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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN CANADA.

THE third annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was recently held in the Masonic Hall, Windsor, Ont., under the presidency of Sir Knight J. A. Henderson, Q.C., the acting Grand Master, who was supported by Sir Knight Henry Robertson as Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Priors of the London, Toronto and Kingston Districts, a number of past and present Grand Officers, and others. Great Priory was opened in due form at ten a.m., the acting Grand Prelate imploring a blessing upon the proceedings. The Credentials Committee then reported that of the twenty-eight Preceptories on the roll, eighteen were represented by their regular representatives and five by proxy, leaving five unrepresented; this report was adopted, and then the admission to the Assembly of Great Priory of all Knights Templar in good standing was authorised. The minutes having been confirmed, letters were read from several Grand Officers, among them being the Supreme Grand Master, expressing regret that unavoidable circumstances prevented their attendance. Petitions were received from several Knights Templar, residing in Truro, Nova Scotia, and Melbourne, Victoria, praying for Warrants to open Preceptories at those places, which petitions were referred to the Grand Council.

The Deputy Grand Master then read the Allocution of the Supreme Grand Master, in which, after offering hearty greetings to his Fratres, the head of the Order proceeded to pay a tribute to the memory of those Knights Templar of the jurisdiction who had died during the past year; among them being Dr. Robert Ramsay, who was well known as a writer on the various occult degrees and rites of Masonry, and as a prominent member of several High Degrees. The Grand Master next refers to the edict of non-intercourse with the Scottish Templars of New Brunswick, which he regrets to say is still in force. The existence of Scottish Encampments in the Dominion had always been to him a matter of indifference, whether they remained an isolated body or amalgamated with the English jurisdiction, and none could deplore more than he did the necessity that Great Priory felt of issuing the edict, the principle of which was so much at variance with the usages of Masonic law in England, by which, until of late, in Templar matters, they have been guided, viz., "That a Grand Body, by its mere creation, cannot invalidate Subordinate Bodies already existing in the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction." Great Priory, however, on declaring sovereign authority in Canada, adopted the "American system" of exclusive jurisdiction for governing Masonic powers, which was also established by the United States Templars as a fundamental principle. Such being the law of unanimity on this Continent, it appeared to him incumbent, and a duty to the whole Order, on the part of the Scottish Encampments of New Brunswick, to join the Great Priory of Canada, after its separation from "Convent General," it then being an acknowledged, lawfully independent governing power of the Dominion. There cannot be the slightest doubt, he thinks, that the Chapter General of Scotland would have released the new Brunswick Templars from their allegiance, as readily as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales did those of Canada, if they chose to ask for it, but it seemed to him that, at all hazards, they were determined to remain separate and isolated, by throwing obstacles in

the way of any amalgamation. This, he considered, was but a repetition of the old, much to be regretted, unwise, and unnecessarily-provoked quarrel by the Grand Lodge of Scotland with that of Quebec. It was essential for Masonic peace and unity that one Masonic power should not create subordinates, or continue to exercise authority over such as did exist, occupied by another independent co-equal power. Even if the naked right existed, there were ample considerations that forbade its exercise. This, he thought, was now the settled Masonic law, and alike applicable to the Templar system. Great Priory, bearing all this in mind, felt it incumbent at the very outset to assert their supremacy, and at once put down any attempt at innovation of their rights, by issuing an edict of non-intercourse with all foreign Templar bodies in the Dominion. But he could not help thinking that had a little more time been taken for consideration, and less eagerness shown to precipitate matters, in their anxiety and determination for immediate independence, much of the present difficulty might have been avoided. His opinion was strongly in favour of establishing Provincial Priorities in Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, &c., when a sufficient number of Preceptories had been organized in each—three at least—and the members prepared to form the Provincial bodies, who should send duly appointed representatives to Great Priory acknowledging fealty to the Sovereign body; this would leave the Provinces of the Dominion in the same position as Canada was formerly to England, and still be a united body of Templars in Canada. He was satisfied that more interest would be taken in working and disseminating the Templar system if this plan was adopted. The Province of New Brunswick having, with the Scottish Encampments, the legal number of Preceptories, the Grand Master suggested that the Great Priory, under all circumstances, should at once give the subject mature and deliberate consideration, of making this proposition to the New Brunswick Scottish body, to establish an independent Provincial Priory, and thus if possible harmoniously end a controversy so foreign and out of character to the principles of the Christian Order which they represent, and, in the words of a great statesman, prove "That concession of local government is not the way to sap and impair, but to strengthen and consolidate unity." Dispensations granted for the opening of new Preceptories having been referred to, the subject of the Revised Statutes receive attention. "The Rituals of the Templar System," a sketch of the history of the Templar Order, its rise and progress, and other matters of a kindred character, form the remaining portion of the Allocution, which, on motion duly made, was referred to the Grand Council for report.

Reports were then presented from the Provincial Priors of the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Districts. The Provincial Prior of the London District regrets that from his own observations, and from communications received, it is his duty to report that there is not the same zeal and activity manifested in Templary as in other branches of Masonry, and which he deems should be pre-eminently shown forth in the noble Christian Order. During the year, invitations were extended to all the Preceptories in the District, to witness the exemplification of the Templar Degrees by Windsor Preceptory; these were accepted by several Fratres of London and St. Thomas Preceptories. After the conferring of the degrees, the Fratres sat down to a banquet, prepared by Windsor Preceptory, when a very enjoyable

time was spent in renewing old friendships and this interchange of ideas, as to the aims and purposes of our noble Order. He believes that such re-unions should be of more frequent occurrence, as they tend to bring the Fratres of the different Preceptories into closer fellowship with each other, and fraternal associations and friendships are formed, which materially advance the interests of Knight Templarism. The Provincial Prior of Hamilton District reports that he had the pleasure of assisting at the presentation of a beautiful jewel to V.E. Sir Knight Thomas Hood, Preceptor of Godfrey de Bonillon Preceptory; and also in installing the officers on the same occasion. The Officers of the various Preceptories, he says, are zealous, ardent lovers of the Order, and are doing all in their power to further the interests of Knight Templarism in their several Preceptories. The Prior of Kingston was happy to state that none of the Preceptories in his District have adopted, or appear to have any desire to adopt, the showy and unsuitable military dress that some of the Western Fratres now use, and for this reason applications for membership in the Templar Order in this District are likely to come from those only who desire to join the Order from a conviction that its teachings are pure and elevating, rather than from a wish to exhibit themselves in public parades and quasi-military drills. The Provincial Prior of New Brunswick reports that since the issuance of the edict of non-intercourse with the members of the two Scottish Encampments in his jurisdiction, the position of affairs remains unchanged, and, excepting in one instance, the edict of Great Priory has been generally observed. It is felt, however, that a settlement of the difficulty, and a renewal of fraternal feeling, would be viewed by those who have the welfare of the Order at heart with satisfaction. Yet it appears that nothing will dislodge the Fratres of the Scottish Encampments from the position taken, that "New Brunswick is unoccupied Knight Templar territory." It is needless to state other than that the opposition is strong, and admittedly active. This is apparent not only in the issuance of the printed statement by the Encampment of St. John, R.S., under date of the 2nd July 1885, explanatory of its position, and challenging, as it were, that assumed by the Great Priory of Canada, but in the publication of numerous articles on the question, which have appeared in Masonic journals in the United States, some of them adding weight of approval to the stand taken. It is interesting to note that the printed statement alluded to was issued directly by the Encampment of St. John, and immediately placed in the hands of those high in Templar authority in the United States, a favour not extended to either the Grand Master or Grand Chancellor, so it is said. The reply, however, to that printed statement, when it did come, from the M.E. the Supreme Grand Master, and the Grand Chancellor, R.E. Frater Daniel Spry, dated 20th January 1886, published in full in the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, *Craftsman*, and other journals, was considered effective, clear, and scholarly; the many points adduced so forcibly met that Knights Templar could not fail to be enlightened on the question at issue. As the Grand Encampment of the United States meets in St. Louis in September next, an opportunity will be given to that body to consider the question of encroachment of territory in this jurisdiction by the Scottish Encampments. Viewing the proposed meeting in any light, whatever action may be taken will be interesting, and considered an event in the history of Templar Masonry, as doubtless the members of Grand Encampment have a keen comprehension of the scope and underlying principles involved; that wise counsels will prevail, and a decision arrived at which may facilitate an early settlement of the alienation between the respective Knights Templar bodies, before the situation becomes additionally complicated; that it will array itself in favour of home rule in Templar Masonry for Canada, and by a statutory regulation declare that the law in respect to territorial rights in America is immutable,—by so doing it will assist in knitting together all Knights Templar in the Dominion under one governing power. Not that we desire that the Grand Encampment should make itself a party to the strict enforcement of right, but of the reasonableness with which the right is asserted. Already the Grand Encampment of the United States has given generous recognition to Great Priory, without condition or limitation, also exchanged Representatives therewith. The only essential thing now looked for is the heartiness of any action which will give practical effect to their own doctrine of State and territorial rights. Let it be in accord

with the popular sentiment of home rule in Templar Masonry.

