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A LODGE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

THE extracts from our American and other contemporaries which we give from time to time in our pages may occasionally read strange to English brethren, as the systems of Freemasonry to which they refer are in many ways different to what is practised in this country, but there is always some point of similarity which may be traced, and the same spirit of brotherhood is discernible throughout the many and varied opinions to which we give publicity. From some of the excerpts, which at first sight may appear the most widely opposed to English ideas, knowledge may be acquired which would prove of great advantage if properly grafted on to the English system, while from all it is possible to gather both information and instruction.

In a recent issue we inserted an extract from the Louisiana Proceedings as to a Lodge's responsibility, which is worthy of special consideration, although we may not be able to endorse the opinions therein expressed. The idea of our Louisiana brethren appears to be that a Lodge is, morally, responsible for the support of the distressed and destitute, the widows and orphans of its own membership, whether they reside within its jurisdiction or otherwise. This idea will be at once rejected by many English brethren, on the plea that if true it would place Freemasonry on the level of a benefit society pure and simple, as every brother would have a claim for subsistence from the Lodge wherein he was initiated. Whatever may be the opinion in regard to the practical working of this theory of responsibility there is no doubt that it morally exists, as our American brethren say, and it would be well if brethren bore this in mind and carefully considered it ere they sought to extend the number of members in their Lodge. We fear a great change would be necessary in many quarters in the rules regarding the admission of candidates if it became recognised that a Lodge was liable for the support and maintenance of each of its initiates, should they be overtaken by misfortune, or for their widows and orphans, should they be left unprovided for. The responsibility will no doubt be looked upon as impossible, and yet it exists—morally, and among a class of men who pride themselves on the sincerity of their doings, and the force of the obligations they voluntarily enter into.

As we have said, it would be well if the brethren would look upon their responsibility from a practical rather than from a moral point of view, and learn to consider that it is actually their duty to render aid to their distressed fellows, rather than, as is at present recognised, a matter of favour, to be decided one way or other as they may think best. This would not be so serious an undertaking as at first sight appears, as those already belonging to the Craft would exercise greater caution than they now do as to the gentlemen they admitted, and on whose behalf they undertake grave responsibilities. It is not that unworthy candidates would be rejected, but in many cases gentlemen would be excluded to whom the privileges of Masonry are nothing short of unnecessary extravagance, for from the point of view at present occupied Freemasonry must be considered as a luxury only available for those who can afford to patronise it. Its teachings, it is true, are intended alike for the rich and poor, but its obligations—if properly understood—are of such a character as to make it in a measure exclusive for those who cannot afford to pay a good price for their amusement or instruction.

Our American brethren follow up their idea as to primary responsibility with some instructive and well meant rules as to the action of a Lodge towards a strange brother, and the liability of a brother's mother Lodge for any aid rendered by others, all of which appears to be opposed to English ideas, and yet we could hope that it was not only otherwise, but that it was really the system under which our Freemasonry was worked; although we know it is practically impossible for such ever to be the case, as there are so many obstacles to prevent it, first and foremost being the feeling that any extension of Masonic benefits in the direction intimated, would open the door too wide for imposition. When we consider that it would be possible for any one to seek admission to Freemasonry so as to secure for himself and his family certainty of subsistence in years to come, we see how impossible it would be to practically carry out the obligations to which Freemasons are morally bound.

THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY.

"Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"—JOB xi. 7.

THERE hangs in the writer's *sanctum*, the gift of a good brother many years ago, a picture of the ocean, in the midst of which is a rock, and on the top is an altar, surrounded with three candles. The altar contains a bible, square and compasses. The scene represents a raging storm, but the "three great lights" are so secure that even the tempestuous waves do not reach them.

The lesson of this picture is easily discovered. It is a most appropriate symbol of the durability as well as the spirit of Masonry. The verse that I have selected from Job seems to explain the object of our Order. According to my view of this grand Fraternity, the design for which it is intended is a much broader one than is at first supposed, and the searching of the scriptures is the first duty. Zophar named the spirit of Masonry of to-day when he said to Job, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" This fact should be prominent in all our deliberations.

The making of the Bible alone furnishes one of the most important histories extant. The various councils that have been in session, the books that have been rejected, and all the details, taken together, is a history of itself. The great object of life is to find out what is to follow at the end. We look around us, and the very formation of the planet and surroundings surprise us. In ancient times men would fall down and worship. Not that they were more reverential in spirit than we are, but something prompted them that there must be a great august Being who controls this great system, and for fear that he would deprive them of the necessaries of life they gave great homage and reverence. In our day we are more formal. The Arabian, at a certain hour of the day, falls on his knees and prays. We do not! We imagine that we can fathom all things, but the recent earthquake at Charleston, S.C., has demonstrated our weakness, and that we have as much reason to be reverent as our primitive fathers had. Over three thousand years ago was written this passage, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" To-day we are still searching. New creeds are being constantly devised, all tending to this point. Society and church work is being conducted on a larger scale than ever before, simply to purify mankind,

that we may see God. If we read history we learn that church work has been largely associated with blood. One time—about the third century—the monks burned a synagogue, and they were compelled to rebuild it. The priests, too, were held responsible for the fertility of the earth. This shows how strong the ancients believed in the efficacy of prayer. Near Licopolis, about the time above named, there dwelt a hermit called Holy John, who built a rude hut on the top of a large mountain. He prayed five days, and received visitors on Saturday and Sunday, when he opened a small window. During fifty years he never ate cooked food. Even the Emperor of Rome would send officers to consult him. Such a person to-day would be styled a crank, and yet fifteen hundred years ago many thousands of people would make long journeys to consult with a hermit who might be able to tell them how to find God. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the new religion, and up to the time of Constantine, A.D. 325, about one-twentieth of the people were Christians.

The work still goes on, and while the earth is not yet Christianized by any means, with the aid of the great invention of printing, the probability is that ere another century rolls around, the Christian religion will predominate over this planet. Liberality is the spirit of the age. In America a man can think as he pleases, and the time is fast approaching when freedom of speech will prevail everywhere.

Contrast our day with A.D. 324, in which, at Rome, two thousand persons were put to death for being Christians. Contrast also our time with that event where a Gothic king compelled ninety thousand Jews to be baptised. This searching the scriptures makes a good government. That we are prospering is an undisputable fact. One time, a whole nation of one hundred and twenty thousand persons disappeared, and twenty years later not a person could be seen. War and turmoil were the cause.

One of the great Masonic writers informs us that, at the revolution in 1688, only seven Lodges were in existence in England, and of them there were but two that held their meetings regularly, and these were chiefly Operative. This declension of the Order may be attributed to the low scale of morality which distinguished the latter end of the seventeenth century.

And how, indeed, could Freemasonry, pure and spotless as it is, remarks a great writer, continue to flourish at a time when the literature and morals of this country were in a state of semi-lethargy, and a taste for reading or the pursuits of science and philosophy had scarcely begun to manifest itself amongst the middle classes of society?

A modern writer says, "Though the reign of Queen Anne has been generally termed the Augustan age of literature in this country, owing to the co-existence of a few celebrated writers, it is astonishing how little, during the greatest part of that period, was the information of the higher and middle classes of society. To the character of the gentleman neither education nor letters were thought necessary, and any display of learning, however superficial, was among the fashionable circles deemed rudeness and pedantry.

Such was the condition of society just before the revival of 1717.

The writings of Addison and Steele, who lived about 1712, had much to do to counteract this depraved state of morality. The historian states, "These writings have set all our wits and men of letters upon a new way of thinking, of which they had but little notion before."

We contrast the spirit of Masonry of to-day with that of the period of the Revival, and we readily see what progress has been made through the agency of the Great Light upon our Altars. In those times (1717) the public saw nothing of Freemasonry but its annual processions on the day of the grand feast. It was considered merely as a variety of the club system, which then prevailed amongst all ranks and descriptions of people; and as these institutions were of a convivial nature, Freemasonry was reduced, in public opinion, to the same level. The practice of the Lodges was principally of a social and companionable nature.

Sometimes the Master found leisure and inclination to deliver a charge, or a portion of the lectures, and such entries as the following are frequent in the minute books of that period: "The Master delivered an elegant charge, or a portion of Martin Clare's lectures, as the case might be, and the evening was spent in singing and decent merriment." The usual penalty for a breach of the bye-laws was "a bottle of wine, to be consumed on the spot;" and

it was not an uncommon occurrence to expend the whole fee on a night of initiation on a supper and wine.

A fine contrast of what the spirit of Masonry is accomplishing may be seen in the fact of the recent pageant at St. Louis, and the age of 1113 A.D., as described by Addison in his "History of Knights Templar." "Nine knights renounced the world and its pleasures, and in the Holy Church of the Resurrection, in the presence of Arnulph, Patriarch of Jerusalem, they embraced vows of perpetual obedience and purity, after the manner of monks. They elected as their first Master that true knight Hugh de Payens, and united themselves in the two most popular qualities of the age—*devotion and valour.*"

The great progress of the age, the different ways of thinking, and the universality of the liberal arts and sciences, all prevail to so great an extent that we are apt to forget the elegant system of morality of Masonry, and look upon it as a delusion. We can practise Masonry to-day with the same sincerity that did the three Grand Masters in the days of Solomon King of Israel. We have just as much need of such an institution, and there is ample opportunity on our part for the same display of zeal and earnestness as shown in the history of the three eminent Craftsmen just named. Even in our daily avocations we can apply the lessons of the working tools, all of which will add materially to make us honoured citizens.

The Bible is the gift of God to man. It is the consummation of wisdom, goodness and truth. Many other books are good, but none so good as this. All other books may be dispensed with, but this is absolutely necessary to our happiness here and our salvation hereafter. Oliver gives us this explanation of the three Great Lights of Masonry. "The book before us contains rules for preserving health, by the exercise of temperance and chastity; for procuring blessings, by the practice of Fidelity, Industry and Zeal; for securing a good reputation, by integrity and a faithful discharge of every trust; and for inheriting the promises, by the exercise of Faith, the encouragement of Hope, and the practice of Charity, or the universal love of God and Man.

