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## THE COST OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

FOR some years past there has been a murmur of discontent in many of the Provinces in regard to the expense of providing for the children educated and maintained in the two Educational Institutions of the Craft, and we have no doubt that, as years roll on and organisation becomes more complete in these several districts, this feeling will grow, and ultimately lead to great and radical changes. That this is a grievance of long standing our own experience will prove, some of our earliest recollections in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE having reference to this subject. We can well remember discussing the matter years ago with some of the most prominent Provincial advocates for the Institutions, and the general opinion then seemed to be that the Provinces would support the Central Charities just so long as they got a full return for what they contributed. About that time we took considerable trouble to ascertain the general feeling on the subject, and in more than one large Province we were assured that the London Charities would be supported only so long as it was possible to secure given advantages from them, but if ever the return got below a certain per centage the money would be spent locally. This line of argument would be fair enough if the return looked for was only the average return, but such is not the case; it is well known that many districts get more than their share in proportion to what they contribute, and as result some others must go short. Hitherto London has been unfortunate in this respect, the number of its beneficiaries always being below what it would be if an equitable distribution of benefits, in proportion to contributions, were practicable. It therefore follows that the Provinces, or some of them, have been educating and maintaining their orphans more or less at the expense of the Metropolitan subscribers, and this must continue so long as it is impossible for the London brethren to organise for voting purposes, as is done in the country. If ever this should be altered it will be the means of diverting most of the larger Provinces from the Central Charities.

The present excitement in regard to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys must be regarded as the natural growth of this feeling, and the appointment of the Committee of Inquiry arranged for in connection with that Charity is but another step towards the end we have referred to, and which we regard as inevitable. What may be the result of the labours of that Committee it is impossible to say, but we are inclining to the belief that it will never be possible to restore to the Institution the full share of support it has hitherto enjoyed. Inquiries, discussions, and arguments of the character which have been so freely and widely indulged in lately create an impression that something must be wrong. Men who have hitherto taken all for granted begin to make

inquiries for themselves, and those who are anxious for a change take the opportunity of forcing their views on the notice of their friends. Local resources are investigated, and, if merely for the sake of a change, some new idea is tried. These alterations must cost money, and as our argument is that there is only a certain amount to be spent year by year in Masonic Charity, what goes to one source must be drawn from another, and as a consequence the existing Charities must suffer whenever anything fresh is started upon. As an instance of this we may mention that one of the foremost Provincial Masonic Charity Funds has recently made a bargain with an outside Charity, almost as far away from them as the Masonic ones, by which they acquire the right of presentation, for a number of years, of three children. We do not begrudge this support being given to this outside Institution, but why, we ask, should a Masonic Fund have to go outside the Craft Institutions to spend its money? For years past the Province to which we refer has been doing more and more of its charitable work locally, but we believe the action here mentioned is the first step it has taken in this direction. Can it be regarded as complimentary to the Masonic Institutions, or is it not a condemnation of their management? Where will this stop if some effort be not made to render the Craft Charities capable of fair competition with outside ones?

Pending the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the finances, &c., of the Boys' School it was not our intention to refer at any length to the cost of that or the sister Institution, but matters are becoming so urgent that delay is positively dangerous. We seldom pass a week now without something coming under our notice in connection with the Institutions which calls for attention—witness the propositions put forward by Bro. Bake P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of that Province, as reported in our last issue. Is it right to pass by such arguments and statements without notice as appear therein? We think not, and accordingly we express our views. It is, of course, very easy to explain the difference in the average cost per child, as set out by the Committees of the two Schools and that urged by brethren who name a much higher figure. The one puts down the cost of education and maintenance alone, while the others include every outlay in connection with the Charity. We think this latter is the only correct method of striking an average. If £10,000 is expended on an Institution maintaining 200 inmates, the average is £50 each, notwithstanding the fact that some £2000 or so may be expended in obtaining subscriptions, secretarial, or other duties outside the actual bringing up of the children. Every expense is part and parcel of the cost of the Charity, and such being the case each of those benefiting therefrom must bear an average share of it. On this basis the average cost of each child maintained in the Royal

Masonic Institution for Boys last year exceeded £50, while those in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls exceeded £42 per head. The question which has to be decided is not so much whether these amounts are excessive, taking into account the position, &c. of the two Institutions, as it is whether Provincial Masons could not do the same work cheaper at home, or, as we have already mentioned, in outside Institutions. On the solution of this problem will depend the amount of support that will be accorded by the Provinces to the Central Masonic Charities in years to come, and it will be well if those interested in them take the matter into serious consideration.

