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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY.

THE time and space at our disposal last Saturday were so heavily taxed that we had little or no opportunity of speaking generally in reference to the all-engrossing event of the week, from a Masonic point of view,—the celebration of the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We were able to give a brief record of the actual proceedings at the Festival, and at the distribution of prizes which took place on the preceding Monday, but we were unable to do anything like justice to either event, to say one-half of what we should like to have recorded of the success which attended the two gatherings, or to express our gratification at the result of the Stewards' efforts, and the admirable manner in which the whole of the programme was carried out.

As our readers may imagine there were many items of interest in connection with the two meetings which deserve more than the passing notice afforded by a general expression of approval, and doubtless there is much more worthy of being recorded than what came under our notice; still, as we lay no claim to perfection in our record, we offer no apology for shortcomings. If we fail to praise where praise is deserved, it must be understood that the omission is accidental rather than intentional, for with so much to approve of it is difficult either to choose the most deserving, or to award a just tribute to all who merit it.

For some months previous to the celebration it was known that the actual Centenary Festival would be of a most exceptional character, but it was not until a comparatively recent date that any reliable estimate could be formed of the probable number who would attend, and for whom accommodation would have to be provided at the banquet. When the number could be estimated it was known that the difficulty would be to find a place to accommodate the Stewards and their friends, rather than to find a company to assist in the celebration, and the work from this time became even more trying than was generally anticipated; not, however, from a lack of sympathy, but rather from an excess of it, coupled with a general desire to satisfy everybody, and please all who evinced an interest in the proposed methods of celebrating the Centenary.

Like all other great events, the grand success of last week had a small beginning; indeed, it seems only the other day that we heard of Bro. B. Kauffmann, the representative of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, giving in his name, and becoming No. 2 on the list of Stewards for the Festival, which list, at the actual dinner, was closed by the addition of the name of His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, who became No. 1465 on the roll. Although only a few months elapsed between these two events—apparently so widely apart—an immense amount of good resulted, evidenced by the

announcement made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Festival, that upwards of £50,500 had been collected by that band of Stewards, and, as may be imagined, a vast amount of work devolved upon the Secretary of the Institution in connection therewith. As this work appears to have been carried out and completed without a hitch, we think it but fair that a word of thanks should be accorded Bro. Hedges and those who assisted him in preparing for the great events. Theirs was no easy task, as any one who has had to arrange a gathering of even much smaller dimensions can testify, and it must not be forgotten that the organisers of the recent gatherings at the Albert Hall had no past experience to guide them, nor any similar undertaking from which to borrow a pattern. Theirs was a maiden attempt, and it must be particularly gratifying for them to know that in every respect their arrangements were perfect. It was but natural to find something which was not all that was desired; and the weak point of the celebration was, without doubt, the lack of proper provision for the enjoyment of those who attended as guests, and who were supposed to have light refreshments provided for their comfort. Experience proved the refreshments to be very "light," and a considerable amount of grumbling has been indulged in in consequence, but we believe the Institution was powerless in this matter. The Festival had to take place at the Albert Hall, and the provision of refreshments for the visitors had to be left to the regular caterer for that establishment, who certainly cannot be said to have won laurels by his achievement on this occasion. The Stewards and those who dined with the Grand Master were much better off, as the catering for them had been entrusted to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who did everything possible to ensure satisfaction, and added not a little to their reputation by the performance. As we said last week the arena and stalls of the Hall had been filled with tables, the Royal party being accommodated in front of the organ, with the Grand Officers ranged behind them, and the remainder of the company in front. The sight was a magnificent one, and it is doubtful if the Albert Hall ever presented a more imposing spectacle; the white table cloths bringing into bold relief the purple, gold and blue of the Masonic collars and aprons which were everywhere visible. The work of arranging these tables was no mean undertaking, and the task which presented itself to Bro. Madell (Messrs. Spiers and Pond's Manager at the Freemasons' Tavern), when he was instructed to provide for as many as could be accommodated was sufficient to strike terror in the heart of any one less experienced than he. Bro. Madell, however, proved equal to the occasion, and no small part of the day's success was due to the care and attention he bestowed on the part of the arrangements allotted him, and the ability he displayed in superintending the actual banquet.

The entrance of the Royal party was the signal for

a hearty burst of applause, and it was generally remarked that the Prince of Wales appeared more than usually impressed and pleased with his reception. The King of Sweden was particularly demonstrative, which can hardly be wondered at, when we remember that such an assembly had never before been gathered together, even if it were possible in any other part of the world, and it must have been a surprise to him to behold it. The banquet was a success, even without taking into account the number to be provided for, and the total absence of provision for the catering, but in reference to this latter it must be remembered that it was never intended by the founders of the Albert Hall that it should serve the purpose of a banquet room in addition to its other and more legitimate uses. There was one event which occurred during the banquet which showed a serious disregard of proper care in reference to the building, and which might have been attended with most disastrous consequences. At the table at which we were seated, and within a few inches of Bro. James Willing jun., a large piece of glass fell from the roof. Fortunately it did little damage, but it might easily have been otherwise, and we hope it will be a warning to the authorities to make some provision to prevent such accidents in future. It is a matter which seriously concerns them, and the safety of all who visit their Hall, and for this reason we have publicly mentioned it.

One of the prettiest sights of the evening was when the Prince of Wales gave his sanction for smoking; the numerous lights which immediately appeared in all parts of the building looked like innumerable glow-worms, and had a really pretty effect; but the success of the meeting, short of the actual result, was when the Grand Master called the brethren to order and led the hearty Masonic "fire" which was accorded the toasts proposed in honour of the King of Sweden and to the success of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Taking all in all we can but again express the opinion of those who were present, that the proceedings were of the most gratifying character.

Thus far we have only spoken of the later of the two meetings at the Albert Hall. The gathering on the preceding Monday, when the prizes were presented by the Countess of Carnarvon, and the pupils gave their usual entertainment was equally successful, graced as it was by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, and the memory of it will long remain in the minds of those who witnessed it. The marching and calisthenics of the pupils were alone worth all the trouble of attending, and, as usual, the marks of approval thereat were most encouraging to those who are entrusted with the care of the children. No more gratifying expression could have been desired than the words which fell from the Prince of Wales a few days later, when, in speaking of the marching, he said "There are many commanding officers in our army and in other armies who would be proud to see their men march and go through their exercises as those children did."

In closing our remarks on the Festival we may add that so far the result has been that a total of about £51,000 has been promised to the Institution, to provide for the needs of the current year, to pay for the enlargements and additions undertaken to mark the Centenary, and, it is hoped, to considerably increase the already handsome reserve possessed by the Charity in the form of Invested Funds. That the Institution may long continue to provide for the needs of the Craft, and that it may ever remain as prosperous as it is at present is our sincere and earnest desire, while we can but express a hope that we may be spared to take part in the next Centenary Celebration in connection with the Masonic Institutions, which will be that of the Boys' School, ten years

hence, and which we trust will be at least equally successful as that just concluded, even allowing for the natural growth of Freemasonry which the next ten years may be expected to produce.

We append the menu of the banquet, as being worthy of a place in the record of the proceedings:—

MENU.

Pickled Salmon. Mayonnaise of Turbot. Plain Lobster and Ravigote Sauce. Prawns en Aspic.
 Chaud-froid of Quails. Aspic de Foie gras. Lamb Cutlets à la Russe. Pigeon Pie. Game Pie. Surrey Fowls and York Ham.
 Pressed Beef. Galantine of Chicken. Roast Beef. Ox Tongue. Boar's Head. Poulardes farcies à l'Anglaise.
 Lettuce Salad. Potato Salad. Vegetable Salad.
 Gateau Breton. Baba au Rhum. Patisserie assortie. Wine Jellies. Blancmanges. Compote of Fruit.
 Dessert. Neapolitan Ices.

WINES.

Sherry. Hooheimer. Champagnes: Perinet et Fils. Théophile Roederer, old landed 1880. Claret: Château La Rose Sarget, 1879. Old Port.

SHINES FOR ALL.

An Oration by James Albert Zabriskie, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Arizona, 10th November 1887.

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One true Mason, fully imbued with the zeal of the original spirit, and inspired by an unfaltering devotion to its precepts, will surpass in the result of his labours and the power of his example a thousand wavering, weak-kneed, unenthusiastic, selfish and time-serving novices, who are not seeking light but influence; who presented themselves for acceptance, inspired not by a love of their fellow men and a desire to advance the cause of Masonry, but from selfish and avaricious motives; who are looking for benefits rather than the opportunity to bestow them; who are governed and controlled solely by the desire to advance their own selfish interests, and are ready to prostitute the most sacred principles for the accomplishment of this ignoble purpose. It is not surprising that occasional instances of demoralization should occur in Lodges where such material has succeeded in effecting an entrance to the sacred precincts where Masonic virtue sits supreme. Such contaminating influences have done much to stain the bright escutcheon of Masonic purity, and cast a stigma of disgrace upon the Order in the eyes of the profane.

Such men never become Masons. Having no moral qualification to build upon they remain in "statu quo," and poison the moral atmosphere which surrounds them. They blight the blossoming fruit of honest endeavour by the tainted and perjured breath of moral pollution. Purge your councils, oh, Masons! of such material. Do not permit these moral lepers to sit enthroned in the majesty of justice. Elevate your moral tone, and crush out that hypocritical cant by which moral cowards grow fat and prosper upon the credulity of their brethren. The increase of members and consequent financial health, to the exclusion of Masonic principle, is a sacrifice too great to be borne and will inevitably result in moral bankruptcy. To avert such a calamity, and to prepare for the approaching storm, Masonry should tile its Lodges with ceaseless vigilance and a guard of honour. Return, in part, to the ancient spirit, when character and moral courage were the tests of merit. Cleanse the Augean stables of the filth and impurities which have imperceptibly flown into the mystic circle through the apathy of our utilitarian environment.

True Masonry respects no man for his wealth; yet, in too many instances, Masons particularly worship the golden calf, as the Israelites did of old. They frequently ignore the very essence of Masonic purity, and violate their sacred obligations to the needy brother, who is rich in soul but poor in pocket.