"Upon the first Great Light, we find two others—the Square and Compasses, which are varied in their position in every degree, to mark the gradual progress of knowledge, and the former is opened at different passages appropriate to each; for the Bible being considered the rule of a Mason's faith, the Square and Compasses, when united, have the same tendency with respect to his practice." If we read the lessons of the emblems as explained by the great writers, we are surprised to find out how much useful information is contained in each one.

The writer is of the opinion that the Masonic system of morality is a broad one, and that the request of Zophar to search the scriptures is the first duty of a Brother. The fact that over half a million of men are enrolled in the membership of this Fraternity, the large number of charitable institutions, as well as the elegant temples that are being erected all over the world, are satisfactory evidences that by searching the Scriptures a good work has been wrought through the instrumentality of Masonry.

All this is embraced in the spirit of Masonry, viz., to improve the condition of mankind, not only to benefit those who may be engaged in the good work, but to make its excellent influences felt in all channels of society.

In answer to the interrogatories of the text, we give the words of the "Great Light" as recorded in Romans: "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The above passages fully explain the spirit of Masonry.—*Freemason's Journal.*

NO ROOM FOR SERVILITY OR VENALITY.

EVERY one will admit that Masonic Lodges, and all other societies organised for good purposes, should be turning their attention to counteracting the flood of vice, profligacy and disorder which is now undermining the public morals throughout the country. It is no question of politics or form of religion, but of common

decency and safety to the moral interests and civilisation of the community. The fact grows more apparent every day, that the restraints upon vice and turpitude are rapidly becoming unhinged, and that society is lapsing into a state of depravity in many respects fearful to contemplate.

Without occupying space on the causes of this deplorable but unmistakable fact, it may be added that it forces upon the Masonic Fraternity, among others, questions of the highest importance, and duties which cannot be put aside.

It is high time to look within the Lodge as well as without, to see what is the situation; what is going on among the Craft; how the common evil is effecting its proper welfare, and what means are available for the amelioration of the condition.

As heretofore suggested in these articles, it is quite plain to be seen that the most common and insidious agency in producing demoralisation among all classes is the increasing loss of personal pride of character, of common manliness, of abhorrence and contempt for ignoble and base motives—not in respect to their dishonesty or legal criminality, but to their unmanliness and vileness—for want of which in the community at large, every species of infamous conduct acquires a degree of toleration never formerly allowed it.

This is not in the least intended as a homily on virtue or what is now meant by the word morals. The teachings of the Craft on these matters are abundant and forcible, so that it is as unnecessary to add to them as it is impossible to improve them, and the world has nothing better to show. But they include the presumption that it is needless to enjoin maxims touching self-respect and manly decorum on men of lawful age who have sought to be, and have been, unanimously received in membership by the Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. Yet, as mortifying as it may be to every sensitive and loyal mind among the Craft, the truth is that there is a long established and growing necessity that the successors of the noble craftsmen of the olden time should make up for the redemption of the Fraternity from the influence of ignoble sentiments and conduct so despicable that no place was found for them in the masterly utterances designed to enforce the sublime principles on which Masonry is founded. And, indeed, it is not strange that it should have been deemed at all times shameful to the Institution to admit by implication in its authorised and official expressions that grovelling and dishonourable modes and behaviour might at any time need repression or reprehension in an institution so grounded as Freemasonry.

If there are among the disgraceful traits of human character any which more than others are repugnant to Masonry, they must be *servility* and *venality*. Every other species of meanness may possibly be accompanied by some meagre virtue, which may serve to render the entire character somewhat tolerable, but the man naturally servile or venal (and these two are Siamese twins) who seeks admission to Masonry, and the Lodge which takes him in, make a joint and several mistake, and one which cannot be rectified even by the consent of both parties. The detestable want of manliness, which is a peculiarity of such an one's nature, renders a truly Masonic character in him impossible. Honour is necessary to the latter—it is one of its elements—yet how is honour to exist in any one capable of crawling or sneaking in the train of power, or influence, or success for the vile consideration of favour or pelf, or even what some are satisfied with, to be patted on the head and treated as very agreeable, when a service is wanted by recognized superiors? What can Masonry do or expect from such? It is not Freemasonry to which such creatures aspire. Indeed they do not *aspire* to anything, because they do not aspire to be anything. The craven spirit only looks up for something adapted to its desires, and whines or licks its chops as the prospect of a few crumbs is more or less encouraging.

Now, the great mischief to society is that the sort of persons and conduct above mentioned are being made respectable, or rather influential, everywhere, by the acts of parties, societies, churches, and every kind of association whose approval or toleration of them tend to keep them in countenance, and avert the public contempt which might otherwise hold them in check, and, as it were, "quarantine" them from spreading the contagion of their vice among the ignorant and unreflecting, and especially the young. Hence it is becoming a serious necessity to

Masonry to take a little thought concerning what the Craft are suffering their own influence to effect, in floating along with the current of depraved opinion and sentiment now prevailing.

There must be some return to the old ideas of dignity and manly pride before any progress can be made in exerting an influence in behalf of truth and honesty. Masonry is properly an association of men who are above countenancing low or mean conduct whether it be considered legally honest or dishonest. If the character of the membership is changing, it is time to call a halt and see what can be done to counteract the evil. If the character of the bulk of the Fraternity has always been what it is now, as to countenancing low and corrupt conduct in or out of the Lodge, we are all wasting too much breath in eulogizing the nobility and dignity of the Craft in the olden time, considered as an association of persons.

Of course it is not to be expected that the Masonic Fraternity can keep their floor entirely rid of mean and unworthy characters. It would be impossible, under the best condition of society ever seen, as much so as to rid the world of noxious insects, reptiles and beasts. These last are a part of the multitudinous forms of life which swarm throughout land and sea; and doubtless the human race is, and always was and will be, a collective representation of every characteristic form of being beneath itself. Nor has it ever been possible for any community, association, sect, party or brotherhood, to thwart the inevitable law which compels every class and denomination of men to put up with the presence of the very characters they organize themselves to exclude. No set of men have ever been permitted to withdraw, or keep themselves segregated from the lower or viler of mankind, however much they may abhor communication with them; but they are compelled to take a share in upholding the common burden of the race; and it even appears that none, however earnestly they may strive so to do, may permanently elevate themselves, except in proportion as they are the means of elevating the lowest about them. And thus we find that the Masonic body, like all others, is clogged by the presence of the very class of humanity which, if not made better by the association, must become the cause of its ruin.

Such being the case, it is not for those who think themselves the wiser or better portion of the Fraternity, to withdraw themselves in scorn from any who have been admitted to the benefits of the Lodge. There is no place on the chequered floor for Masonic pharisees. The meeting is "on the level." It is true the right of expulsion exists and in some cases should be enforced, but there is no reason to expect that the power of expulsion will ever be exercised with more discretion or justice than that of admission or rejection, under the operation of which these same persons were made Masons.

This condition, under which the Craft must exist, was doubtless well understood by those who set up the moral and governmental landmarks of the Lodge. It is not clear that in former times expulsion was contemplated in any case, as the phrase, "Once a Mason always a Mason," must have had some foundation.

The brethren must accept the situation, and not content themselves with teaching truth and justice, benevolence and the like, and desiring all to conform to the good tenets of the Craft; and as long as nobody about the Lodge steals or commits other offence against the criminal law, think all is well enough. It is not well enough. The influence of the Lodge must be utilized in behalf of noble and manly sentiments and the stamping out of unmanly and base sentiments, and to prevent the cheapening of virtue by the constant tolerance of conduct too indefinite to be reached by punishment and too discreditable to be treated with any sort of allowance.—*Voice of Masonry.*

WOMAN'S PLACE IN MASONRY.

"A ministering angel thou."

WOMAN has a place in the Order of Freemasonry, but not in the ranks of the active workers. As woman has always had a place in the army—not in the ranks with a musket, but still occupying an important position and rendering invaluable service—so she has in Masonry. In the church she is not expected to occupy the sacred desk and expound the teachings of Holy Writ, but she has a place as useful and important as that of the minister

himself. The many kindly offices of woman in the army and in the church are recorded to her praise. The ceaseless ages of eternity will be too short to tell all that her gentle hands have done. The myriads of fevered brows that have been bathed by her tender hand, the thousands of parching lips that have been cooled by water brought by her loving feet, the many aching hearts that have been cheered by her angelic presence, the army of disheartened human beings that have been raised from despondency by words of comfort her sweet lips have spoken, will only be revealed in the world beyond. These are gentle offices that woman alone can fill.

Her place in Masonry is as a helpmeet in the work of charity as taught, and as it should be practised by the Order. She could not be a member of the Lodge, because Masons are, symbolically, builders, "hewers and squarers of stone, toilers in the heat of the day, and it would be out of all character to permit the fair and fragile frames of our sisters to be subjected to the rough labour and weariness which must ever attend manual labour."

There have been many attempts to found a society of Masons of both sexes, but they have never succeeded or been real Masonry. They have been adjuncts or auxiliaries. France has perhaps been foremost in the effort to have Lodges made up of male and female members, but they flourished for a time, then died out. In 1730 the idea seems to have been originated, and various organisations have since been established, but none have succeeded to the present time in any strength or prominence. The ceremonies in many of them were very beautiful and impressive, but the objects seem to have been solely for social intercourse.

In this country the Order of the Eastern Star originated in 1855, and is now in a flourishing condition in many parts of the land. It is calculated to cultivate the social elements of Masonry, and at the same time render assistance to its members, and to society in general. The ceremonies of the five degrees, of Jephtha, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, are very beautiful, and the lessons taught valuable and impressive. This part of woman's connection with Masonry is very pleasant, and is productive of good alike to Masonry itself and the members of the Eastern Star Chapters.—*New York Dispatch.*

This day (Saturday) Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, the Worshipful Master elect of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, will be installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in succession to Bro. William Ramsay. The new Master will signalise his advent to the chair by initiating his son, Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall jun., undergraduate of Trinity College, Dublin, into Freemasonry.

