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PERHAPS one of the greatest "factors," though not the only one, in the "revival" so to say of English Freemasonry, since the time that Lord Zetland first took the helm of the good ship "The Craft," has been the happy and striking advance of æstheticism amongst us, in respect specially of our Lodge ceremonial and our Lodge assemblies. Time was, how well some of us can remember the day, when our Masonic work was of the roughest, and our Lodge ornamentation of the poorest. We often seemed content then to meet any where and any how. Too often the Lodge was wont to assemble in some little room, barely removed from the noise of the bar or the sounds and sights of a "public." We appeared to consider that it was waste of time, thought, and money to attend either to the dignity of our Lodge work, or the proprieties and even the decorum of a properly arranged Lodge room. Many a worthy man, in consequence as we well know, has been kept out of Freemasonry by the associations which then prevailed, and the general valuation of Freemasons and Freemasonry which was then current in society. Many a mind abounding in intellectual aspirations and rich in archæological lore has been debarred from the "light of Masonry," simply on account of the knowledge and assurance that he could neither, in the arrangements or habits of the Lodge, in the general appreciation of its customary tendencies and proclivities, find anything congenial to his tastes, or in harmony with his sympathies. Too often, and far too often, did the meeting degenerate into a mere "symposium," without good taste, order, or moderation. Now, happily, all is changed. We do not habitually congregate in rooms garnished with nothing but the accompaniments of a public room in a house of entertainment, but when we enter a Lodge room to-day, we behold for the most part on every side of us, mystic tokens and befitting furniture, the many emblems, always needful and often artistic, both of æsthetic taste and Masonic symbolism.

Our Lodges are now duly arranged and carefully ornamented. The old vulgarity of common and unmeaning accessories has vanished, and with that befitting solemnity and seriousness which our ceremonies ever deserve and demand, our ancient rites are duly celebrated, and our time-honoured principles are effectively proclaimed, surrounded by many suitable and graceful illustrations and witnesses, whether of our archaic mysteries, or our well-guarded "Aporreta."

There is always something improving, elevating, and pathetic even, in our Masonic ritual, honestly set forth and carefully enunciated. There is nothing hollow, unmeaning, unrealistic about it, in any measure, in any way. Everything from first to last is characterised by the happily prevailing and predominant utterances of sensibility and truth, of morality and common sense.

At times even the old words we have heard so often, and which are so familiar to us, seem invested for us all with peculiar light, grace and eloquence. Certainly, no truer teaching can be inculcated, no better didactic exhortations can be delivered. If ever they fail in the ideas they suggest, or the moral they convey, it is because the ears of the auditory are not attuned to their harmonies, or their

minds are unfitted for the reception of their appropriate application.

On this head we owe a great debt of gratitude to our older brethren. They have handed down to us, with scrupulous fidelity, the legends, the traditions, the ritual they received from others. If there be slight local differences in verbiage and colouring; if variations exist in particular Lodges or Provincial circles; if some special minutæ are clung to with affectionate reverence here and there, they all practically tend to the same end, and proclaim the same truths.

Indeed these very divergencies rather point to the essential truth of Masonic tradition, than would be the case if we had, as is sometimes proposed, a dull and leaden uniformity.

We cannot too much commend the wisdom and forbearance of Grand Lodge, which has never insisted on stereotyped uniformity, knowing well what evils would inevitably follow from any such commonplace identity of oral utterances, and how speedily it would react perniciously on all Masonic instruction, and eventually assuredly sap the vitality and reality of Masonic life and work amongst us!

Masonic Halls—the outcome of this revived taste for Masonic care, decency, and ceremonial—have been a great help and blessing to English and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and are destined, we fancy, to play a still more prominent part in the Masonry of the future. For not only are they very acceptable to Masonic minds generally, but they seem best to represent the peculiar needs and claims of Masonry, on the interest of the thoughtful, and the sympathies of the cultured. They point to other necessities and further consequences, which we feel sure, as time runs on, will be more and more appreciated and sanctioned by an intelligent and educated Fraternity. Of course, there are difficulties attendant on such a change; but none which zeal and forethought cannot overcome. In all cases where they have hitherto been tried under favourable circumstances, they have succeeded, and tend largely to the comfort and edification of the Brotherhood. Where they have failed, there have been failures, such failure has mostly arisen from secondary causes, often deeply regrettable, often very provoking, because a little common sense and energy might have prevented them. Masonic Halls have too often been the "outcome" of well-meaning enthusiasm, but of limited experience, and those who initiated them had hardly counted the cost, or realized what they meant to do, and above all what they entailed on the Lodge and themselves. Still, let us rejoice on the progress that has been made, and yet is making, on a matter certainly of no little delicacy and difficulty, and let us hope, as we may rest assured, that the future will undoubtedly uphold and validate the self-imposed sacrifices, the praiseworthy labours to this good end of our Brother Masons, both of the present and of the past.

HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

CHILDREN of one family, I wish to speak to you to-day of a subject that is the highest that can be considered by men—that of the Universal Human Brotherhood. This human brotherhood is not the opinion of man. It is a reality; it is a truth. It bears the impress of its own authority. This idea of the love of man for man as

belonging to one family is such that no human being could possibly have invented it, for it does not redound to the selfish benefit of any one man. It is rather the blessing that comes from giving. In this case the truth is not to be made acceptable to man, but man must be made acceptable to the truth. Before we may know the truth we must know what is false. When we know that, then in our hearts we discover that this is a great truth. That is not human brotherhood that thinks we must roll a steam roller of mankind over people and says, "you ought to be my brother; you must be my brother." That will never do. Never will it be possible to bind all human beings together with anything that generates in man's mind.

The one great practical idea of human brotherhood is that it teaches men to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. It is not universal brotherhood that has one fixed standard of man. There can be no standard found in any one man that gives the high ideal that is desired by all men. There is a safe principle of which there can be no question. If we only knew the complete destiny of man we could tell just how far human brotherhood goes. It is not the forcing into man of the idea which he must follow out, but it is interpreting to man what he himself is, in order to diffuse this doctrine of universal brotherhood the world must first be at peace. It is impossible to have it unless there is an absence of hostile feelings. But, again, we must remember that men must not be forced to accept it. They must seek it. Jesus said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He did not call those who were contented with their lot. The little incidents in the life of Jesus show how universal brotherhood is to be worked out in the lives of men.

What is the duty of those who believe in this doctrine toward those who do not believe in it? It is plainly their duty to interpret to these men their destiny. It should be their object to show these people what it is to be men. We must show them their duty as man to man. If we recognise at the beginning that this universal brotherhood is not a fact, not a human invention, then we have gone a great way in the right direction. If a man says, "I love myself first, then I love my family, then my city, then my State, then my country, &c., &c., that is not human brotherhood. It is very true that we are to save our souls. But what is that soul that we are saving? Universal brotherhood is nothing more nor less than harmony with the whole universe. That harmony cannot be gained unless a man loses sight of himself. It is only gained by a complete self-surrender. It is true that all men are sons of God. We are sons of God, and yet we are not such unless we accept that right. There can be no relation between the individual and the universal, unless the individual loses sight of himself and of the individuality of the universe, and views only the grand whole. When a man accepts all these conditions he will always do right. If he follows those principles he will not do wrong. This universal brotherhood is the true religion, for it is made up of the underlying principles of all other religions."—*Babu Mohini M. Chatterji.*

RASH JUDGMENTS.

THERE is nothing in life more valueless than those decisive judgments which most of us so glibly pronounce from hour to hour on men and things. With many people, conversation is a continual expression of conclusions founded largely upon sudden impressions, if not upon complete ignorance. One must be really courageous who would suspend judgment on any matter in these days. Whatever topic happens to come to the front instantly stimulates people, not to search the libraries for information, or to seek solitude for quiet thought, but to quick and comprehensive expression of opinion. Most of these judgments are not only worthless, they are ludicrous and they are evil. They not only involve habitual injustice to the persons and things passed upon, but they vitiate and demoralize the intellectual life. People who have had no art training, and have no data for reaching intelligent decisions, will look at Rembrandt's "Gilder" for ten minutes or less, and forthwith decide upon its merits and rank; people who have no knowledge of the great mediæval myths, and less knowledge of music, will pro-

nounce judgment on "Parsifal" with as much confidence as if such matters had been their special study for a lifetime. Not less sudden and final are the judgments that are passed on other people and their actions. In every community there are men and women whose principal occupation is to sit in judgment upon their neighbours, and to publish their decisions far and wide. The fact that they know absolutely nothing about the motives which impel certain actions, or of the ends to which these actions are directed, does not deter them in the least; on the contrary, their total ignorance of all facts necessary to the formation of an opinion only gives their utterances greater conciseness and certainty. Nothing can be more unjust and misleading than this unscrupulous and ignorant discussion and decision of matters which ought never to be touched without full and trustworthy knowledge. The people whose daily practice is based upon this vicious habit are always resentful and outraged when it is applied to them. Every one who really knows anything about character and life knows that there is nothing more difficult to judge intelligently than the action of another. To give such a judgment value there must be a completeness of knowledge which is rarely attainable. A wise and just man will leave his neighbours affairs and character alone; he will be slow to form an opinion of other people and still slower to express it; he will feel keenly his own ignorance, and the limitations of his own nature; he will understand that for the most part he is here to learn, and not to sit as a judge; and he will be content to wait for knowledge, insight, and a thorough understanding of the perplexed and baffling life in which he has his own difficult part to play.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th ultimo, at the Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, when the following brethren were present:—The R.W. P.G. Mark Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, J. Reeve, L. Cooper, C. Terry, E. C. Knight, C. W. Guille, F. W. Harnett, E. Carr, J. R. Wilmer, F. D. Bull, W. H. Pike, T. Taylor, E. Revill, W. H. Robinson, W. L. Harnett, C. Aveline, J. McCubbin, Bernard T. Fountain, F. R. Harnett, J. Elmes, G. B. Valentine, H. King, H. Roberts, C. A. Bennett, J. Bonser, C. F. Matier Assistant Grand Secretary P.G.W. After the preliminary business, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Williams, was unanimously re-elected. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. L. Cooper	...	...	S.W.
C. Terry	...	...	J.W.
E. Knight	...	...	M.O.
C. W. Guille	...	...	S.O.
F. D. Bull	...	...	J.O.
Rev. T. Oliver	...	...	} Chaplains
Rev. F. R. Harnett	...	...
E. Carr	...	...	Registrar of Marks
J. Williams	...	...	Treasurer
J. R. Wilmer	...	...	Secretary
W. H. Pike	...	...	S.D.
W. R. Parrott	...	...	J.D.
R. King	...	...	Superintendent of Works
T. Taylor	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
E. Revill	...	...	Assistant Dir. of Cer.
J. Line	...	...	Sword Bearer
J. Gladwell	...	...	Standard Bearer
G. H. Charsley	...	...	Inner Guard
J. E. Bowen	...	...	} Stewards
Henry King	...	...