Such Masonry is a bye-word and reproach, and wherever the Masonic spirit languishes and pines for prope nourishment, the cause can be traced to the decadence of moral stamina and the lack of proper inspiration. The practice of mere form without the spirit, is a mockery, and leads to that species of hypocritical cunning which thrives by

fraud and taints everything that it touches. We are not an alarmist, nor do we desire to exaggerate the existing evils, but we have seen pretended Masonry that would cause the blush of shame to mantle the cheeks of its representatives, were they not lost to every sentiment of honour and incapable of appreciating true manhood; men who will proselyte among the purlieus of social filth, in order to advance their political and selfish ends; men who, when their interests are at stake, will commit the most unblushing frauds, even to perjury, to attain their unhallowed designs. There are such; and these are some of the evils to which Masonry is subjected.

Those whose duty it is to guard the portals of honour frequently fail to exercise that keen discrimination which their obligations impose, and either from a desire to accommodate, or a fear of personal hostility, relax their vigilance, and thus the current is polluted by that lack of moral courage which is the very basis of true Masonry. The stream cannot rise higher than its source, and the result of practical Masonry will exalt or degrade by its influence, just in proportion as it is pure and true, or false and selfish. If ever the day of trial comes, such Masonry will be found trafficking for peace and security, while the true brethren are breasting the storm. It matters little to the false-hearted what disgrace may attach to their conduct, when their interest or liberty is at stake. Their whole existence having been a living lie, the mere exposure of the fact is a matter of no consequence to men who are inherently base. They do not hesitate, when the promptings of selfishness demand, to steal the livery of the court of heaven to serve the devil in. Smooth-tongued, plausible, and thoroughly imbued with cat-like cunning, they gradually worm themselves into positions of trust, which they defile by their presence and pollute by their practices, until their example becomes an attainder of an institution whose principles are based upon honour and duty. Guard well your doors against the entrance of such monsters, whose rule of action is well portrayed in the celebrated couplet:

"Be hypocritical, be courteous, be
Not what you seem, but what you are."

It is time to call a halt in the downward march, and root up the noxious weeds which are poisoning the atmosphere, and producing the fruit of discontent. Masonry is grand in its principles and sublime in its precepts. It is invincible in its power, when directed and controlled by pure councils. All retrogression is caused by treason to duty. When this beautiful temple of human wisdom shall have been purified, and cleansed from the parasites which cling to its sacred walls with tenacious grasp, its fair and spotless beauty will be relieved from the poisonous exhalations which obscure its fair proportions. Then will the ancient spirit revive, and the effect of its influence will permeate every fibre of the body politic, and be felt by the irresistible but silent power, which will encircle the genius of liberty everywhere. Education and enlightenment, industry and progress, moral culture and intellectual freedom, are ends to be achieved. These are the cherished accomplishments that Masonry has ever sought to promote, protect, and conserve. These shall resist the empire of decay.

The duplicity and falsehood of man cannot destroy the power of truth, nor long impede its onward march. As long as blighting ignorance hovers o'er the human mind, the brutal instincts, which are allied to the animal nature, will continue to assert their supremacy. Better to be unborn than untaught: for ignorance is the root of misfortune."

With what indomitable will Masonry has combated the fiery hordes of ignorance, let history bear witness. And to what are we indebted for this liberty and human progress, which sheds its effulgent rays over the benighted understandings of men? Is it not worthy of our eternal devotion? Is any sacrifice too great to perpetuate this noble spirit, in all its original purity and design? Shall profane and impious hands be permitted to desecrate the altar of the ancient faith, by selfish prostitution of its sacred principles? Let us die rather than submit to its moral debasement. Let us stand firm and united around the standard of eternal Truth, and cheer on the cause of human liberty and advancement. While we recognize the fact that

"Truth in the end shall shine divinely clear,
But sad the darkness till those times appear,"

let us haste the day by our influence and example, when the powers of superstition and darkness shall be illumined by this glorious light; when the human mind shall no longer be enthralled by the glitter and pomp of visual display; when the human heart shall no longer be led captive by emotional appeals to selfishness and fear; and when the passions of men shall be held in abeyance by the demands of reason and the exercise of moral force.

This is the very acme of Masonic aspiration, and the accomplishment of this consummation, the cherished hope of all Masons. The end to be achieved is worthy of every sacrifice, and the defenders of truth must guard their manhood and their purity against the insidious attacks of wily foes. Then will they present, as of old, an impenetrable phalanx of chivalric knights—faithful unto death, and invincible in their integrity.

"The power to bind and loose the truth is given:
The mouth that speaks it is the mouth of heaven.
The power which in a sense belongs to none,
Thus understood belongs to every one;
It owes its high prerogatives to none;
It shines for all, as shines the blessed sun;
It shines on all who do not shut it out
By dungeon doors of unbelief and doubt.
To shine it does not ask—O far from it—
For hierarchal privilege and permit.
Rabbi and priests may be chained down to lies,
And babes and sucklings winged to mount the skies."

We have undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and shall be very pleased if any of our readers can do anything in support of our list. We know there are Stewards working in all parts of the country, and we do not wish to do anything likely to injure local efforts, but we also feel there are many stray amounts which only need asking for, and in the hope that we may secure one or two of these we address our readers on the present occasion.

We have received a copy of the Second Annual Report and Financial Statement of the "Old Masonians." In issuing it the Secretary desires to draw particular attention to the objects the Association has in view, as the Committee feel that were those objects more generally known, assistance in furthering the main purposes of the Association would not be wanting. It is the aim of the Association to take up the work where that of those whose energies are devoted to the efficient maintenance of the Boys' School must of necessity end. The education provided being of a sound and practical character, the "Old Masonians" are naturally solicitous of seeing that education rightly directed and applied. There are several lads who, from time to time, leave the Institution without friends to counsel and aid them, and the Committee are desirous of assisting in placing such in good and permanent situations, for which by their education they are eminently fitted. In furtherance of this object, they feel they cannot do better than apply to their first friends, and ask them to remember the lads they have assisted to educate, should any opportunity occur, or any vacancy in their respective businesses arise. Several members of the Craft having expressed a desire to be more closely connected with the Association, it is pointed out that the office of Vice-President is open to all Freemasons on payment of an annual subscription of three guineas; it is hoped that many well-wishers will undertake the office, and show by practical sympathy their interest in the affairs of the Association. The Cash Account shows receipts amounting to £56 4s 11d, the Association closing the year with a balance in hand of nearly £30. Bro. Frederick Binckes, the President of the past year, will be succeeded by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, a Patron of the Institution.

At the usual meeting of the Marquess of Granby Lodge, Durham, on the 6th inst., votes of condolence were passed to the widow of the Rev. T. Randall, Principal of Bede College, Durham, and also to the relatives of Mr. A. Wilkinson, Old Elvet, who was a distinguished member of this Lodge.

At a meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, held at Stonehouse, on the 11th inst., Bro. J. Ward W.M. presiding, Bro. Frank R. Thomas S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

THE annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, marking the beginning of the fifth year of its existence, was held on Wednesday evening, 18th April, in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide. The occasion was honoured by the largest attendance of brethren who had ever assembled together in the Lodge Room, excepting when Lord Carnarvon and Lord Carrington were formerly welcomed by the Masons of South Australia. The M.W. the Grand Master (Chief Justice Way) presided.

The Board of General Purposes reported:—"The Grand Lodge of Idaho and Florida having requested the interchange of representatives, the Board suggest that the names of Bros. J. Le M. F. Roberts and David Morris be suggested for election. The Board have to congratulate the Craft upon the satisfactory financial position of the Grand Lodge and the prosperous condition of the several Lodges. Although the returns show a slight diminution in the number of members, this is not to be deplored, as the reason for this is shown by the number of non-paying members whose names have been erased, consequently leaving the Lodges in a far healthier position. Permanent Benevolent Fund. Although returns of subscriptions from but very few Lodges have as yet been received, the amount of £694 11s to the credit of the fund may be considered satisfactory. A very large number of subscriptions have been promised, but are not yet paid. The claims for the past year upon the available Benevolent Fund have been less than previous year, consequently the balance to credit has been increased. Bro. H. C. Mais P.G. Trea., prior to his departure from the colony, presented the Grand Lodge Library with a number of volumes of valuable Masonic works. The Board feel sure that the Grand Lodge, and the Craft generally, will much regret losing Bro. Mais as a Grand Lodge Officer, and will gratefully remember his many good services to the Craft. The M.W. the Grand Master has caused to be prepared, and forwarded to the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, a despatch and copy of all correspondence in reference to the withdrawal of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of this Grand Lodge, and doubtless the result will be a speedy return of friendly relationship and fraternal correspondence."

The financial statements were satisfactory, and showed that as the Grand Lodge is overcoming its initiatory difficulties it is giving material assistance in benevolent enterprises.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, and Bros. Morris and Roberts were formally welcomed in their new representative capacity.

Special interest was felt in the election of Grand Lodge Officers for the present year, on account of a competition for the second position in the Craft. M.W. Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, was re-elected Grand Master without any opposition, amidst many hearty demonstrations of approval. Thanking the brethren for the renewal of their confidence, he gave an interesting review of the history of his connection with the South Australian Grand Lodge, with whose foundation work he had been so prominently associated. He said that the perfect unanimity of his election and the complete harmony of the members of the Grand Lodge were especially gratifying. The record of the period under review was a record of great extension and continuously growing strength and influence. The South Australian Constitution had been recognised in all parts of the world, and that Grand Lodge had already received visits from brethren representing the highest and most honourable positions in Masonry in England and elsewhere. He hoped the harmony of the past would equally characterise the future. Personally he disclaimed any desire to monopolise the Grand Master's chair, and he had only taken it now after consultation with some of the most experienced brethren in the Craft. His best services were at the disposal of the Grand Lodge so long as he continued to enjoy their confidence, and when a change might seem desirable he would welcome his successor with as great enthusiasm as the warmest supporters of that successor could show. The office of Deputy Grand Master was contested by the retiring D.G.M. Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., and the retiring S.G.W. Bro. P. Sansom. Bro. Downer was declared elected, and both successful and defeated candidates spoke later with special earnestness in reference to the contest. Bros. Harry Turner and J. G. Jenkins, M.P., were elected S.G.D., defeating Bro. J. Cornish. An election for J.G.D. was made unnecessary by the retirement of Bro. W. J. Sowden, the positions thus falling to Bros. T. De Cean and A. Kemp. Including the other elections which affected the offices of Board of General Purposes and Grand Stewards, the list of Officers for the year is as follows:—