Going back to the arguments and statements of Bro. Bake at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall meeting, we at once come face to face with the main facts. We shall not attempt to verify Brother Bake's figures, no doubt he can justify them, but we do know that his opinion is shared by many others in the country, and there can be no gainsaying the fact that the number of votes required to secure the election of a candidate is far beyond what should be necessary considering the cost of votes. It may be very well for Bro. Bake to reckon on receiving four per cent. for the money if invested in the county, but can that rate be realised? If so, we imagine Cornwall presents a happy hunting ground for many a capitalist at the present time. If all Bro. Bake's statements in regard to his district are made on the same basis as this, we think he could very soon be answered, notwithstanding that he is working on the same ground as many others at the present time, but who do not reckon for quite so favourable a return for their investments.

A question which was asked at the Cornwall meeting in connection with this subject must at once present itself to our readers. If the Provinces withdraw their support and their candidates what will become of the great Charities? Will London be able to maintain them alone, or will they remain as white elephants on the hands of the Craft? For answer we may say, that we do not anticipate such a rapid withdrawal of support as to cause any actual revolution of this character. The change, if it takes place, will be gradual, and no doubt posterity will be able to adapt itself to the altered circumstances as they occur; in any case we do not calculate on any serious trouble in this respect for many years to come. Still, it should be looked upon as a factor worthy of consideration before any additional buildings are erected on the present sites owned by the two Educational Institutions. As a counter proposition it would be worth considering the propriety of setting aside a part of the income of the Charities to pay the expense of educating or clothing children at or near their own homes. We know this proposition is in direct opposition to the views of many who now support the Charities, but what is to be done to render the great Charity Funds of the country more popular than they at present appear to be?

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE September Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Past District Grand Master of the Punjab, and District Grand Master of Malta, presiding. Brother Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk as Past Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. Colonel Sackville West P.G.J.W. as Grand Junior Warden. As usual at this time of the year there was not a large attendance. After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of

the last Quarterly Communication, which were unanimously confirmed. Colonel Clerke said: Their illustrious brother his late Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick III. of Germany having unfortunately departed this life since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master thought it his duty, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, to address a letter to Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of England, expressing the sympathy and condolence of Grand Lodge with her in her affliction, and he had now the honour to read this letter. It was as follows:—

To Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

Madam,—Four months have scarcely elapsed since, in my capacity of Grand Master of Freemasons of England, I addressed a letter to your Imperial Majesty's late Consort, the Emperor Frederick the Third, to offer to His Imperial Majesty the condolences of our Grand Lodge on the death of his august and venerable father, the late Emperor William, together with our congratulations and good wishes on the accession of His Imperial Majesty to the Throne.

Since then your Imperial Majesty has, alas! suffered an irremediable sorrow in the untimely death of one on whom the expectations alike of his own people and of the nations of Europe were fondly set.

Not less truly have the English people, who have ever affectionately followed your Imperial Majesty's career from early childhood, entered into your Imperial Majesty's last and greatest sorrow. His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick had for many years occupied a prominent position in the Freemasonry of the German Empire under his august father; and the Grand Lodge of England had ever looked up to His Imperial Majesty with just pride. I desire, therefore, as the head of the English Craft, to express for them their deep and heartfelt sympathy with your Imperial Majesty, and fervently to pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who, in His inscrutable wisdom, has inflicted this grievous blow, may grant to your Imperial Majesty strength to bear the trial with which you have been visited.

I remain, Madam,

Your Imperial Majesty's affectionate and devoted Brother,

(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

London, 1st August 1888.