Our talented Brother Seymour Smith announces his annual benefit concert for Monday evening next, the 25th instant, at South-place Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street, E.C., (within two minutes walk of Moorgate-street, Broad-street, and Liverpool-street Stations). The vocalists who have promised their services are Madame Worrell, Miss Meta Russell, Miss Annie Matthews, Madame Raymond, Miss Clarice Yost, Miss Helen Heath; Bros. Arthur Thompson, C. A. White, Arthur Weston, G. T. Carter, James Budd, W. G. Hazelgrove, and Chaplin Henry. The instrumentation will be supplied by Madame Brett, Mr. R. O. Morgan, and Bro. Michael Watson, at the pianoforte. The veteran Bro. Richard Blagrove will once more display his ability as a concertina player; while for conductors we are promised the services of Bros. Michael Watson, Mr. R. O. Morgan, and Bro. Seymour Smith. Tickets—Reserved Seats, 4s; Gallery, 2s; Unreserved Seats, 1s—may be obtained of the Stewards, or of Brother Seymour Smith, 24 Carden-road, Nunhead-lane, S.E.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, was held on Monday, Oct. 11th, at Brightlingsea (Essex), when Bro. the Rev. J. P. Britton P.P.G.C. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. W. Hayman Cummings P.P.G.C. Cornwall, and the Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under:—Bros. Joseph S. French I.P.M., E. Frost S.W., G. Angier J.W., W. Clarey P.M. Treas., J. E. Wiseman P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., W. Martin S.D., F. Cross J.D., J. E. Wiseman D.C., Herbert I.G., Pitt and Martin Stewards, Wilson Tyler. In investing the Treasurer, the W.M. announced, amidst much applause, that this was the thirty-third year that Bro. Clarey had been elected to that office. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings for his kindness in acting as installing master, at a few minutes' notice, in the absence of Bro. Tisley, the Lodge was closed; and about 40 brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs Harmer. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some vocal music added to the harmony of the evening. Among the visitors present were Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Fred J. Wiseman P.M. 1734 P.P.G.J.W., Maurice H. Page Sec. 2063, and E. Butler Bootes 51, with the following members of No. 433:—Bros. C. Blyth P.P.G.P., J. Richardson P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Henry York, Geo. Riches P.M. P.G.A.P., W. S. Ling P.M., R. C. Athill P.M., John Dean P.M. P.P.G. Std. B., R. D. Poppleton P.M. P.P.G.D., Adam Smith P.M., and Bros. F. Martin, Bacon, Downs, Lord, Gentry, &c. At the half yearly election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 11th inst., Harry Norman Angier, son of the late Bro. Angier, of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, was one of the candidates, being first on the unsuccessful list, with 1194 votes.

NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 813.

THE usual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 14th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. There was a good attendance of members, and a few visitors were also present. This being the installation meeting, Comp. S. George P.M. was installed in the chair of Z., Comp. R. R. Harper P.M. into the chair of H., and Comp. A. J. Potter P.M. into the chair of J. The other Officers who were invested were Comps. W. Pierpoint P.M. I.P.Z., L. C. Haslip P.M. N., H. J. Gabb P.M. P.Z. S., J. Stillwell P.M. Treasurer, H. Cope P.S., C. Weeden W.M. 1st Assistant Sojourner, C. R. Cordell 2nd Assistant Sojourner. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe P.Z. 11 and 91 installed the three Principals in a truly masterly manner; indeed, afterwards it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks for his kindness be recorded on the minutes, and that he be placed on the list of honorary members of this Chapter. Another pleasing tribute fell to the lot of Comp. W. Pierpoint P.Z., in the shape of a very handsome jewel that was voted him by the Chapter for his services for two years as M.E.Z. At the banquet that followed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly given and honoured.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the new Freemasons' Hall, Snargate Street, Dover, on Monday evening. The Worshipful Master Bro. W. O. Kennett presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren, including several visitors from the sister Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 199. The ceremonies of raising and passing were performed during the evening in an impressive manner by the Worshipful Master; the candidates being respectively Bro. George Spicer, journalist, and Bro. Martyn Mowll, solicitor. The ceremonies were accompanied by a choral service, in which Bros. Plant and Higgins (of Canterbury Cathedral) and Bro. G. Igglesden assisted, with Bro. Chas. Winterbon at the organ. In the course of the evening new candidates were proposed.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THE annual installation of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, on Monday, 11th inst. Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m., and Bro. Cockersell S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being impressively performed by our esteemed Bro. Quartermaster Naylor P.P.G.S.B. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. Blamiers I.P.M., A. Develin S.W., E. Tomlings J.W., E. Plume P.M. Treasurer, W. Carter P.M. Secretary, J. Pepper S.D., A. Abbs J.D., Rev. H. Mangham Chap., J. Plant P.M. P.G.O. Organist, T. Beckett I.G., R. Blake P.M. Tyler, R. Simms D. of C., P. F. Brine Ass. D. of C., and McClintock and D. Hall Stewards. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Blamiers, who suitably replied. After other formal business was disposed of, the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the usual banquet took place at the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was served by the worthy Proprietor, Bro. Ward. The W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. T. Blamiers I.P.M., Rev. Harrison P.P.G. Chap., A. Develin S.W., E. Tomlings J.W., W. Carter P.M., J. Pepper S.D., A. Abbs J.D., J. Plant P.M. 31 P.G.O. Organist, Rev. H. Mangham Chap., T. Beckett I.G., R. Blake Tyler, R. Simms D of C., P. F. Brine Ass. D. of C., J. E. Willshier P.P.G.S. of W., H. T. Naylor P.P.G.S.B., J. Vautier P.M., H. Ward P.P.G.W., J. Couper P.M. 503, H. Herbert, E. Cant,

D. Hall, J. Stewart, J. Naylor, G. Jones, J. Passmore, Capt. W. Jones, W. Claydon, T. Leech, A. Anderson, B. Martin, all of 1449; J. Rossiter P.M. 972, R. Clout W.M. 1063, R. H. Platten W.M. 153, W. Ashenden W.M. 31, J. Wilson 108, F. Clarke 972, E. Mills 972, J. Barten 1063, F. Littlechild 71, Captain Montague, Surgeon Dodd, Addison 1449 and others. The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. J. Plant P.M. &c., and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The gathering was a most successful and enjoyable one.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting for the election of Master took place in Freemasons' Hall, St. Savourgate, York, on Monday, 4th inst. Bro. A. T. B. Turner W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Secretary, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Storry as J.D., W. Stephenson I.G., P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Stewards, W. Routledge, J. Starkey, Wm. Wreglesworth, J. S. Spetch, J. Thorpe, G. Lamb, W. G. Penty; and visitors Bros. Captain Marshall (9th Lancers), R. S. Robinson 123, and others. The gavel was assumed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and Bro. Halliwell was made a M.M. Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge a framed engraved portrait of Elias Ashmole, together with a copy of the Diary of that ancient brother. He also presented to the library, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, a series of American Grand Lodge reports. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts, a candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

ONE of the most successful meetings in the history of this Lodge was held at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, W., on Saturday, 9th inst., when a numerous gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren attended to welcome Bro. J. W. Fisher as W.M. for the year 1886-7. There were present Bros. E. J. Acworth W.M., J. W. Fisher S.W., H. Kasner Treasurer, A. J. Burr Secretary, G. Wright S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., J. L. Hamilton I.G., Geo. Coop Dir. of Cers., J. Wells Steward, P.M.'s A. Beasley, W. Seward, S. Dyer; also Bros. J. Fryers, F. Sladden, H. Smyth, M. Guy, A. Pooley, G. H. Gabb, H. S. Timpson, J. R. Fernee, C. P. Bellerby, W. Meadows, J. Clarke, T. Tidmarsh, E. Gasson, E. Tink Brown, G. Harper, S. Meech, S. C. Quinnton, J. R. Eden, C. Cunningham, G. H. Parsons, J. Evans. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Chappell 1245, W. Bellerby 2021, J. Salmon W.M. 2077, H. Youens J.W. 185, A. C. Foy 172, C. E. Spagnioletti 771, C. Andrews P.M. 77, W. W. Lee 1897, W. Rickwood P.M. 192, A. Strong W.M. 2020, W. Chadleigh 1803, J. Ratland 1566, J. H. Jock S.W. 518, F. A. Underwater 1176, W. London 2077, W. J. London 2077, W. Tittley W.M. 749, J. Fleck 172. Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, the auditors' report was received and adopted. This showed the funds were in a prosperous condition, and the Lodge was making steady progress; the outgoing Master received special recognition for the care he had exercised—at the same time he had not spared necessary expenditure to secure the comfort of the brethren—during his year of office. The candidate for raising not being present, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. W. Fisher was installed W.M. by Bro. Kasner P.M. The ceremony was impressively rendered, in Bro. Kasner's most careful manner. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—G. Wright S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., H. Kasner Treasurer, A. J. Burr Secretary, J. L. Hamilton S.D., Geo. Coop J.D., A. Pooley Dir. of Cers., J. Wells, E. Tink Brown, J. R. Fernee Stewards, G. Harrison Tyler. Business being completed, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form. A most excellent banquet was then enjoyed by the brethren and visitors, Bro. Stephens jun. receiving great praise for his successful efforts. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given in excellent style, and were heartily responded to by the brethren. The toasts of the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, and Officers of the Lodge were especially honoured. The brethren at parting were unanimous in their hearty approval of the day's proceedings, and good wishes were expressed for a successful year's working under the sway of Bro. Fisher. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Miss Madeline Hardy, of 19 Stockwell Park-crescent, S.W., who was assisted by Miss Florence Venning, Bro. Sidney Burton and Mr. Jas. Budd. These artists greatly enhanced the evening's enjoyment by their capital rendering of a well-selected programme. Especially may be mentioned "Bid me good bye," by Miss M. Hardy; "Number Two," by Miss F. Venning; "Afloat," by Mr. J. Budd; "One Love have I," by Bro. Sidney Buxton.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—On Wednesday, 13th inst., at 8 o'clock, at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. Present—Bros. W. Hancock W.M., Jeffreys S.W., Pitt J.W., Weeden Treasurer, Cordell Secretary, Flack I.G., Casworth P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Harper, Galer, Dixie and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dixie candidate, all formalities having been fully observed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and closed in perfect harmony. This being the usual monthly meeting night of the Benevolent Association, Bro. Harper Secretary announced there were sufficient subscriptions paid up to enable the members to participate in three ballots of five guineas each. The ballot accordingly took place.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