H. E. Downer, M.P.	-	-	Deputy Master
Dr. J. A. Cockburn, M.P.	-	-	Senior Warden
F. H. Wigg	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. W. Owen, B.A.	-	-	Chaplain
Saml Solomon, M.P.	-	-	Pres. Board Gen. Purposes
F. W. Bullock	-	-	Treasurer
W. B. Webb	-	-	Registrar
J. H. Cunningham	-	-	Secretary
Frank Olifent	-	-	Inspector of Lodges
Rev. Canon Poole, M.A.	-	-	Lecturer
Harry Turner	-	-	} Senior Deacons
J. G. Jenkins, M.P.	-	-	
A. Kemp	-	-	} Junior Deacons
T. De Cean	-	-	
R. L. Mestayer, J.P.	-	-	Superintendent of Works
G. C. Knight	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Cate jun.	-	-	Deputy D.C.
J. Le M. F. Roberts	-	-	Assistant D.C.
J. T. McLean	-	-	Sword Bearer
T. De Cean	-	-	} Standard Bearers
H. Hampson	-	-	
Jan e Shakespeare	-	-	Organist
J. E. Thomas	-	-	Assistant Secretary

A. Simpson	-	-	Pursuivant
John Nicholson, J.P.	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Barnett	-	-	} Stewards
J. C. Harris	-	-	
B. H. Laker	-	-	
A. Lindsay	-	-	
C. A. Murphy	-	-	
C. L. Meyer	-	-	
G. E. C. Stevens, J.P.	-	-	
R. H. Leader	-	-	
F. W. Holder, M.P.	-	-	
C. Hoffmeyer	-	-	
H. J. Bailey	-	-	} Tyler
T. D. De Cean	-	-	
N. Kildael	-	-	

Board of General Purposes—Seven elected new members—Bros. H. M. Addison, P. Sansom, F. Olifent, E. Saut, H. Turner, J. J. M. F. Roberts, and I. A. Plummer.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland stating that the whole matter of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia would be re-opened, and foreshadowing the re-establishment of fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges. Upon the motion of the G.M., seconded by Bro. the Hon. M. Salom, M.L.C., a resolution was passed, expressing in highly complimentary terms the general estimate of the valuable services to the South Australian Freemasonry of Bro. H. C. Mais, ex-Engineer-in-Chief. A graceful eulogium was pronounced by the Grand Master and endorsed by several other brethren upon the personal character and Masonic services of the deceased Bro. J. H. H. Vockins, who had been in England a prominent Mason, and in this colony one of the most useful and enthusiastic amongst the brethren. It was decided to send to his widow a letter of condolence and to exhibit in more practical ways the general estimate of the value of the labours of Bro. Vockins. After the Officers had been invested the Grand Lodge closed in the usual form. The ceremonial was well conducted throughout by the Director of Ceremonies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER, No. 12.

THE first meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, 25th April, at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, the occasion being the installation of the First Principal M.E.C. George Gozzard Martin, and of M.E.C.'s J. Le M. F. Roberts and G. C. Knight as Second and Third Principals respectively. The ceremonies of installation were performed by the outgoing Z., M.E.C. Philip Sansom, in the presence of a large number of the members of the Chapter and numerous visitors, amongst whom were Past Z.'s W. N. Crowder, J. C. Hawker, and W. Sumsion. Apologies were received from the Supreme Grand First Principal, M.E.C. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, who was away on circuit duties, and Past Z.'s H. E. Downer, M.P., His Honour Judge Boncaut, W. Fiveash, S. Solomon, M.P., and R. L. Mestayer, C.E. On the completion of the ceremony the M.E. First Principal, on behalf of the Chapter, presented to the retiring Z. a handsome Past First Principal's jewel, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to M.E. Comp. Philip Sansom P.Z., by the South Australian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, in recognition of the many valuable services rendered as J., H., and Z. during the past three years. Adelaide, April 25, 1888." The Officers were invested by the M.E.C., and the Chapter then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an agreeable repast was prepared, on the completion of which several toasts were presented.

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ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 1152.

AT the Masonic Hall, Singapore, on Monday, 30th April, the Installation of Bro. D. G. Presgrave, as W.M. for the ensuing year, took place in the presence of a considerable number of the Fraternity, including the R.W. D.G.M. Colonel Dunlop, R.A. C.M.G. W. Bros. Hooper, Cargill, E. A. Thompson and Jennings, Past Masters, gave their assistance in the carrying out of different portions of the ceremony. The W.M. having been duly installed and saluted according to custom, proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hooper I.P.M., Braddell S.W., McKie J.W., Currie S.D., Charlwood J.D., Evans Treasurer, Starrock Secretary, Garrard I.G., Lannon O.G. As is usual on St. George's evening, the ceremony was followed by the regular Installation banquet, which was held at the Singapore Club, by the kind permission of the Committee. A few brethren were unavoidably absent, but over thirty sat down to a repast which proved to be excellent in quality and a credit to the caterer. The company assembled was presided over by the newly installed W.M., with the R.W. D.G.M. at his right hand, and comprised the majority of the leading brethren in Singapore, together with several of the Officers of H.M.S. Orion. Due honour having been done to those loyal toasts which so intimately connect Royalty and the Craft, a few others of a character peculiarly appropriate to the occasion were given, and responded to with warmth and cordiality. After duly acknowledging the toasts of "The Guests," the company rose and adjourned to the billiard and card rooms, and after availing themselves for a short time of the amusements provided therein, the brethren separated, well pleased at the success of the whole evening's proceedings, which had been eminently sociable, agreeable and fraternal.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 764.

ON the 12th inst., the annual installation in connection with this Lodge was held at West Hartlepool, the W.M. Elect, Bro. Henry Lamb, being impressively installed by Bro. H. B. Oliver, the retiring W.M., and Bro. E. Hudson. The Officers chosen were Bros. J. Sinclair S.W., W. Hodge J.W., R. Harpley Treas., J. Monkman Sec., E. Clennett S.D., R. Lupton J.D., Hexmouth Org., W. S. Ryan I.G., and Kelly and Tueland Stewards.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

THE Annual Festival was held on Monday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. The Lodge, which was consecrated about 20 years ago, numbers nearly 100 on its roll, and is at present one of the most flourishing offshoots of Freemasonry in the province. In addition to the numerous body of members that assembled to witness the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, many visitors (mostly officers in superior positions) attended from other Lodges. The W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel L. Fraser, was presented for installation by Bros. Peter B. Gee and Pemberton, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Ashworth. Bro. Fraser in turn invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. W. Fish I.P.M., William Jones S.W., W. Köhn J.W., Alexander Cotter P.M. Treas., John J. Harley Sec., Jas. Ashworth P.M. D. of C., Edmund B. Ironside S.D., J. H. Linaker J.D., W. F. Pemberton I.G., William Hudson Org., Edward Edwards S.S., John Harrison J.S., Edwin Berry A.S., John S. Rimmer A.S. Before the closing of the Lodge a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ashworth, the Installing Master. The brethren afterwards dined together, and after the repast, which was served by Bro. Casey the House Steward, the toasts of the Queen, and the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family were given in succession by the W.M. Bro. Gee P.M. proposed the health of the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom, the W. Dep. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, submitted by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. R. Foote, W. Mellor, and J. B. Mackenzie. The W.M. replied in appropriate terms to his health, which was given by Bro. Ashworth, and Bro. Fraser in toasting the I.P.M. (Bro. Fish), took occasion to present him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The subsequent toasts were the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Masonic Charities, &c. During the evening an admirable musical programme was rendered by Bros. H. J. Nicholls, W. Hudson, T. C. Fargher, and E. B. Ironside.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 12th instant. There was a large attendance of brethren, including over twenty P.M.'s. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Martin, was installed. Bro. R. Hambly was the installing officer, assisted by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The W.M. appointed the following Officers:—Bros. W. H. Lister I.P.M., Captain G. S. S. Lowe S.W., John Folley J.W., T. J. R. Chalice Treasurer, R. Hambly Secretary, F. Hunt S.D., J. C. Revell J.D., S. G. Osbond D.C., C. B. Shuker A.D.C., Jas. Williams O., Jos. Pearse and John Pearse Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler. Bro. R. Hambly was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. T. J. R. Chalice as Charity Steward. In the evening the brethren dined at Bro. Hick's, George Hotel.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE ordinary meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Bros. W. H. Scurrah P.M. 2048 P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, J. Thom S.W., Fraser J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer and acting I.P.M., A. H. Scurrah Secretary, G. Lewis S.D., A. R. Nottingham J.D., A. J. Hearne D.C., W. B. Parsons A.D.C., W. Laugley I.G., E. W. Wheeler Organist, A. M. Parsons W.S., R. Whiting Tyler, and a numerous company of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and resumed. Brother Anderson, of the Hendon Lodge, and Bros. Lackland and Petrie, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, candidates to be raised to the third degree, answered the usual questions and retired. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the last named brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in due form. Lodge was closed to the 2nd and 1st degrees, and Bro. Rice, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and Bro. Deuman, of the Henry Levander Lodge, candidates to be passed to the second degree, were tested and retired. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. H. Monson and J. H. Gunn, and was declared unanimous in their favour. These candidates being in attendance were initiated into the ancient mysteries in due form. The brethren next proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice fell upon the present S.W. (Bro. Thom), who returned his warm thanks to the brethren for the acceptance of him as W.M. elect. The Lodge also unanimously re-elected Bros. W. M. Stiles and Whiting as Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Both brethren acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge during the past year, and a jewel was also voted to Bro. Stiles, for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of I.P.M. The members also requested the retiring W.M. to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Lodge as a