The annual statement of accounts was next submitted, and then followed the report of the Grand Council on the Allocation of the Supreme Grand Master. This Council heartily approves of the remarks of the Supreme Grand Master, "That the course pursued by the Sovereign Great Priory has been the wisest" in regard to the New Brunswick matter, and the report thus proceeds: It must be expected, however, that any course of action, even when adopted after mature deliberation, will not meet, beyond the Dominion of Canada, with unanimous approval. The doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction which is accepted by all governing Masonic bodies on this continent, must, if acted on at all, be acted on fully and freely. The Sovereign Great Priory accepts that doctrine in its unrestricted sense. The Grand Council are, however, inclined to believe that sectional feelings and prejudices exist, which having previously disturbed the Templar harmony in New Brunswick, were at the outset an hindrance to the Great Priory carrying out amicably its objects in that Province, and continue to prevent that kindly adjustment of differences which the Sovereign Great Priory would approach in a proper spirit. The Grand Council believe that the time will soon arrive when on all sides will be hailed, with kindly emotions, the silver lining which is undoubtedly behind the present cloud. The history of the Templar Order, says the Council, so far as relates to its connection with Freemasonry, is admittedly shrouded with such uncertainty, that even the best historians on the subject, and among whom may be well reckoned their Supreme Grand Master, feel compelled to rear a superstructure, pleasing no doubt, but not able to bear strict historic tests. But their Supreme Grand Master has shown such diligent and profound research that he has removed from the history of the Order many of the doubts which have enshrouded it. The Council believes it is wiser for Templars to depend on their own actions for what they profess to be than merely to live on the renown of their predecessors, heightened by traditional colouring. The Grand Council regrets that the Supreme Grand Master, through ill health, is unable to preside over the deliberations of the Sovereign Great Priory. It is fervently hoped that he may again be blessed with good health. His presence and advice are not only sources of strength, but they inculcate that spirit of loyalty to the Sovereign and fidelity to the principles of the Order, which have ever been conspicuous in Sovereign Great Priory. The report was subsequently adopted, as also were those on Audit and Finance, on the condition of the Order of the Temple in Canada, on grievances and appeals, on Warrants, and other matters. It was then resolved that the next Assembly of the Great Priory should be held at Brockville, Ontario, on the 12th July 1887, and the third annual Assembly was brought to a conclusion in due form.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held, on Friday next, at the Town Hall, Ipswich, when the Right Honourable the Lord Henniker will be installed as Grand Master of the Province by the Right Honourable the Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and the usual business of the year will be transacted. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 12.30, the brethren assembling at 12 o'clock. Divine Service will be held at St. Matthew's Church, at 3 p.m., after which Provincial Grand Lodge will be resumed, and, as soon as the business is completed, a banquet will be held at the Public Hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. Special arrangements have been made with the Great Eastern Railway Company, whereby return tickets at a single fare and a quarter will be issued from all stations in Suffolk and Essex, as well as from Norwich, Yarmouth, and other places.

DEATH.

GREENWOOD.—On the 23rd ult., at 11 Bentinck Terrace, Regent's Park, suddenly, Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Surrey, in his 65th year. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Finchley (St. Pancras) Cemetery. The cortege will leave the residence of the deceased, 17 High-gate Road, at 12 o'clock.

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SUCH IS MASONRY.

INTRODUCTION.

THE influence of the unseen, the unknown, the mysterious—who has not felt it? And when suddenly and unexpectedly it manifests itself, whether to bless or to blast; to save or to destroy; developing gratitude and love, or fear and distrust, who is not filled with wonder and awe, and an insatiable desire to trace the hidden cause, to explore its secrets?

Go, stand beneath the canopy of calm and solemn night, and view the world of wondrous beauty overhead! What thoughts and emotions rise! and how the imprisoned soul longs to burst its bonds and scale the empyrean!

A storm-cloud, dark and threatening, rises in the west, and, with the scowl of a demon on its brow, directs its malignant course, toward our roof-tree. Mutterings of rage rend its hideous breast, and the livid flash that ever and anon plays upon its front only renders its gloom and hate more fearful and portentous, while the swift-winged coursers, upon which it is borne, level palace in its pomp and forest in its pride! How the heart of man then wilts and withers at the manifestation of the power and glory of Him who "plants his footsteps on the sea and rides upon the storm!" As suddenly as it comes, so suddenly it goes; and, lo! upon the skirts of the retreating and dissolving cloud there appears the ethereal bow, spanning the arch of heaven with its mysterious and spiritual glory, recalling the promise of old: "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; neither will I again smite any more everything living as I have done," and the heart goes forth in a song of gratitude and praise to the Author of all good and learns the important lesson, "There is no evil so great from which some good may not be plucked."

Who can control the longings of the soul to pierce the mysteries that surround it—the mysteries of life, of death, of flood, of tempest, of love, of hate, of famine, of pestilence, of time, past, present and to come, of benevolence, of malignity, of government, of law, of social customs and institutions? Mystery is largely the charm that envelops every object; yet, often, ere we have penetrated the rind, so fickle and superficial are men, we fling it away with all the richness of its core untasted and unknown, and eagerly pursue another.

But the truly thoughtful mind discovers and enjoys the charm of mystery in everything, the least as well as the greatest, and he delights to penetrate that mystery, to unravel it as far as possible, or to watch its developments and consequences. Who, indeed, alas! knows anything as he should? Here is a grain of mustard seed, "the smallest of all seeds," yet within its covering lie concealed the mysterious principles of life and reproduction—principles which it has inherited, so to speak, from the grain first spoken into existence—principles which may lie dormant for an indefinite period, but which, under favourable circumstances will begin to manifest themselves. Under the resistless impulse of these influences, the seed enlarges, its covering parts, and soon a little leaf and a tiny root are sent forth, the first like the prayer of gratitude and faith, rising up toward God, and blessing Him for His glorious gifts; the second, like works, remembering that faith can only be sustained by the good deeds of life, takes fast hold of earth and proceeds to give to faith the nourishment which it needs. Behold the mystery of life! And then comes the mystery of reproduction, the flowering, the seeding; and then cometh death, decay, the faded flower, the withered leaf, the blasted stalk, the wasted root. But the seeds which even in death were sown shall not perish; annually as the seasons roll shall there be a glorious resurrection, teaching to the pious observer the doctrine of immortality and of faith in God. *Not even a mustard seed falls to the ground uncared for by His providence.*

And such is man. "As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth! In the morning he is like grass which cometh up. In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth." With him are the same mysteries of life, of reproduction, of death, of decay, and, as faith teacheth, of ultimate resurrection.

But to-day we are chiefly concerned about the mysteries of man's life—with man as a moral, a social, an intellectual being—and especially with one of his mysterious creations. And nothing but mystery is he. His body is a mystery, his mind, his hate, his benevolence, his malice; whatever he thinks, or says, or does; his governments and laws, his

social organizations and institutions, all is mystery. We are ever a mystery to ourselves.

Among the creations of the human mind, as a necessity of social life, there is an institution which ever has been the marvel of the world. It has survived the wreck of empires—the mutations of time. Other institutions of man rise, flourish, decline, pass away and are forgotten. This one lives and prospers with increasing years; and although its head is hoar with the rime of centuries, it is strong and flourishing, rejoicing as if in perpetual youth, and vigour, and usefulness. At times, indeed, it has been cast down by misrepresentation, by treachery, by persecution, but only, like Antæos of old, to gather fresh strength from contact with mother earth, and anon it eclipses its former glory; and not until probationary time has ceased to flow will it fail to be man's guide, friend and solace. I speak of Masonry. Grand and mysterious, it stands a glorious and imperishable monument of man's genius and philanthropy, its foundation lost in the misty depths of antiquity and hidden under the wrecks of buried ages, its massive walls defying the ravages of time, its battlements piercing the clouds and pointing to its grand ideal above, ever lengthening, and widening, and heightening, and strengthening, it has the globe for its base, time for its duration, and the starry canopy of heaven for its covering. Into that awful, that reverential pile I now propose to lead you.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is the science of humanity, the instrument of civilisation, the handmaid of religion. Its central idea is the existence of an all-powerful, all-wise, all-merciful God, the Creator, the Preserver, the Rewarder of men; and Him every Freemason is required to worship and serve with all fear, humility and love. He is the centre, the sun of our existence, and every duty of life is to be performed with a lively sense of our obligation to Him.

It has for its base gratitude toward that Supreme Being, and the study of nature through a sense of duty to Him. For its attraction and veil it has secrecy and mystery; for its key, allegory; for its bond, morality and mutual kindness; for its object, the perfection and happiness of man; for its final result *here* beneficence, for it is only in an activity of well doing that real happiness can subsist, and ultimately a seat in the Grand Lodge above, that "Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

And yet Masonry, although based upon the fundamental idea of true religion, is not itself in strictness a religion; nor does it propose to take the place of, or to supplant, religion; for it has no religious rites and ceremonies, no priesthood, no sacrifices, no sacraments. It preserves the knowledge of the only true God; it teaches us to love Him with all the heart and our neighbour as ourselves, to do good to all men and especially to our brethren, to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, to cultivate faith, hope and charity; but there is nothing in Masonry which teaches or can impart spiritual regeneration, its arena being man's present stage of existence.

It is a school of morality prescribing to us our duties to ourselves, to our fellows and to our God. Once it was the depository of the wisdom of the world; but as knowledge is no longer the heritage of a privileged few, Masonry now contents itself with inculcating the duty of studying art, science and literature, the true, the beautiful and the good, impressing upon every initiate the importance of accepting every means of improvement so as to fit himself as a "stone polished after the similitude of a palace," for a place in the Lodge of the High and Holy Grand Master above. It is the inheritor and perpetuator of many precious truths, of mysterious secrets and traditions, of an imposing ritual, of an impressive system of instruction, of a valuable code of practical morality and beneficence, and of a universal language. It teaches rather by deeds and lives than by words; shows by example how man passes from nature's darkness to light, from barbarism to civilisation, from civilisation to refinement, from life through death to immortality. It shows each one how weak and dependent he is, yet teaches him to be manly and self-reliant, rather a prop to others than a vine needing support; to live not for himself alone, but for his brethren, his race, his God; to put his trust in God; to keep in the path of duty and to fear no evil, and being in the path of duty to be fearless of consequences. It is the common ground of all creeds, reconciles all men to their brethren, and is a universal bond of "Peace on earth, good will to

men," banishing discord, strife, dissension; allowing in its halls no discussion of politics or theology, the fruitful sources of estrangement among men. It does not impart a single precept or principle which is contrary to right. Its text-book is the Bible, which is recognised and taught as man's great light and guide, and every brother is directed to search it for that "pearl of great price" which Masonry cannot give. "Render unto Cæsar the things that be Cæsars, and unto God the things that be God's." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." "Fear God and honour the king." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." "Be temperate in all things." Owe no man anything, except to love him and to do him good." "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you." "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and imprisoned, relieve the afflicted and the distressed, minister to the widow and to the orphan." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." These, and all other moral teachings, we, as Masons, owe to the Book of Books, without whose open pages we cannot congregate.