A VERY successful meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the occasion being the annual installation of Worshipful Master and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. There were upwards of one hundred and twenty brethren present, and as usual at this Lodge the whole of the day's proceedings passed off without a hitch. Among those present were the following Officers:—Henry Lovegrove W.M., G. W. Knight S.W., T. C. Edmonds J.W., James Willing P.M. Treasurer, F. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, G. Edwards I.P.M., J. J. Michael P.M., C. J. Scales P.M., W. M. Stiles P.M., Henry Stiles P.M., G. Clark jun. P.M., F. W. Dimsdale S.D., W. Davey J.D., W. F. Bates I.G., John G. McEwan D.C., R. W. Fraser A.D.C., D. R. Bryce Assist. Steward, G. F. Bruce Org., and B. Whiting P.M. Tyler. The minutes having been confirmed, and other preliminary matters, disposed of, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. George William Knight the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation. He was placed in the chair by his predecessor, Bro. Lovegrove, who was assisted in portions of the ceremony by Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. In due course the following brethren were appointed as Officers:—Bros. Edmonds S.W., Dimsdale J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer, Perks P.M. Secretary, J. F. Saunders Assistant Secretary, Davey S.D., Bates J.D., Fraser I.G., J. G. McEwan D.C., Bruton A.D.C., Bryce and R. Alaway Stewards, G. F. Bruce Organist. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the ballot was taken for six candidates for initiation; the result proving favourable. Four of these candidates being in attendance, they were introduced, and regularly admitted to a participation in the benefits of Masonic light by the newly-installed Worshipful Master. These gentlemen were Messrs. Robert John Smerdon, Richard Cummings Glead, Miles Porter, and Thomas Charles Carter. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Worshipful Master, and after the transaction of some formal business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the dining hall, where banquet was served under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts were honoured. In introducing the first on the list, the Worshipful Master said that Her Majesty the Queen had presided over this realm for very many years past, in such a manner as to endear herself to all her subjects, more especially those associated with the Masonic Order, the members of which would do anything in their power in honour of Her Majesty. As those around him were aware, Her Majesty would next year celebrate the jubilee of her accession to the throne, and as it was proposed to make a special appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities in connection with this jubilee year, he trusted that the brethren would seize the opportunity of expressing their loyalty, and at the same time benefit the Institutions of the Order. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, a special verse for which had been composed for the occasion by Bro. J. W. Tubby, one of the members of the Lodge, who rendered the words he had composed with marked effect. The M.W. the Grand Master was next toasted, and then the G. Officers received their meed of praise. Bro. Knight paid a compliment to the true Masonic spirit of the Grand Master, and expressed his admiration of the way in which the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master discharged their duties, indeed the thoroughness with which each of the Grand Officers set about his work was sufficient to ensure for them the hearty support of all Masons. Bro. Lovegrove submitted the next toast, that of the Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge, Bro. Knight, who, he said, had worked for many years in the Lodge, of which he was an early initiate. He had also made for himself a name in other ways in Freemasonry, more particularly perhaps as a worker at Lodges of Instruction; he was much respected in the Craft, as was evidenced by the fact that a hundred and twenty-three brethren had been present on the occasion of his installation, a larger number than had ever assembled at any of the gatherings of the Metropolitan Lodge. He felt sure he might say all present wished the Worshipful Master a happy, successful, and satisfactory year of office, and at the same time they trusted he might be spared to perform the duties of his office to the satisfaction of himself and for the benefit of the Metropolitan Lodge and its members. The Worshipful Master tendered his sincere thanks for the flattering way in which the toast had been proposed, and for the cordial reception accorded it by those present. He was under a deep obligation to the Immediate Past Master for the way in which he had placed him in the chair of the Lodge, but he could not overlook the fact that he was also much indebted to the brethren for their support, and for the confidence they repose in him when they elected him to the high office of Master. As some of those around him knew, he considered himself a better worker than a talker, he therefore hoped they would excuse his saying much that night, but at the same time he hoped they would give him frequent opportunities of working the ceremonies during his year of office. The next toast he considered one of the most important it was his privilege to propose, it was the Past Masters of the Lodge. He regretted the Immediate Past Master had been obliged, through illness of his father, to leave, but they had around them such a display of Past Masters as to lessen the disappointment felt at the absence of Bro. Lovegrove. Bro. Knight briefly sketched the rise and progress of the Metropolitan Lodge, referring to the part taken by each of the Past Masters in the work which had been accomplished. Bro. Willing was the first to respond, tendering thanks on behalf of the I.P.M. to the brethren for the way in which he had been received. Personally, Bro. Willing felt there was little need for him—as the father of the Lodge—to be present at each of their meetings merely to look after his child, for with such Masters as had ruled its affairs, and with such brethren as at present filled the offices there was little of advice or help they could desire from him. He well remembered the admission of the present Worshipful Master to the Lodge, and he felt that admission marked an event in English Freemasonry. When Bro. Knight desired admission to the Craft there was some question as to whether he could legally become a Mason. Accordingly he (Bro. Willing) waited on the then Grand Secretary, their dear old

friend Brother Hervey, and asked his advice. Brother Hervey's answer was, that if the gentleman seeking admission was a good man, and one likely to become a good Mason, no bodily defect, arising from accident, should exclude him. Bro. Knight was accordingly admitted, and had since amply proved himself worthy of the opinion formed of him before his admission to the Craft. The late Bro. John Hervey was among those present on the occasion of Brother Knight's initiation, and since that day had expressed approval of the course then taken, which he said had removed a little misunderstanding which existed in the Craft as to the eligibility of a gentleman maimed by accident, or otherwise, who was in all other respects a most desirable candidate. The Metropolitan Lodge had also reaped the benefit of their action on that occasion, the members being heartily pleased with what Bro. Knight had done for them. As Treasurer Bro. Willing took care of their funds. He was always ready to spend the money of the Lodge as the members desired—and they appeared to desire rapid expenditure, in Charity of course—but he desired to mention that if Charity began at home it was not absolutely necessary it should always stay there. On the contrary, he thought the members might advantageously extend the circle of their benevolence. Bro. Michael followed. He was very pleased to be once more present at the Metropolitan Lodge, and meet with the usual hearty reception accorded to its Past Masters. On the present occasion there were only two of the founders of the Lodge who had passed its chair who were present among them—Bro. Willing and himself. They had seen some ups and downs in the Lodge, but could now look round and congratulate themselves on its success. All below him included in the toast had been initiated in the Lodge of which they were now Past Masters, and not a few of them had won a reputation for themselves in the Craft, by their working or otherwise, which would remain as long as they lived. He was very pleased with the remarks made by Bro. Willing as to the initiation of their present worshipful Master, as he felt an especial pride in him, Bro. Knight having been among his earliest friends in the Lodge. Bros. Scales, W. M. Stiles, H. Stiles, and other Past Masters also responded, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the initiates. They had that evening had the pleasure of admitting four gentlemen into their midst, a large number for any Lodge to initiate at one time, although it was not so much of a novelty in the Metropolitan Lodge. He trusted the initiates would look forward and strive to make themselves efficient for the other degrees to which they would be entitled in a few weeks, and to the highest honour in the Lodge, which they might perhaps hope to attain in about ten years, which was the time he had spent in reaching the chair. Bro. Smerdon had great pleasure in thanking the brethren for the very kind way in which he had been received as a member of the body of Freemasons generally, and of their Lodge in particular. He felt it a great honour to be admitted to the ancient Institution, and that he had been amply compensated for any anxious moments he might have spent previous to his entrance into the Lodge. Bro. Gleed felt that no words could express the pleasure he felt in being admitted that night. Bro. Porter said that anything he entered into he desired to carry out to the best of his ability, and such would be his endeavour in connection with Freemasonry. He was not so young a man as many then around the board, still he hoped to spend some time among them. It was impossible for him to determine where he should be ten years hence—by which time the Worshipful Master had said there might be a chance of his being at the head of the Lodge; but he hoped by that time to have proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him that night. Bro. Carter expressed the pleasure he felt in being admitted, and promised to endeavour to become as good a mason as any brother around him. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and was replied to by several of the guests. Bro. Smith (W.M. 1744) was the first to respond, tendering sincere thanks for the reception accorded by the members. Any brother visiting the Metropolitan Lodge might rely on a hearty welcome. The Lodge over which he had the honour to preside was so associated with the Metropolitan that he might term the one the elder brother of the other. So long as the Metropolitan Lodge was conducted on its present lines it would stand out as a brilliant example to be followed by others. He could but wish that every Lodge would make itself equal to the Metropolitan. Bro. Slyman followed, predicting a happy year of office for the W.M. who, with the other Officers would, he felt, command the respect of every member of the Lodge. Bro. Storr added a few words of commendation. He felt there was not one of the visitors who wished the Worshipful Master and the Lodge more weal than he did, while he hoped that woe would ever be far distant from them. He hoped the Lodge would continue to prosper as it had done during the past, and that it would ever stand out a bright example as it had done in years gone by. Bro. W. A. Scurrah followed. It was always a great pleasure for him to attend the Lodge, as in it he was surrounded by many dear friends. Several other brethren having spoken to the toast the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Officers. No Lodge—east, west, south or north—could boast of such Officers as the Metropolitan secured. Some of its Past Masters had risen from the post of Steward—he himself had done so—and now he had his reward. He briefly summarised the doings of the several Officers, and then Bro. Edmonds replied. He was thankful for the great kindness displayed towards him, but more particularly so on that occasion. Like all the Officers of the Lodge he was anxious to rise to the highest dignity, and took every opportunity of rendering himself perfect in the duties of whatever office he might be called upon to fill. It was the earnest wish of the Officers to render every assistance in their power to support the Worshipful Master, and further the interests of the Lodge. The other Officers present having also replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion. The visitors were Bros. H. Baldwin W.M. 1632 P.P.G. Std. B. Middlesex, C. H. Phillips P.M. 1986, L. H. Price I.G. 1321, C. Sheppard P.M. 1366, A. G. Christiansen 72, W. Mills 1716, J. Beddoes J.D. 902, W. A. Scurrah P.M. 2048 Prov. G. S. of