special mark of their regard for him as the first W.M. Bro. W. A. Scurrah said that it would give him great pleasure to do so. Several brethren expressed hearty good wishes, which the W.M. suitably acknowledged. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Brethren afterwards assembled at the Banquet table, where Bro. W. P. Warner had, as usual, provided a capital spread. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured. Bro. Stiles Acting I.P.M., in proposing the W.M., said, you all know the worthy and masterly way in which our W.M. as performed his duties in, and for our Lodge during his year of office. He worked hard from the first, and as you know, brethren, has done everything he could for you and the Lodge. Bro. Scurrah has discharged his duties as W.M. in a most able manner, and I am sure that all of you, with myself, hope that we shall be able to retain his services for many years. The W.M. (Bro. W. A. Scurrah), in reply, said, I beg most sincerely to thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they have received and honoured this toast. I have also to return my thanks for many things; first, for making me W.M. of this magnificent Lodge; second, I have to thank the Officers for their great attention and assistance during my year of office, for as you know, without good officers the W.M. is helpless, and as a ship cannot weather the storm unless the captain is supported by good officers and men, so, brethren, should we have been without good officers to assist me, and instead of this Lodge being as it is, a great success, it would have been wrecked and foundered. For this reason I have to thank the officers for upholding me in every way, and let me assure them that I will do all I can to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and study the welfare of every one of its members in or out of it. I may perhaps be permitted to take this opportunity of thanking my friends of this Lodge, and also those friends, some of whom are here, not belonging to this Lodge, who so kindly and energetically supported me in my candidature for the Bard of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of England on Wednesday last. I am happy to inform you and them that I was returned, third in order, to serve on that Board. Let me in conclusion thank you for having elected our worthy S.W. as your W.M. for the ensuing year. In him you will have a Master to be proud of. He knows the ritual thoroughly, and is one who will carry out his duties in the most conscientious manner. I must thank you for having given me so many initiates during my year of office, brethren who are a credit to our Lodge, and of whom I am exceedingly proud. You have asked me to sit for my portrait, and for this kind mark of esteem, I cannot sufficiently thank you. It is the greatest honour you have conferred upon me; and I trust you will never have cause, so far as I am concerned, to regret your request of to-day. The W.M. Elect, J.W. and Officers, and several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

AN interesting incident marked the proceedings of this Lodge at the ordinary monthly meeting on the 12th inst. Bro. W. Gillett W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Mackail I.P.M., T. T. Davis P.M., T. B. Redfern S.W., W. Woodall J.W., and other Officers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. M. C. Peck, W. Tussyman, C. Cheesman, H. Watson, &c. On the conclusion of the ordinary business of the Lodge, Bro. T. T. Davis P.M. presented on behalf of the members of the Lodge a handsome electro-plated tea and coffee service to the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Gillett, as a token of esteem from the brethren on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. Davis eulogised the Worshipful Master's worth in a few most appropriate and appreciative remarks, and the Worshipful Brother in acknowledging the compliment which had been paid him, said it had come upon him quite unexpectedly. He stated that in order to prevent anything of this nature he had kept his marriage a secret from Bro. Woodall, his oldest friend in the Lodge. He felt deeply the kindness of his officers and brethren, and on behalf of himself and his wife he thanked them for this expression of their esteem and goodwill. The plate bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Worshipful Brother Gillett P.M., P.P.G.St.B., by the members of the Wilberforce Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2134, on the occasion of his marriage. Hull, 4th June 1888."

At the supper which followed, Bro. M. C. Peck proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in eulogistic terms. He pointed out that a Mason should be a good man, a moral man, and a temperate and sober man on all occasions, and all these Bro. Gillett had proved himself to be. He had been a most useful member of the Order, and they had one proof of that in the part he took in the formation of such an excellent Lodge as the Wilberforce Lodge. He wished Bro. Gillett long life and happiness. The Worshipful Master acknowledged the compliment. Other toasts followed.

The Government of Guatemala has officially sanctioned the existence of Freemasons in that republic by recognizing their existence as a corporate body, as customary with all societies, but without having more to do with their operations than it would with those of a commercial firm. Less than twenty years ago the suggestion that such a course should be adopted by the Government would have been considered heresy, and the unfortunate suggestors would have been held as objects of suspicion by many of their fellow-citizens. We congratulate the Fraternity on the concession it has thus obtained, but we more warmly congratulate the Government on this fresh proof of liberality it has thus afforded.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are especially useful in preventing the bad effects of luxurious living. They purify the blood, cleanse the stomach, gently stimulate the kidneys, and act as mild aperients. Without some such corrective as Holloway's Pills, the festivity of one day often dobs us from all enjoyment for a week. A few doses of this purifying medicine sets the foulest stomach right, restrains biliousness, steadies the circulation, gives strength to the muscles, and composure to the brain and nerves. The Pills are incapable of doing mischief to the most delicate constitutions. The hypochondriac will find this medicine comfort his miserable nerves. It will increase the appetite, exhilarate the spirits, fill the vessels with pure, healthy blood, and regulate excretory organs.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire of the ancient and honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was held on the 13th instant, at the Ilfracombe Hotel, Ilfracombe. The large billiard-room was utilised for the occasion, it having been got ready through the kindness of Mr. Grover, the manager. A large number of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and others came into the town by the first train, and, it is needless to state, not a few made it an occasion for devoting what time they had at their disposal to enjoying the natural beauties of the place. Bro. Lord Ebrington Provincial Grand Master was expected to attend, but at the last moment he was prevented, and his place was occupied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. G. Rogers. The Lodge having been opened at 3 o'clock, and the Prov. Grand Master's absence explained, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Exeter, on the 2nd day of August last, and of the special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Plymouth on 28th December last, were read and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. G. C. Davie read his report, which stated that all Lodges in the Province had made their annual returns, showing a large increase in the number of Masons. Bro. Henry Stocker P.G. Treasurer presented his report, showing a balance in hand of £204. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund was received and adopted. The report of the Committee of Petitions, who met previously at 12.15, was received and adopted. It recommended various sums to be voted, amounting to over £200, including 120 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bros. John Brewer and the Rev. W. Whittley, who are representing the Province at the forthcoming Annual Festival, over which Lord Ebrington will preside, in London. Bro. Lord was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bros. Cornish and Browning were appointed to audit the accounts for the same period. The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers 122	-	-	Deputy Master
Major Tracey, R.A., 1247	-	-	Senior Warden
Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., 189	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Tyacke 1181	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. R. Cheans 2189	-	-	
— Lord	-	-	Treasurer
C. G. Barnett 1135	-	-	Registrar
G. C. Davie 251	-	-	Secretary
G. C. Searle 248	-	-	} Senior Deacons
B. S. Fisher 444	-	-	
T. C. Lewarn 223	-	-	} Junior Deacons
A. J. Blainey 1402	-	-	
S. Moas 1284	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Gifford 2025	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
C. Watson 954	-	-	Depnty D.C.
W. Stanbry 1099	-	-	Asst. D.C.
Major L. Bearne 1138	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. P. Rogers 70	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. W. Ford 1091	-	-	
— Harder 105	-	-	Organist
— Yeo 1753	-	-	Assistant Secretary
— Lose jun. 1847	-	-	Pursuivant
J. Kingdon 421	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Shooter 112	-	-	Tyler
J. Algar 39	-	-	} Stewards
H. M. Imbert-Terry 112	-	-	
A. P. Reece 494	-	-	
J. Drennan 710	-	-	
Captain Ivimy 1135	-	-	
W. Adams 1181	-	-	

Bro. Binckes, having requested permission of the acting R.W. P.G.M., before the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge, stated that he attended that day with the full concurrence of Lord Ebrington, his object being to afford any information required, or to answer any inquiry as to the recently extensively issued circular—calumnious, libellous, and anonymous—the allegations in which are so monstrous as to carry with them their own refutation. Were he conscious of foundation for any such charges against the Institution, or its management, he should not have the hardihood to present himself before that large assembly of the Devon brethren. They were aware that their Provincial Grand Master would preside at the forthcoming Anniversary Festival, and on the eve of that event his anxiety was to clear any doubt or misapprehension which may possibly have been raised in their minds.

At 5 o'clock a banquet was held in the Ilfracombe Hotel, where a most *récherché* repast was put up by the manager (Mr. Grover). The chair was occupied by the Deputy Prov.

Grand Master Bro. W. G. Rogers. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Arrangements were made whereby Brothers who chose could remain at Ilfracombe over to the next day. The number of Brothers at the Lodge was about 250, and the business transacted for the day was of a very satisfactory character.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., the ceremony of opening, consecrating, and dedicating the new Masonic Hall, in Stramore-road, Gilford, was performed in the presence of a large assemblage of Freemasons. The new hall, which is in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, is a comfortable and most substantial building. It has been erected to afford accommodation for the rapidly increasing members of the Craft residing in Gilford and its immediate neighbourhood. The premises, which are both spacious and attractive in appearance, reflect the highest credit upon the Masonic body, and bear ample testimony to its increasing popularity. Previous to the opening ceremony the brethren assembled in the Gilford Temperance Hall, where they were met by the following Officers of the new Lodge:—Bros. William Livingston W.M., John Kirke S.W., Ross Livingston J.W., W. G. W. Flynn S.D., W. Wrey J.D., and W. J. Davidson I.G. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Leslie J. Thompson) having opened the Lodge in the first degree Bro. M'Calmont, G.D.C., marshalled the brethren in order of procession and they proceeded to the new hall, where the grand honours were given. Bro. Wm. Livingston W.M. rose and addressed the Acting Provincial Grand Master as follows:—The brethren of Loyal Lodge, No. 145, being animated with a desire to promote the honour and interest of the Craft, have erected a Masonic Hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and if it should meet their approbation, that it be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeably to ancient form and usage. The architect, Bro. W. J. M'Keown, C.E., and the builder, Bro. Gaffin, then approached the pedestal, and the former addressed the Provincial Grand Master, who replied. The Lodge was then uncovered, and a procession marched around. The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. A. Byrne, gave the consecration prayer, to which the brethren responded, and joined in singing the following ode, which was continued during the procession, excepting at intervals of dedication:—

Genius of Masonry descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train,
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore Thy peaceful reign.

The Provincial Grand Master poured corn upon the Lodge, saying: Invoking the blessing and favour of the all-merciful and gracious Creator, of whose free and universal bounty this corn is the significant emblem, I consecrate this hall to Freemasonry. The grand honours having been given the following verse was sung:—

Bring with thee virtue, brightest maid;
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship here;
While social mirth shall lend her aid
To soothe the wrinkled brow of care.

The Provincial Grand Master sprinkled wine upon the Lodge, saying:—In the name of the Holy Saints John, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to religion, virtue, and science. The grand honours were twice given, and the following was sung:—

Bring charity with goodness crowned
Encircled in thy heavenly robe!
Diffuse thy blessings all around,
To every corner of the globe.