Such is Masonry—such its teachings and doctrines. It has its secrets, its mysteries, which are in harmony with the truths it promulgates, but of which it does not become me here to speak. Wonderful is its history, stretching back through untold centuries, encircling the earth with a girdle of light and beauty, blessing the human race, pointing through nature up to nature's God, bearing man up to the threshold of the temple, but bidding him to ask, to seek, and to knock in some other name than hers.

And here, my brethren, we meet with the first objection to our Institution, here comes in the first reproach, here the first malicious stone is flung at us. "Practise what you preach" is sneeringly said to us. "Look at your disorderly members. Reform them ere you expect to reform the world."

To this our sufficient reply is: "No society is chargeable with the disapproved conduct of its members. Judge us by our doctrines, their general fruit and our history, not by the lives of unworthy brethren. We lament their defection much more than you can rejoice over their fall; and we labour with tears and prayers to reform them, while you would delight to see them sink to a lower depth." But such an argument against Masonry, "like a sharp razor working deceitfully," proves if anything at all, entirely too much. It is an argument against all that is good, because, forsooth, some evil may be found with it. Like a two-edged sword in the hands of an unskilled combatant, it is as dangerous to him who wields it as it is to his opponent; and if we will but give him room enough he will take off his own head with his own weapon. He "who spake as never man spake" teaches us that the good and the evil will always be found associated together in this world, but that the day is coming when they will be separated and each rewarded according to the deeds of this life.

Tried by the standard of our objector, what worthy institution is there among men? We sometimes find unworthy husbands, or unworthy wives; but shall marriage, with all its high and holy and conservative influences, be abolished? Laws bear harshly in some cases; and governors, or legislators, or judges, or juries, may be at times corrupt: but could we get along any better without them? The noblest efforts of patriotic ardour are frequently rendered futile by the wiles of a traitor: but shall we proscribe patriotism and exalt its opposite, ranking a Benedict Arnold with a Washington? Hypocrites may be found even around the Communion table; but shall we, on that account, denounce the church as evil, and all its members as deceivers? One of the chosen twelve was a devil: but shall we rank Peter, and John, and James, and Paul, and the other worthies of that day, with Judas? The apostate Julian once loved the Christian religion which he afterwards deserted, and which he then hated and persecuted because he had deserted it: but shall we so far forget the heaven-born charity which we teach as to class our objector with Julian? We are told that that deadly sin, envy, once invaded the very courts of heaven, robbing it of some of its mightiest angels: but shall we, on that account, despise that blessed abode, refuse to strive to gain it, and sneering at and scorning all that is pure and holy, class ourselves with our objector and with fallen spirits? Heaven forbid! Let every error be like a beacon light, "warning all that its approach is danger, that its contact is death," and may we ever strive to rescue our fallen

brethren from the quicksands upon which they have stranded. But Masonry is not a proselyting institution, throwing wide its doors, and inviting all to enter. It requires applicants to come with clean hands and pure hearts, with minds prepared for the reception of the precious seeds of truth. It does not propose so much to reform men directly, by enlisting them promiscuously into its ranks, as to use those who are already reformed as examples for others.

That Masonry is often mistaken in the character of its applicants, or that its members frequently prove recreant to some of its moral teachings, is a mournful fact, due, however, not to Masonry, but to the weakness of human nature, to the fallibility of man. Outside of God man can do nothing and is himself nothing, but in Him may we spiritually live and move, even as in Him we have our being.

DESIGN OF MASONRY.

The design of Masonry is: 1. To preserve the knowledge of the true God. 2. To spread that knowledge among men and so call them from darkness and barbarism to light and civilization. 3. To bring men to a knowledge of what they owe to themselves, to their fellows, and to the true God. 4. To promote "peace on earth," "good will among men," and, by a judicious system of mutual aid and interdependence, by the broadest charity and philanthropy, to unite all men in the bonds of good fellowship, and so elevate them to the highest possible state of earthly happiness and perfection. 5. To be the forerunner of the Christian Religion, even as John the Baptist was of Christ; the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God," and proclaiming, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

No one can be made a Mason unless he has a knowledge of the true God, nor unless he declares, most solemnly and unequivocally, his belief and trust in Him. Then Masonry takes him, and by a series of impressive lessons, shows him how poor, and weak, and blind, and ignorant, and helpless, he is; teaches him subordination, confidence in his brethren as well as faith in God, and that his first duty to himself is to purge himself of all darkness and to dwell in the light. And then light, not merely physical but spiritual light, begins to dawn upon him, to permeate his being, and to fill him with a holy exaltation of mind.

My brethren, have you forgotten the noble enthusiasm which possessed your souls when first you were brought from darkness to light? What can obliterate the remembrance of the lessons and determinations of that hour? Return to them frequently, ponder them often, engrave them deeper and deeper upon heart and memory. And there commenced the lesson, too, as to what you owe to your fellows; that lesson so beautifully carried on and completed in the second degree, and upon which was laid the foundation for that third lesson: "What do you owe to God?"

How shall I enter that "Holy of Holies" of Freemasonry? Can I tear aside the veil and show to all the sublime drama there enacted? Hearing and seeing, they hear not, nor see; but our ears, they hear and understand; our eyes, they see and perceive.

Lift, my brethren, your enlightened eyes, lend your unstopped ears and follow me; pronounce the "Open Sesame," and stand within the veil. A darkness that may be felt and that hangs like a pall upon all nature—the prayer so full of agonizing foreboding as to the future—the phantom forms that rise and fright—the summoning of all that is manly to pursue the chosen path—the bloody assault—the fight for life—the fierce pursuit—the unyielding fidelity, preferring death to dishonour—the fatal blow—the shriek of anguish and despair—the consuming remorse—the fearful expiation—the Nain-like wail in behalf of the widow and the widow's son—the solemn prayer of faith and hope—and, lo! the answer comes. Once and again had hope died away in despair, yet faith would not relax her hold. The prayer once more ascends, and lo! in the distant east, the faint glimmer of a light begins to appear. It widens, and broadens, and deepens, and, bursting into a blaze of glory, it brings life and immortality to the tomb. Then he who had been lost was found again, and he who had been dead was alive once more. And so the Mason, passing through the pangs of death and the gloom of the grave, is raised to a more glorious life, and thenceforward stands upon a higher plane as to his duties in this stage of existence.

(To be continued.)

"OLYMPIA" AT KENSINGTON.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. J. S. WOOD.

WHAT is Olympia? Who is Mr. Wood? Olympia is the name of that vast palace of glass and iron which is raising its head in the midst of fashionable Kensington. Its full title is the National Agricultural Hall—far too long for the public to make use of, and it is promoted by a company with very rosy prospects. Its directorate comprises many names well known in social and financial circles. Mr. Wood is the general manager of this great scheme, which is to be devoted to exhibitions, shows, sports, and pastimes of every description, always granting they are of a "high order." He it was who inaugurated those marvellous Fancy Fairs and Old English Shows which took the town by storm a year or two ago. He it is who is now the organizing head of this vast undertaking which is to put Barnum to the blush. Olympia is to be opened before Boxing Day with an entertainment that should draw all London. In order to get the earliest information, we despatched a representative to see Mr. Wood about London's new palace of recreation and amusement.

I was surprised (he says) to find so discreet and sober a gentleman as Mr. Wood surrounded by beautiful posters, showing vivacious Dianas in red habits taking ten-barred gates amid the congratulations of the multitude; or vivid chromos of the interior of Olympia, with a Roman tournament in full swing; or dazzling representations of chariot races. But pictorial art plays an important part in these things. Mr. Wood is no amateur showman, though he is new at this branch of the business, and I found him at least as smart as Mr. Barnum. He is up to every wrinkle, and knows more than a thing or two. To him Olympia is the centre of the universe. "Where is Olympia?" said Mr. Wood. "Olympia is actually on the Addison Road Station, which is in direct communication with every part of the country. This is no figure of speech, for it lies equidistant between Clapham Junction and Willesden Junction, and the trains of half a dozen different railways are passing every few minutes. As for road communication, one entrance is on the main road, and Mr. Church tells me that the London General Omnibus Company are prepared to put on any number of extra 'buses, although there are forty-six of them now chasing each other in close pursuit. The idea originated with Colonel Burnaby, who sought for some great Metropolitan arena where all the 'arts of war and peace' might be centralized and developed. His soldierly instinct made him long for a Coliseum-like structure, in which combatants might do full justice to themselves in a great military or other tournament. This germ has swollen to its present huge dimensions. The Company owns 12 acres of most valuable freehold ground. The buildings cover 4 acres, and the great hall itself 2½ acres of ground."

"The seating," Mr. Wood continued, "will be in the form of a vast amphitheatre, divided into boxes, stalls, grand circle, amphitheatre, and two extensive promenades, holding some 9,000 people. Besides the great hall, there are many accessories in the way of side shows. We shall let space for exhibitions, shows, concerts, fêtes, tournaments, contests, races, sports, balls, fairs, theatrical and equestrian performances, lectures, dinners, meetings, amusements, and entertainments of any description. There are already plenty of applications, and we can accommodate all, so long as they are high in tone. 'The gardens of Olympia' will be a special feature and attraction, with its musical promenade, lawn tennis courts, &c. There is nothing that may not be done, so extensive are our resources: yes, —even to an artificial presentment of Canada's national sport of tobogganing."