W. Middlesex, C. Sharpe 1365, A. H. Scurrah A.D.C. 2048, G. Towerzey 1158, A. R. Trew J.W. 959, H. Chown 1349, R. W. Galer W.M. 1366, T. E. Musto 548, A. Ramskell 1803, G. Dickinson S.W. 1681, J. Court P.M. and Sec. 1869, C. B. Pudland W.M. 1732, E. Storr P.M. 167, G. M. Sham 1275, H. Tyrer 1339 2147, J. Pol-lard 1339, W. Proctor 1288, J. Hemming S.D. 1287, H. Slyman Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, W. J. Morris 1524, F. G. W. Gwyer P.M. 1288, A. Simmer S.W. 177, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, G. T. Chubb I.G. 1867, G. R. Bolton W.M. 1314, B. Kauffmann S.W. 1732, W. J. Lee 1777, M. J. Green 1987, W. Simpson Steward 1524, J. Wilson P.M. 1328, J. Knight 2005, W. Hunt 172, J. C. Smith W.M. 1744, F. Buxton D.C. 1891, T. Jackson P.M. 1475, J. Glenn S.W. 19, W. A. Hether-ington 957, R. Hewetson 177, W. W. Morgan jun., and others.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

THIS Lodge assembled on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, at 6.30 p.m. Present: Bros. Chas. Crompton W.M., Jas. Walker S.W., W. F. Chambers J.W., G. P. Brookbank P.G. Std. Bearer Treasurer, J. W. Draycott Secretary, W. Siddon S.D., R. Cuerdey J.D., W. Forrest I.G., Edwd. Halliwell Steward, Thos. Higson Tyler; Past Masters J. M. Rutter and J. W. Morris; W. H. Brown, H. Critchley, Morry-inson, D. M. Stevenson, C. Howarth, J. Entwisle, H. B. Truman, J. J. Bentley. Visitors: J. W. Skelton P.M. 146, F. M. Milner 146, Rob Johnson 146, J. Wolstenholme P.M. 348, J. R. Worlmer 678, C. Holgate 348. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and forthwith closed to the first. It was resolved to contribute two guineas to the Binckes Presentation Fund. Bro. James Walker S.W. was appointed to represent the Lodge on a committee to be formed for the purpose of presenting a portrait of the Prov. Grand Master to that R.W. brother in recognition of his services to the Province during his tenure of office. Bro. Phillips, W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 348, delivered the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, in discharging which duty he acquitted himself in a most creditable manner, and received a very cordial vote of thanks from the Lodge; this he briefly acknowledged, expressing his desire at all times to be of any possible service to the Craft. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes were tendered from the representatives of Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge, and other visiting brethren. A portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Harwich, Essex, on Tuesday, 12th October, when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The first business was the admission into Freemasonry of his worship the Mayor (Mr. J. H. Vaux), which ceremony was performed by Bro. F. R. Hales P.M. P.P.G.W. The retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. M. L. Sanders, then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. A. C. Parsons, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; and did so in a manner that called forth the unanimous approval of all present. The officers for the year were then appointed and invested as under:—Bros. G. Helsdon S.W., A. J. H. Ward J.W., Rev. W. Morgan Jones W.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chap., W. Groom Treas., M. L. Sanders I.P.M. Sec., J. Brooks S.D., G. Howard J.D., Thos. Jennings P.M. P.P.G.D. D.C., C. R. Salter Org., J. Chapman I.G., Wilson and Green Stewards, and Barlow Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sanders for the very able way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Clowes was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and thanks were accorded to him for his past valuable services. Regret was expressed that Bro. Clowes had been compelled to resign the post of Secretary on account of leaving the county. Bro. Clowes stated—amidst prolonged applause—that he should still take a deep interest in Essex Freemasonry, and should often be among them. Between forty and fifty brethren subsequently dined together at the Great Eastern Hotel, an excellent banquet being well put on by the manager, Brother Grew. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and heartily drunk. Bro. Hales, in proposing the health of the Mayor, expressed the pleasure he felt in having introduced his worship into Freemasonry that day, and trusted that he would take an interest in the Lodge. Bro. Hales also remarked that Bro. Vaux was the second chief magistrate he had introduced into the Craft. The Mayor, in responding, said he had for some time wished to become a Mason, and follow in the footsteps of his father, who was a member of the Star in the East Lodge. He was very gratified at the reception he had met with, and trusted to become a useful member of the Lodge. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., and remarked upon the excellent manner in which Bro. Sanders had fulfilled his duties during the year. He then, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Sanders a handsome Jewel, with the hope that he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. Sanders returned thanks. Other toasts followed, and some excellent vocal and instrumental music added to the enjoyment of a most successful gathering. Among those present, in addition to the brethren already mentioned, were Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., R. Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., George Corbie P.M. Sec. 453 P.P.G.J.W., G. F. Smith jun. P.M. 1760 P.P.G.O., J. F. Hill P.M. 1224 P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., W. Morgan Jones W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Thomas Rix P.M. and Secretary 697 P.P.G. Sword Bearer, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 Secretary 1977 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, John Dean P.M. 433 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, R. D. Poppleton P.M. 433 P.P.G.D., A. S. B. Sparling W.M. 51, H. A. W. Reeves P.M. 650, W. Murray 225, W. Inglis Mason J.D. 1224, G. F. Read 225, W. G. Wells 959, C. Osmond P.M. 61 P.P.G.O., &c.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—On Monday, 19th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Present:—Bros. Sapeworth W.M., Featherstone S.W., Langley J.W., Grandy Sec., Bond S.D., Gompertz J.D., Taylor P.M., Grant I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Williams, Carter, Webb; Bros. Collick, Custance, Dare, Harling, Spooner. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harling candidate. The auditors' report was presented and passed. Bro. Featherstone was elected W.M. for ensuing week, on which occasion P.M. Preceptor Taylor will rehearse the installation ceremony.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Fluck W.M., Barnett S.W., Keogh J.W., Casely S.D., Collingridge J.D., Dixie Acting Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moorehouse candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bros. Ball and Dix, initiates of the mother Lodge, answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Dix was elected a member, and Bro. Barnett W.M. for Mouday next. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 21st instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road. Present—Bros. Cochrane W.M., Anstin S.W., Josey P.M. J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Allman S.D., Jennings J.D., Whittle I.G., Davies Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. Purdue, Child, Spiegel, Sims; Visitor—Bro. Thompson 1425; also Bros. Brietbart, Wood, Cross, Marsh, Ridgley, Stroud, Head, Love, Cavers, Craggs, Williams, &c. Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgley candidate. The W.M. gave the charge after initiation. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the first section was worked by Bro. Spiegel, the questions being answered by Bro. Cochrane. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by Brother Austin. Lodge resumed to first degree and was then closed. Brother Austin was elected to the chair for the meeting on Thursday week. Next Thursday the fifteen sections will be worked here; Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Rector of Long Melford, Sudbury, has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty.

The North London Chapter of Improvement held its weekly convocation at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., Strugnell H., Russell J., Sheffield S.E., Lewis S.N., Radcliffe Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a masterly manner by the above named Officers.

Bro. Gerald A. Shoppee, M.A. and LL.M. (Cantab), has for some years past been associated in business with the late Bro. Richard Hervé Girand, and will, in accordance with an arrangement made with him during his lifetime and confirmed by his will, succeed to his practice, which will in future be carried on at 7 Furnival's-inn, London, under the name or style of "Girand and Shoppee."

Saturday, the 30th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 1st November.

Mr. Boehm, R.A., has executed a bust in bronze of the late Mr. Christopher Pond, which has been mounted on a pedestal of red scagliola, and fittingly adorns the grand staircase of the Criterion. The sculptor has dealt very effectively with nineteenth century costume, and also produced an excellent likeness, the modelling of the face meriting especial commendation.

Messrs. Dean and Son have in the press a charming gift book, entitled "Sunshine and Stream," written and illustrated by Mrs. Bishop-Calpeper. This book relates to the adventures of four children during a summer visit to their uncle's riverside house. The illustrations consist of sixteen pages monotint, in addition to numerous etchings, to depict their boating excursions, country rambles with the dogs, &c. The size is crown 4to, and the price will be but half-a-crown.

Where a brother uses language he ought not to use against another brother, in the course of a Lodge trial, and subsequently apologises therefor in open Lodge, this apology should settle it. But brothers should remember, when the assault is made and it is really insulting, that it will take a long time for the brother insulted to get over it. He may accept the apology at the time, but there may never again be that due feeling of respect which should exist between them. If a brother wants to keep a friend for ever, he should never insult him, nor wound his feelings. It takes but little to destroy friendship—the most trifling act may sometimes do it—that a lifetime cannot fully repair.

Obituary.

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BROTHER R. H. GIRAUD P.G.S.D.

A BROTHER who has done good suit and service to Freemasonry for many years past, in the person of Brother Richard Hervé Giraud, has passed away. Our deceased brother was an initiate of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, and was admitted a member of the Order upwards of sixty years since. He was among the founders of the Asylum for Aged Masons, and was for many years honorary solicitor to both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. He was the first W.M. of the recently consecrated Huguenot Lodge, and was Treasurer of both the Grand Masters' Lodge and Chapter, having held the office in the Lodge for upwards of fifty years. In many ways, both within the Masonic circle and outside of it, our deceased brother had won for himself the respect and esteem of his fellow men.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER.AT the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held on Saturday, the
13th November 1886, at three o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Commercial
Road, Portsmouth,

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z., &c.