The Grand Master then sprinkled oil upon the Lodge, saying:—In the name of the whole Fraternity I do solemnly dedicate this hall to universal benevolence. The grand honours were thrice given, and the following was sung:—

To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given.
Who designed the human soul to raise
By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then made the Invocation:—And may the Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the brethren here assembled in all their lawful undertakings, and grant to each one of them, in needful supply, the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Amen. An oration having been delivered by Bro. Rev. A. L. Ford, Chaplain of Nelson Lodge, No. 18, the ceremony was concluded. The following resolution, which was proposed by Bro. Rev. A. Byrne, and seconded by Bro. Captain L'Estrange, was passed unanimously:—"That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down have, with feelings of unmingled sorrow, heard of the demise of our Worshipful Brother Samuel Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland; that in him we all times found a brother whose ripe understanding, independent judgment, and never-failing courtesy rendered his advice invaluable, his information impartial, his friendship a pleasure, and his services to the Order inestimable, and that our Secretary be directed to convey to his family our most heartfelt, sincere, and fraternal sympathy with them in their bereavement. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren repaired to Stramore House, where a most enjoyable luncheon had been provided.

DEATH.

WORRELL.—On the 8th June, at 69 Wiltshire Road, Brixton, S.W. CHARLES, son of Bro. WILLIAM WORRELL, P.M. and Sec. No. 766. Aged three years and three months.

Obituary.

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THE LATE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

ONCE more the members of the Craft throughout the world are called upon to sympathise with their brethren in Germany on the death of their Emperor and Masonic Protector, which occurred about 11 a.m. yesterday. Unfortunately this second bereavement, following so closely on that of March, has been daily expected for weeks past, the deceased Emperor Frederick having been suffering from a fearful malady for some months. Now the blow has come, however, it is none the less hard to bear, and we feel assured the German Imperial family, as well as the German nation at large, will receive many expressions of sympathy from those who regarded the deceased monarch as a friend and brother.

BRO. FREDERICK BRASTED, P.M. 1524.

WE regret to hear of the decease of Bro. F. Brasted, who was well-known in the North-east of London, both as the Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction and as an energetic Mason. Bro. Brasted was initiated in the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, on the 29th April 1875, and filled the chair in 1881. He was exalted in the Duke of Connaught Chapter, on 11th June 1879, and was installed as M.E.Z. in June 1883. He was a Life Governor, and had served as a Steward for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and was a Life Subscriber to the Boys' School. At the time of his decease he had accepted the Stewardship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He died on the 31st ult., after a brief illness, deeply regretted. He was interred at Highgate Cemetery on the 6th inst., in the presence of a large number of friends, including Bros. Geo. Ferrar W.M. 1524, A. R. Olley S.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, J. Robinson I.G., E. A. Harding, J. Duncan, J. E. Sheffield 1897, Clayton, J. J. Marsh, &c. We offer our sincerest sympathy to the members of his family in their loss.

BRO. SAMUEL B. OLDHAM.

ON Tuesday the remains of the late Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, were interred in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin. There was a very large attendance, which included all the Grand Officers at present in Dublin, several Provincial Officers, besides representatives from nearly all the subordinate Lodges in Dublin. The funeral left the late residence of the deceased shortly after nine o'clock, and on arrival at Mount Jerome Cemetery the remains were met by the officiating clergymen, the Rev. B. Gibson, Grand Chaplain of Ireland, and the Rev. A. Tabuteau, curate of Baggot Rath Church, of the congregation of which the late Bro. Oldham was a member. The first portion of the burial service was conducted in the Mortuary Chapel, where an address was also delivered by the Rev. B. Gibson, Grand Chaplain, who said:—

Before the grave closes on all that is mortal of our dear departed brother a few words may be permitted as a tribute to a memory that will long be cherished in a very wide circle of friends. It is in my relation to our Brother Oldham, as one of his oldest surviving personal friends, that I have been accorded the privilege of assisting in this solemn service in which we are engaged. It was as class fellows in our boyhood that our friendship was originated, and from my intimate acquaintance with him in all the succeeding years of our lives I can testify that in Samuel Bagot Oldham was verified the oft-quoted adage, "The boy is father of the man." His schoolfellows all looked up to him as a model character, worthy of imitation. Gentle in disposition, truthful and noble, industrious, and of superior ability, he won the esteem and admiration, and, I may add, the affection, of his teachers and fellow-pupils. I am speaking in the presence of many who have long known Bro. Oldham in his manhood, and who can vouch for the fulfilment in his honourable and unsullied life of the fair promise of his youth. The foundation of this excellent attainment was laid deep on the foundation—the only foundation on which it is safe to build—of the love and fear of God. He was known as a God-fearing lad. He loved his Bible, which in all the slippery paths of youth was to him a light to his feet, and he was thereby kept from falling. In all the relations of his after life he was enabled to maintain the high reputation of his early years. We may not unveil the sanctities of his home. It may suffice to know that as a husband, a father, and a friend, he adorned the doctrines of God his

Saviour, and that he has left us a bright example. But to most of those in this large assembly it was as a brother Mason Samuel Bagot Oldham was best known. As one of his brother officers in the Grand Lodge of Ireland I had opportunity of being intimately acquainted with his Masonic worth and erudition. His attainments in Masonry were of no ordinary character. His exalted position and high degrees witness to his proficiency in the mysteries of the Craft, and the loss which the Order has sustained by his lamented death cannot be over estimated. I might refer to his devotion to the interests of our Order in every part of the civilised world as our Deputy Grand Secretary, and more particularly to those which pertain to our ancient and honourable Craft under the Irish Constitution. His labours on behalf of our Masonic Charities very largely contributed to their present flourishing condition, and the name of Sam Oldham was a beloved household word in our Masonic Orphan Schools. We mourn with his bereaved family in the great affliction that has befallen them, and we pray the God of all comfort to sustain the widow and her children in their sore trial, and that their faith fail not. To our Heavenly Father we desire to offer our humble acknowledgments for the grace manifested to our departed brother in his protracted suffering which was so patiently endured. There was no mourning, no complaint escaped his lips in the weary months of his last sickness. In passing through the water he was not overwhelmed; in walking through the fire, the flame was not suffered to kindle on him. "In the furnace there was one with him like unto the Son of Man." Our brother's labour is ended; there remains for him the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." He has been called to take his place in the Grand Lodge above, and to stand in the presence of the Supreme Grand Master, to enter into rest, to receive the stone with the new name written which no man knoweth, but he that receiveth it to be "made the pillar in the temple of his God, from which he shall go no more out." May this solemn event be sanctified to every one of us. May we each in our several spheres labour more diligently than we have done heretofore, that our work may be approved in the great day of inspection, as worthy of being received for the building of the temple, knowing that to each of us the night cometh when no man can work, and then endued with such fortitude that in the hour of trial we faint not, but that, passing safely under the protection of the Almighty Architect of the Universe, through the valley of the shadow of death, we may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to obtain everlasting life, and to shine with the stars for ever and ever. So mote it be. Amen.

The coffin was then conveyed to the grave, where the latter portion of the burial service was recited.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to call attention of those interested to our advertisement in another part of your paper? We wish it to be distinctly understood that our portals are open to all Masons without special invitation. The paper on "Masters' Lodges," by Bro. J. Lane, is sure to be exceedingly good and interesting, because he is a recognised master of the subject. Bros. Hughan and Gould will also take part in the discussion. Such a conjunction of bright stars in the Masonic firmament is of rare occurrence.

May I further trespass on your space to state that from the 14th to the 24th inst. I shall be on the continent, and so crave the indulgence of our 320 Correspondence Members, if their letters should remain unanswered for a few days?

It is with deep regret that I learnt that one of our most esteemed members, Bro. G. P. Brockbank, entered into rest on the 2nd. His gain is indeed our loss, a great one.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH,

Secretary 2076.

ROSE CROIX.

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FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 85.

THE annual installation meeting was held on the 27th April, in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Natal. Bro. T. Cook presided, in the absence of the M.W.S. Bro. F. A. Noyce, who has removed to Heidelberg. There was also present Bros. T. W. Bower, J. E. Brown, W. Parfitt, E. H. Bingham, J. H. Lawson, H. C. Richardson, J. Wright, F. Brownlee, &c. The Inspector-General, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, visited the Chapter. After the usual routine business of confirming minutes, balloting for candidates, &c., Bro. Cook installed Bro. Brown as M.W.S. for the ensuing year with the usual ceremonies, and the following Officers were appointed:—J. Schulz, M.D., Prelate, J. Wright 1st General, H. C. Richardson 2nd General, E. H. Bingham Treasurer and Recorder, T. W. Bower G. Marshal, F. Brownlee Outer Guard. The other offices were left vacant, in view of the impending accession of members, two more candidates having been elected and two joining members proposed. The Chapter expressed their cordial congratulations and good wishes to their Inspector-General Bro. Finnemore, on the birth of his son. After other business of a merely formal character, the meeting terminated about ten o'clock p.m.—*Natal Advertiser*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

It is generally expected the exceptional efforts which have been made throughout the Craft this year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will have the effect of lessening the support given to this Institution. It is fervently hoped such may not prove to be the case, but rather, that the grand success which attended the Centenary Festival of the sister Institution will act as an incentive to Brethren to make special exertions on behalf of the Boys' School.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M. P.

RIGHT WOR. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF DEVON,

HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO PRESIDE AT

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888.

The Services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

SPECIAL REASONS

in justification of a renewed Special Appeal for Support.

1.—The FUNDED PROPERTY is only	...	...	...	...	...	...	£17,000	0	0
while that of the									
R. M. I. for Girls is	...	...	...	...	...	...	£63,500	0	0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	£39,450	0	0
Do. —Widows' Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,075	0	0
									£65,525 0 0
2.—The SECURED ANNUAL INCOME is	...	...	...	...	...	...	£755	0	0
while that of the									
R. M. I. for Girls is	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,211	0	0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,986	0	0
Do. —Widows' Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,548	0	0
									£3,534 0 0

3.—The efforts made to meet the increasing demands, by the extension of the number of Boys maintained and educated—from 72 in 1861 to 258 in 1887.