To this letter the following gracious reply had been received:—

SIR,—I beg your Royal Highness to do me the favour of conveying to the Freemasons of England my heartfelt and grateful thanks for their sympathy, expressed through you, for my great and irreparable loss. The Freemasons of England have had many opportunities of learning how great an interest His Majesty the late Emperor Frederick took in matters relating to the Craft of which he was a member, and knowing how his Majesty was bound by ties of fellow feeling and common interest to all those who in all countries labour for the welfare of their fellow men, they will grieve that a life so full of noble aims has been cut short by untimely death.

It has always been a joy and pride to me to know that my beloved husband, the late Emperor Frederick was appreciated in my own country, and it has been a sad pleasure to me to perceive, from numberless addresses which I have received, that my countrymen mourn with me in my deep and unutterable sorrow.

Your Royal Highness's affectionate Sister,

VICTORIA,

Empress Frederick of Germany and Queen of Prussia.

Friedrichskron, 11th August 1888.

The acting Grand Master said, these interesting letters having been read, he had the honour to propose that they be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge. Brother Sandeman said the motion scarcely required seconding, but for the sake of form he seconded it, under the conviction that it would be carried nem con. It was reported that a complete set of the clothing of a Past Grand Master of the G. Lodge of England had been prepared, and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to his Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the gracious acceptance of his Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England. Colonel Clerke said it would be in the recollection of the brethren present that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge the brethren elected his Majesty the King of Sweden, who was Grand Master of his own country, to the position of Past Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of England said it was only following out the wishes and desires of Grand Lodge that his Majesty King Oscar should, as speedily as possible, be presented with the insignia of the rank to which the brethren of England had elected him. His Royal Highness therefore directed to be prepared a set of clothing and insignia of a Past Grand Master of England, which was

done, and the clothing and insignia were duly forwarded to his Majesty King Oscar as soon as practicable. He was sure it would be pleasant for the brethren to hear the letter which the M.W.G.M. wrote in forwarding this clothing to his Majesty, and, with the permission of the Grand Master in the chair, he would now read it. It was as follows:—

Marlborough House, 23rd July 1888.

To His Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., &c., &c.

SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—On the 6th June last, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England unanimously resolved to invite your Majesty to accept the rank and position of a Past Grand Master of their body, which you were graciously pleased to accept, and your Majesty was good enough to be present on the next day at one of our Masonic Charitable Meetings, in the Royal Albert Hall, wearing the insignia of that office.

The Grand Lodge of England are very desirous of marking in some manner their warm appreciation of the great honour your Majesty has thus conferred upon them; they have therefore requested me, as their Grand Master, to solicit your Majesty's acceptance of the complete set of the clothing and badge of a Past Grand Master of their jurisdiction, which accompanies this letter, in recollection of the day which your Majesty made an auspicious one for the Freemasons of England by your gracious presence at the Centenary Festival of the daughters of their distressed brethren.

With the expression of my own personal thanks for the interest your Majesty has thus taken in the Grand Lodge over which I preside,

I have the honour to remain,

Your Majesty's faithful Brother,

ALBERT EDWARD,

[SEAL]

Grand Master Grand Lodge of England.

He might point out that his Majesty King Oscar, since the forwarding of that clothing, had been absent from his own kingdom, and, therefore, it had been impracticable for his Majesty to acknowledge the gift, which he was sure he would do at the earliest occasion. The acting Grand Master said he knew the brethren would agree to the proposition he was about to make—"That this letter also be entered on the minutes of the day's proceedings." He begged to propose it. Brother Sandeman seconded. The motion was carried. The recommendations of the Board of Benevolence, as they appeared in our last issue, were confirmed, and the report of the Board of General Purposes was unanimously adopted. This completing the business, United Grand Lodge was closed.