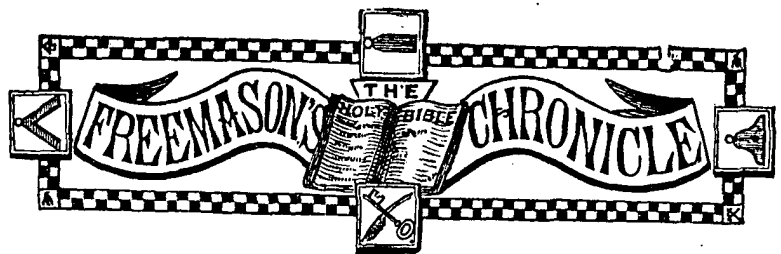
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H. E. FRANCES, P.G.S.D. Surrey, 22 Cowley Road, Brixton.**PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER-
SHIRE AND RUTLAND.**

THE Annual Meeting of the members of this Province took place on Tuesday last, the 19th instant. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, under the banner of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, and at four o'clock the brethren of 2081 formally received the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers Provincial Grand Master, who was accompanied by Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., Past Provincial Grand Master; Worshipful Bro. Samuel Steads Partridge P.P.S.G.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, those for the present year being especially well represented. Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Provincial Grand Master was saluted, and then the roll of Lodges was called, and representatives from each of those constituting the Province responded. The following Provincial Grand Officers for the year were in their respective places:—Bros. F. J. Baines S.W., J. G. F. Richardson J.W., Rev. W. R. Hurd, A.K.C., Chaplain, R. Waite Treasurer, Lionel P. Chamberlain Registrar, Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Secretary, John Hassall Junior Deacon, John Fletcher Superintendent of Works, Joseph Young Director of Ceremonies, Robert Rowley Assistant Director of Ceremonies, John Dove Harris Sword Bearer, Charles Oliver Standard Bearer, W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., Organist, George Newsome and E. P. Steads Stewards, Thomas Dunn Tyler.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Market Harborough, on 23rd October last year, and of a special Lodge held at Leicester in February last, had been printed and circulated; consequently they were taken as read, passed, and adopted. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was next read; this announced the completion and circulation of a revised code of bye-laws; also the satisfactory work being carried on by the several

Lodges; it, however, again urged on the Masters and Secretaries the necessity of paying special attention to the Revised Book of Constitutions. One feature of this document we would especially direct notice to;—the Committee called attention to the too frequent practice that prevails of initiating candidates who reside outside the district supposed to be embodied in the sphere to which the respective Lodges should confine themselves. They urged the most extreme caution where candidates presented themselves under such circumstances. Their report was unanimously adopted, as also was that of the Charity Committee. The report of the Provincial Grand Registrar shewed an increase over last year of twenty-seven subscribing members. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts next received attention; the balance sheet had been printed, and the financial condition of the Province was shown to be on an eminently satisfactory basis. The accounts were duly passed, and the best thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. R. Waite for his services. The compliment having been acknowledged, this worthy brother was re-elected to the post of Treasurer. The next business on the agenda was to consider the question of the further publication of the Official Calendar. It was generally conceded that under the control of Worshipful Bro. Partridge this little work had proved itself of great utility to the members of the Province, but, as explained by the General Purposes Committee, Bro. Partridge had felt himself constrained, through the many heavy calls on his time, to tender his resignation as its Editor. At the same time the worthy Deputy had thrown out a hint that a competent brother could be found who was ready to place his services at the disposal of Prov. Grand Lodge, and on whom his mantle would gracefully fall. Prov. Grand Lodge agreed it was desirable the publication of the Calendar should be continued, and Bro. Partridge was authorised to make the necessary arrangements, while a cordial vote of thanks was given to him for the care and ability he had displayed in his conduct of this useful little Manual. The Provincial Grand Officers were then invested, as follows:—

Bro. Wm. Carrick Crofts 779	- -	Senior Warden
Jos. Young 523	- -	Junior Warden
Rev. W. R. Hurd, A.K.C., 2081	- }	Chaplains
Rev. Selwyn C. Freer, M.A., 1560	- }	
R. Waite 279	-	Treasurer
Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., 1560	-	Secretary
Jno. H. Thompson 1265	-	Senior Deacon
Chas. F. Wike 279	-	Junior Deacon
F. B. Wilmer 2028	-	Superintendent of Works
C. J. Wilkinson 1391	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. Herbert Marshall 1007	-	Assistant Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Jesse Freer 1560	-	Sword Bearer
E. Simpkin 779	-	Standard Bearers
H. J. Goodall 1130	-	
W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., 2081	-	Organist
C. F. Massie 1330	-	Pursuivant
Wm. Marchant 50	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Thos. Dunn 523	-	Tylers
Jas. Tanser 279	-	
W. Maurice Williams 279	-	Stewards
J. G. Mardin 523	-	
G. C. Oliver 1007	-	
John New 1130	-	
C. K. Morris 1265	-	
Samuel Knight 1391	-	

The other business before Prov. Grand Lodge was to appoint a Charity Steward to represent the Province; to present the Grand Lodge Charity Jewel to W. Brother T. Macaulay Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden; to elect two members to represent the Prov. Grand Lodge on the Committee of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. For this duty Bros. Clement Stretton P.M. 279 P.P.G.S.W. and J. F. L. Rolleston P.M. 1560 P.P.G. Sup. Wks. were re-appointed. Two guineas was voted in relief to a lady in distressed circumstances, whose case—which presented some interesting features—was eloquently pleaded by Bro. Kelly, and ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which Charity will receive the support of the Province at its Festival in February next. The sum of five guineas was also voted to one of the Prov. Grand Tylers, who has recently suffered a domestic bereavement. In addressing the brethren the Prov. Grand Master congratulated them on the satisfactory results elicited from the several reports presented. He took this—the first opportunity he had had—publicly to thank the members of the Province for the kindness they had exhibited on the occasion of his marriage, and for the congratulatory address they had then presented. It had given both him and the

Countess Ferrers intense gratification, and both fully recognised the good feeling that had prompted it. This completing the business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

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THE following names have been added to the Executive since we printed the former list, viz. :—

Bros. Sir E. A. N. Lechmere, Bart., R.W. P.G.M. Worcestershire; Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Dist. G.M. Victoria, Australia; E. Baldwin J. Brook-Smith, M.A., D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, J. S. Eastes D.P.G.M. Kent, R. B. Evans, A. T. Layton, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. Suffolk, G. F. Newmarch P.D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, Dick Radclyffe, Henry Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Henry Stone, Charles Truscott, T. B. Whytehead, John M. Wike, W. B. Williamson.

Amongst other donations the following Masonic bodies have contributed, viz. :—

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Wouldhane Lodge	-	1	1
Agricola Lodge	-	0	10
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St. John's Lodge, No. 221	-	2	2

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"IN MEMORIAM."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—That Freemasonry has lost, in the lamented death of Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B. England, D.P.G.M. Surrey, &c., one of the most upright, judicious, and respected members that have adorned its Order, those who were privileged to be associated with him—and their name is Legion—will readily admit. His pilgrimage is ended, and he has entered into rest, leaving behind him a good name as a monument for all time, which is far more precious than worldly possessions, inasmuch as "good name, in man and woman, is the immediate jewel of their souls." Brother Charles Greenwood made his mark in Freemasonry, as he did, moreover, in whatever he undertook during his useful life. His "record" is faithfully recapitulated in your columns of the 2nd inst. Allow me to ask, is it possible for any Brother to possess more honourable credentials? Permit me to add another question: What do the brethren in Surrey and Middlesex in particular, and the Order generally, intend doing to perpetuate the noble memory of such a distinguished member in Freemasonry? In all probability the initiate has already been taken in this matter, of this, however, I know not. But if not, I hope that it will be, and that without any procrastination whatever. At this moment I will leave the matter for a season, being confident that those who possess the influence and the means will cause the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood to be "as familiar as household words" in the annals of Freemasonry for all generations to come.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. J. BRINTON.

44 Lower Park Road, Peckham, S.E.

PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few days ago the daily journals furnished their readers with a most interesting report of a lecture, delivered by Sir Charles Warren, in reference to the exploration of Palestine, in which he took an active part, and the numerous evidences thus brought forward in elucidation of passages in Holy Writ which had a certain amount of obscurity thrown over them have been brought into the full blaze of light by the discoveries which the Palestine Exploration Fund has made. Probably many more might have been added had that fund received a greater amount of encouragement from the British public in general, and the members of the Christian Church in particular. As an exception, however, to this want of interest, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons stands in the front rank of the supporters of this important inquiry, for on two occasions, viz., in 1868 and 1876, grants of 100 guineas each were made towards carrying out an object in which all Freemasons, and particularly those belonging to the Royal Arch degree, are so deeply

interested. Lieutenant (now Sir Charles) Warren was the agent selected by the members of the Palestine Exploration Fund to carry out this important work of discovery, and he certainly proved himself well worthy of the task entrusted to him, for he looked upon it as a labour of love to carry out his mission on the very spot which had been trodden and hallowed by the feet of our Saviour; where He first saw the light, and where His great sacrifice in expiation of the sins of mankind was ultimately carried out. Sir Charles Warren, by his researches and discoveries, has largely contributed to our Biblical knowledge, by opening to view those places and monuments of antiquity—which for ages had lain hidden by the crust of time—amongst which our Redeemer lived, breathed and had His being, before taking upon Himself that great propitiatory sacrifice for which He was sent into the world.

Now, Dear Sir and Brother, my object in making these few observations—faulty and shortcoming as they may be—is to draw your attention to the eminent services rendered by Sir Charles Warren, and to suggest to all Freemasons who feel interested in his labours and researches that an application should courteously be made to him to give a lecture on the subject of his Palestine Explorations in some large hall in London, where, if a trifling fee was paid for admission, a very substantial sum might be raised on behalf of one of our Masonic Charities, and thus add a further practical value to the discoveries he has made. If some of the Grand Lodge Officers would take this matter in hand I feel assured that it would receive the support of the public generally, and particularly that of Freemasons.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

H. T., P.M. 177, P.Z. 619.

DENTISTRY.