4.—At the last election (April 1888) Fifteen Candidates only out of Sixty-five could be elected.

5.—In the Preparatory School a further number of 20 Boys could be accommodated, did the condition of the Funds warrant such increase.

6.—The universally recognised importance of a sound system of discipline and education in formulating the habits and characters of the Citizens of the Future, especially in the cases of those under the care of this Institution, many of whom, in due course, will probably undertake the obligations of Freemasonry.

These constitute a strong plea. Several considerations in addition will suggest themselves to those who attentively watch the operations in the various organisations associated with the Order.

Communications are earnestly invited, addressed to

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), Secretary.

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ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
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R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

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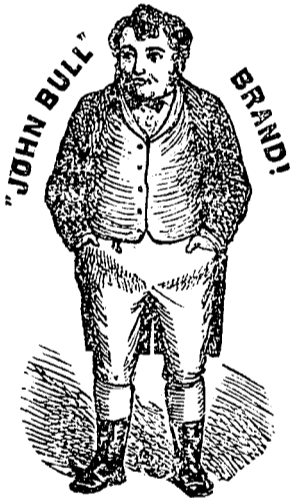
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FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.,
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
May 1888.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

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MARK BENEVOLENT FUND. 20th FESTIVAL, IN JULY 1888.

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF HERTFORD
R.W. Dep. G. Master of M.M.M. and Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire.

THE Fund is divided into the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity Branches, and all Donations and Subscriptions are apportioned equally between these three objects.

Since the formation of the Fund in 1869 a sum of nearly £2000 has been distributed in grants of relief.

Thirty-six children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch at a total cost of £950, while at the meeting of Grand Lodge in June 1886 it was unanimously agreed to give the annual sum of £5 to each pupil for clothing, which will necessitate this year a further expenditure of over £120, the Educational Fees amounting to nearly £300.

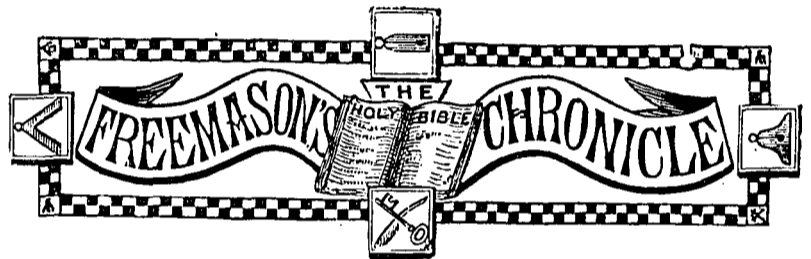
Two Brethren are at present recipients from the Annuity Fund, and the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sum of £20 and £16 per annum respectively to accepted Candidates after election.

The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received by the Secretary,

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MARK MASONRY.

PROV. G.L. LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON,
DERBY, AND RUTLAND.

A MEETING of the above Grand Lodge was held at Leicester, on Monday, 4th inst., under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. in due form. There were present:—
Bros. William Kelly P.G.M., T. Cox D.P.G.M., W. J. Freer P.S.G.W., D. Young as P.S.J.G.W., Butler Wilkins P.G.M.O., E. Jervis as P.G.S.O., J. Howell P.G.J.O., Rev. C. W. Groves, M.A., P.G. Chap., S. Cleaver P.G. Treasurer, S. E. Marris P. G. Registrar, Miles J. Walker P.G. Secretary, Edgar Horne P.G.J.D., J. D. Harris P.G.D.C., W. Boughen P.G.A.D.C., G. Ellard P.G.S.B., G. M. Bond P.G.I.G., R. L. H. Mole, J. C. Webb and J. N. Whitehead P.G. Stewards, J. Tanser and W. Stone P.G. Tylers, C. F. Matier P.G.W., Percy Wallis P.G.D., T. Worthington P.P.S.G.W., J. T. Thorp P.P.S.G.W., G. Toller P.G.D., J. T. Hart P.P.G.M.O., J. Harrison P.P.G.I.G., T. Coleman P.P.G.I. of W., Rev. C. H. Wood P.P.G. Chap., Arthur Stubbs P.G.S.O. Notts., W. H. Goodwin, T. G. Charlesworth, Hon. S. Knight P.P.G.A.C., C. W. Trollope, F. S. Preston, H. Hodges, G. M. Huntley, G. T. Edmund, R. Mitchie, H. Eagle, A. Oram, R. B. Barratt, &c., &c.

The Reports of the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges in the Province showed that the Degree was progressing. The Treasurer's Report also showed a very good balance in hand. W. Bro. W. J. Freer P.P.S.G.W. (the newly appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of Leicester) was nominated as Steward to represent the Province at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas was voted from the funds to be placed upon his list. The R.W. P.G.M. accorded a hearty welcome to Bro. C. F. Matier, and trusted that he would honour the Lodge by his presence for many years to come. Bro. Matier thanked Bro. Kelly for his greeting, and said it would afford him much pleasure to attend this Provincial Grand Lodge in future years. The R.W. P.G.M. appointed the following brethren to office for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Thomas Cox	-	-	Deputy Master.
The Earl of Euston	-	-	Senior Warden.
George Thomas Wright	-	-	Junior Warden.

Samuel Knight	-	-	Master Overseer.
Arthur Subbs	-	-	Senior Overseer.
Edgar Horne	-	-	Junior Overseer.
Rev. Chas. Westly Groves	-	-	Chaplain.
Rev. Samuel Wathen Wigg	-	-	Chaplain.
Samuel Cleaver	-	-	Treasurer.
Samuel Arthur Marris	-	-	Registrar.
Miles J. Walker	-	-	Secretary.
John Cooper Webb	-	-	Senior Deacon.
John Edward Beazeley	-	-	Junior Deacon.
William Boughen	-	-	Inspector of Works.
John Harrison	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies.
Abraham Woodiwiss	-	-	Assistant ditto.
Walter Hugh Goodwin	-	-	Sword Bearer.
John Ellis Whitehead	-	-	Standard Bearer.
George Thomas Edmund	-	-	Organist.
Reginald Blake Barratt	-	-	Inner Guard.
T. Gillot Charlesworth	-	-	} Stewards.
Frank Samuel Preston	-	-	
Harry Hodges	-	-	
Geo. Maxwell Huntley	-	-	} Tylers.
Benjamin Asher Derriock	-	-	
William Stone	-	-	

The Lodge was then closed in due form at 5.45 p.m. The R. W. P. G. M. afterwards presided at the banquet held in honour of the event.

LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 94.

THIS Lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, on Thursday evening, the 7th instant, when Bro. S. Tressider was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. M. Carne. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested Bro. J. M. Carne as the I.P.M., and his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. T. Olver S.W., W. Anderson J.W., G. Carter M.O., T. R. Grylls S.O., H. Liddicoat J.O., Rev. M. J. Sutton Chap., W. F. Newman Treasurer, Williams Reg. of Marks, H. Tucker Secretary, J. Martin S.D., R. C. M. Pooley J.D., W. J. Carne Org., W. M. Harrison I.G., E. J. K. Nicholls Steward, J. N. Francis Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. R. Carter.

ELPHIN LODGE, No. 321.

THE annual installation took place on the 13th inst., at Carnarvon, Bro. Cornelius Davies being the Installing Officer. Bro. N. Bunnell, who was installed W.M., nominated as his Officers Bros. J. Poole I.P.M., Segontium S.W., C. Rowland J.W., Rev. W. Morgan M.O., Edward Roberts S.O., R. W. Newton J.O., C. H. Rees Treas., G. Challinor Sec. and R. of M., Cornelius Davies Dir. of Cer., J. Williams S.D., W. C. Whisken J.D., E. G. Humphries I.G., Owen Evans S., W. Watkins Tyler. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel.

Mark Masons in Devonshire will be afforded an opportunity of proving themselves operative as well as "free and accepted Masons" at the laying of the corner stone of the church at Rose Ash, near South Molton, which is being rebuilt. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Devonshire will meet in the school-room at Rose Ash in the early part of July. The brethren will then march to the site of the church, and the corner will be laid by the Masons in memory of the late Colonel Tanner-Davy, for many years the respected P.G.M.M.M. The Masons will also place the keystone in the arch, and the characters peculiar to the degree with the mark of Colonel Tanner-Davy will be engraved on the stone. This will be the first time in the history of Mark Masonry that such a duty has been performed by the Masonic brethren, and Devonshire ought to feel proud that they have the first opportunity given to them.

The meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, held at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, have been adjourned until September next.

ROYAL VETERANS ENCAMPMENT.

A MEETING was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-square, Plymouth, on the 5th inst., when Comp. W. H. Dillon was installed as Sir Knight. A Provincial Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta was afterwards held under the banner of the "Royal Veterans" Encampment and Priory of Malta, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Knight on such Sir Knights of the Order of the Temple as might present themselves after ballot approval. As this was the first Provincial Priory held for twelve years—the last having been held at Exeter—the event was of an interesting character. The V.E. Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st deg. Provincial Prior of Devon, occupied the throne, and was numerously supported. The Priory being duly formed, the degree of Knight of St. John of Jerusalem was conferred on Sir Knights J. F. Dupre, J. R. Lord, Henry Stocker. 18 deg., Francis Crouch, Frank R. Thomas, W. H. Dillon, and Henry Rogers. The Knights subsequently adjourned to the Masonic Club, where they sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Symons, and were joined by Sir Knight T. S. Bayly P.E.P., E. A. Davies P.E.P., and W. H. Phillips.

PLEASURES OF THE IMAGINATION.