Having put Mr. Wood through his facings, I next asked him to give me some details of this marvellous Paris Hippodrome which is to be the opening attraction. Those who know their Paris know their Hippodrome, for it has been the most popular show of the gay capital for some years. Those who do not know their Paris will understand from what follows that the Hippodrome will be an entertainment which will worthily inaugurate so great an undertaking as Olympia. Listen to Mr. Wood's account. "Yes; the opening event at Olympia will be representations by the great Hippodrome from Paris, with its entire staff of artists, stud, properties, and accessories. The horses, ponies, elephants, packs of hounds, stags, &c., number more than 250. There are 300 artists, assistants, and servants, and an orchestra of seventy performers. Why, the cost of transit from Paris to London will be £2,000. The great track in which the tournament displays will take place is 100 feet wider and longer than the largest similar track anywhere in England. It will take you five minutes to walk round it. In such a space horses can go at their wildest speed, while a brigade of artillery may gallop at full stretch, giving a reality to mimic warfare impossible in any other hall. Among the properties and accessories to be brought over by the Hippodrome is the carriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of Brunswick, dated 1802. It is a large gala chariot, similar to those seen in the German Court at the commencement of the present century; also the carriage of the Khedive, made for the Viceroy of Egypt, Said Pasha, the panels of which are of engraved crystal. This was awarded the first place at the Paris Exhibition of 1869. These two magnificent equipages are drawn by four horses, and are used to convey the artists round the track and to the 'magic circle.' It would be too far for them to walk from the *manège*. Our harness room," continued Mr. Wood, "contains types of saddlery of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, and a collection of saddles and bridles from Spain, Arabia, and Turkey sufficient for the equipment of 400 horses. There are nearly 300 suits of German and French armour for men and horses, which serves for the representation of the great tournaments. The costumes are by M. Thomas, the designer to the Grand Opera at Paris."

"Then has the Hippodrome any special features, Mr. Wood?" Yes. It is as unlike the ordinary circus to which London is accustomed as the Derby race is to the parlour game of that name. Why, in one of the great comic pantomimes a railway is constructed within

three minutes, and a veritable train appears with locomotive, tender, and waggons, carrying more than a hundred travellers at express speed. In another of their representations a real stag hunt is represented with every regard to the truth of detail. The pack of hounds were lately the property of the Duc d'Aumale. One of the most exciting and popular attractions of the show is the revival of the chariot races which so delighted the Roman people in the Coliseum at the time of the Caesars. Some of the chariots are drawn by four and others by eight horses. There are also exact representations of the ancient Roman race (the Olympian race)—the 'post,' with thirty-two horses, in which the rider stands on two horses, racing thirty others yoked together."

Altogether, the performances of the Hippodrome may be said to be unique. The management was wise in introducing the Paris Hippodrome as the opening event at Olympia.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

A LODGE'S RESPONSIBILITY.—A Lodge is, morally, responsible for the support of the distressed and destitute of its own membership, whether they reside within its jurisdiction or otherwise. It is equally responsible for the relief of the widows and orphans of its own membership. They belong to the Lodge of which the deceased was a member, and that Lodge is primarily responsible for aid furnished them. A brother in distress should apply to his own Lodge for aid; but if the brother is not able to make the application to his own Lodge, or if the Lodge is unable to render the required relief, owing to the fact of the brother's removal or absence from their midst, the Lodge is as much responsible as though he were in the jurisdiction thereof. It is not claimed that a Lodge is under any obligation to aid the brother of another Lodge whilst he resides in the jurisdiction of his own Lodge; why should it be if he does not so reside? Does mere absence from the jurisdiction of the Lodge absolve that body from its obligations to aid and assist? It is supposed that one Lodge will deal honourably with another, and that only such assistance will be given as the circumstances of the case may require. If the Lodge to which the brother belonged is able, it should return, gratefully, the money expended; if it is not able, and the membership is not able, it should have the same charity extended to it by the Lodge assisting. To establish any other mode of procedure would, in our opinion, be exceedingly dangerous.—*Louisiana Proceedings*.

DOES IT PAY TO BE A MASON.—To one who wants to join the Masonic Order for the pecuniary benefit he will derive from being a member, for the assistance he will receive in his business, or from any reason of a similar nature, we would say, "No, it does not pay to be a Mason." To one who desires to join the Order for the purpose of participating in its charitable work, to take part in the dissemination of the great truths and principles which it teaches, to try and live so that he will be known as a Mason, by his charity to his fellow man, his love of truth, his observance of his country's laws—to all such we would say, "Yes, it pays to be a Mason."

THREE GENERATIONS IN ONE LODGE.—Alexandria Lodge, No. 235, Alexandria, Ind., has the representatives of three generations—says the *Masonic Advocate*—in one family in the Lodge,—grandfather, father, and son, by the name of Vermilion.

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MASONIC RELIEF, IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your article on Masonic Relief in your issue of the 26th inst., in which you, at the conclusion observe, that if certain suggestions made in it were acted upon, Masonic Benevolence would be less of a name and more of a reality that it is at present, and special prominence is given to the obtaining for, or giving employment to, Masons.

I am a Freemason; so is my father. I am not aware that ever in my life have I obtained a situation, or been retained in one, because I was a Freemason; in fact I never embraced Freemasonry on account of anything mercenary. I am a man over thirty; and when during the few times I have been out of employment I have applied preferentially to Freemasons, I never received any help from them, and employment always came from quarters where there was no Masonic influence of any kind or sort. I have known of a man not a Mason promoted over the head of a man (far superior in his firm's interest) who was a Freemason, and this, too, by a man who was a Mason!

In some instances Freemasonry is a disadvantage—or cause for persecution, when Freemasons happen to be among Roman Catholics, through their enmity and intrigues.

As regards Freemasons in position helping their brethren by maintaining them preferentially in their employment, I may say that I am at this moment out of work; one of several Freemasons who were parted with some months ago in consequence of the compulsory reduction of staff in a railway office, when others who were not Freemasons were preferentially kept on; and this, too, at the hands of a Freemason, although he himself has since had to leave.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE M. WARD.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTION,
OCTOBER 1886.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although you have given your usual *résumé* of the claims of the several candidates, I dare say you can find room for an old contributor to say a few words on the same subject. The first thing that I always do, and shall, is, to call the attention of your readers to the last chances; of these we have four cases—three on a first, and one on a second application—amongst the girls, and seven amongst the boys—three (Newton, Remmeson, Purnell) for a first and final, one (Jones) for the second time, with 0 to his credit; one (Andrews) for the third, with 333; one (Gibbs) for the fourth, with 13; and one (Taylor) for the fifth, with 50. The last case is from East Lancashire, and the last but one from Hants and Isle of Wight, each Province capable of ensuring the election of one or more candidates whenever they please; consequently, if these applicants are unsuccessful, the fault rests entirely with the Provinces, for if the cases are unworthy of support they ought never to have been brought forward, or if the candidates or their friends have become possessed of sufficient means (the want of which should be the only reason for refusing to place on list) since their candidatureship commenced, they should be withdrawn; the last case but two, Andrews, is from London. Now, London cases generally are very uncertain; for this reason—which should rejoice the hearts of the Provincial brethren—viz., that, with few exceptions, the London voters do not pull together, but work independently, both as Lodges and as individual members. It is right and proper that this should be so, but if only a quarter of the number of the London Lodges pulled together they could make a moral certainty at any election whom they should or should not put on. But to come back to the lad Andrews; with 333 votes his supporters ought not to relax their efforts until at least 1200 more are secured. Jones is a West Lancashire lad, and though he has no votes to his credit West Lancashire will put him in, and one of her other candidates besides. The other three belong to East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and Warwickshire, respectively, and can all be returned if they secure the support of their several Provinces. Amongst the four last chances with the Girls, is Martha Steng, a second application, 250 votes to the good; this candidate can be returned with very little effort on the part of those by whom she is recommended. The other three—Marshall, Nicholson, and Johnson—from West Lancashire, South Wales (Eastern Division), and Worcestershire, should be equally safe. I do not think any of the others call for particular remark, but I would venture to direct the attention of those brethren who are working cases, or who have the getting them up, to the case of Elizabeth Waspé, without either parent, but with a wealthy uncle; her appeal is made in this guise, "four children were left

dependent." Now this statement is misleading, though true; for one is dead, and the brother whom I promised to support last April was successful, and is now in the Boys' School, leaving only two dependent. In support of the present candidate my name has been used without my sanction; this I should not have given, because as their late father was a Licensed Victualler, I do not see, in fairness to much more necessitous cases on our list, why his child should not have been a candidate for the very excellent Institutions of that body; therefore, although my name is on the child's canvassing paper, I shall not support the case, for the reason stated, not however that that will make much difference, but I object to my name being used without leave, and also to saddling the Masonic Institutions with more than their fair share of the general burden. The case I am advocating is that of Edith Melhuish, where they have four other children (without parents) still dependent on friends, after placing a boy in the other Masonic Institution at the last election.

Yours fraternally,
P.M. 1607.

	Number.	Average Age.	Average of Father's Subscriptions.		How many helped one or more Institutions.	Parents Living.					Average Families.
			yrs. mos.	yrs. mos.		Mother.	Father.	Both.	Stepmother.	Neither.	
Boys	44	9 6	9 1½	8 or ½	37	2	1	0	4	1 to 9	
Girls	33	9 3	10 4	8 or ¼	24	0	4	1	4	1 to 8	

Provinces whence the Candidates come.

Boys.—London 11, Berks and Bucks 1, Bristol 1, Cornwall 2, Durham 3, Essex 2, Gloucester 1, Hants 3, Kent 1, East Lancashire 4, West Lancashire 3, Middlesex 1, Norfolk 2, Northumberland 1, Warwickshire 1, Wilts 1, West Yorkshire 2, North Wales 1, South Wales (East) 1, Colonies 2.