OF late years few things have interested the general public more than the progress of dental science, and this for no other reason than the fact that everybody is interested in it. Everybody uses teeth, either natural or artificial, and to such perfection has the production of the latter article been brought, that it requires an expert to detect the difference between good natural and good artificial teeth. Dentals are now-a-days constructed with such skill, and are so comfortable, that the wearer often enters into the allusion that they are a restoration of nature's gifts. This is not surprising, and they are not in the least degree false, when they answer all the purposes for which they are intended, viz., for mastication, articulation and appearance, being made in these respects equal to the natural teeth. There are differences of quality in teeth as much as there are differences of quality in everything else. Perhaps it is this particular position that the dental organs hold in the economy of nature that has held back the science of dentistry from the attention which it always should have had, but which has really been given to it only within the last twenty years. Gradually the Faculty have come to consider the teeth of a value that had not previously been estimated, whilst at the same time the surgeon has regarded attention to these organs as something beneath his care. This has called into existence a number of dental experts who have given their special study to the surgical treatment of the teeth, as well as to the medical applications most useful for their particular care and preservation. But this is only half the battle; with the best care and the most scientific treatment teeth will decay, and the original proprietor is very glad to get rid of them on the easiest terms possible, and here comes in the art and manufacture of artificial teeth. It is this branch of the profession that indicates the special aptitude of the dental surgeon. The minuteness of the parts and the great irregularity of form in teeth and in the mouth, notwithstanding that all teeth and every mouth have and has, a similarity of form in principle, yet the skill of the dentist is elicited in the hairbreadth conformation and fitting of every tooth.

It is a very remarkable thing that special skill in any manufacture seems to locate itself in some particular country; we do not know why it is, but clearly so it is. If we want the finest sword blade we should certainly not go to Sheffield, nor even to Germany, but we should either get a Damascus blade, or one from far off Japan. If we have a valuable diamond in the rough to be cut, it must go to the workman at Amsterdam, and to come to the higher professions there are some operations in surgery that would not be attempted in London, whilst a good confidence of success may be looked for under the hands of a French surgeon. We are not, therefore, surprised that the most elegant system of Dentistry appears to have located itself in America, but let us not be misunderstood, we do not for a moment wish to say that it is necessary to take a voyage across the Atlantic to get a good set of teeth, but we do say that the education of dental surgeons, and the genius of teeth manufacture has become a speciality with the American profession very nearly to perfection, and we feel sure that where points of improvement are found out, they will be promptly adopted by the American specialist. It would not become us as a professional people to speak more strongly on the point than this, but so clearly have we noticed the adaptability in all matters of mechanics, and especially in that quality of the mind that does not store up historical fallacies, or worn out modes because they are old, that we feel sure American science will maintain the foremost place in all dental work. Dr. Geo. H. Jones, F.R.S.L., of 57 Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury Square, London, has sent to us his interesting Pamphlet entitled "Painless and Perfect Dentistry," which is forwarded gratis, and post free to any applicant, and we find by it that he is a graduate of one of the oldest and best schools of Dental Science in the United States of America. Every one who has a tooth should read it. We will not go so far as to say that every one who has not a tooth should read it, because it might make them dissatisfied with their previous experience of dentistry. We have given very close examination to the artificial teeth manufactured

by Dr. G. H. Jones, which are delicate, elegant, and natural in appearance, being artistically coloured to match the natural article as needful for each individual patient. This is little for us to say, so we will add the opinion given by Mr. S. G. Hutchins, Surgeon-dentist to the Queen, who said:—"your teeth are the best, safest, and most life-like; and your system is the perfection of painless dentistry."

Dr. G. H. Jones is an exhibitor at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and, we understand, uses to a considerable extent, in the manufacture of artificial teeth, a mineral spar obtained from New South Wales, and this fact should give Colonists some interest in the matter.—*Australian Trading World*

GOOD SENSE.

THERE is a theoretical side to Freemasonry. There are abstract questions worthy of consideration. The system has a scientific basis, a philosophical and historical character, calling for extended and technical investigations and the application of many rigid tests. There are precedents and habitual formulas, landmarks and teachings of a various order, all of which need to be regarded in representing the Institution and shaping its course. There is likewise a practical side to the Fraternity, having regard both to the system and the organisation; hence there is a demand for good sense in the treatment of its interests, that it may be preserved from the dangers of a dull conservatism on the one hand, and on the other from perils likely to come from enthusiastic theorists and fanatics.

There are those not inaptly denominated "Cranks" in every society, men who have some hobby or pet theory which rules them altogether. This class of people can only do work within narrow lines. It is some single principle or rule which they want applied,—some one line which they want followed out to a determinate result. In Masonry we find this same type of minds; brethren who have but one idea respecting the system, and who would interpret and use Freemasonry according to the pet theory that they have formed concerning it. They are technical, holding always to the letter instead of the spirit, clinging tenaciously to some antiquated word, or form, or practice, as though the very life of the Institution depended upon the retaining of that which has become obsolete or lost its power of usefulness. Good sense would say, "Stand upon the old ways, yet make progress." Men of culture and of broad discernment see this practical side, and they may not be accused of any lack of devotion to Freemasonry, or want of respect for the landmarks and peculiar features that give it character, because they are ready to eliminate some superfluities from the system and adapt it to the best work and largest usefulness. Good sense will not hesitate to purge the Masonic ritual of ungrammatical and foolish forms of words, and do any work of revision that is required to bring out and make more effective the lessons and principles of the Craft, which are its abiding, unchangeable foundation. If Freemasonry is intended for intelligent men, if it is worthy to be called a progressive institution, good sense must be acknowledged as one factor in the forces that are requisite to maintain its strength and point it to the wide fields of a noble service and a large accomplishment. The ancient law must be held in respect; no innovations must be allowed to creep in; but this does not mean that a narrow, technical, and blind conservatism shall bear rule, or that a mere theoretic impulsion shall bar the way to a practical movement approved by the general intelligence and good sense of Craftsmen.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

Messrs. Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, London, have just issued six volumes of a new series of Sixpenny Reward and Gift Books, which are entitled "Junior's Library." Each is bound in boards in a new style of binding in blocked gold and colours. "Honesty is the Best Policy," is an entirely fresh story for boys and girls, by J. Myrtle, with illustrations by H. Leask. "Little T's 'tories," consists of a series of poems for little children by Mrs. J. Fayle, with illustrations by H. Leask and Arthur Hitchcock. Mr. P. H. Hemming, author of "The Sea as a Profession," contributes two excellent tales for boys, entitled (1) "A Soldier's Son; or, Principle before Prejudice," and (2) "The Mulshipman; or, Don't Hit a Man when He's Down," both illustrated by A. Hitchcock. The remaining two volumes are fairy tales by Miss D. Sinclair, entitled (1) "The Fairy Prince and the Goblin," (2) "The Enchanted Princess." Both are illustrated by well-known artists, including the late Richard Doyle.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—"The Governess" was the play chosen by Miss Grace Hawthorne, the new lessee of this theatre, as the piece in which to make appearance before an English audience. This Miss Hawthorne did on Thursday evening with considerable success. Whether the choice of such a melancholy play as this for her opening night was wise we cannot say; we think not. To ensure success with a play of the "East Lynne" type, the artistes engaged must possess talent of an order we rarely see now. "The Governess," from the French of Adolphe Belot, is a drama in a prologue and four acts. As we have foreshadowed, signs of "East Lynne" were at an early stage visible, but the similarity in the leading motive of Mrs. Wood's novel and "The Governess" may be only a coincidence. However, in the piece before us the action is restricted to the repentance of the wife. The author has tried to secure sympathy for the lady who has caused all the misery without offering any excuse for her behaviour. The framework of the piece is weak, and we must get a stronger actress than Miss Hawthorne before we can make such a play tolerable to an English audience. Miss Multon acted imprudently in seeking to re-enter the home over which she had cast so deep a shadow, and she was wrong in allowing her jealousy to get the better of her judgment. In the prologue we are introduced to Dr. Osborne and his sister Arabella, the former of whom has just returned from France, where he has been in attendance on a patient. Miss Sarah Multon is staying with the Doctor, and having expressed a desire to obtain a situation, the doctor, while in France, procures for her one as governess in the family of Maurice de la Tour. At first the lady refuses to accept this proffered offer; her reasons for so doing being her dislike to children; but from the description given of the family by Dr. Osborne, she learns that the children are her own, she having left them and her husband some six years since. After a while she consents to go, and in the first act she arrives at the house of Maurice de La Tour, where she is at once recognised by an old servant, who advises her to leave before anyone else sees her. During the conversation that results, Sarah learns that Maurice, thinking her killed in a railway accident, has married again. She refuses to leave, and on her appearing before her husband, he introduces her to his children, but does not recognise her. Now follows a touching scene; the children, like their father, do not recognise their mother. Six months is now supposed to elapse, during which time Sarah has acted as governess to the children, and has necessarily suffered severely, owing to the peculiarity of her assumed position. During conversations with Mathilde, the second wife of Maurice, she, on more than one occasion, nearly betrays herself. Meanwhile, growing daily weaker, her nerves give way, and she is at last obliged to tell Mathilde who she is. The confession is overheard by Maurice, who informs Sarah that if she reveals herself to her children she will blight their happiness, and he leaves her to choose whether she will tell them or not. This is a severe rebuke, but not wishing to destroy the children's happiness, she leaves for England. On her arrival at Dr. Osborne's house a dangerous illness supervenes, and the doctor seeing she cannot live, writes to Maurice, and desires him to bring the children to see their mother. This Maurice does, but at first he will not let Sarah tell them she is their mother. He, however, at length consents, and after Sarah has embraced them fondly, she dies. The play may be described as sympathetic, more especially in the third and fourth acts, when Miss Hawthorne, who essays the part of the guilty wife, rises to the situation admirably. Her movements are graceful, while she has the invaluable gift of expression. Miss Hawthorne was undoubtedly strong in the pathetic parts, but we should prefer to see her in a more spirited piece than "The Governess." In the course of the play honours were decidedly scored by two young actresses. Foremost of these were Miss Olga Brandon, as Mathilde de la Tour; the other was little Phoebe Carlo, who thoroughly realized a difficult part for so young an actress. Bred to the stage from her infancy, this little lady is quick to perceive the value of correct and telling emphasis. She has a splendid delivery, and made a grand success of the part of the child Jeanne. Mr. Frank Wood was natural as Dr. Osborne, while Mr. George Temple, Mr. Stanislaus Calhaem, Miss Gladys Ffolliott, Miss Queenie Norman, and Miss Lydia Cowell gave the necessary colouring to their several impersonations. Calls were numerous during the evening, and several floral tributes were bestowed on Miss Hawthorne. "A Little Rebel" preceded the piece of the evening, and in this Miss Lydia Cowell disported herself with much brightness and simplicity. This lady received valuable aid from Mr. Frank Wood, who was exceptionally good as Poppincourt.