## HOW TO PROMOTE HAPPINESS.

"THE fewer our wants the more we resemble the gods," was one of the proverbs of a renowned Grecian philosopher. One of our modern writers, in speaking of life, states that while we remain in this life we are subject to innumerable temptations, which if listened to will make us deviate from reason and goodness, the only things wherein we can imitate the Supreme Being. In the next life we meet with nothing to excite our inclinations that does not deserve them. He, therefore, offered this maxim, which has especial reference to the subject under discussion: "Our happiness in this world proceeds from the suppression of our desires, but in the next world from the gratification of them."

Freemasonry, as we understand it, seems to be fashioned somewhat after the above-mentioned maxim, and while the lesson is not definitely expressed, yet far in the background we see it. Freemasonry does promote happiness in many ways, but it is to be achieved somewhat after the expression of the renowned Grecian already referred to. If we examine closely the principles of our Order, we will discover that Masonry teaches the very lessons of the proverb in question. For example, the sheaf of wheat and the waterfall; the offering of the first degree; meeting on the level; bringing nothing offensive or defensive into the Lodge, and many other similar illustrations. These references have the one intent in mind, viz., to make its followers better. The man that is not improved by his intercourse with Masonry had better withdraw quickly. If the lessons do not improve his manner of living, then it is to be regretted that he ever crossed the portals of the Lodge room, and entered upon the mystic journey, for this very journey is a symbol of human life.

From one of the old works there is an account of all the Roman emperors with Alexander the Great as passing in review before the gods, and striving for superiority. The author dropped them all except Alexander, Julius

Cæsar, Augustus Cæsar, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius and Constantine. Each of these great heroes of antiquity laid in his claim for the upper place, and, in order to it, sets forth his actions after the most advantageous manner. But the gods, instead of being dazzled with the lustre of their actions, inquired, by Mercury, into the proper motive and governing principles that influenced them throughout the whole series of their lives and exploits. Alexander tells them that his aim was to conquer; Julius Cæsar, that his was to gain the highest post in his country; Augustus, to govern well; Trajan was the same as Alexander. The question was at length put to Marcus Aurelius, who replied, with great modesty, that it had always been his care to imitate the gods. This conduct seems to have gained him the most votes and best place of the whole assembly. Marcus Aurelius, being afterwards asked to explain himself, declared that, by imitating the gods, he endeavoured to imitate them in the use of his understanding, and of all other faculties; and, in particular, that it was always his study to have as few wants as possible in himself, and to do all the good he could to others.

This explanation of Marcus Aurelius points out the way of true happiness, which is the direct mission of Freemasonry. Our readers may think that these illustrations are somewhat foreign to our Order as it stands to-day, but we still claim that this institution had its origin in the most remote ages, and that the maxims of those ancient nations have direct reference to our Craft. Their lessons are as applicable now as at any previous time.

—*Freemason's Journal.*

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester will be held at the Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday next, the 12th instant. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 12 o'clock.

The installation of Comp. the Rev. Charles W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., who has been appointed by His Royal Highness the Grand Z. to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Cheshire, has been arranged to take place at a Provincial Grand Chapter which will be held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Thursday, the 27th inst.

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a new Lodge at Littlehampton, the necessity for one having long been felt by several Craftsmen who reside in the district.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire is arranged to be held at Knutsford on the 17th September. We understand that the brethren will have an opportunity afforded them of visiting the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Egerton), at his seat at Tatton Park, in the evening.

We have received, as they have been issued, from our good friend Bro. James Stevens, the first three numbers of "The Masonic Star, a Weekly Journal and Record of Freemasonry at Home and Abroad." We confess on looking over the first number we felt disappointed; we had heard great things were to be attempted in this new venture, and that "old lines" were to be avoided. However, the second number showed a decided improvement on the first, and the current week's issue pleases us still more. We do not wish to discourage the promoters, but we fear they will not receive sufficient support from their Masonic brethren to justify them in continuing to supply so excellent a quality of paper as has been used for the three issues under notice. It is not wise to prophesy unless we know, consequently we must wait till the bantling has got a little older before we venture to say what its career will eventuate in.

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.



