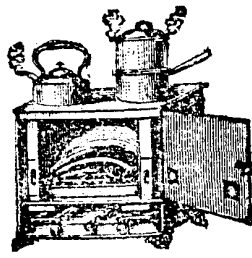
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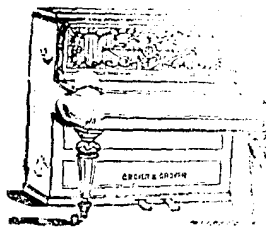
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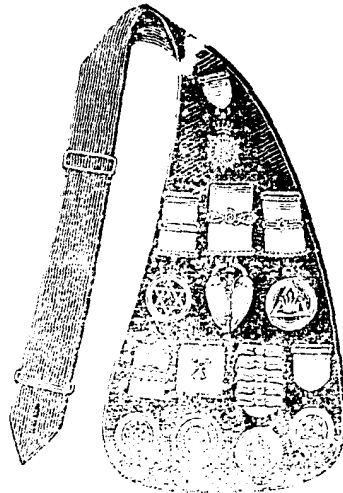
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