Girls.—London 5½, Cheshire ½, Cornwall ½, Devon 1, Durham 1½, Hants 2, Herts ½, Kent 2, East Lancashire 3, West Lancashire 1, Lincoln 1, Middlesex 1½, Norfolk 1, Surrey 1, Sussex 2, Warwickshire 1, Worcestershire 2, North and East Yorkshire 1½, West Yorkshire ½, South Wales (East) 1, Channel Islands 1, Colonies 2.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Province.	No.	Cost this Year.	Subscriptions this Year.	Seven Years' Average Subscriptions.	Surplus or Deficit this Year.	Average Seven Years' Annual Surplus or Deficit.
London	77	2720 6 8	5383 3 0	5920 5 4	2662 3 0*	3199 18 8*
Bedford	—	—	134 13 0	26 2 9	134 13 0*	26 2 9*
Berks and Bucks	1	35 6 8	228 5 0	226 19 3	192 18 4*	190 12 7*
Bristol	—	—	115 19 0	51 15 0	145 19 0*	51 15 0*
Cambridge	—	—	273 0 0	57 6 0	273 0 0*	57 6 0*
Cheshire	7	217 6 8	78 15 0	127 12 2	168 11 8†	119 14 6†
Cornwall	1½	53 0 0	31 10 0	51 7 7	21 10 0†	1 12 5†
Cumberland and Westmoreland	2½	88 6 8	—	57 10 3	88 6 8†	30 16 5†
Derby	2	70 13 4	37 10 0	141 19 8	33 3 4†	71 6 4*
Devon	6	212 0 0	136 19 0	155 3 10	65 11 0†	56 16 2†
Dorset	1	35 6 8	147 16 0	89 13 10	107 9 4*	54 7 2*
Durham	3	106 0 0	68 5 0	91 1 10	38 15 0†	14 18 2†
Essex	—	212 0 0	245 14 0	288 14 3	43 14 0*	76 14 3*
Gloucester	4	141 6 8	222 12 0	310 6 0	80 5 4*	168 19 4*
Hants	12½	441 3 4	177 5 0	382 13 1	263 18 4†	59 0 3†
Hereford	—	—	74 11 0	10 13 0	74 11 0*	10 13 0*
Herts	2½	88 6 8	131 1 0	132 2 0	42 14 4*	43 15 4*
Kent	15	530 0 0	547 6 0	410 6 3	17 6 0*	113 13 9†
Lancashire (East)	4	141 6 8	170 0 0	152 16 1	28 13 4*	11 9 5*
Lancashire (West)	8	283 13 4	363 6 0	211 2 11	79 12 8*	72 10 5†
Leicestershire and Rutland	2	70 13 4	10 10 0	102 9 5	60 3 4†	31 16 1*
Lincolnshire	5	176 13 4	—	13 10 0	176 13 4†	163 3 4†
Middlesex	5	176 13 4	174 8 6	337 2 5	1 4 10†	160 9 1*
Monmouth	2	70 13 4	199 10 0	96 10 6	128 16 8*	25 19 2*
Norfolk	2	70 13 4	67 4 0	85 12 6	3 9 4†	14 19 2*
Norths and Hunts	1	35 6 8	—	—	35 6 8†	35 6 8*
Northumberland	4	141 6 8	906 12 0	158 15 3	765 5 4*	17 8 7*
Nottingham	2	70 13 4	—	98 2 8	70 13 4†	27 9 4*
Oxford	—	—	106 0 0	113 19 7	103 0 0*	113 19 7*
Shropshire	½	17 13 4	—	—	17 13 4†	17 13 4†
Somerset	5	176 13 4	133 7 0	139 11 0	43 6 4†	35 2 4†
Stafford	2	70 13 4	204 15 0	265 6 0	134 2 8*	194 12 8*
Suffolk	5½	194 6 8	126 10 6	155 14 1	67 16 2†	39 12 7†
Surrey	—	—	1315 15 6	301 4 6	1315 15 6*	301 4 6*
Sussex	5	176 13 4	—	476 5 2	176 13 4†	299 11 10*
Warwick	4	141 6 8	102 18 0	190 12 9	38 8 8†	49 6 1*
Wiltshire	5	176 13 4	200 11 0	153 7 3	33 18 8*	23 6 1†
Worcester	2	70 13 4	63 0 0	135 12 0	7 13 4†	61 18 8*
Yorkshire (North and East)	4	141 6 8	82 0 0	190 13 7	59 6 8†	49 6 11*
Yorkshire (West)	23½	830 6 8	500 0 0	765 8 7	330 6 8†	64 18 1†
N. Wales	1	35 6 8	102 7 6	113 11 5	67 0 10*	108 4 9*
S. Wales (East)	5	176 13 4	140 0 0	146 14 3	36 13 4†	29 19 1†
S. Wales (West)	2	70 13 4	—	80 7 2	70 13 4†	9 13 8*
Channel Islands	1	35 6 8	63 0 0	26 8 0	27 13 4†	9 1 8†
Colonies	9½	235 13 4	105 0 0	88 6 9	235 13 4†	146 6 7†

The * denotes Surplus; the † denotes Deficit.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Province.	No.	Cost this Year.	Subscriptions this Year.	Seven Years' Average Subscriptions.	Surplus or Deficit this Year.	Seven Years' Average Surplus or Deficit.
London	69	3125 0 0	5452 10 6	5851 13 3	2726 10 6*	2726 15 3*
Bedford	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks	1	45 0 0	199 10 0	207 11 8	154 10 0*	162 11 8*
Bristol	—	—	26 5 0	20 5 0	26 5 0*	20 5 0*
Cambridge	1	45 0 0	131 5 0	43 13 0	86 5 0*	1 7 0†
Channel Islands	2	90 0 0	110 5 0	72 17 10	20 5 0*	17 2 2†
Cheshire	3	135 0 0	47 5 0	143 2 7	87 15 0†	8 2 7*
Cumberland and Westmoreland	3	135 0 0	500 0 0	267 18 7	465 0 0*	132 18 7*
Cornwall	1	45 0 0	254 2 0	60 5 2	209 2 0*	15 5 2*
Derbyshire	2	90 0 0	76 4 0	330 7 9	13 16 0†	249 7 9*
Devonshire	6	270 0 0	—	126 11 9	270 0 0†	143 8 3†
Dorset	4	180 0 0	—	90 6 0	180 0 0†	89 14 0†
Durham	4	180 0 0	63 0 0	235 0 5	117 0 0†	55 0 5*
Essex	3	135 0 0	238 6 6	184 17 3	103 6 6*	4 17 3*
Gloucestershire	4	180 0 0	133 1 6	240 8 9	46 18 6†	60 8 9*
Hants	6	270 0 0	507 5 6	335 7 6	237 5 6*	65 7 6*
Hereford	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hertford	5	125 0 0	94 10 0	120 15 2	31 10 0†	4 4 10†
Kent	10	450 0 0	291 0 0	693 18 3	156 0 0†	243 18 3*
Lancashire (East)	8	360 0 0	152 5 0	491 5 7	207 15 0†	131 5 7*
Lancashire (West)	8	360 0 0	68 5 0	550 7 10	291 15 0†	190 7 10*
Leicestershire and Rutland	1	45 0 0	257 5 0	138 17 2	212 5 0*	83 17 2*
Lincolnshire	3	135 0 0	—	15 7 5	124 10 0†	119 12 7†
Middlesex	3	135 0 0	313 6 0	318 6 1	178 6 0*	183 6 1*
Monmouth	1	45 0 0	31 10 0	71 14 0	6 10 0†	29 14 0*
Norfolk	4	180 0 0	420 0 0	99 7 0	210 0 0*	80 13 0*
Norths and Hunts	3	135 0 0	—	30 15 0	135 0 0†	91 5 0†
Northumberland	5	225 0 0	—	289 3 7	225 0 0†	64 3 7*
Nottinghamshire	1	45 0 0	102 2 0	107 7 11	57 2 0*	62 7 11*
Oxfordshire	2	90 0 0	126 14 6	80 8 2	36 14 6*	9 18 10†
Shropshire	—	—	—	—	—	—
Somersetshire	4	225 0 0	303 0 0	165 0 3	78 0 0*	59 19 9†
Staffordshire	6	270 0 0	168 0 0	241 19 10	102 0 0†	28 0 2†
Suffolk	1	45 0 0	121 0 0	147 11 10	76 0 0*	102 11 10*
Surrey	3	135 0 0	334 13 0	153 11 3	199 13 0*	18 11 3*
Sussex	7	315 0 0	420 0 0	213 0 5	105 0 0*	71 19 7†
Warwickshire	7	315 0 0	283 10 0	194 16 5	31 10 0†	120 3 7†
Wiltshire	2	90 0 0	66 18 0	53 10 2	23 2 0†	36 9 10†
Worcestershire	2	90 0 0	63 0 0	135 4 2	27 0 0†	45 4 2*
Yorkshire (North and East)	4	180 0 0	41 14 6	211 3 9	138 5 6†	31 3 9*
Yorkshire (West)	14	630 0 0	760 19 0	636 15 9	130 19 0*	6 15 9*
North Wales and Salop	4	180 0 0	87 3 0	133 17 7	92 17 0†	46 2 5†
S. Wales (East)	2	90 0 0	105 0 0	191 10 4	15 0 0*	101 10 4*
S. Wales (West)	5	225 0 0	210 0 0	125 17 2	15 0 0†	99 2 10†
Colonies	11	495 0 0	52 0 0	105 4 11	413 0 0†	359 15 1†