## MASONIC PRINCIPLES.

*An Address by Rev. W. D. Patton, to Advance Lodge, No. 114, F. and A.M., at Florence, Kansas, 30th December 1887, and published in "The Herald," 7th January 1888.*

WHILE the hoary years of antiquity mark the ripened maturity of the Brotherhood of Masonry, these unnumbered years also mark its material strength and moral power.

The foundation rock upon which Freemasonry has built during the ages is an open acknowledgment of the one living and true God, an open avowal of man's personal responsibility to God, and his dependence upon Him. "As Masons we are taught," says one, "never to commence any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity." The Holy Bible is acknowledged as the "great light" of Masonry, as "the corner-stone upon which Masonry has been erected, the centre from which the radiating lines of principle diverge." Resting upon this grand foundation principle it combines in its charter "that charity which has been justly described as the chief of all the social virtues." As one says, "The Brethren are enjoined ever to bear in mind and act upon the dictates of brotherly love, relief, and truth, the first rendering us affectionate, the second generous, the third just. And again we are enjoined, as Masons, to ever remember that the great objects of our association are the restraint of improper desires and passions, the cultivation of an active benevolence, and the promotion of a correct knowledge of the duties we owe to God, our neighbour and ourselves."

With my understanding of the principles of Freemasonry, as laid down in the great charter of our Ancient Order, I can say with the Rev. T. M. Harris, a distinguished divine of this country, that "its laws are reason and equity; its principles, benevolence and love; its religion, purity and truth; its intention, peace on earth; and its disposition, good will toward men."

The Rev. Chas. Brockwell, a minister of the church of England, in a sermon preached before the Grand Lodge more than a century back, said, "I have had the honour of being a member of the ancient and honourable society for many years, have sustained many of its offices, and can and do own in this sacred place, and before the Grand Architect of the Universe, that I never could observe aught therein but what was justifiable and commendable, according to the strictest rules of society; this being founded on the precepts of the Gospel, the doing the will of God, and subduing passions, and highly conducing to every sacred and social virtue."

The Rev. Dr. Milne, Grand Chaplain, in a sermon before the Grand Lodge of England, in 1788, says, "I think we are warranted in contending that a society thus constituted, and which may be rendered so admirable an engine of improvement, far from meriting any reproach or contumelious treatment deserves highly of the community."

Washington, a worthy Brother Mason, and a noble Christian man, living a conscientious Christian life, says, "That a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

The fact is, as every Brother Mason knows, that the Holy Bible is the great chart book by which every member of this Ancient Fraternity is to square his life and actions, the rule by which his passions are to be circumscribed and restrained within the limits of virtue and Christian propriety. The gospel law of temperance and sobriety is the law binding every Brother Mason, whether he lives worthy of his sacred obligation or proves recreant to his solemn vows.

Upon the open pages of the Bible, with its sacred precepts facing us, we have taken solemn obligations which bind us to its blessed teachings, which unite us in the sacred ties of friendship, love and truth, and which ought to elevate and ennoble our lives. I say these things, not for your information, brethren, but because they are true, and we should bear witness to the truth, both by remem-

bering and living it; and I say them also because I wish all to know that these are our charter principles.

I have quoted the words of others at some length, that all may know that good men, that Christian men of the past, and Christian men of the present, regard our Institution as in entire harmony with the teachings of God's Word; and I would add just here, that it is only reasonable and fair to accord honesty to men who have shown by their lives that they are true, honest Christian men; also that it is only the part of Christian honesty to take the testimony of conscientious Christian men when they testify to the principles of our Fraternity.

We do not claim that Masonry is religion, but we do claim that no Atheist can be a Mason; and we claim also that the tenets of Masonry are in full accord with the moral law of God as promulgated on Mount Sinai, and with the tenets of Christianity as laid down by the Master Himself; and we would say still farther, and say it to every member of the Fraternity, as well as to the world, that the most conscientious Christian Mason is the best pattern and example of Masonry.

If a Brother Mason fails to live a life of integrity, honesty, virtue and temperance, he fails to live a true Mason; he does violence to the principles he has espoused, and is unworthy of the name he bears.

If a Brother Mason lives a life of intemperance, licentiousness, profligacy, or immorality, he subjects himself to censure of suspension or even expulsion from the Brotherhood.