The Prov. Grand Mark Secretary expressed the regret of the following brethren for their enforced absence:—A. McDowall, J. Williams, W. R. Parrott, R. King, J. Line, Rev. — Oliver, G. H. Charsley, and J. E. Bowen. A very excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Revill, and the customary loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, in his usual felicitous manner, making *marked* allusion to the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at Ringwood, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of the P.G.M. the Rev. Canon Portal. The Treasurer's account was submitted. It proved very satisfactory in its character, and Bro. Rastrick was subsequently unanimously re-elected. The Secretary also presented his report on the business of the Province for the past year, from which it appeared that there were 315 members as against 310 last year; fifty-eight meetings had been held compared with fifty-six in the previous twelvemonth; and thirty-five advancements had been effected in comparison with thirty-nine last year. £5 5s was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and £4 4s to the Unity Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge for the day. The following Brethren were next appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. B. Atkinson 381	...	...	Senior Warden
H. N. Jenkins 125	...	...	Junior Warden
Colonel J. Mead 349	...	...	M.O.
R. Dampier Child 320	...	...	S.O.
H. Crisp 305	...	...	J.O.
Rev. E. H. Elers 63	...	...	} Chaplains
Rev. A. M. Walker 63	...	...
R. J. Rastrick 62	...	...	Treasurer
J. C. Ains 140	...	...	Registrar
G. J. Tilling 63	...	...	Secretary
H. Loader 17	...	...	Senior Deacon
F. V. Paxton 62	...	...	Junior Deacon
H. H. Thompson 54	...	...	Inspector of Works
J. Conner 320	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. Berry 63	...	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
H. P. Holley 17	...	...	Sword Bearer
J. W. Boughton 17	...	...	Standard Bearer
H. Pigeon jun. 320	...	...	Organist
R. Cullingford 140	...	...	Inner Guard

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

ON Friday, 22nd July 1887, at the Masonic Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., the Fraters assembled at a Special Convocation, in which the Quarterly Communication was merged. There were present Fraters Roy M. of the T. Hon. 8°, T. C. Walls Deputy M. of the T., Eugene Thiellay I.P.M. of the T. Hon. 8°, Wm. Robert Woodman 9° S.M. Treasurer, W. Wynn Westcott 8° Secretary and Hon. 9°, George Lambert 8° P.M. of the T., Thomas Massa Hon. 8°, S. L. McGregor Mathers 8°, J. J. Thomas, Eugene Street, Rev. T. W. Lemon, H. H. Shirley, William Lake, J. N. Frye, many other Fraters, and George Harrison Assistant Acolyte. The M. of the T. having opened the Temple and formed the Mystic Circle, the chair was taken by the Supreme Magus, Dr. Wm. Robert Woodman, M.D., and a Special Convocation of the Rosicrucian Society of England was constituted. The following eminent Visiting Fraters were admitted and saluted in solemn form:—M.W. Charles E. Meyer 9° S.M. of the United States, Daniel Sutter 8°, Charles W. Packer 8°, John L. Young 8°, John Sartain 8°, Wm. J. Hughan 9° Past S.S.M. England, C. F. Matier P.S.M. of Scotland, J. D. Murray a P.M. of Lancashire, Theodore H. Tilton P.D.G.M. of New York, and H. Lovegrove representing the York College. The minutes of the meeting on 14th April were read and confirmed. The Secretary notified the receipt of 135 apologies for absence, and special letters of regret from R.W. Frater T. B. Whytehead Chief Adept of Yorkshire, Robert Harwood Chief Adept of Lancashire, F. Irwin Chief Adept of Somersetshire, Brockbank Past Chief Adept of Lancashire, Brown Past Chief Adept of Scotland, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, H. G. Buss, J. Ellison Macartney, Magnus Ohren, Dr. T. H. Bulmer Chief Adept of Australia, Felix Gottlieb, Benjamin Cox, Captain Hunter Representative of Scotland, Jas. Lewis Thomas J.S.M., Cathbert Peek S.S.M., and others. V.W. Frater Robert Roy, M. of the T., then rehearsed the ceremony of advancement to the Zelatorship, Frater N. Frye acting as Candidate, V.W. Frater S. L. M. Mathers acting as C. of N.'s, and Fraters Shirley, J. J. Thomas, Street and Murray acting as the Four Ancients, and W. Frater Rev. T. W. Lemon acted as Chaplain and Organist. The S.M. of the United States expressed his great commendation of the skilful and eloquent performance of the Ritual by V.W. Frater Robert Roy, in which sentiment every one present cordially joined. R.W. Fraters George Lambert and Eugene Thiellay were conducted to the chair, and received jewels of honour as Past Masters of the Temple, and each expressed his gratitude at the presentation. The Supreme Magus then conferred the Honorary Ninth Degree upon M.W. Frater C. E. Meyer S.M. U.S.A., Charles Roome S.S.M. U.S.A., Alfred F. Chapman S.S.M. U.S.A., Thomas J. Shryock Treasurer Gen., Charles T. McClenachan Secretary Gen.; and the Honorary Eighth Degree upon V.W. Fraters John Sartain, John Young, Daniel Sutter, and Charles W. Packer.

M.W. Frater C. E. Meyer, in returning thanks, gave an eloquent account of the Order in America, and each of the visitors in turn made a short speech, adding other interesting information. Fr. Sartain narrated the Rabbinical legend of Solomon and the Iron Worker, who claimed the seat of honour among all artificers. R.W. Frater Dr. W. Wynn Westcott M.B., Hon. IX° exhibited his new

work on "the Isiac Tablet of Bembo;" also a large sized Photograph of his Drawing of the same. The Mystic Circle was then dissolved, and the Convocation closed at 7.15 p.m. in ancient and solemn form, and further business adjourned until the 2nd Thursday in October. At seven o'clock the Fraters sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. A long list of toasts was honoured, and there was much discussion of topics of Rosicrucian interest.

Amongst the various uses to which the bicycle is applied, and their name appears to be legion, is the easy means of covering distances by members of the photographic profession. Many of us can recollect, not so long ago, when an order was given by the country Squire to "take" his mansion or a picnic party in groups it involved the employment of a cumbrous van and no end of paraphernalia for the artist to fulfil the task. Of course, photography has made great advances since that time, and so as the "wheel world;" thus, at a few hours' notice, the photographer can pack his *impedimenta* on a machine, and trundle his way to the point aimed at, in about as many minutes as it formerly took hours. Prominent amongst these knights of the lens and camera is Bro. J. Bertolle, of 268 Caledonian-road, N., of whose efforts we have several excellent and highly finished specimens of photography. That of the grand historical church of Chingford, with its ivy mantled tower and walls, and quaint old churchyard, is a unique and splendid work of art. It is useful to know such a professional aide as Bro. Bertolle in cases where groups or special photographs are wanted, without the trouble and expense of providing long beforehand, and we recommend all who may be entrusted in such matters to cultivate the acquaintance of our friend in the Caledonian-road.

In the Church of St. Mark's, Deptford, a beginning has been made, as a Jubilee offering, in the stained glass east windows, with a work from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street. The subject is "Christ disputing," forming one of a series to be eventually carried out.

Obituary.

MRS. HENRY POVEY.

THE sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Povey, wife of Bro. Henry Povey, P.M. and Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, a Founder and Dir. of Cers. of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, will be received with profound sorrow by a very wide circle of Masonic friends. By the active exertions he has made in promoting the interests of both the Lodges named, and more especially in the cause of benevolence, Bro. Povey has earned for himself no mean distinction; and it is well known to every one who has been brought into contact with him that his efforts were most earnestly seconded and stimulated by his wife, who has been taken from him at so early an age. Many brethren will cherish pleasant recollections of the manner in which the late estimable lady exerted herself to make them happy and comfortable when Bro. Povey invited a party of Masonic friends to partake of his hospitality at his residence at Hornsey, and of how much her affability and charming manners were appreciated by the guests on all such occasions. Mrs. Povey, however, had for upwards of two years been suffering from phthisis, to which insidious disease she succumbed, on Saturday last, to the great grief of her relatives and friends. We sincerely sympathise with Bro. Povey in this fresh affliction, his wife having now followed all the children of the family—three girls—to that "Bright Sphere Above." Our condolences will, we are certain, be shared by a very wide circle of our readers, both within and outside the pale of Masonry, amongst whom Bro. Povey has been for many years known as a most assiduous worker, and a genial and hospitable friend.

BRO. GROVE ELLIS.

JUST as we go to press the tidings reach us of the death of this well known brother. Bro. Ellis had been in a sad state of health for the past five years, but his ailments only reached a critical stage some three or four months since. He was a member of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188.

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.

BITTER MASONIC WAR.

OLDEST LODGE IN CONNECTICUT WITHOUT A CHARTER.

THE Masonic fraternity in the state of Connecticut is very much excited over a question of discipline, which threatens to bring about a bitter and prolonged Masonic war. The trouble arose through the refusal of the officers and members of Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, to obey one of the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This regulation provided for a change in the manner of performing a particular part of the secret work, and, though slight, brought the practice of Connecticut Masons upon this point into conformity with the practice of the fraternity in Massachusetts and other jurisdictions. While the question in dispute is of minor importance, and has caused needless dissension among the Connecticut brethren, the matter has now been carried so far that it has become of more than local importance on account of the principles involved.

Hiram Lodge of New Haven is the oldest Masonic body in Connecticut, its charter having been granted under date of 12th August 1750, by Thomas Oxnard, Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, which derived its authority from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England. Consequently, for nearly 137 years Hiram Lodge has upheld the standard of Freemasonry in Connecticut. It is the largest Lodge in the State, and has over 700 members, among whom are many prominent citizens in political and business circles. The warrant for its charter was granted upon the application of Capt., and afterwards Gen. David Wooster, of revolutionary fame, and other New Haven brethren. It was dated at Boston, 12th Nov., 1750. David Wooster was the first Worshipful Master. The following is a copy of the original warrant:

[Seal.] To all and every. The Rt. Worsh. Brothers and Fellows of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing at or about New Haven, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, or that may hereafter reside there; Thomas Oxnard, E-q., of Boston, in New England, Provincial Grand Master of North America, sendeth greeting.