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Provinces.	Men.	Women.	Cost.	This Year's Contributions.	Average Contributed during Seven Years.	This Year's Surplus or Deficit.	Seven Years' average Surplus or Deficit.
London	53	72	4424 0 0	8779 4 6	7556 16 1	4355 4 0*	3432 16 1*
Bedford	—	—	—	53 12 0	7 13 2	53 12 0*	7 13 2*
Berks and Bucks	—	—	—	159 11 6	195 2 6	159 11 6*	195 2 6*
Bristol	1	1	72 0 0	318 10 0	31 14 6	216 10 0*	62 14 6*
Cambridge	1	—	40 0 0	143 0 0	35 13 1	103 0 0*	4 6 11†
Cheshire	7	5	440 0 0	151 12 0	130 3 10	286 8 0†	309 16 2†
Cornwall	4	5	320 0 0	152 5 0	79 1 5	287 15 0†	272 13 7†
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1	1	72 0 0	—	23 11 1	72 0 0†	48 5 11†
Derby	1	—	40 0 0	63 0 0	58 10 0	23 0 0*	18 10 0*
Devon	3	11	672 0 0	157 10 0	93 10 6	511 10 0†	578 9 6†
Dorset	3	2	184 0 0	180 10 0	113 12 3	3 10 0†	70 7 9†
Durham	1	2	104 0 0	105 0 0	88 16 9	1 0 0*	15 3 3†
Essex	4	3	256 0 0	115 5 6	203 16 2	130 14 6†	49 3 10†
Gloucestershire	—	3	96 0 0	39 13 0	286 12 3	59 2 0†	190 12 3*
Hants	6	7	461 0 0	142 5 0	267 2 11	311 15 0†	196 17 1†
Hereford	—	1	32 0 0	—	—	32 0 0†	32 0 0†
Herts	—	1	32 0 0	279 5 0	343 9 6	247 5 0*	311 9 6*
Kent	9	9	648 0 0	884 0 0	413 12 7	236 0 0*	234 7 5†
Lancashire (East)	12	9	768 0 0	120 15 0	252 3 0	647 5 0†	516 17 0†
Lancashire (West)	5	4	328 0 0	78 15 0	221 2 9	249 5 0†	106 17 3†
Leicestershire and Rutland	—	—	—	—	77 1 4	—	77 1 4*
Lincoln	3	3	216 0 0	—	12 16 4	216 0 0†	203 3 8†
Middlesex	1	1	72 0 0	546 4 6	364 1 10	405 4 6*	292 1 10*
Monmouth	1	1	72 0 0	—	79 10 3	72 0 0†	7 10 3*
Norfolk	2	4	208 0 0	—	9 9 3	208 0 0†	199 10 9†
Norths and Hunts	4	—	160 0 0	—	75 9 3	160 0 0†	84 10 9†
Northumberland	4	—	160 0 0	—	—	160 0 0†	160 0 0†
Nottingham	—	1	32 0 0	176 13 6	79 15 2	244 18 6*	47 15 2*
Oxfordshire	—	3	96 0 0	43 13 6	123 10 6	49 1 6†	27 10 6*
Shropshire	—	—	—	25 0 0	—	25 0 0*	3 11 5*
Somersetshire	2	3	176 0 0	173 4 0	123 4 7	2 16 0†	42 15 5†
Staffordshire	1	1	72 0 0	204 15 0	102 17 10	132 15 0*	59 17 10*
Suffolk	3	9	408 0 0	305 10 0	149 10 11	102 10 0†	210 9 1†
Surrey	3	—	120 0 0	148 11 0	253 3 2	28 11 0*	158 8 2*
Sussex	2	4	208 0 0	122 10 0	190 8 7	83 10 0†	19 11 5†
Warwickshire	2	2	144 0 0	230 2 0	74 7 2	94 2 0*	69 12 10†
Wiltshire	—	4	128 0 0	—	71 8 3	128 0 0†	53 13 9†
Worcestershire	1	2	104 0 0	287 8 0	137 13 2	183 8 0*	33 13 2*
Yorkshire (North and East)	6	—	210 0 0	42 0 0	179 5 8	193 0 0†	69 14 4*
Yorkshire (West)	16	18	1216 0 0	735 0 0	851 14 7	431 0 0†	430 5 5†
N. Wales and Salop	1	1	72 0 0	29 11 0	50 1 4	42 9 0†	20 13 8†
S. Wales (East)	—	—	—	—	12 17 2	—	12 17 2*
S. Wales (West)	1	—	40 0 0	—	48 17 0	40 0 0†	8 17 0*
Channel Islands	3	4	218 0 0	—	73 19 0	218 0 0†	174 1 0†
Colonies	4	7	384 0 0	—	28 7 10	334 0 0†	555 12 2†

The * denotes Surplus; the † denotes Deficit.

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FLORENCE GRACE CHAPMAN,
AGED NINE YEARS,Whose father, Bro. THOMAS CHARLES CHAPMAN, was initiated in the
Gresham Lodge, No. 869, on the 18th February, 1871, and subscribed
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 9th October 1886, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and to elect 16 Girls into the School from a list of 33 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual Business is over):—

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL, J.P., P.G. Treasurer, Patron:—

"That on the death of any Life Governor or Subscriber his executors shall, during the current financial year, be entitled to receive and sign the Voting Paper such deceased Life Governor or Subscriber would have been entitled to had he been still living. And that the laws of the Institution be amended accordingly."

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. HENRY A. HUNT, Vice-President:—

"That the House Committee be authorised to expend the balance of the Grant of 9th January last, together with a sum not exceeding £500, in the erection of a boundary wall along two sides of the newly-acquired land."

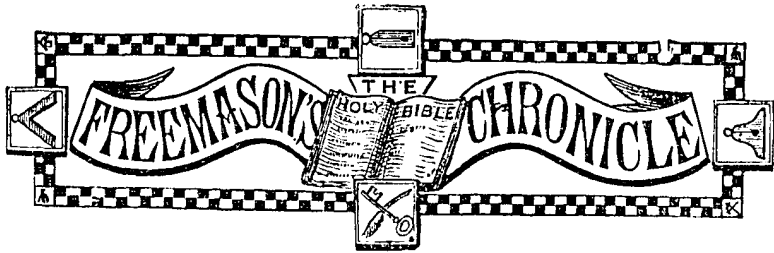
By Bro. JOHN E. LE FEUVRE D. Prov. G.M. Hants and I.W., Vice-President:—
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"Every petition on behalf of a Candidate whose father was initiated in a Province should, where possible, be accompanied by a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Secretary of such Province, who shall be invited to give his opinion on the circumstances of the case for the guidance of the General Committee."

"In the event of the petitioner being unable to procure such recommendation and expression of opinion, the fact shall be stated in the petition, with the grounds for such inability, and if deemed sufficient by the Committee, it may, at their discretion, be dispensed with."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
2nd October 1886.



MASONIC POETRY OF AMERICA.

IT is natural for Freemasons to sing: they have sung from the beginning, and will sing to the end. Their song betokens a happy spirit and a merry heart. When labour is over, and refreshment is begun, then listen for the piping notes of peace and harmony in the Craft. We doubt whether there was ever an instance of Freemasons surrounding the mahogany after the close of a Lodge, when vocal music did not contribute to the pleasure of the brethren. It is as natural for Freemasons to sing as to labour. The brethren taking thus kindly to minstrelsy, of course there has been no lack of Masonic poetry for them to sing. Right sorry are we to admit, however, that the majority of Masonic poets appear to have been *made* rather than *born*. As a rule their songs do not sing themselves, but have to be sung, and then are sometimes halting. Mendelssohn made a song without words, but many a Mason has made words without a song. And how rugged in thought, as well as in language, some of them are! No old book on Masonry was published without its appendix of Masonic songs. We have before us a work of some dignity—the first "Ahiman Rezon" published in Pennsylvania, by order of the Grand Lodge, edited by Grand Secretary, the Rev. Bro. Wm. Smith, D.D., and printed in 1783, by Hall and Sellers. The second song, on page 117, is entitled "The Progress of Masonry." We quote four of its twenty stanzas:

Pray lend me your ears, my dear Brethren, awhile,
Full sober my sense, tho' joking my style;
I sing of great wonders unknown to all those
Who stutter in verse, or who hobble in prose.
Derry down, down, down derry down.

* * * * *
Then earth and the heavens with jubilee rung,
And all the creation of Masonry sung;

When, lo! to complete and adorn the gay ball,
Old Adam was made the Grand Master of all.
But Satan met Eve when she was a gadding,
And set her (as since all her daughters) a madding;
To find out the secrets of Freemasonry,
She ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree.
Then as she was filled with high-flowing fancies,
As e'er was fond girl who deals in romances,
She thought her with knowledge sufficiently cramm'd,
And said to her spouse, My dear, eat and be d—d.

But there is something more finished than this song in the volume to which we have referred, and singularly enough it springs from America. It is an "Ode for the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, in South Carolina, 1772, composed by the Most Worshipful, the Honourable Sir Egerton Leigh, Baronet, Grand Master, set to music by Brother Peter Valton." We quote several stanzas from this poem:

Boast not, mortals, human skill,
If the sculptur'd dome you raise,
Works of art, by fancy's will,
Lead us oft through folly's maze.
What if Phidias' chisel guide?
What if Titian's pencil grace?
Marble flatters but our pride,
Bane of all the human race.
* * * * *
Let the diamond's lustre blaze,
Call its water bright and clear,
But confess the greatest praise
Rests on pity's tender tear.
May the social virtues bind,
Tune each sympathetic heart,
Raise the feeble, lead the blind.
Wipe the tear that swells to part.
* * * * *

The next stanza is quite a patriotic prophecy:

Blessings await this Western Land,
Blessings o'erflow with liberal hand.
Commerce uprears our infant state,
And golden currents make us great:
Fair Science lifts her head and cries,
"I'll come to make you good and wise;
These be the glories of each day,
Marking our Monarch's gentle sway."