NO one better than the Freemason can plume his imagination for a lofty flight, no one better than he can soar to the azure of the skies, and there in the midst of the clarity of the upper air gaze not only far to the east and the west, the north and the south, but even, sitting at home in his easy chair can peer into the distant future and the remote past. In the profane world the earth's grovelers—those self-limited creatures who are the prisoners of ignorance, whose minds are dominated by their bodies—rarely think a noble thought, scarcely raise their eyes, much less their thoughts to heaven, but ever, as it were, dance clog dances on the earth for the delectation of those as ignorant as themselves. They live in a darkness which may be felt. But the Freemason has been "brought to light." His eyes are wide open. His intellectual sight is perfect. His moral insight is clear. He has learned to know himself, to care for his fellows, to love his brethren. Such a one is gifted with a new sense, a second sight. He sees everything in a new light. He is not "brought up like a rude Macedonian, and taught to call a spade a spade." To the bricklayer a trowel is *but* a trowel; but what is it to the Freemason? To the carpenter a square is but a square; but what is it to him who has been taught the language of the Craft? To the geometrician the compasses are but the compasses; but what are they to the "Son of Light?" Xerxes offered a reward to any one who would invent a new pleasure. He lived in the fifth century B.C.—why did he not seek initiation in the Ancient Mysteries of the East? They would have afforded him new and even regal pleasures, they would have banished his *ennui*, they would have taught him the restful joys of Faith, the expectant pleasures of Hope, the present enjoyment of Charity. They would have revealed to him the only true and living God, and the sublime doctrine of the immortality of the soul.

The Freemasons of to-day are the heirs of the ages. Upon us have descended the intellectual wealth of all our ancestors in the Craft. Their knowledge and their achievements are ours. Morally and intellectually there are no blind Masons—unless they are wilfully blind, and have closed the eyes of their minds so as to exclude the light of truth. Strength supports the Masonic world, Wisdom governs it, Beauty clothes it. Or, if you translate these Masonic powers to the blue canopy of heaven, Wisdom is our Sun, Strength is our Moon, while Beauty in a million forms gems the sky with Stars.

Did it never occur to you that the present moment is the most insignificant point in time? So puny is it, so quick to vanish away. Yes, but some will say, it is all important to us! Is it? Do we really enjoy the present as much as we may or do, the past or the future? We believe with Henry Home, that "such is the power of imagination that even a chimerical pleasure in expectation affects us more than a solid pleasure in possession." Now, Freemasons are millionaires, if they only knew it, and proprietors of more "castles in Spain" than the wealthiest Spanish baron. Let us enumerate a few of the Freemason's possessions.

First—In the past. We have the noblest of ancestors, whose works survive them, and we are the heirs of their intellectual wealth. They were the Temple builders of all time. Never was there reared a structure which seemed the work of the Divine Architect rather than the production of human hands, that Freemasons did not build it. Temple, cathedral and castle are all ours, and ours the rich inheritance of their glory. Of each of them it may be said, as Emerson wrote of the architect of St. Peter's at Rome:

The hand that rounded Peter's dome,
And groined the aisles of Christian Rome,
Wrought in a sad sincerity;
Himself from God he could not free:
He builded better than he knew:—
The conscious stone to beauty grew.

Next—in the present. We have the best of personal experiences—intimate association and friendship with the choicest spirits of our time; instruction in the loftiest spiritual truths and the highest moral duties, since we are taught Faith in God, Hope in Immortality and Charity for our Brethren and all mankind; and by the symbolism of the Craft we are impressively instructed in all of the higher knowledge which appertains to Freemasonry. We have our own alphabet, our own teachers, our own object lessons, our own selected band of learners.

No *profane* can enter the magic circle, whose boundary is the mystic tie.

Finally—as to the future. Who can predict it, either here or hereafter? Its climax is the Grand Lodge above, where all the errors of the Lodge below will be rectified, all the Craftsmen justly rewarded, all the Truth perfectly revealed. The law of love which we *seek* to make as universal as the Craft here, will be controlling there. Faith will be lost in sight, Hope in fruition, and Charity sovereign throughout the endless ages of eternity.

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, it is your privilege to enjoy the highest pleasures of the imagination. Enter into your inheritance—*Keystone*.

BREADTH OF FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY is an exceedingly broad institution. It includes purposes of a varied character. It seeks to do more than one kind of work and accomplish more than one sort of good. It has within itself, regarded as a system and an organization, resources that are ample for abundant ministries to its members and to the world. As these capabilities are understood and drawn upon its true greatness becomes apparent.

A mistake is made by those within or without the Fraternity who only regard some one feature of the institution, and note but a single line of its service and blessing. There are those who thus err by estimating Freemasonry as merely a charitable association, an organization designed to minister to the relief of the destitute. We are glad when this province of Masonic duty is pointed out, and when emphasis is put on the benevolent work to which members of the Craft are sacredly pledged. It is to the credit of the Ancient Society that so much has been done in caring for the weak and unfortunate members of the communion, in ministering relief in wider circles, and in building and supporting Homes and Asylums which do a blessed work of education and charity. Masonry can never justify its existence unless it makes expression of itself in this way of practical helpfulness to the poor and needy. But this is not all there is of the system or organization. Freemasonry is designed to do more than merely administer charity—to establish Homes and care for the unfortunate. It is a mistake to regard the Institution only as an organized ministry of benevolence.

Equally in error are they who think of Freemasonry only as a club—an association formed for the purposes of festivity and good cheer. Too many enter the Lodge influenced by this idea; and we regret to say that they find there those long connected with the Fraternity to sustain them in the view taken. Fellowship and social enjoyment are indeed to be included among the objects which Freemasonry approves and provides for; but they are by no means the only matters of consideration. Indeed, the social side of Freemasonry, as illustrated by its suppers and festivities, its friendly meetings of one sort and another, represents only that which is of lesser value in a justly discriminating estimate of the Brotherhood.

It is the moral and intellectual elements of Freemasonry which most dignify and adorn the organization. Were it not for these characteristics it would have no such binding force as now upon an intelligent constituency. When brethren come to realise what the Masonic tie means as a bond of comradeship, and when they learn by pleasant experience of its festival joys, they will praise the Masonic Institution for its social ministries; but men of thought and culture will not be content to approve Freemasonry on such grounds alone. They will be drawn to the system—held to it by a strong attachment—because it invites to intellectual activities, and furnishes so much varied food for the mind and heart to feed upon. Its philosophy, its scientific unfoldings, its rich and varied symbolism, its inculcation of truth in so many forms, will best commend Freemasonry to those who inquire most carefully and judge most intelligently as to its merits. Its practical helpfulness, good fellowship, and social privileges, are excellent features in its crown of excellence; but beyond these gifts and graces are other contributions that are never to be overlooked, for they minister more directly to the mind and soul. The first-named characteristics recommend organized Freemasonry to many brethren, for they enjoy the pleasant communions to which it opens the door, while they have a quick and generous appreciation of its Charities. This is

well, but may we not plead for the yet larger estimate that takes into account the worth of Freemasonry as affording a solid nutriment for the intellect of man, giving zest to his mind and heart by unfolding principles of divinest import, while it opens the way to thought, reading and argument by this best expression it makes of itself? May we not ask that Freemasonry be considered on its higher ranges, to the end that its moral and intellectual worth may never be obscured?—*Freemason's Repository*.

A NEW COMMANDERY.

HIRAM LODGE MEMBERS WILL NOT SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE GRAND LODGE.

FOR several weeks past there has been an air of comparative quiet in New Haven Masonic circles. The war between the Grand Lodge and Hiram having been waged bitterly, after a protracted campaign the weapons were laid down. The armistice was not considered enduring, however, and it was believed that the strife might be precipitated again at any time.

Just now there is a new status to the Masonic inharmonious conditions. While the Grand Lodge is not directly involved, a body which is in allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and a division of Hiram members are involved. The object of a new movement now on foot is briefly stated, but without detail, in the following communication:

NEW HAVEN, 19th May 1888.

We, the undersigned, members of Hiram Lodge, belonging to the New Haven Commandery and Franklin Chapter, do most respectfully petition that Sir Knight James D. Dewell be requested to call a meeting of said members to convene in the Lodge room of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, Masonic Temple, at an early day for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed necessary for the interests of all concerned.

Signed,

C. M. Ingersoll, H. L. Harrison, William Hillhouse, J. Martin, L. B. Hinman, J. R. Cummins, Henry W. Sanford, Enos S. Kimberly, John P. Augur, L. Bostwick, Chas. E. Hoagkirk, S. S. Thompson, T. J. Donvan, Robert Dyas.

Agreeably with the above a meeting will be held at Masonic Temple, corner of Chapel and Union Streets, in the Blue Lodge room on Thursday evening, 31st May, at 8 o'clock.

JAMES D. DEWELL.

The object of this meeting of Hiram Lodge members is understood to be the formation of a new Commandery of Knight Templars. It is well-known that members of Hiram Lodge who were identified with New Haven Commandery, No. 1, and Franklin Chapter, are not allowed to participate in the meetings of these bodies without they sign their allegiance to the Grand Lodge. This course the members of Hiram have been unwilling to follow. They have preferred to be loyal to Hiram and relinquish their connection with both the Commandery and the Chapter rather than to swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge.

It seems, however, that there has very recently been a movement on foot whereby several members of Hiram Lodge were invited to resume attendance at the Commandery meetings. In order to resume their relations with the Commandery they were obliged to swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge. To offset any further movement in this line the old, loyal Hiramites have decided to start a Commandery of their own.

When questioned about the movement, one of the prime movers had this to say:—"I can hardly say what will be done, but the object is to start a new Commandery. Over one-half the members of New Haven Commandery and of Franklin Chapter are members of Hiram Lodge, and they could hardly run these bodies without us. I understand that since this trouble with the Grand Lodge and the exclusion of Hiram members from the Chapter and the Commandery the two latter bodies have been in a weakly state. No parades have been held and there has not been much enthusiasm. Recently the Commandery secured several members of Hiram in order to build up the organisation, and these few were induced to swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge. I do not believe there will be any more induced to swear away their rights, however. When Hiram has over one-half the membership of the Commandery and they have been denied the right to sit in the meetings, it is about time that another Commandery was started, and this we propose to do. What has the Grand Lodge to do with the Commandery? Nothing at all. Then why should members swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge. Why, until 1811 it was not necessary to be a Mason in order to join the Commandery! I do not know what our number will be. It may be No. 1, as that is the number of Hiram Lodge. I cannot state exactly what will be done until the meeting is held, however."