Whereas, application hath been made to us by our worthy and well-beloved brother, Capt. David Wooster, and divers others, worthy brothers now residing in or about the said New Haven, praying that we would empower them to congregate and form themselves into a regular Lodge of Masons,

Now know Ye: That in Consideration thereof, and by Virtue of the Power Committed to us by the Rt. Honourable and Rt. Worshipful Grand Master of England, We do hereby Appoint and Impower Our True and Faithful Bro. Capt. David Wooster to be the First Master of the First Lodge in New Haven aforesaid, and do hereby Order that he summon (as soon as may be) all the Free and Accepted Masons in or about the said Colony of Connecticut (taking especial care that they have been or shall be Regularly made) to meet and together make Choice of Two Wardens, that to them may seem meet, and that the said Lodge shall meet in a convenient place in New Haven aforesaid on such Days as shall be most Convenient, and that the said Lodge do Annually on the Lodge night immediately preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, choose from among their members, one Master and two Wardens to rule the said Lodge, with other Officers necessary to the good order thereof, and further that they strictly keep and observe all and every the Rules and Regulations as contained in the printed book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications), with such other as they may receive from us, or our Deputy Grand Master, or from the Grand Master and his Deputy for the time being, and that the Master and Wardens of said Lodge do transmit to us in writing a list of the members of said Lodge, with the place of their abode and the Stated Days and Place of Meeting. Given under our Hands and Seal this Twelfth Day of November, A.D. 1750, and of Masonry 5750.

By the Grand Master's Command.

CHAS. PELHAM, G.S.

HUGH M. DANIELS, D.G.M.

BENJ. HALLOWELL, S.G.W.

JOHN BOX, J.G.W.

Registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

JOHN MIX, G. Sec'y.

Under this Charter, Hiram Lodge acted until 8th July 1789, when she united with the other Lodges in the State and formed the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Pierpont Edwards of Hiram Lodge was the first Grand Master. The other Lodges which were formed before the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and which united in forming that body, were St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Middletown; St. John's, No. 3, Bridgeport; St. John's, No. 4, Hartford; Union, No. 5, Stamford; St. John's, No. 6, Norwalk; King Solomon, No. 7, Woodbury; St. John's, No. 8, Stratford; Compass, No. 9, Wallingford; Wooster, No. 10, Colchester; St. Paul's, No. 11, Litchfield; King Hiram, No. 12, Birmingham; and Montgomery, No. 13, Lime Rock. These Lodges received their charters from Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, but have never questioned the authority of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Although formed prior to the organisation of the Grand Lodge, they were re-chartered by that body, and thus became amendable to its laws. Hiram Lodge surrendered its charter to the new Grand Lodge, as was necessary, thus expressly placing itself under the control of the state body. But the members asked that they might be permitted to retain their ancient charter under which they had worked for so many years. As a matter of courtesy, this seemingly reasonable request was granted, after the document had been endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, through John Mix, First Grand Secretary of Connecticut. This act of courtesy on the part of the Grand Lodge now arises to plague the Grand Officers, though it is claimed, by those well informed as to Masonic law and practice, that the action of Hiram Lodge in submitting her charter to the Grand Lodge for endorsement, for ever disposed of any claim

that Hiram Lodge might have to work under its original charter independently of the Grand Lodge. The document is still of great value as showing the Lodge to be entitled to precedence as the oldest Lodge in the jurisdiction, and more particularly on account of its historical interest, which, of course, is increasing every year. As stated above, the trouble originated in the adoption by the Grand Lodge of a regulation specifying the manner in which a certain part of the secret work should be performed. This regulation was in accord with similar regulations adopted by the Grand Lodges in other jurisdictions, and which were there obeyed without question. Many of the Lodges in Connecticut were already working in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and it is also stated that the younger members of Hiram Lodge were in favour of conforming to the regulation, preferring the new work to the old. But the older members appear to have been a unit against it, and, as they were in a majority, their ideas were adopted. Atherton L. Barnes was the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge when the regulation was adopted, and he introduced the new work into the Lodge. Though satisfactory to all the younger members, the older members were very much opposed to it, and endeavoured to have the Officers return to the old work. Failing in this, at the next annual election they succeeded in having a new set of Officers elected, dropping several who were fairly in line of promotion. The new Officers were: F. M. Wiser, Worshipful Master; John R. Hutchinson, Senior Warden; and Newell F. Burritt, Junior Warden. The new Officers returned to the old work at once, and disregarded the instructions of the Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Hartford, 19th of January 1887, the matter came up. The following was engrafted into his annual address by Grand Master Henry H. Green, of Danielsonville:

"Information has reached me from a reliable source that the newly elected Officers of Hiram Lodge No. 1, are openly violating the edict of the Grand Lodge," referring to the regulation before mentioned.

This statement of the Grand Master, together with a letter from the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge, in answer to a request from the Grand Master for information in regard to the matter, and also the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master for the New Haven district, that "I recommend prompt action on the part of the Grand Lodge, to the end that the dignity of the grand body may be fully maintained," were referred to a special committee, composed of Past Grand Masters John H. Barlow, Edward B. Rowe and James McCormack. This Committee recommended that the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Treasurer of Hiram Lodge be deposed, and that an election be ordered by the most Worshipful Grand Master to fill the vacancies thereby caused. These Officers were John R. Hutchinson, Newell F. Burritt, and George E. Frisbie, Senior and Junior Wardens and Treasurer of Hiram Lodge, who had acted as Master and Wardens of the Lodge upon the occasion of a visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, C. E. Prince, of New Haven, and had performed the work in defiance of the regulation of the Grand Lodge. The Committee also reported a resolution carrying these recommendations into effect.

Hon. H. Lynde Harrison, of New Haven, a member of Hiram Lodge, who was present as a proxy for its Worshipful Master, strenuously opposed the adoption of this resolution, and endeavoured to have action deferred until the next annual meeting. After considerable discussion the resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Hutchinson, Burritt and Frisbie declared deposed from office.

This action precipitated the conflict which previously had been only a possibility. Notwithstanding the action of the Grand Lodge, the Officers of the Newhaven body declined to consider themselves deposed, and went on as usual performing the work and transacting the Lodge business; and in this they were upheld by the Master and a majority of the members of the Lodge. A very bitter spirit began to be developed, and early in the dispute it became apparent that the leaders in Hiram Lodge were ready to repudiate all authority of the Grand Lodge, and to ignore all its regulations and edicts. This spirit became so manifest, and was so openly expressed in the public press and otherwise, that the Grand Lodge was obliged to take notice of the matter. Soon after the Session of the Grand Lodge, at which the Officers of Hiram Lodge were deposed, the Grand Master issued an order to Hiram Lodge, authorising and instructing them to hold a new election. A copy of this order was served upon the Master and Secretary of the Lodge. This order was read in open Lodge, but the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge refused to take any notice of it. Consequently, at the time named in the order no election was held. Upon receipt of information regarding the action of the Lodge, the Grand Master directed the Junior Grand Warden to have charges preferred against the Worshipful Master F. M. Wiser. These charges were served upon Wiser, and on 18th February he was deposed from office by the Grand Master. Having been informed by members of Hiram Lodge that the vacancies would be filled if the Lodge was given an opportunity, the Grand Master issued another notice ordering an election to be held on the evening of 24th Feb. As there were no Officers, the Grand Master informed the Secretary of the Lodge that he would be present, and preside. Meanwhile Hiram Lodge had taken a firm stand. The Secretary, acting under instructions from the Master, informed the Grand Master by letter that all communications must be addressed to the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge (who had already been deposed) or no notice would be taken of them. The following resolutions, passed by Hiram Lodge, were also transmitted to the Grand Master:—

Whereas the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, in 1885, passed an edict without notice of having changed the due guard of the third degree as always given in Hiram Lodge No. 1, F.A.M., and one of the ancient landmarks of the Order; and

Whereas the Grand Lodge, at its last annual Session, refused to appoint a committee to hear evidence and arguments and to investigate the question whether either or both of the forms of giving the due guard and sign in the third degree and landmarks, but insisted that the only question was whether Hiram Lodge had disobeyed an edict of the Grand Lodge; and

Whereas the Grand Master has wilfully and unlawfully att. k:l

Hiram Lodge, and deposed from office several of its Officers for neglecting to conform to said edict; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, in the opinion of Hiram Lodge, the due guard and sign of the third degree as always given in this Lodge is one of the landmarks of Freemasonry; that the Grand Lodge, in trying to compel "old Hiram" to conform to their edict of 1885, is attempting to change a required landmark and hereby violating its own constitution and the contract and obligation solemnly entered into by and between the Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge No. 1, when it consented to the formation of a Grand Lodge—to wit, "that it is not within the power of any man or body of men to change the ancient landmarks of the Order;" "carefully regarding the old landmarks which are on no account to be removed or defaced;" and that the due guard in question is one of the old and original landmarks of the Order as exemplified for 135 years by Hiram Lodge No. 1, and that the action of the Grand Lodge in refusing to investigate, but assuming that the only question involved is whether Hiram Lodge has violated an edict of the Grand Lodge, no matter what that edict may be, is a dangerous precedent, and subversive of the true interests of Freemasonry throughout the State; that if this assumption of power is correct, then there are no landmarks or anything else in Freemasonry, however ancient or venerated, which may not be changed at will by the Grand Lodge, and the Blue Lodges must obey; that Hiram Lodge has never delegated any such power to any man or body of men, and that in the opinion of the members of "Old Hiram" here assembled we believe ourselves unjustly attacked by the Grand Lodge, that we will stand by her Officers duly elected at the last annual meeting of this Lodge.

Other correspondence was had between the Grand Master and the Worshipful Master and the Secretary of Hiram, the letters of the two latter officials being exceedingly sharp, and explicitly defying the Grand Lodge and its presiding Officer.

On the date named in the second order for an election to be held in Hiram Lodge, the Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Marshal, District Deputy Grand Master F. E. Prince, and Past Grand Master John H. Barlow, visited New Haven. After a conference with some of the members of the Lodge—when the opinion was expressed that the Grand Lodge was right, but that the members must go with their Lodge, right or wrong—the Officers named above presented themselves in the ante-room of Hiram Lodge. They found the door guarded by four men, who volunteered the information that none but members of the Lodge would be admitted. Later in the evening the Grand Master was waited upon by H. Lynde Harrison, Julius Twiss, and James D. Dewell, and personally invited to visit the Lodge. As the Lodge was opened in due form, with the deposed Officers in the chairs, this was, of course, refused. An effort seems to have been made to get the Grand Master into a trap by opening the Lodge before he arrived, with the deposed Officers occupying their respective stations. In this way it was hoped to entrap the Grand Master into recognising the deposed Officers. But the scheme did not work, and the Grand Master, with his suite, remained in the ante-room, contenting themselves with sending a verbal demand for the surrender of the Charter of the Lodge. The meeting of the Lodge was kept up until a late hour, and speeches were made in favour of standing out against the authority of the Grand Lodge and contesting the matter to the bitter end.