Now let us come down to a later period. There are two American Masonic poets who have gained the attention of the Masonic world: these are, Past Grand Master Brother Rob Morris, of Kentucky, and Bro. David Barker, of Maine—the latter deceased, the former living. Bro. Morris has, by universal consent in America, been styled and crowned "Masonic Poet-Laureate." Thirty-two years ago he composed his masterpiece, "The Level and the Square," which is familiarly known and admired wherever Masonry is known; and since then he has written hundreds of Masonic poems and songs, which are only less beautiful and striking than it. Two years ago our now venerable Brother collected all of his Masonic poems into a handsome volume (they had previously been published in smaller ones), which we are glad to know is meeting with a fair sale, and is undoubtedly the best volume of poetry ever written for the Craft.*

The Fraternity has just been favoured with a new edition of the poems of another gifted Brother, David Barker,† the author of "The Sign of Distress," the second most popular Masonic poem in the English language. We need not quote the excellent language of either Barker's "The Sign of Distress," or Morris's "The Level and the Square," for both are indelibly impressed upon the minds, and have touched the hearts, of every Craftsman. But Bro. Barker wrote other poems of nearly equal merit. We quote a simple but beautiful "Ode:":

Ho, worthy Craftsmen all,
Up cheerily to your toil
While strength is given;
Strike boldly for the right,
Drive error from your sight,
Grasp virtue with your might,
And trust in Heaven.
By Trowel, Plumb and Square,
By watchfulness and prayer,
Our Temple rose,

* "The Poetry of Freemasonry." By Rob Morris, LL.D., Masonic Poet-Laureate. Standard edition. Chicago: Published for the author. Knight and Leonard, Printers. Price five dollars.

† "Poems." By David Barker. With a Biographical Sketch. By the Hon. John E. Godfrey. Bangor, Me.: O. F. Knowles and Co., Printers. Price one dollar and fifty cents.

And while the mystic three—
While Faith, Hope, Charity
Shall Masons' motto be,
We fear no foes.

Fight with the arms of love,
Press for the Lodge above,
Never despair;
Our work is just begun,
Toil till your task is done,
Speed to the goal is won,
The prize is there.

When orphans shed no tears,
When widows have no fears,
When Want's unknown,
When foemen foemen greet,
When lambs and lions meet,
Our mission is complete,
Our task is done.

Who is there that will not admire the truth and beauty of these lines. There is music in them without any accompaniment—they sing themselves. And then there are Bro. Barker's playful lines concerning "Courting a Mason's Daughter," and his "Last Request," in which he said:

Let no stranger's hand entomb me
Underneath the tufted sod,
None except a Brother Mason
Should consign my dust to God.

His poems entitled "The Templars" and "To Kossuth" are also full of pathos. We cannot forbear quoting three stanzas from his "Light":

Brother, are you faint and weary,
Is your pathway dark and dreary,
Doubt, nor fear, nor falter never,
Let this be your watchword ever,
Light!

Light to stamp each sin with terror,
Light to hunt and banish error,
Light to kill or weaken sorrow,
Light to gild a better morrow,
Light!

While one intellect is clouded,
While one soul in sin is shrouded,
While a world for light is dying—
Brother never cease your crying—
Light!

Bro. Barker's poems have just been published in a tasteful red-line illustrated edition, for the benefit of his widow and children, and no Craftsman who possesses it will fail to admire the rhythm of its lines and the truth and beauty of its sentiments. To Brothers Morris and Barker the whole Masonic world is under fraternal obligation, and right proud are we that both were born on American soil, were made Masons in American Lodges, and thus demonstrate that while we cannot vie with our mother Grand Lodge of England in antiquity, we may point with pardonable pride to our aptness in learning the Masonic lessons she taught us, and to the fact that we number among us two brethren who, by the consent of the Masonic world, were born poets, and have written their best poetry for the Craft.—*Keystone.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Gaiety.—The brief interval that has elapsed since Mr. Dixey left the Gaiety, has been well utilized, and an agreeable surprise awaited "First Nighters" on Saturday, the evening set apart for the production of "Dorothy." The interior of the theatre has been magnificently decorated, the auditorium has been re-modelled, the orchestra enlarged, and a new act drop has been painted, by Mr. W. Beverley. A patent system of ventilation has been introduced, insuring a pure atmosphere throughout the building. For that portion of the audience which indulges in a cigarette during the acts, a sumptuous foyer and smoking room has been erected. The electric light has been turned on all over the building, and Mr. Edwards may be congratulated on the way in which he has had all these alterations carried out. Turning, however, to the business that called us to the Gaiety last Saturday, we may say that "Dorothy" is a piece well suited to this house. Mr. B. C. Stephenson is responsible for the book, and Mr. Alfred Cellier for the music. "Dorothy" is described as an original comedy opera in three acts, and is of the more refined and delicate type. Mr. Stephenson might, perhaps, have supplied a stronger book, but this is made up for by the charming and catching music. Mr. Cellier has poured forth number after number full of attractive melody, and most unquestionably the success achieved is due to him. Some of the ideas connected with Mr. Stephenson's portion of the work are traceable to such pieces as "She Stoops to Conquer," "Erminie," and "The Rivals," but he has woven his material so well that the similarity will not be noticed by the majority of playgoers. The opera has received elaborate treatment in the shape of dresses, scenery, &c.; the hop garden, as represented in the first act, being specially admired. The orchestra is under the direction of that popular conductor, Herr Meyer Lutz; while the chorus is composed of singers of the highest order. The play may be briefly summarized.

Dorothy is a young lady, the daughter of Squire Bantam. This gentleman desires to marry her to Geoffrey Wilder, a cousin she has not met for years. This naturally she objects to, and carries her anti-wedlock ideas to such an extreme as to profess surprise at any girl thinking even of marriage. Dorothy and her cousin, Lydia Hawthorne, adopt humble attire, and go together to the hop field. While here they meet Geoffrey Wilder and his friend Harry Sherwood. These gentlemen thus make the acquaintance of Dorothy and her cousin, and as a result another meeting is arranged for. The ladies give Geoffrey and Harry each a ring, to be shown them on the morrow in token of their constancy. Wilder, however, is pursued by a Sheriff's officer named Lurcher, from whose attention he hopes to be rid on reaching Chanticleer Hall, his uncle's residence. Wilder's dilemma with the sheriff's officer is temporarily made straight by his promise to pay the debt, and by his saving Lurcher from being ducked in a horse-pond by a crowd of peasants, who are indignant that a writ has just been served on an old woman. Wilder masquerades as a duke, and, now accompanied by Sherwood, and with Lurcher as his secretary, arrives at Squire Bantam's hall; here he declares his carriage has broken down, and craves shelter for the night. Wilder and Sherwood next meet Dorothy and Lydia, whom they fail to recognise as their village lovers. The two girls, who immediately recognise Wilder and Sherwood, contrive to get their rings back again, and resolve they will play a trick upon their fickle admirers. Wilder, to obtain the money necessary to pay the Sheriff's officer, gives out that he has been robbed during their stay in the house, in the expectation the Squire will insist upon making the sum good. This plan succeeds, and by this means Wilder is able to free himself from Lurcher. The excitement occasioned in the household by the reported robbery, and the appearance, at break of day, of a crowd of huntsmen, with the hounds, to take the Squire for a run, brings the second act to a lively conclusion. Now comes the amusing portion of the opera. Dorothy and Lydia, disguised as rustic lads, challenge Wilder and Sherwood to a duel, for personal indignities to the squire's relatives, and a hostile meeting is arranged for in the adjacent wood. To test the courage of their lovers, the two girls go to the spot, armed with pistols, which they have taken care shall be chargeless. However, being the challenged, Wilder and Sherwood insist upon the duel taking place with their pistols, whereupon the girls' courage oozes in double quick time. Explanations naturally follow, with result long foreseen. The opera has been well rehearsed under the direction of Mr. C. Harris, and praise is due to all concerned for the perfect manner in which it was presented on the first night. Miss Marion Hood worked with a will as Dorothy; she sang with her wonted brightness, but we should like her better if she moderated her style somewhat; this had more of a tendency towards burlesque acting than to us appeared necessary. This lady receives valuable assistance from Miss Florence Dysart, as Lydia; her rich contralto voice tells to good effect in the concerted pieces. In the part of Wilder, Mr. Redfern Hollins did not show to such advantage as was expected, but Mr. Hayden Coffin (Sherwood) was simply perfection. The Phyllis of Miss Florence Lambeth, the Mrs. Privett of Miss Harriet Coveney, the Squire Bantam of Mr. Furneaux Cook, the John Tappitt of Mr. Edward Griffin, and the Tom Strutt of Mr. John Le Hay, received the applause of those present, and each effectively aided the principal artists. The part of Lurcher is a small one, and could very well be written up, but the little that was required from Mr. Arthur Williams, who played the part, was made the most of. In the absence of Mr. Cellier, Mr. Stephenson acknowledged the enthusiastic call for the author, while Mr. George Edwards came forward to receive congratulations from his friends upon the success of his first production.

Haymarket.—After an interval of some months, the popular Society Romance, "Jim the Penman," was again produced at the Haymarket Theatre, on Saturday last. The further success awaiting this piece was evidenced by the plaudits of a large and appreciative audience. The most important change in the cast since its original production has been that of James Ralston (Jim the Penman). This character is now entrusted to Mr. E. S. Willard. This gentleman's facial expression, splendid acting, and well-trained voice, gained for him well merited applause. Lady Monckton, as Mrs. Ralston, has greatly improved upon her original presentation. In the third act, where she compares her husband's handwriting with a forged letter, she was loudly applauded. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree, as Baron Hartfeld, added vigour to the play. His German accent was excellently sustained. Mr. F. H. Macklin was at home as Louis Percival; but Mr. G. W. Garthorne did not grasp the part of Captain Redwood, a character made the most of by his predecessor, Mr. Charles Sinden. Mr. E. Maurice was cool and collected as Lord Drelineourt. Miss Helen Leyton played the part of Annes Ralston in true girlish style. Miss Henrietta Lindley enacted Lady Dauscombe with her usual ability.