Let us not forget that we are exhorted to maintain "a virtuous and amiable conduct, unfeigned piety to God, and an inflexible fidelity to our trust." And let us not forget that we are charged, and bound by duty, honour, and gratitude, to be faithful to our trust, to support the dignity of our character on every occasion; and by the regularity of our behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others. We feel at liberty to urge upon every brother, not only to maintain a deportment worthy of the grand moral principles which characterize Freemasonry, but also to accept by a living faith the teachings of those Scriptures which we esteem as our grand *Magna Charta*. To do this is consistent. In the language of one who understands well the spirit of our Institution and the principles upon which it rests, I would say, "The spirit of Masonry is humble; it boasts not against the church, and its asylum does not seek to rival the glory of that temple whose foundations are the apostles and prophets, and whose corner-stone is Christ himself. Catching the spirit of its earlier faith, and gemming its banner with the symbols of truth, it would move down through the ages in the service of the church." "All it knows of truth and duty, of God, and of man's destiny," says a writer, "it has learned by faith from the Scripture, that inestimable gift of God to man. Without the arrogance of philosophy, without the boast of inspiration, without undue pride even in its own traditions, it proclaims to the world that all its light is borrowed from the Christian's Bible. Masonry acknowledges its sublime precepts as the unerring truth of God, accepts its tenets as the only infallible rule of conduct, and professes that it teaches all men how to live in this life, and ensures to all who follow its teachings an inheritance in the kingdom which was before the foundation of the world."

One of the most prominent tenets of Masonry is that Christian charity which Paul so strongly urges upon us, saying, "Above all things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." We are to maintain this broad, far-reaching charity towards the Brotherhood of mankind; we are to strive for their uplifting, to sympathize with, and help one another as we journey together, common heirs to an inheritance of suffering, affliction, bereavement and sorrow; and in a special manner are we to administer relief and comfort to the distressed and needy, to the widow and orphan of those who are united in the fraternal bonds and fellowship of our Ancient Order. And surely this is neither selfish nor narrow in any true sense. The most that can be said of it is that it is limited and specific in its distributing to the necessities of those of its own household. And as to this specific charity toward those who have specific claims upon it, because of the sacred bonds of fraternal relationship the gratitude of the widow, and the orphan, the sick and the afflicted, the needy and the distressed, answer back from every clime and from every age, they answer with tears of grateful acknowledgment for the helping hand, the timely relief, the sympathizing

word, the prayer of condolence, and the material aid afforded them. And because we have done these sacred duties and performed these sacred obligations, let us not therefore suppose that we have thereby met all the sacred obligations of a pure and holy religion, for while the Scripture tells us that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction;" yet this is only one-half; the other half is this, "to keep himself unspotted from the world." Teaching us that charity and a pure life go hand in hand.

One of the prime principles inculcated upon the very threshold of the temple is the dissipation of all caste, and all class distinction: Soldiers and artisans, labourers and professionals, poor and rich, high and low, autocrat and peasant, all acknowledging the one living and true God as the author of their being, and the Holy Bible as the word of His power, must meet together on the common level of a common brotherhood of a common humanity. Every badge of worldly distinction and worldly rank must be discarded. If he be a prince, he must cast the purple from his shoulders, the diadem from his brow, and consent to sit as a man among men, as a brother among brethren, and be content to receive that honour which only manly worth may claim.

We are created intelligent and rational creatures, with a mutual dependence upon God and upon one another. And hence, as Masons, we are enjoined to industry and perseverance in the attainment of useful knowledge, and faithful "discharge of our respective duties to God, our neighbour, and ourselves," that in the end "we may have the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality."

In view of our relations to our fellow-man, and to eternity, we should not lightly esteem the earnest admonition "To walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue, and ever remembering that we are travelling upon the level of time, to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns."