The next move was a summons issued by the Grand Lodge to Hiram Lodge as a body, and also to F. M. Wiser, John R. Hutchinson, Newell T. Burrill, George E. Frisbie, William A. Beers, James D. Dewell, Julius W. Twiss, and H. Lynde Harrison, members of the said Lodge, to appear before the Grand Lodge and show cause why the Charter should not be revoked, and the recalcitrant members be expelled from the Order. These charges were served upon those interested by a sheriff, and were to be answered to at a special communication of the Grand Lodge to be held at Hartford, 20th April. Various charges were preferred, as follows:—Hiram Lodge was charged with unmasonic conduct and with wilful disobedience of the order of the Grand Lodge and edict of the Grand Master, and using threatening and defiant language toward the Grand Lodge and toward the Grand Master, with passing resolutions defying the Grand Lodge, with refusing to surrender its Charter when lawfully demanded, with holding communications when its Charter was arrested and its Master and Wardens deposed, with holding a communication 24th February with the deposed Officers in their chairs, and with permitting violent and abusive language against the Grand Lodge and against the Grand Master to be published in the newspapers of New Haven without protest, together with reports of interviews with leading and influential members of the Lodge. Hutchinson, Burrill and Frisbie were charged with wilfully disobeying an order of the Grand Lodge by occupying their chairs after they had been deposed, and with assenting to the passage of certain resolutions against the Grand Lodge. Wiser was charged with wilfully disobeying an order of the Grand Master ordering a new election for Wardens and Treasurer, with presiding after having been deposed, and allowing other deposed Officers to act, and with sending a letter to the Grand Master containing abusive, contemptuous and unmasonic language. Beers, the Secretary of the Lodge, was charged with disobeying an order of the Grand Master, and with writing to him in disrespectful and unmasonic language. Harrison, Twiss and Dewell were charged with supporting Hiram Lodge in its defiance of the Grand Lodge by word and by vote; with advising the Lodge to maintain its defiant attitude, with threatening to form a new Grand Lodge, and with securing the publication of various documents which contained violent and abusive and unmasonic language. The Lodge and the members named were summoned to appear at Hartford, 20th April, and show cause why Hiram's Charter should not be revoked, its funds forfeited, and its members suspended or expelled.

Hiram held a full meeting on 13th April, and voted unanimously to ignore the summons of the Grand Lodge, and ordered the preparation of a secret circular to be sent to all the Lodges in the State. A circular was accordingly drawn up and transmitted to the Lodges,

containing a statement of Hiram's position in the matter. The principal points contained therein were that the Grand Lodge had exceeded its constitutional right in adopting the regulation in question, and had no legal right to attempt to make any "change in the ancient form of work in Hiram Lodge, a form of work promulgated by pioneers of the Order in America, handed down from generation to generation, and sanctioned by many years of use, not only in the Blue Lodges, but also in the Grand Lodge itself." Hiram Lodge relies "upon the established and fundamental principle that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to change an ancient landmark of the Order." The Lodge emphatically declines to consider herself amenable to either trial or punishment by the Grand Lodge, holding that all the action of that body in regard to the matter was "illegal and unconstitutional." In this, Hiram Lodge claims to be opposing the Grand Lodge "as a matter of duty to herself, as well as to the Order generally." The circular states that similar regulations of the Grand Lodge have in the past been disregarded with impunity by other Lodges; and that the singling out of the Lodge for punishment is an unjust and arbitrary assumption of power. The authority of the subordinate Lodges is exalted by the circular at the expense of the Grand Lodge. The charge is made that the action of the Grand Lodge is due to the influence of the life members of that body, and as this is an important point bearing upon the dispute, the extract relating to it is given entire:—

"It is fitting that attention should be called to a peculiar feature of the composition of the Grand Lodge of our State which may possibly serve as an explanation of the rapid strides toward arbitrary and unlimited power which this body has lately taken. There has grown up in its midst an element so strong as to be at the present time almost, if not absolutely, its ruling power, which is non-representative and at the same time irresponsible. Possessing a life tenure, representing nobody but themselves, and responsible to nobody, the men composing this element have managed to secure so potential an influence in the body as to make it at all times practically subservient to their wishes. Against the rule of an oligarchy Hiram Lodge will ever protest, and it now insists that the successful future of Masonry in Connecticut depends upon a more conservative administration of its affairs, and that to this end it is essential that such administration shall be entrusted to a Grand Lodge, acting at all times within its constitutional restrictions and with a purely representative membership, directly responsible to the Blue Lodges of the State." The growth of the powers of the Grand Lodge is severely commented upon, and the present powers compared with those granted by the original constitution. The question at issue is then clearly stated as "whether the Grand Lodge or the Blue Lodges constitute Masonry; whether the creator should in all things become the humble and submissive slave of the created." In closing, Hiram Lodge claims that in seeking to maintain her own right against the encroachments of the Grand Lodge, she is fighting the battle of every Blue Lodge in the State."

In thus ignoring the authority of the Grand Lodge, and especially in the publication of such a disrespectful circular, it is claimed that Hiram Lodge and its members committed a grievous breach of discipline, and that the Grand Lodge could do no less than take decisive action thereon. Nor was the Grand Lodge at all backward in accepting the gage thus thrown out. The action of the Grand Lodge was prompt and decisive. The Special Communication called by the Grand Master was held at Masonic Hall, Hartford, 20th April. There were present nineteen Grand Officers, seven District Deputy G. Masters, nine Permanent Members, and 256 Masters and Wardens of Lodges or their proxies. An address was delivered by the Grand Master, which briefly stated all the facts relating to the case, contained the correspondence, and the action of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge in each instance. He quoted the universal Masonic practice in regard to the formation of new Lodges, but made no recommendations or suggestions as to the action of the Grand Lodge. The charges against Hiram Lodge and the various members against whom charges had been preferred were read, and each in turn called upon to answer. Answers were made in writing, and after a full hearing, all were declared guilty. The following resolutions were passed in regard to the Lodge:

Resolved that the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, be and it is hereby revoked.

Resolved, that all Masonic intercourse be and the same is hereby forbidden with any member of said Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, until he declare his allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and promise obedience thereto. Such declaration and promise must be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, who is hereby authorised to issue a certificate of such filing, and the production of said certificate shall be sufficient evidence of compliance with the resolution.

Resolved, that in the event that a sufficient number of the members of Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, shall present to the Grand Master satisfactory evidence of their loyalty and obedience to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and shall request a dispensation for the opening of the Lodge in New Haven in place of Hiram Lodge No. 1, the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorised to issue such dispensation, which shall remain in force until the next session of the Grand Lodge, unless sooner revoked.

The members against whom charges had been preferred were all declared guilty, and expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except George E. Frisbie, whose case was continued until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on account of certain mitigating circumstances. The charter of Hiram Lodge was revoked by the decisive votes of 221 to 23, while the members were expelled by equally decisive votes, though smaller. Immediately following this action of the Grand Lodge, Hiram Lodge passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, that any member of Hiram Lodge who has or shall declare his allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut while the present controversies exist between Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge, shall by such act be suspended from membership while the

present difficulty exists, or until such member shall revoke his declaration of allegiance to the Grand Lodge."

A great deal of talk has been made by the friends of Hiram Lodge, especially in regard to the possibility of Hiram Lodge forming a new Grand Lodge. But there seems to be little chance of this being done, as other jurisdictions have already voted to sustain the Grand Lodge.

The New York Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication passed a vote sustaining the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in its action. The Grand Master of New York took very strong ground in his annual address in regard to the matter, claiming that the action of Hiram Lodge would be destructive of all discipline, if upheld. Massachusetts has also taken action, and at the last Quarterly Communication the following resolution was passed, after a full presentation of the case.

"That all Masonic intercourse be and is hereby forbidden between the Lodges of this jurisdiction of Massachusetts, or the members thereof, and Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, Ct., formerly under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of that state, the charter of which was revoked by that Grand Lodge at a Special Communication held on the 20th day of April last. It is further ordered that no Masonic intercourse be held between the brethren of this jurisdiction of Massachusetts and any person claiming affiliation with said Hiram Lodge, and that no visitor claiming by, through, or under that former Lodge, be admitted to any Lodge in this jurisdiction of Massachusetts, unless he first produce a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut that he has renewed his allegiance to that Grand Lodge, and promised obedience thereto."

The members of Hiram Lodge have been refused admission into the Commandery in New Haven, and in many ways the edict of non-intercourse has already been felt. It is universally held in this country that "when three or more Lodges that have been formed in any unoccupied territory, even if chartered by different Grand Lodges, decide to sever their connection with their parent Grand Lodge and form a Grand Lodge of their own, that such Grand Lodge has then exclusive jurisdiction of all the Lodges in such territory, and all other Grand Lodges are precluded from exercising any Masonic authority within the said territory." This view is also held by the Grand Lodge of England. A similar case is cited of three Lodges in the Province of Quebec, who refuse to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that Province, but claim to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Most of the Grand Lodges in the United States have declared non-intercourse with the three offending Lodges until they acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It will be seen, therefore, that Hiram Lodge is resting upon a very slim chance of being recognised by the Grand Lodges of other States while under the ban of its own Grand Lodge. The latest move in the matter is the announcement that two members of Hiram Lodge and two of those recently expelled by Grand Lodge have secured a lease of the present Masonic Temple in New Haven, and that consequently the three other Lodges in the city, with the Chapter, Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite bodies, are to seek other quarters, being unwilling to remain as tenants of Hiram Lodge. Another point of interest is as to the standing of the expelled members of Hiram Lodge in the Masonic Relief Association. Acting upon legal advice, the President of that Association has decided that the members, being still in good standing in their blue Lodge, are still in good standing in the Relief Association, the vote of expulsion of the Grand Lodge having no effect upon their standing there under its Bye-laws. The dispute has attracted wide attention in Connecticut on account of the age and importance of the Lodge, and also on account of the standing, politically and socially, of the expelled members.—*Boston Herald*.

THE "OLD PEOPLE'S" SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT.