The United Service Lodge, No. 2258, will be consecrated at the Metham Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, 2nd July. The D.P.G.M. Bro. W. George Rogers will act as Consecrating Officer, the public engagements of the P.G.M. Lord Ebrington, M.P., not permitting him to attend on that date. A special choral service is being arranged, and the ceremony will probably be of a most imposing character.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 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.)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 18th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 1180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 2548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1333—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 175—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilbarr, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clarke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 K.T. 123—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingsa
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimbore
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 19th JUNE.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadon-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.)
 551—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)
 859—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Thackeray-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Finsbury Park, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Healey, Three Rows, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chauncy, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)

- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1914—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helers, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Wo-king-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourie, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Calton-rod, Batley
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ragley
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th JUNE.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bandett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1731—Chosenley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 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. 93—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
 R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckenham twice
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Molesey, near Lee St
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Droyer's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Taverlye Wells
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropegate, Pontefract
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthing
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zenith-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkstede, Liverpool
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1255—Dunajs, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 1341—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Broad-road, Brighton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1366—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1413—Salen, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hove, Hull
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.

- 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Skithwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawldack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 R.A. 847—Portescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
 R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 21st JUNE.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collego-street, La-uboth, 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)
 135—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)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
 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)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, 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 Jorusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Soathgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 733—Woburn, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Un'on, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hull Westfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 343—Co record, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blazdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Duraman House, Northampton
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsualton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 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)
 766—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—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 129—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1300—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horus, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Lambroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 2030—The Aubrey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.

- R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushin, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Huddersfield
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmorsdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, H Lywards Heath, Sussex
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

- 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)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MASONIC MYSTERIES.

It is in consonance with the mysterious secrecy of Freemasonry that a stringent regulation should prevent the unenlightened public from ever gazing upon processions of the brethren, clothed with the insignia of the Order, except upon very rare occasions. The curiosity which all mankind inherit from their mother Eve has always been much piqued by the fidelity to their obligations of the members of a world wide Order, and the fact that, with the exception of one or two instances of doubtful historical value, even woman's wit has failed to pierce the veil, has led some to the disrespectful conclusion that in reality there is nothing to conceal. No Mason would contest with them this solution of the difficulty, for he is not in a position to suggest any alternative. The Order does not court public discussion in any way, and even keeps very much to itself the knowledge of the splendid Benevolent Institutions which it maintains at an annual cost of many thousands of pounds, raised by voluntary subscription, and the Centenary of one of which is to be celebrated next Thursday at the Albert Hall, with the Prince of Wales in the chair. But in different countries and at different times it is regarded sometimes with suspicion, sometimes with scoffing. Of the former feeling there can happily be nothing in this country at the present time, and with regard to the latter the brethren may be allowed to take such an opportunity as presented itself on the 1st inst., of showing that they have no reason to be ashamed of their association with the Order, whose watchwords, as the guests at the luncheon were told, are "charity and loyalty." It has been the immemorial custom of Freemasons to take formal part in the erection of important public buildings and the like, and we believe we are entitled to say that the ceremony which they performed in College Green impressed all the citizens who were present to witness it with a sense of solemnity and dignity. In addressing his guests in the afternoon Bro. W. A. F. Powell, the veteran, who has been the actual ruler of the Freemasons of Bristol for the long period of thirty-four years, prided himself upon the perfect order and regularity of the proceedings. This, without doubt, gained the admiration he claimed for it, but we believe that in addition many of the onlookers were convinced that there is something real and ennobling in Freemasonry, that it appeals to the better part of human nature, and that it is a power for good in the world. It will probably be many years before the Order makes another public appearance in Bristol, but if what we have said be well founded, it has no reason to regret the part it played on this occasion, and we believe the proceedings will be regarded as satisfactory by all who were concerned in them.—*Bristol Mercury*.

De Witt Clinton had this to say to the cranks of his day of our grand old institution: "I know that Freemasonry, properly understood and faithfully attended to, is friendly to religion, morality, liberty and good government, and I shall never shrink under any state of excitement or any extent of misapprehension, from bearing testimony in favour of the purity of an institution which can boast of a Washington, a Franklin and a Lafayette as distinguished members, and which inculcates no principles and authorises no acts that are not in perfect accordance with good morals, civil liberty and entire obedience to government and the laws."

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

GLEANINGS.

CURIOUS RELIC OF MASONRY.—Mr. A. Will has shown the *South African Freemason* a beautiful relic of ancient Freemasonry, of which he does not believe the counterpart exists in the Colony. It consists of a Masonic apron, about the size of this sheet, containing all the Masonic emblems upon it. The apron is of lambskin, and the emblems are painted upon it in colours. There are the two columns surmounted by Faith and Hope, while Charity is represented in the centre. In the middle of the apron are the Masonic arms surmounted by the Ark, and the motto "Holiness to the Lord." There are the sun, moon and stars, the three lights, the temple of Jerusalem, the square and compasses, the mallet, square, plumb, gauge, level, and Bible. At the head of the apron is the all-seeing eye with the motto, "Let there be light and there was light." This remarkable relic bears date 1st May 1798, and will no doubt be an object of the greatest interest to the Masons in Grahamstown.

THE MASTER WORKMAN.—To excel is a very natural and laudable ambition; indeed a constant struggle urges us onward toward the point of unsurpassed excellence. It is apparent in all societies, among tradesmen and in the ranks of the mechanic, as it is in the professions; in brief all men, both young and old, are continually labouring to hold in their grasp the coveted jewel, Excellence. To our mind, this desire is innate with all intelligent beings, and more especially is it observed within the confines of the great Masonic fraternity. The lessons taught there to a Craftsman, from his first communication with Masonic teachers, leads him to seek for new beauties in the golden fields that have been open to his sight, and as he progresses in his new manhood, yes, his new life, he acquires knowledge that more fully equips him for the great battle of life on this earth and for that accounting of stewardship which must so surely follow. The true Mason lives ever on the alert in his desire to reach excellence. He may become a master workman among his fellows; he may have filled every station of honour within the gift of his brethren; yes, he may have been exalted a chief by the united voices of the Craft, or a noble among its grandest philanthropists. Even here the perfect Mason does not tarry or weary in his work. There is yet a point of excellence to be secured and that is only to be gained when the tired workman shall stand at that Altar where final awards are made to those who have excelled in the work allotted them by the Divine Grand Master above.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner.*

The views of writers and others concerning Masonic Correspondence differ widely as to the duties involved in such reports and their usefulness to the Craft. That their usefulness is now conceded is apparent from the fact that in nearly every Grand jurisdiction the necessity of a Report upon Foreign Correspondence is admitted, and its absence, through financial or other reasons, deplored. In this connection, however, so much depends upon the proper conception upon the part of Committees of the dignity and character of their official duty; and upon the part of the Grand Body whom they represent, of the qualifications and experience necessary to the discharge of its duties, that a more general discussion of the subject could hardly fail to be productive of good results.

Looking over the multitude of Masons gathered here from all parts of our large State, the representatives of seventy-seven constituent Lodges, from the borders of California and Nevada to the Columbia River, and from Idaho to the Pacific Ocean, and comparing this gathering with the little handful of Masons who assembled thirty-seven years ago to organize the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, we may well feel that Masonry has kept step with the growth and progress of our commonwealth. Indeed has Masonry grown with the growth and prospered with the prosperity of our State. It has done more,—it has led the van. Frequently in advance of the church, and sometimes even in advance of the school-house, has the altar of Masonry been erected in almost every village in our jurisdiction.—*G.M. Fullerton.*

There is still a disposition among Craftsmen to consider Grand Masters as invested with something more of authority than what would belong to them as the presiding officer of some other society. Our thought is that this feeling should be encouraged, not discouraged, and therefore we are not affected by the cry of "dangerous imperialism." There are plenty of dangers threatening Freemasonry, but it does not seem as though the allowance of powers and prerogatives to Grand Masters, such as always have characterised that office, constitutes the greatest danger.—*Repository.*

SQUARE.—One of the most important and significant of Masonic symbols. It is often seen in churches, as an emblem of the old operative builders, and is no doubt of very early use. Upon the metal square found in Ireland, near Limerick, these words, of date 1517, are inscribed:—

I will strive to live with ease and care,
Upon the level, by the square.

If this is the operative teaching of 1517, it of course points to mediæval teaching, akin to present speculative application of the working tools of the operative Mason.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia.*

Queen Victoria's father was "one of us." One evening in the ante-room of a Lodge he was addressed as "Your Royal Highness." No reply was vouchsafed, and again he was so styled. "Excuse me, Brother," said the Duke with a polite bow, "there are no Royal Highnesses here."

La Chaine d'Union, in briefly noticing Bro. Sadler's work, "Masonic Facts and Fictions," pertinently remarks that if it be true that "the proper study of mankind is man," it may with equal justice be said that "the proper study of the Mason is the history of Masonry."

Two hundred and thirty Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mississippi are noted as owning the halls which they occupy,

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AT the ordinary meeting on Wednesday, the 6th instant, the R.W.M. Bro. Underwood in the chair, the Lodge was presented by Bro. W. Murray, Kilmount, with a handsome set of mallets for the use of the Master and Wardens. The mallets are neatly turned from selected pieces of cedar wood, and are chastly mounted with silver. Bro. Murray, in making the presentation, expressed the pleasure it gave him to certify in some enduring manner to the interest he felt in the prosperity of the Craft in Annan, and the R.W.M. in accepting the gift, spoke of its highly useful and ornamental character and assured Bro. Murray that his thoughtful kindness was highly esteemed by his brethren in the Lodge, who would long keep it in grateful remembrance.

The *Brighton Daily News* states that a Masonic Lodge is about to be formed at Bexhill, application having been made for a warrant.

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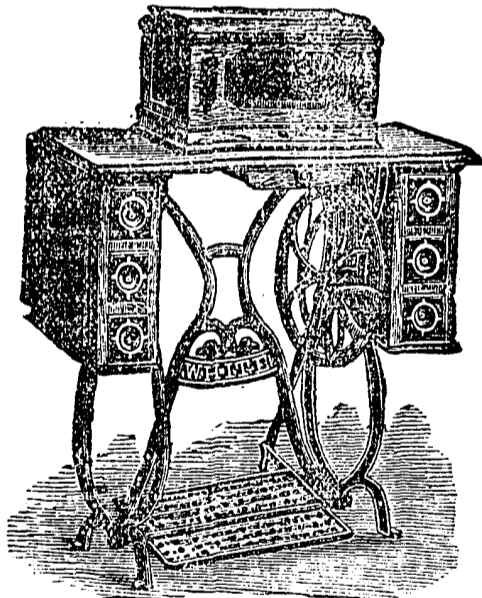
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