Surrey.—Mr. George Conquest, the popular manager of this theatre, produced his autumn drama on Monday last, to a house that was crowded from floor to ceiling. "Saved from the Streets," is the name chosen for the piece, and Messrs. G. Conquest and R. H. Eaton are responsible for its authorship. These gentlemen have gone in not so much for original material, as for a collaboration of exciting events which they know full well will please the audience that is wont to patronise the Surrey. As long as they manage to present something startling, and let the contrast between villainous craft and injured innocence be as wide as possible, their patrons are content. It might be difficult to explain how one or two of the more exciting incidents are brought about, but that is not absolutely necessary so long as excitement be forthcoming; the audience is ready both to hiss or to cheer as circumstances demand. After the curtain was raised, it was soon evidenced who were to be the villains, and who the heroes. The well-dressed Amos Haythorne's jaunty bearing pronounced him as thorough-paced a scoundrel as ever figured on the stage, while Dr. Dobell, although but a silent spectator in the first act, has to take his share of the villainy. Also ap-

parent was it that Rob Redburn, an escaped convict, and ticket assistant at Greenwich Pier, would turn out better than his surroundings at first warranted, and materially help to overthrow the wrongdoers. It is shown that Amos Haythorne throws his relative Peter Pepper into the Thames, and accuses Harry Halford of the murder. Harry is arrested, and is sentenced to penal servitude for life. Amos now consigns Harry's wife Edna to Dr. Dobell's asylum, in the hope that she may die there; as by that event occurring Amos would succeed to the property of Mr. Pepper. Edna gives birth to a child while in the asylum, which Dr. Dobell places in the keeping of a woman whom Amos has at an earlier period wronged. Amos, however has the child stolen, but the thief who has been engaged finds two children lying together, consequently he steals both. The children are afterwards seen in Covent Garden Market, and later on at an Industrial Home. Amos manages to get these children from the Home, and conveys them to a cellar adjoining the river, which cellar he swamps, by removing a few bricks from the wall. The water rushes in, but rescue for the imprisoned ones is at hand. As usual in such pieces, villainy is eventually overthrown and virtue triumphant. Several old favourites of the Surrey form the caste, and receive considerable encouragement from their patrons. Mrs. Bennett, as Edna, acted with intense feeling; her scene at Dr. Dobell's asylum was especially good. Mr. T. F. Nye was once more in his element as Amos Haythorne. This gentleman starts on his work with such calmness and dexterity that he well earns the applause bestowed on him. Mr. E. Gurney exhibited considerable power as Harry Halford, while Mr. C. Cruikshanks gave the necessary colouring to the part of Dr. Dobell. Mr. G. Conquest, as Rob Redburn, has a part that does not stand out so conspicuously as some that have fallen into his hands, still he gives a powerful and effective rendering of it. Miss Annie Conway presents with good effect the part of the girl whom Amos has ruined; while the Misses Katie Barry and Marion Humm, give a true and life-like picture of the waifs, who necessarily turn out to be the stolen children. The comical business is well sustained by Mr. G. Conquest jun. and Miss Jenny Lee, who personate a kind-hearted married couple. At the conclusion the authors received an enthusiastic call before the curtain.

Mohawk Minstrels.—The popular interlocutor of this troupe of Minstrels, Mr. Harry Hunter, announces that his annual benefit is fixed for Wednesday, the 27th instant. Mr. Hunter has written 20 songs for the occasion, and will have the assistance of some of the best London variety artistes.

NEW MUSIC.

"So near to me," song, written by H. W. Ingram, composed by Odoardo Barri. London: J. B. Cramer and Co., 201 Regent-street, W.

This song, published in Messrs. Cramer's well-known excellent style, has some very appropriate words, written by H. W. Ingram, and will undoubtedly become popular. Bro. Odoardo Barri has supplied the music, which is both pleasing and catchy to the ear. We feel sure that during the forthcoming season "So near to me" will often be found in requisition at our drawing-room réunions.

Brother Charles Greenwood (son of Brother Charles Greenwood the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey) was, on the 20th instant, unanimously elected and appointed Steward of the Manor of Old Paris Garden, Southwark.

The consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, will take place on Tuesday, the 2nd November. The ceremony will be performed by V.W. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who will be assisted by Bros. Thos. Fenn, President Board General Purposes, as S.W., Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., as J.W., Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacon, as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M. P. Grand Treasurer, is the W.M. designate, and Bros. Thomas Eccleston Gibb and J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., Z., &c., the Wardens designate.

At the Grand Lodge meeting of Mark Master Masons, to be held on 30th November, Bro. John Laurence Mather, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, and a member of the General Board, will be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. We wish Bro. Mather every success, as we believe the rule now followed in Craft Grand Lodge, of electing a new Grand Treasurer each year, should be adopted in the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. The Mark degree is now so flourishing that there is great difficulty in finding offices for worthy and distinguished members of the Order. The position of Past Grand Treasurer cannot but be regarded as honourable in the Mark as in the Craft degree.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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, 23rd OCTOBER.

- 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)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 46—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 79—Pythagoreans, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—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—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
- 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 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)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
- R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moirs, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1741—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Lixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 1269—St. John's, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 253—Tyman, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 340—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 483—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 5573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
- 1040—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1055—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaitington
 1074—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Elkington, Town Hall, Maccleshead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon

- R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, 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)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hopo, St. John's Street, Regent's Park, 3 (Inst.)
 578—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Pige Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 808—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1238—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mars-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
- R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
- 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Leacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
- R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 R.A. 253—Amoribious, Freemasons' Hall, Heekmoudwike
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Grave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Wandon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1168—Southern Star, Phoenix, Staggate, West Ham-road, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Behind Green Road, E. 8. (Instruction)
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 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Mevins' Alley, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1550—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1624—Sir Hugh St. John, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theobald Street) S., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Ben Hotel, Baling, at 8. (Instruction)
 1611—Clarendon Garden, Driffield, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, starting castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—The Royal, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Inn, St. John's-street, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorksire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creason, Wheatstone Tavern, Colman's Row, Saunders Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1959—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
- R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E

- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 75—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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 34—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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 651—Bricknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 78—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 90—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
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 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
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 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 993—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)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Perchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- 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)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistons
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

GLEANINGS.

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MASONIC AIMS.—Aim not so much at high office in the Craft as to be a true Freemason in thine heart. It is not necessary that we all should take office, nor is it possible for us all to do so; but it is of essential importance that every Freemason should prove by his actions that he has not crept into the Craft under false pretences, but that he is really anxious to live its holy precepts, not only for his own sake, but also in order to make himself more useful to his fellow-creatures. A selfish Freemason is a perjured man, in whom I for one could place no confidence, whatever signs or pass-words he may be able to give.—Bro. Markham Tweddell.

WHAT IS MASONRY.—Masonry has no secrets that can injure the world. All its secrets, as an Order, tend to promote the universal good. It is said that an Emperor once built a palace of glass, and placed it on rising ground, so that his subjects might see him in his private life. Masonry does not require this outward display. It takes the simplest of the heart's expressions of secret faith; this is the secret of Masonic strength. The Masonic structure can never die, based as it is on Faith, Hope, and Charity.—New Zealand Mail.

In the Masonic Lodge all are alike, and meet on one common level.

Charity is one of the great principles of the Masonic Order. To be a good Mason a man must be charitable.

A man cannot be a good Mason if he is not loyal to his country and its flag.

The sentence of expulsion is the highest known to our laws; it falls with severity upon the subject of it. It renders him from the date of the sentence Masonically dead. Between him and the whole Fraternity there is a great and impassable gulf. Great care should be taken to see that the offence is proportionate to the punishment—to mete out our judgments tempered with mercy, yet squared by the unerring principle of justice.

The Masonic Bodies in Naples have formed themselves into a powerful Committee to consider the best means to further cremation.

According to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, the Grand Orient of France has 361 Bodies in its allegiance, namely 313 Symbolic Lodges, 35 Chapters, and 13 Councils, which are thus distributed, namely, 67 in the Orient of Paris, 11 in Beaulieu, 229 in the Departments, 13 in Algeria, 9 in the Colonies of France, and 32 in countries outside France and the French possessions. The same authority gives the receipts for the year ended the 28th of February 1886 as close upon 139,857 francs, and the expenses as 139,866 francs.

If a man is not a better man for being a Mason, then he is not a good Mason.

The foundation stone of Freemasonry, and consequently its strength, is a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

Masonry is the only society in the world where men of all nations and all religions can worship around one common altar.

The Grand Master of Washington, District of Columbia, decided that if a brother is an habitual gambler for money he can be dealt with for unmasonic conduct.

A TEMPLE FOR JERSEY CITY.—The committee of brethren appointed in Jersey City, New Jersey, to secure a site for and erect a Masonic Temple, contemplate erecting a three-story building at a cost of about £40,000.

A MASONIC MUMMY.—Freemasons will be glad to hear of the recent discovery in Egypt, by Professor Maspero, of a tomb quite untouched by the defiling and pilfering Arabs, in which a square, a level, compasses, and other implements have been found alongside a mummy. The dead man was an architect, builder, and carver of inscriptions; having control of one-quarter of the cemetery at Thebes. The tomb was very comfortably furnished with linen chests, painted jars, statuettes, and other articles of use or luxury, and contained two sledges for the transport of mummies and sarcophagi.

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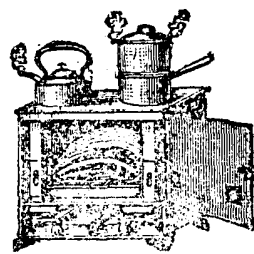
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