A NUMEROUS company of brethren and ladies visited the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when the Annual Summer Entertainment was given to the inmates of the Home. Special saloon carriages were provided by the South Eastern Company, at Cannon-street, and as the day was brilliantly fine, the journey, though brief, was most enjoyable. The "Old Folks," looking the very picture of happiness and contentment, were on the tip-toe of expectation, and on the arrival of the visitors there were the usual interchanges of thanks on behalf of the inmates, and of kindly inquiries on the part of the guests, who had been invited to participate in the affair by Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable and much loved Secretary of the Institution. After paying their customary "rounds of visits" to the snug and cosy apartments of the old people, the visitors partook of tea, their comforts and enjoyment being admirably ministered to by Miss Norris, the matron. Then more visits were paid to the annuitants, to whom were given packets of tea and tobacco, presented by the Supreme Council and other friends. The festivities wound up with an excellent entertainment, presided over by Brother John A. Farnfield, given by members of the Savage Club, under Bro. Geoffrey Thorn, interspersed with music, singing, and recitations by many of the visitors. Amongst those who contributed to the pleasures of the evening were Mr. A. M. Barnard, Miss Newton, Bro. J. J. Berry, Miss J. Terry, Mr. James Bain, Mr. Odell, Mr. Lovett King, Mr. P. Wilder, and Mr. J. Wilder. The entertainment passed off most successfully, light refreshments being dispensed during the intervals. At its close cordial thanks were tendered to the Chairman, to Bro. Terry, the "founder of the feast," and those who had assisted him; soon after which the Visitors returned to the station for home, after having wished hearty "good-byes" to the Old People, who expressed in no measured terms their appreciation of the treat that had been afforded them.

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The amusing and characteristic letter of Bro. Jacob Norton, in your last issue, calls for a few remarks from myself, who had the great temerity to express any opinion whatever on a question which has some interest for Masonic students, of whom I have long been one, even before Bro. Norton took up the pen to improve and enlighten us all round.

I confess that in my first letter I was not so precise as I might have been, but in my letter in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 16th July, I ventured to point out what seemed to me to be the only alternatives now to which we are historically and critically reduced.

Either, I said, Letter B is correct, and that in 1731 an election took place *outside* Coxe's Patent, and which was partially covered by what Franklin in 1731 terms the "privileges" of "annual election," or the *Gazette* was correct, and an election took place in 1732, which might either have been inside or outside Coxe's Patent of 1730. Bro. Norton says that Bro. Gould and I are "wide apart" as to the "issue" involved. But are we?

Bro. Gould and myself quite agree that Coxe's Patent was issued, but that there is "no evidence" of his "exercise" of its powers up to date.

Does Bro. Norton agree as to the original issue of Coxe's Patent at all? I should like a distinct answer to this.

I follow Bro. Norton in his averment of doubt as to a knowledge in 1732 of a Patent issued in 1730, but I equally agree with Brother Gould that the Constitution Book of 1738 must have been known in America in due course, and there never has been any repudiation of these two statements that Coxe received a Patent from the Duke of Norfolk in 1730, and that in 1731 at a meeting of Grand Lodge he returned thanks as the Provincial Grand Master appointed under that Patent.

Of course, if the Philadelphian Freemasons, the only brethren of the three Provinces availing themselves of these privileges under the original Patent, elected in 1732, after the expiration of Coxe's Patent a Provincial Grand Master for the first time, the inference naturally is, that they knew of, and acted under Coxe's Patent, whatever reason Coxe had for ignoring his own powers, if he did so ignore them.

But if, on the contrary, they elected, as Liber B says, a Prov. Grand Master or Grand Master in 1731, then they did so outside Coxe's Patent, and it is quite clear they either acted in complete ignorance of it, or as completely passed it by. When I said I did not set much store on the entry of 1731, taken by itself, I said so, because in my researches in Parochial Registers and the like, I know how often entries are posted up after date, and hence how many the errata and anachronisms which occur. It is, of course, evidence *quantum valet*, and has to be taken into account, as it will be seen, unless further evidence turns up. I quite lean to Bro. McCalla's view of the present state of the question, as contained in the *Keystone*, 11th June, as it seems to me, since Bro. Gould's very able summing up of the question, we are perforce compelled to go further back altogether.

If the meeting took place in 1731, then assuming Franklin's words do not in any sense in 1734 refer to Coxe's Patent, and the point involved in "any other year," and that he was still in ignorance of it; then, as a natural consequence, he refers to previous entries and previous "privileges of annual election."

Whence did they come?

To this point I will devote myself in another letter.

One more remark. Bro. Norton fails apparently to see that the gist of Franklin's letter to Price was his universal American powers, as opposed to limited ones, and I venture to think, *pace* Bro. Norton, that if Franklin did know anything of Coxe's Limited Patent, he would very reasonably indeed write to Price, whose powers were seemingly unlimited.

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your paper, containing a letter with the above heading, by "A Student of Bro. Gould's History," of 2nd July, reached me on the evening of 12th July. On the next day I had to leave for New York, and in hurry I omitted something which I shall now supply. My unknown opponent said:—

"The passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of the 26th of June 1732 seems to show that the [Philadelphia] brethren knew of the Patent [of Daniel Coxe] and acted under it."

I, however, merely denied that there was anything in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* to indicate that the said brethren either knew anything about Coxe's Patent or that they acted under it. Now, here is the paragraph from the *Pennsylvania Gazette* above referred to—viz:—

"Saturday last being St. John's Day, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Sun Tavern, in Water Street, when, after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province for the year ensuing; who was pleased to

appoint Mr. William Pringle Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were Thomas Boudé and Benjamin Franklin."

How "A Student of Bro. Gould's History" could discover in the above paragraph any reason for supposing that the Philadelphia brethren in 1732 "knew of Coxe's Patent and acted under it," is more than I can tell. To me, however, it seems that the above quotation not only fails to furnish a shadow of evidence that the Philadelphia Masons of 1732 knew anything of Coxe's Patent, but it strongly shows that they did not act under it, as the following quotation from Coxe's Patent will show, viz. :—

"Know ye that we have nominated, ordained, constituted, and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, ordain, constitute and appoint, our Right Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, the said Daniel Coxe, Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, with full power and authority to nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the space of two years from the feast of St. John the Baptist now next ensuing [that is, from the 24th of June 1730] after which time it is our will and pleasure, and do hereby ordain, that the brethren who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or any of the said Provinces, shall, and they are hereby empowered every other year [the italicising is mine] on the feast of St. John the Baptist, to elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the power of nominating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens."

We see now that Coxe was appointed Prov. Grand Master of the above-named Provinces for two years; his time expired 24th June 1732. Coxe, as well as his successors, was empowered to appoint their respective Deputy Grand Masters as well as their Grand Wardens, but the paragraph in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, shows that the Wardens were not appointed by the then Grand Master, but were "chosen for the ensuing year;" hence they could not have acted under Coxe's Patent. But that is not all. Under Coxe's Deputation the election of the Grand Master was to take place, not every year, but "every other year," or every second year. Coxe's appointment was for two years, and his successors were also to serve for two years, but the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, informs us that "William Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen Grand * * for the ensuing year." Indeed, their records prove that their elections for Grand Officers were invariably annual; hence the paragraph in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, actually proves that the Philadelphia Masons of 1732 did act under Coxe's Deputation.

Looking, therefore, upon the "Philadelphia Claim" from every standpoint, I think that it is now high time to bury that claim side by side with the thousand and one other absurd claims which have been palmed off by Masonic dreamers and unscrupulous charlatans upon the credulity of the Masonic Fraternity, from the period when the Halliwell Poem was written, down to the last Masonic lecture delivered by Bro. Rob Morris.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

The following is copied from an Oration delivered before the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at its Centennial Celebration, by Henry R. Cann P.G.M., and refers to the Philadelphia Lodge of 1731 :—

"There is no evidence, however, that this Lodge obtained its warrant from Bro. Cox. Had this been the case, Bro. Benjamin Franklin would not have had occasion, as was the fact, to seek for confirmation of its authority from Bro. Coxe's successor in office." (See p 139, New Jersey Proceedings, 1887.)

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 14th ultimo, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., Bros. C. Rawley Cross W.M., E. Anstin S.W., G. Higginson J.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. Secretary, A. Hardy S.D., F. Craggs J.D., Woodard Steward, L. Cox I.G.; Bros. T. C. Edmonds, Purdue, Child, Jno. Davies Preceptor, Wiles, Marsh, Hagan, Coombs, Head, Sansom, Benton, Cavers, P. J. Davies, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The first and third sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edmonds candidate. Brother Coombs was elected a member.

On Thursday, 21st ultimo, Bros. E. Austin W.M., G. Higginson S.W., T. H. Wood J.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. Secretary, C. Coombs S.D., Jennings J.D., Cavers Steward, Wiles I.G., Spiegel P.M., Sims P.M., R. H. Rogers P.M., Jno. Davies Preceptor, Dresden, Stroud, Cox, Benton, L. Cox, Woodard, Breitbart, Sansom, Lichtenfeld and Stonnill. Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the first section was worked. Lodge resumed to first degree, when the second, third and fourth sections were worked. Bro. E. Cox, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, was elected a member.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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3.—THE PATENT OF STEPHEN MORIN, 1762.

A VERY important question in the annals of the A. and A. S. Rite arises out of this great landmark in its history, and also in respect of the vexed question of the High Grades. The common view of the High Grade History has long since been exploded by the labours of the Authentic School.

Masonic writers have failed really to give the subject fair treatment, and have egregiously blundered, for some reason or another, when they have affected to deal with its history and its development in the world of Masonry.

A priori, it might have struck them, despite their obvious party spirit, and ignorance of the facts of the case, that this sudden rise of a world-wide system was due to some antecedent causes of which they had not found the clue.

The more the subject has been calmly investigated, the earlier do we find traces of the Scottish Rite, though a veil of mystery still hangs over its actual birth and early origin.

The old worn-out theory, which ascribed everything to Ramsay, must now be given up, as it is all but certain that he left Masonry in 1737, and, dying in 1743, certainly had little, and most probably nothing to do with the "Eccossais" movement. Indeed, it is somewhat doubtful now whether he ever delivered the famous so-called Oration at all, and if this be so, a whole superstructure of charming nonsense crumbles away at once. Hence we are thrown back on the "Eccossais" and on "Eccossisme," and it is in this respect that Stephen Morin's Patent becomes so important when we seek to master the true history of the Chivalric Grades.

For if in 1762 the system was so formed as to be truly represented by the Patent in question, it throws back the High Grades by the common laws of evidence to a period synchronous with the early beginning of modern Craft Masonry, the history of which is still in great confusion, and even probably to an earlier period of Hermeticism and Occultism.