Prince of Wales's.—Mr. Edgar Bruce has just obtained special permission from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to rename his pretty house in Coventry Street, Piccadilly, the Prince of Wales's Theatre. This was the title originally intended to be used; but the licensing authorities held that it was but fair to the landlords of the famous old building in Tottenham Street—which was condemned by the Board of Works in 1882 as unsafe—that a certain time should be allowed them to rebuild before their title could be transferred elsewhere. This difficulty being now removed, the Prince's Theatre will in future be known as the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

"La Bernaise," new comic opera, in three acts, from the French of M. L. Leterrier and Vanlo, written by Alfred Murray, composed by André Messager, will be produced at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Coventry Street, Piccadilly, on Monday evening next, under the stage direction of M. Marius. Miss Florence St. John, Miss Marie Tempest, Mr. J. J. Dallas, Mr. G. H. Swazelle, Mr. E. J. Lannen, and full company, with a chorus of fifty, are engaged. Musical Director, Mr. Walter Slaughter. New costumes by M. and Mme. Alias, from designs by M. L. Besche. Armour by Marty. Wigs by Fox.

In Memoriam.

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Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.G.S.B. ENGLAND,
D.P.G.M. SURREY, &c.

AFTER a day of acute suffering the sad intelligence reaches us of the death of the worthy brother whose name heads this notice. This reference to ourselves may seem out of place here, but we are impelled to make it, as Bro. Greenwood—more than any one we know—had given us his sympathy during the trying illness that has afflicted us for the last twelve months. Bro. Charles Greenwood died on Tuesday, the 28th September, at the residence of his son, Dr. Greenwood, 11 Bentinck Terrace, Regent's Park. It is only five months back that we made the announcement of the death of Mrs. Greenwood, the wife of our beloved brother, and at that time we further informed our readers that Bro. Charles Greenwood's state of health was giving much anxiety to his large circle of friends. However, he rallied somewhat from the shock which befel him in April, and was enabled to take part in the annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, in July, when he was formally invested as Deputy Grand Master of the Province. On that occasion, General Brownrigg, the Masonic Chief of the district, paid a high tribute to the ability and long services of Bro. Greenwood to the Province of Surrey, and felt assured he would do honour to the appointment, as he had to the many which had preceded it.

With respect to Bro. Greenwood's Masonic record. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, on the 11th February 1851; served the office of W.M. in 1855, and at the time of his death held the office of Treasurer therein, a post he had filled for upwards of twenty-five years. He became a joining member of the Grove Lodge, Ewell, No. 410, about three years after his initiation, and filled the chair of that Lodge some five years later, after which he acted as its Secretary, until 1868, when he was elected its Treasurer, and this office he held at the time of his death. For many years he received the collar of Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey, and, as we have said, was appointed by General Brownrigg to the high dignity of Deputy Grand Master of that Province on the retirement of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Arnold. He was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, on the 1st May 1857; here he passed through the various offices of the Chapter, and regularly attended its meetings until the time of his wife's death. He was also a member of the Grove and other Chapters. He was made a Knight Templar in the Harcourt Encampment in 1864, and was one of those who formed the "Arch of Steel" when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was admitted to that degree. He took a foremost part in establishing a new Encampment in London, and in other ways advanced the interest of Knight Templary. He was also a Knight of Malta, and last, though certainly not least, was honoured with the appointment of Grand Sword Bearer in the Craft Grand Lodge of England in 1880. He was born in May 1822, so that at the time of his death he was in his sixty-fifth year, an age at which he could ill be spared by his private or Masonic friends, who will lose in him a staunch and zealous companion, one ever ready to devote his time and ability in the service of those who sought it. He was blessed with an especial aptitude for adjusting differences, and whether he was appealed to as a Mason, or as a man of the world, this power seemed equally effective. He would not exactly smooth away a difference, but so regulate the disturbing influences as to remove all necessity for further unpleasantness; a power this, sometimes lacking even with the most successful "peace makers." Our pen to-day fails us when we desire to say more to the memory of our dear friend. In the words of Shakespeare we will simply add:—

His life was gentle; and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world, "THIS WAS A MAN!"

Our mournful duty does not, unfortunately, end this week when we have recorded the demise of Bro. Greenwood, for the hand of death has been particularly busy in our ranks during the last few days. Bro. Joshua Nunn,

P.G.S.B. and President of the Board of Benevolence, died on Wednesday, and Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell P.G.D. D.P.G.M., and Prov. Grand Superintendent North and East Yorkshire, on Sunday; we have also to chronicle the death of Bro. E. C. Mather, a Mason who had long shown an active interest in the Girls' School and the other Masonic Institutions. To the memory of each and all of these brethren we desire to offer our tribute, and at the same time express our sincere sympathy with their relatives.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid who attentively reads them can now be at a loss how to doctor himself successfully.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348.

THE monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, Bradshawgate, Bolton, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The Lodge was attended by the following:—Bros. R. H. Phillips W.M., W. Chadwick S.W., R. Jones J.W., J. Eckersley S.D., W. Wood J.D., J. Mantell J.S., E. Hindley I.G., T. Higson P.M. Prov. G.T., J. Partington I.P.M., J. Kenyon P.M., W. Cranshaw P.M., J. Wolstenholme P.M., R. Partington, J. Hibbert, J. Hamer, H. Heyes, T. H. Heyes, E. Gregory, J. Calderbank, C. Holgate, W. Green, R. Hampson, S. Smith. Visitors—G. P. Brockbank P.G.S.B. P.M. 37, 221, J. Poyntz W.M. 37, J. F. Skelton I.P.M. 146, J. Walker J.W. 221, H. Critchley 291, J. Eatock 770. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of a Lodge of emergency, held since that time were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to advance the Lodge to the second and third degrees, and forthwith closed in the second, when he most effectively delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree, performing the duty in such a manner as to call forth hearty demonstrations of approbation. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G.S.B. addressed the brethren, stating that in the absence of Bro. Robert Harwood, an old P.M. and Past Prov. G. Supt. Wks., who was unable to attend, he had been asked, as an honorary member of the Lodge, and a Past Grand Officer, to make a presentation to the Lodge from a number of brethren who were desirous to add to its outward adornment and give an appearance of solidity, with a view also to add to the dignity of its proceedings. 1st. An elegant Brussels carpet, with chequered pavement and variegated border, producing a rich and elegant appearance in the Lodge-room; 2nd. A silver square and compasses, to be placed on the Volume of the Sacred Law; and lastly, a solid silver chain, to be attached to the Master's collar, strictly in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. This chain is of very chaste design, and has an imposing appearance when placed on the shoulders of the W.M. It has in the centre the square and compasses surrounded with a silver ribbon, with the name of the W.M. and date in raised letters; on each side are links formed of knots in chased silver and the Lamb and pennon, square and compasses surrounded with a circle, and figure of St. John alternately, all nicely modelled in relief and chased. The chain is mounted on light blue watered silk ribbon; and pendant from the centre is a massive oval medallion with chased ornament on the top. A figure of St. John, with Lamb in the centre, in relief, and surrounded with the name and number of the Lodge in bright raised letters on a frosted ground. The weight of the chain is 14 ozs. Bro. Brockbank expressed his great admiration of the beautiful works of art he had the honour to present, in the name of the subscribers. He paid a high compliment to the talent and energy displayed by the W.M., who had been most ably assisted in his labours by Bro. John Kenyon P.M. He also commended the brethren generally on their liberality, not only towards the decoration of the Lodge, but in supporting the Masonic Charities—both local and Metropolitan. Bro. Kenyon had recently served as Steward, both at the Boys' Festival and the Mark Benevolent Fund. A gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation, after which a portion of the ancient charges was read by the S.W., and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted engagements to lecture on the Ritual of Freemasonry, in the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, at the Wellington Club, Wellington Street, Upper Street, Islington, on Wednesday evening next, the 6th inst., at 7 o'clock; and—for the third time—in the Hampshire Emulation Lodge of Improvement for Master Masons, at the Masonic Club, Portsmouth, on the 13th proximo. Bro. Stevens asks us to state that he will be pleased to arrange for the delivery of his lectures in any Lodge, Metropolitan or Provincial, whose members may be desirous of making an otherwise blank evening profitable by instruction in ritual and ceremonial.

£20.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An illustrated guide, regd. (133 pp), "How to Open Respectably from £20 to £2000." 3 Stamps. H. MYERS & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, 107 to 111, Easton Road, London. Wholesale only. Telephone No. 7541. General Shoplifters. Estimates free.

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.

SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1919—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Rivorhead, near Sevenoaks
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
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—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Killman, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friedship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1000—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
47—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Finn, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
623—Loughborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick Wynn, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canuing Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
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. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1533—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Steerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linlade, Lighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 116 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesey
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Ray
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
598—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barbett-road, E. (Instruction)
892—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (11)
1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsu Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, My Fair, at 8. (Instru)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-row New Rd., S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Laytons one
R.A. 67—Domestic, Union Tavern, A-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-rd., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1323—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1559—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Tuside, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-stee, Rochdale
326—Mour, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
420—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Sturium, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hall
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)

1083—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-to-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argylo-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1125—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 227—Tonic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)
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 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.3 (Inst.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1785—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Crenon, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 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.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
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 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
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 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Slatybridge
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beamminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamminster
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley
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 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrog Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
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 K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goolse
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Longwood, Bazzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8

R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
 R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
 R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Caveau, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
 30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1637—Unity, Harrow
 1990—Hamp-hire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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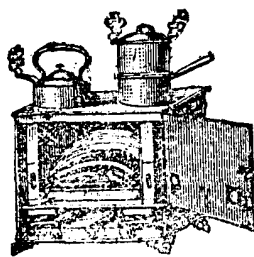
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