One grand difficulty at starting we have to contend with is, the absence of the original Patent. Several incorrect copies since 1812 have been given of it, notably Thory's, and even Kloss's, but the most reliable one undoubtedly is the one certified in 1877 by our eminent Bro. Albert Pike, from Delahogue's copy at Charleston, in the possession of the Supreme Council of the Southern States of America, and even remarks have been made, on Delahogue's copy, but which it is needless here to allude to.

This seems to be the most exact copy of the original, and this copy differs from all others hitherto published, both as to names and verbiage.

And here comes in the real point in dispute, which though apparently trifling in itself, is very important when we seek to write a history of the A. and A. S. Rite.

From what body did this Patent emanate?

There is no doubt that a Patent did emanate to Stephen or Etienne Morin from some body.

Some say, as Findel and Kloss and Thory, from the Grand Lodge of France. Some of our later French writers from the Grand Lodge of France and the "Conseil des Emperours." Others, like Daruty, from a High Grade Lodge of Perfection, the Respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, the foundation on which the "Conseil des Emperours" was built up.

Kloss, misled by an entry in the Minute Book of a Lodge at Frankfort, assumes, as Thory propounds, that the "Eccossais" had got the upper hand in the Grand Lodge de France, and hence in 1762 this Patent, when a Prince of the Blood, the Comte de Clermont, was Grand Master. But the use of the Grand Master's name is one thing, the fact that it issued from the Grand Lodge of France quite another.

That Grand Lodge over and over again alike protested against the "Eccossais," and declared simply for the Three Degrees. Both early and late it used the same words, and never by any chance called itself the Respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, but always La Grand Loge de France.

The code of laws mentioned by Kloss is "sealed by the mysterious seal of the Loge Eccossaise," which ought to have put him on his guard, but he was misled by the idea of Thory's—the domination of the Grand Lodge of France by the "Eccossais," and to which Kloss himself alludes somewhat sceptically in one passage. The G.L. of France had its own seal, and never sealed with any other. In 1757 the Conseil des Emperours based itself on "the Grande et Souveraine Loge de St. Jean de Jerusalem établie à l'Orient de Paris;" but this was an amplification of the body formed in 1753, which Thory mistakenly declares to be the Grand Lodge of France.

Kloss reading a 1761 version of these rules in the Lodge Bund a de Treue Wahrheit, at Frankfort, adopts Thory's views, and makes them the laws of the Grand Lodge of France, whereas they are only the laws of the Respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, a purely High Grade body, self-existent and self-governed. There is no known (so far) any other French copy of these rules in existence, and both in their idea, framework, and tendencies they are purely "Eccossais," and have nothing to do with the Grand Lodge of France.

To account for the existence of the High Grades, Thory has ingeniously put forth this idea of the predominance of the Eccossais element and the Grand Lodge. The wording of the Patent shows the contrary to this, as I will point out in another paper, and I will only add to-day that Daubertin, who signs the Patent, not as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of France, but as Grand Secretary de la Grande Loge et Sublime Conseil, &c., was not Secretary then of the Grand Lodge of France.

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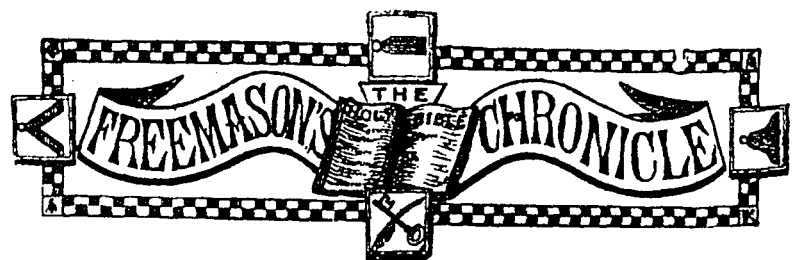
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

ON Wednesday evening last the Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Comp. J. M. P. Montagu as M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as G.H.,

Rev. H. A. Pickard as G.J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Emil E. Wendt, D.C.L., G.S.N., Baron de Ferriers G.P.S., Rev. Dr. Smyth 1st G.A.S., George Cooper 2nd G.A.S., Frank Richardson as G.D.C., and many others. The minutes of the last Communication having been confirmed, the Report of the General Purposes Committee, full details of which appeared in our columns last week, was, on the motion of the President, Comp. R. Grey, seconded by Comp. Letchworth, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Petitions for Chapters to be attached to six Lodges—viz., at Banbury, Rochester, Clevedon (Somerset), Swanage, Canton (China), and Cardiff were granted, and the Comps. of the Chapter of Concord, No. 124, Durham, were authorised to wear a centenary jewel, that Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years. The memorial for the removal of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, from Freemasons' Hall to the Holborn Restaurant, was also agreed to. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke reminded the Comps. that at the recent Jubilee Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, was pleased to grant special rank of honour on a large number of Officers. As First Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter of England, H.R.H. had now been pleased to declare that those brethren appointed as Past Grand Craft Officers should have Past Grand rank in Grand Chapter, provided, of course, that they were duly qualified according to Royal Arch regulations. He then announced, by His Royal Highness's command, the names and ranks of those Companions on whom he had conferred Past Grand rank, as follows:—

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Four of the above named being in attendance, viz.,

Comps. Driver, Colonel Haldane, C. F. Matier, C. F. Hogard, with A. A. Pendlebury, were invested, and took their seats on the dais. This concluded the business of Supreme Grand Chapter.

THE BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter took place on Thursday, 14th July, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, City. Companions J. Wyer M.E.Z., Seaman H., Bolton J., Bond P.Z. S.E., Hakeman P.S., H. Thompson P.Z., Pridmore P.Z., and Visitor Companions Beaufort 1624 and Wills 2; besides several other Companions. There were two propositions for exaltation upon the agenda, both members of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, but these candidates were unfortunately prevented from attending. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Convocation were read by the S.E. and confirmed. Two additional propositions for exaltation at the next Convocation having been made, and there being no other business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banqueting room, the M.E.Z. presiding. The fare provided by Companions Wood and Romain was of the usual quality, and well served. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual Royal and Arch toasts were given and responded to. Companion Bond P.Z. S.E., in proposing the health of Companion Wyer M.E.Z., said it was to be regretted that they had not had the opportunity of seeing his working in the exaltation of the two candidates whose names appeared on the summons, but, unfortunately, one of them was away on a journey, while the other was prevented from being present from other causes; but at the next meeting it would be seen that his hand had not lost its cunning, as he would have to exalt four Candidates into Royal Arch Masonry. He (Companion Bond) hoped that the day was very far distant when they should miss his genial and happy face from their assemblies, for his heart and soul was always in Freemasonry. The M.E.Z. thanked the Companions for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast proposed by Companion Bond, and he thanked him for the very kind words he had used in making that proposition. He was sorry for the absence of the exaltees, but at the next meeting there was no doubt they would be present. The next toast was that of the Principals H. and J., and the Past Principals of the Chapter. Companion Seaman returned thanks on behalf of the Principals H. and J., and Companion Thompson was called upon to reply on behalf of the P.Z.'s. He said he regretted that Companion Seaman had not been called upon to return thanks for this toast, as he was the senior P.Z. present; but that night he had temporarily occupied a different character, and had spoken for the acting Principals. At the same time he (Companion Thompson) begged most gratefully to acknowledge the kind words in which the M.E.Z. had been pleased to propose his health. He had also to thank the Companions most sincerely for the manner in which they had endorsed his observations. From various causes, and amongst them an illness of the most serious character, he had been prevented from coming amongst them to return personally his grateful thanks for the uniform kindness he had always received at their hands, and finally for the high honour which they had been pleased to confer upon him by placing him upon that list which he looked upon as to be highly valued by whoever might be put in a position to receive it. At their initiation, on being invested with the Masonic badge, they were reminded of several honourable distinctions; but he believed that they faded into insignificance to that honour which he had received at the hands of the Companions of the Beadon Chapter. Although he had been many years a Mason, and during that time had occupied the position of Master of two Lodges, he could sincerely and conscientiously say that during the whole of that time he had never received more of that true and real brotherly affection than he had always received from the members of the Beadon Chapter. He had the honour of following Companion Wyer, their present M.E.Z., in the chair, and it afforded him great pleasure to see him again occupy a similar position. Without detaining them longer, from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him. In reply to the toast of his health, Companion Bond S.E. said he would do everything in his power to bring back the Beadon Chapter to its former position. Some other toasts were given, and a most harmonious meeting was brought to a close in the usual manner.

A typographical error occurred in our report of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey, held last week, at Croydon. In the list of Prov. Grand Officers, the name of Major Gordon appeared as having been appointed Grand Sword Bearer. It should have been Major Godson Godson (late 4th Batt. D.C.O. Middlesex Regt.), P.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 69, and of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, and J. of the Dorking Chapter.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

THE rules, regulations, and list of members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, corrected to the end of last month, have just been issued from the office of the Secretary General, 33 Golden Square, W. The rules, &c., are for the Government of the Degrees from the 4th to 32nd inclusive, under the Supreme Council 33°. Designations are given of the several Degrees, as well as the bye-laws of the Degrees from the Fourth to the Twenty-Ninth inclusive, together with a vast amount of valuable information exclusively interesting to

the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. A chronological list appears of members of the Supreme Council, and the charitable donations given by them during the last twenty years, which amount in the aggregate to £2,834 13s. To show the progress made by this branch of the Order, it may be noted that whereas in the year 1857 the small sum of twenty pounds only was voted in charity, last year it had increased to £202 12s, a very substantial advance, showing that the Rite is keeping pace proportionately with other sections of the Masonic Fraternity. Full lists are appended of the members of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, London, and of the various Chapters in the Provinces, as well as an alphabetical list of the members of the several Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as copied from the Register. The work is well got up, in a cover of red and gold, and contains all the information necessary for the use of members.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

MINUTES have been published of a Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 3rd of March last, when there was a large attendance, under the presidency of Right Worshipful Bro. J. I. Miller. The Brethren and Visitors having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, the District Grand Master, accompanied by Bros. C. Thorne P.D.G.M. Northern China, C. H. Dallas, P.D.G.M. Japan, and a goodly array of District Grand Officers, entered, and was received with honours. After the usual formalities, the circular of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, regarding Her Majesty's Jubilee, was read, and the District Grand Officer, in reply, reminded the brethren that, on taking leave of them at their last regular Communication, he wished them all health, happiness, and prosperity till they met again. He did not then expect the event would so soon occur, but the importance of the circular which had been just read led him to call them together that evening. They were not only in heart, but by their obligation, true and loyal subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and that feeling towards the Sovereign met a ready response in all their breasts. At their last meeting the D.J.G. Deacon Bro. Wingrove proposed that an Address should be drawn up to congratulate Her Majesty on the occasion of the Jubilee of her reign. A Committee was appointed, and that Committee had not been indolent, having made progress in carrying out the resolution. He (the speaker) thought that they who were so far distant from their native land should gladly unite in responding to the suggestion of the Pro Grand Master, and thus be in accord with their brethren in other parts of the world in testifying their sympathy with the event which it was proposed to commemorate. He did not then propose to bring forward any resolution, his object in convening the meeting being to call their attention to the circular he had read, so that the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in the District might lay the matter before their brethren as early as possible. Referring to the then contemplated gathering of English Freemasons at the Albert Hall, he said they in China would not have the opportunity of attending that meeting, but they could testify their common feeling with that assembly by recording their names and contributing to the proposed Imperial Institute; and he was sure every brother would be proud to wear the medal commemorating the Jubilee of our Sovereign's reign. He mentioned that the subscriptions were limited to one guinea, which placed it within the power of every brother to contribute, which he was certain would be freely done with cheerful hearts. Bro. C. Thorne P.D.G.M. thought they should all feel gratified that the Pro Grand Master had addressed his letter to them, so that they as members of English Freemasonry might have an opportunity of joining with their brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England in showing their earnestness to commemorate the Jubilee of the Queen. He was sure they would willingly unite in the manner the Earl of Carnarvon had suggested, as by so doing they would also comply with the desire of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in assisting to establish an Imperial Institute, which would not only mark the Jubilee, but tend to bind closely India and the Colonies to the Mother Country. The appeal from the Pro Grand Master was not addressed to the Lodges, but to individual members, and no doubt it would be enthusiastically responded to. They were told that the lists containing the names of subscribers on this interesting occasion would be bound together and placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England; that might therefore induce some of them to inscribe their names upon those lists. From his knowledge of the Freemasons of Northern China, he was certain they would be amongst the foremost in the expression of loyalty to their beloved Queen. The Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Kingswell, said he had attended an emergency meeting of the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang, where the letter from the Pro Grand Master had been most cordially received and subscribed to by nearly all the members of the Lodge. At the present meeting, and in the absence of Bro. Wingrove, whom he had been asked to represent, he might say that already one Shanghai Lodge had already taken the matter in hand. Bro. G. M. Hart W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, said his Lodge had taken the matter into consideration, but there was an idea amongst some of the members that the resolution passed at the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge relative to a congratulatory address to Her Majesty might be abandoned, and it was decided to defer further proceedings until after this present meeting had been held. The District Grand Master reminded all brethren that the record of that resolution had already gone home, and it would show that even in that far-off land the great event of the year had already occupied their thoughts. He requested all Masters of Lodges to impress upon the brethren working under their direction that the matter brought before them that evening was of a very special character—one which was unlikely to occur even once in a lifetime. They could not, either in courtesy or good feeling,

depart from the original proposal respecting the way in which they should show their loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty; and, hoping that the Pro Grand Master's suggestion would be worthily carried out, he appealed to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of all Lodges to show their appreciation of this resolution, and do all in their power to forward in a fitting manner the proposal for the Jubilee Institute in commemoration of the 50th year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign. Bro. Baird S.W. of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, promised that the two proposals should be brought before that Lodge at an early date. The District Grand Master again rose, and said the proposal of the Pro Grand Master was urgent, and as the regular meetings of the Royal Sussex and the Tuscan Lodges did not occur for some time, he would suggest the advisability of their calling emergency meetings, as if the matter were not taken up promptly they would cool in the good work. The Doric Lodge had acted with praiseworthy promptitude. Bro. Thorne pointed out that this special commemoration, wherein they joined with those in England, should not supersede, or in any way interfere with, the intention they had already expressed—to prepare a separate Address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to be forwarded from the Fraternity working under the English Constitution in the District of Northern China. It was probable there might be some amongst them who, although at the time were not subscribing members to any Lodge, might wish to show their feeling of loyalty by joining in this Address, and he thought that they, where known, might be invited to do so. Bro. Lalcaea P.D.G.W. observed that it would take a long time to get a reply from the Tientsin Lodge, and asked if steps had been taken to lay the matter before them. The District Grand Secretary, Bro. G. M. Hart, said he had forwarded the papers by the first steamer, considering that the most expeditions and best means of getting them to Tientsin at the earliest possible date. Bro. C. H. Dallas P.D.G.M. of Japan, speaking as a private member of the District Grand Lodge, said he was sure all would agree with the remarks of the District Grand Master. The subject under discussion was one for individual members, and he hoped that Masters of Lodges would not confine their attention only to those members who should attend the meetings, emergency or otherwise, at which the Pro Grand Master's letter was considered. He thought great credit was due to the Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge for having gone round and called on the members; and those who did not take part in the Address, &c. would regret it afterwards. Several letters from brethren, regretting their inability to attend the Communication, were read, and District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, with prayer.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Saturday last, the 30th ult., at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., &c., in the unavoidable absence of Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec., through illness, was the Consecrating Officer. Brother J. Terry was accompanied by Brothers Dr. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., Lord John Taylour D.P.G.M. Hants, R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplin, J. L. Mather P.G.D.C. and James Willing P.M. 1507, &c. Punctually at 3:30 the Consecrating Officer entered the Lodge, being warmly received by a large number of brethren. Bro. Terry at once proceeded with the work, in grand style, being ably assisted by the other Grand Officers, Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson delivering the oration in a very masterly and effective manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony Brother W. A. Scurrah, Past Master 2048, P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, W.M. designate, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Terry, in his well-known and faultless style. The W.M. in turn appointed and invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Thom S.W., Fraser 1604 J.W., Lewis S.D., A. Nottingham J.D., Langley I.G., A. Hearne D.C., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, &c. Treasurer, A. H. Scurrah 2048 Secretary, Whiting P.M. Tyler. At the conclusion of the work a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry and the other Grand Officers for their attendance and assistance; regret, at the same time, being expressed at the absence of the Grand Secretary. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation and one for joining. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, where an excellent dinner had been provided by the worthy and esteemed host, Brother W. P. Warner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and enthusiastically honoured. Bro. Terry proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The toast was warmly received and enthusiastically honoured. Bro. Scurrah, in reply, said Bro. Terry has stated that I am a very young Mason; that is quite true. When I entered the Craft I resolved to do the thing thoroughly, for I do not believe in being half-hearted in anything, and I well weighed in my mind what I was going to do, determining that I would do my duty towards the Craft. I believe, as I hope all of you believe, that Freemasonry is the greatest Institution under the sun; it brings its members together, and binds them in bonds of affection, or it should do, and I believe it does in the great majority of our brethren. We have three great Institutions, which all good Masons should be proud of, and which we should heartily support. I have always done the best I could to support these noble Institutions, of which we are so proud, and I shall not be backward in this respect in forthcoming years. Brethren, I thank you very heartily and sincerely for your kind expressions, and I can assure you that so long as life lasts, and health permits, I will endeavour to do my best for the Hendon Lodge, and I trust we shall never hear any one say that it was a mistake it was ever founded. We have heard it stated that the founders had good judgment and foresight, and that they were right in their surmises that the Hendon Lodge would be one of the most successful ever formed. I hope it may prove so. Other toasts followed, the W.M. taking the opportunity of giving a word of praise to his Officers, all of whom are well up in the ritual of the Craft. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Knight

P.M. 1507, Edmonds W.M. elect 1507, E. Storr P.M. 167, Dickey P.M., J. Smith P.M., Dr. Goodchild Camden Lodge, Warden Strand Lodge, J. Westerby P.M. Cripplegate Lodge. The musical arrangements were excellent, and reflected great credit upon Bro. John Reed P.M. P.G. Organist Middlesex, who was well supported by Bros. H. J. Dutton, A. Lawrence Fryer, and Henry Prenton, four really good vocalists. The Lodge-room was decorated by Bro. W. P. Warner, in most appropriate style. The founder's jewel, by Bro. Kenning, is one of the prettiest we have seen, bearing the arms and motto (pro rege et patria) of the W.M., supported on each side by the Hendon crest. The arrangements made by the host were excellent, general satisfaction being expressed. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The Lodge, although the youngest in the Craft, bids fair to be a successful one.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—The run of good fortune that has attended the productions at this house of late is not likely to receive a check from "The Bells of Haslemere." Care is invariably exhibited by the Brothers Gatti to make their plays as complete as possible, and this latest effort proves no exception to the rule. The mounting is of the best, and some of the scenes are intensely realistic. The drama, in four acts, by Messrs. Henry Pettitt and Sydney Grundy, is built on the old familiar lines of Adelphi productions, the ideas being anything but new. But the authors have written the piece so well that it keeps the interest sustained. The first and second acts are very conventional, but the third, the scene of which lies in America, is more original. The final act is the weakest; too much time is taken up before the hero's rights are satisfactorily established. This is a fault that should be amended without loss of time. Another objection we have to urge is, the lack of female parts. In neither of the acts is there much scope for the ladies, while in one the heroine does not appear at all. The comic business is fairly good, but the success of the piece will, we are assured, result from the third act. Squire Frank Beresford, as straightforward and kind-hearted a man as you could desire to meet, is suddenly told by his father's trustee that the old Manor House has been mortgaged to the last acre, and that a London financier is about to realise. The writ is served on our hero on the morning the play opens, and after bidding farewell to the villagers, Frank departs for London with the hope of getting a living. After a time he returns to Haslemere, having met with no luck in The Great City. During his absence the new squire, John Silkstone, has not been idle. He has made improvements in the village, with a view to win favour; nevertheless, he is universally disliked. Moreover, he has made Matthew Brookfield, a miller, believe that it was Frank's fault that Mary Northcote who was engaged to the miller, had left the village so mysteriously, the real cause, however, being that she had recognised in Silkstone her former husband, long since reported dead. During Frank's stay in Haslemere, Evelyn Brookfield, who had refused him when she supposed him rich, promises to marry him. Among visitors to the village is a Captain Vere, who hearing of Frank wanting a situation, offers him one, to go to America, there to buy goods to ship to London. Frank eagerly accepts this offer, not knowing the concern he is about to represent is a kind of "long firm," designing to pass forged American bills. Act III takes us to a plantation in America, where Frank is basily engaged buying and shipping goods. Here also is Haslemere's comic blacksmith, who has come out with Frank; also John Silkstone, who is trying to make out that Frank is a swindler; and Captain Vere, who is watching how his scheme is working. Our hero is staying at the house of an Irish settler, whose daughter, Norah, tries to make up to Frank, but he remains true to his love in England. When the mail arrives, bringing the forged bills to pay the accounts, Frank innocently gives them to the planters, who in due course discover they are forgeries. They make a rush for Frank, and try to lynch him, but with the help of Norah and an old negro he escapes. After a long journey down the river, the fugitive arrives at a place known as the Cane Brake, where he finds Captain Vere dying. From him he learns that the mortgage deed on his property is a forgery. Leaving Vere for dead, Frank tries to find his way out of the swamp, but, stricken with fever, he is in the point of giving way, when he hears two pistol shots, the signal that he is seen on board the steamer that is to save him. We are now led to suppose that by this means he is rescued. This weak termination to such a strong act is to be regretted; something more substantial than a mere shot is wanted to bring the act to a satisfactory close. Once more in England, we find Silkstone quarrelling with Thorndyke, who has helped him to his present high position. Hearing that Frank is back, Silkstone gives information to the police, who go in search of him. Silkstone also encounters Mary Northcote, who threatens to give explanations in regard to a certain forgery he has committed. Silkstone, not to be outdone, tries to throw Mary into the stream, but is discovered by Frank. He then returns to the Manor House, where Thorndyke is awaiting him. After a dispute about dividing the rents that have been collected, the latter shoots Silkstone. Captain Vere, who was found by some one in the swamp and rescued, turns Queen's evidence, with the result that Frank obtains his rights. The acting of Mr. William Terriss as the hero was both manly and vigorous. His soliloquy in the third act was given with force and feeling. Mr. Charles Cartwright gave a fresh colouring to a commonplace scoundrel, while Mr. J. D. Beveridge (John Silkstone) and Mr. John Beauchamp (Thorndyke) were equally good. Mr. Sidney Hayes was effective as the Miller, and Mr. E. W. Garden and Miss Clara Jecks made the most of the comic parts. Miss Millward gained the sympathy of the audience for her careful acting as Evelyn Brookfield, while Miss Annie Irish was fair as Mary Northcote. Miss Helen Forsyth made a

fascinating Norah Desmond, while Mr. R. Courtsidge was humorous as the father. The other parts were in good hands. Praise is due to Mr. William Sidney for the careful way he has put the piece on the stage. In conclusion we would suggest that Messrs. Gatti, now they have another success, should look after the comforts of their earlier patrons, in the way of providing a better curtain raiser than the well-worn one "A kiss in the Dark."

Comedy.—The revival of Mr. F. C. Burnand's comedy, "The Colonel," which lately took place, was not productive of much that may be considered noteworthy. The piece is in no way altered from when it was last played. The worn out æsthetic style still prevails throughout. This is a mistake; not only have people got tired of such absurdities, but were greatly pleased they had been dropped. Still, we have "The Colonel" again amongst us, with the ridiculous attitudes, and we are afraid the piece will be the means of once more making the æsthetic style popular, not, however, to such an extent as before. On Monday Mr. Burnand's comedy went with plenty of spirit, but was marred by the faults mentioned. Why not have dropped the æsthetic style altogether? But one member of the original company takes part in the revival; Mr. Edgar Bruce, however, has portrayed Colonel Woodd before. He makes the part exactly what it should be, viz., a cool American gentleman, not serious, but at all times ready for fun when unaccompanied by danger. Mr. William Herbert assumes his original part of Mr. Forrester, with credit to himself. Mr. Bassett Roe's interpretation of Lambert Strayke is hardly the correct one; nevertheless he is effective. Mr. Frank Wyatt did well in the small part of Romelli, Mr. Cecil Crofton made but an indifferent lover, while Mr. Sidney Harcourt was out of his element as Giorgione Basil. The best of the ladies was Miss Helen Layton, as Mrs. Forrester. This lady wore her æsthetic dresses well, while her attitudes and melancholy behaviour were capitally developed. Miss Susie Vaughan was weak as Lady Tompkins, but Miss Agnes Verity made a vivacious Nellie. Miss Violet Melnotte has yet to learn how to command her voice, while her style is entirely unsuited to the part of Mrs. Blythe. Other parts were taken by Mr. Harry Charles (Parker), Mr. Philip Cuninghame (Mullins), and Miss Maud Merrill (Goodall). The calls at the conclusion were hearty, but we hardly think "The Colonel" will attract during the hot weather now prevalent.

Professor Crocker's Equirationals, a troupe of sixteen trained Arabian horses will appear at the Avenue Theatre, on Monday, 15th August, under the management of Mr. W. W. Kelly. The animals are said to be the most advanced, in respect of intelligence, ever exhibited in public, or known in private.

On Tuesday the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England, presented the address of congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee, which was passed at the Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, the 13th June last. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. the Earl of Lathom Dep. G.M., Prince Albert Victor of Wales S.G.W., Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) G.D. of C.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Portsmouth, on Monday, 15th instant, at 1.30 p.m., and at 4 p.m. a banquet will take place.

Bro. Æ. D. McKay, an old member of No. 27, Hamilton, has returned from Central America, where he has been for the past four years. He says the Craft is now in a prosperous condition there. A large number of Lodges, both black and white, are working under the English Grand Registry.

On Monday evening, 30th May, the brethren of Bismarck, Ontario, dedicated their new hall. It is a very neat room, and well furnished. R.W. Bro. R. M. Stuart, with the assistance of W. Bros. Anderson, Payne, Middleditch, and Bros. Broderick and Thatcher, from Ridgetown, and other Visiting brethren, dedicated the hall. Bro. Payne exemplified the third degree in a very attractive and skilful manner. A banquet followed.

The Cross is not distinctively a Christian symbol. It has been found on all the oldest remains of the works of man.

A meeting of the joint committee appointed by the various Masonic Lodges of Hamilton, in response to a request by the managers of the Queen's Jubilee Celebration, was held on the 3rd June. After due consideration, it was deemed inexpedient for the Order, as such, to participate in the procession. At the same time the Fraternity wished every success to the celebration. Hundreds of their number doubtless took part in it as members of the volunteer force, as school trustees, aldermen and members of other public bodies.

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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, 6th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 8th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (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)
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 840—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough

TUESDAY, 9th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 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)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 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 Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 147—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)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1830—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knight, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saxeby, Greenhall Street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks

1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
 1280—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mars Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 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.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 11th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 37—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.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botanal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Trade Star, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Staff.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldie, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-gate, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Ly.
 114—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire

1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Room, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
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 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 12th AUGUST

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 798—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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, Ladbroke 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. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 990—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 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. 1186—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1637—Unity, Harrow
 2068—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2098—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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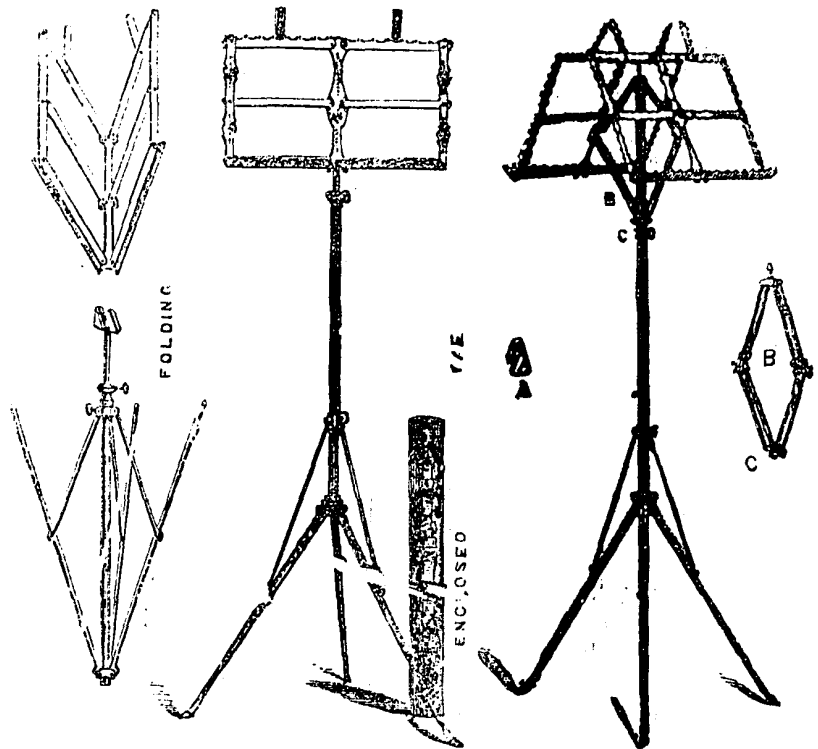
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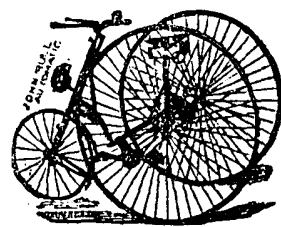
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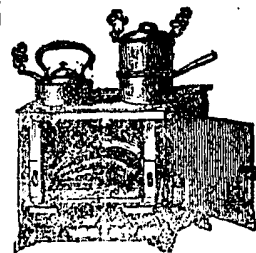
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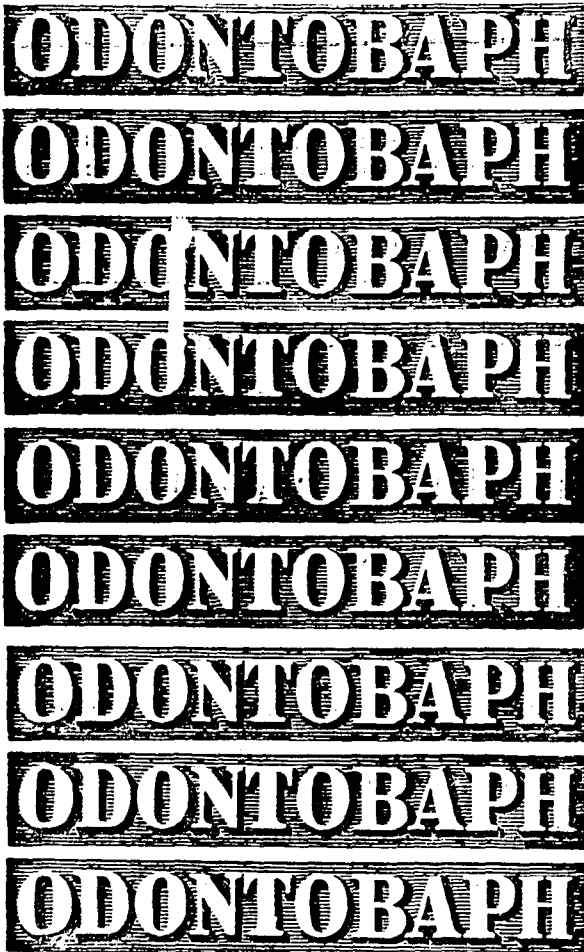
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