The very implements of our Craft are symbols of the grand work of life, typically setting forth human culture, the elevation of human kind, the excision of debasing passions, and the cultivation of the Christian virtues, exemplifying the golden rule and "the royal law" of Christ in every transaction between man and man, and in the relations of life spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, and all this with the "noble and glorious purpose of divesting our hearts and consciences of all vices and superfluities of life; thereby fitting our minds, as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

God has endowed us with natures capable of enjoying and of suffering, capable of emulating the noblest virtues, or sinking to the most ignoble vices; and it is only by entrenching ourselves in the precepts of God's eternal truth, strengthening and fortifying ourselves in the virtues and graces of the Divine Spirit, anchoring ourselves in the well-grounded hope of eternal life, and sheltering ourselves in the ark of God's mercy in Christ, that we shall be able to complete a victorious life, and "safely moor in that peaceful harbour where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

Then let us emulate the holy virtues and graces enjoined upon us in our great *Magna Charta* the Holy Bible, that we may be prepared to meet our God in judgment; be fitted to stand holy and without blame before Him in love; then shall we have ministered to us an abundant entrance into that upper temple where the glory of God is the light thereof; we shall have part in the resurrection of life, have a glorious immortality and be blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

And now, brethren, this great event will soon be upon us, whether we will or not. The sands of our short lives are falling out one by one, they are dropping into eternity, and our days are becoming fewer, and fewer; and by and by the last sand will have gone down, and your life and mine will have closed, and this, too, whether we have lived true and noble lives, or not. The silver cord will soon be loosened, the golden-bowl will soon be broken, the pitcher will be broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern; the brittle thread of life will soon be cut, and we shall be launched into eternity, and the mourners shall go about the streets, because you and I have gone to our long homes.

May we then finish all our work here below with the Divine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to the heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory and bliss, ineffable and eternal.

Leaving the things that are behind and reaching unto those that are before, let us press onward, that we may reach the desired goal, and lay hold on eternal life. Let us strive to enter in at the straight gate and press up the narrow way, that we may join the redeemed multitude in the kingdom of our God.

"Then entering the eternal halls,  
In robes of victory,  
That mighty multitude shall keep,  
The joyous jubilee.

"Unfading palms they bear aloft,  
Unfaltering songs they sing!  
Unending festival they keep,  
In presence of the King."

"God of our life, God of each day and night, oh, keep us still till life's short race is run, until there dawns the long, long day of light, that knows no night, and needs no star nor sun."

## THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW YORK.

OUR sister jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York is to be congratulated on the praiseworthy attention given by it to the publication of its *Transactions and History*. Twelve years ago, in 1876, under authority granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A. M., the "Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1781-1815," were published. Bro. John G. Barker, Past Grand Librarian, was the skilful compiler of this authoritative volume. Seven years ago, in 1881, the Grand Lodge of New York appropriately celebrated the Centennial of its Independence, when Grand Master Bro. Jesse B. Anthony delivered an admirable historical address, and Bro. Frank R. Lawrence (the present Grand Master) an oration. Not satisfied with these, excellent as they were, in 1886 the Grand Lodge authorized Grand Master Lawrence to appoint a committee, in accordance with the original plan proposed in 1856, to prepare the History of Grand Lodge for publication. The Grand Master appointed Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, and the handsome volume before us is the first result of his intelligent and painstaking labours, which bring the record down to 1788. His plan is not that of an analyst, but of a topical historian, who sketches the history of his Grand Lodge, and then that of the Lodges subordinate thereto, prefacing both with a general view of the origin and work of Masonry in Europe, and in the thirteen original colonies of America. Bro. McClenachan's plan is a comprehensive one, and it will no doubt prove highly satisfactory to New York Freemasons. The illustrations in the volume are ten in number, including fine portraits of Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of New York 1885-1888; Bro. Daniel Coxe, Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 1730-1732; Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Pennsylvania 1734; and Bro. Henry Price, Prov. Grand Master of New England 1733-1736. In preparing his preliminary history, Bro. McClenachan has profited by the published writings of Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Wm. James Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, A. F. A. Woodford, and J. G. Findel, abroad, and Bros. Albert G. Mackey, George F. Fort and others, at home, as well as by Bro. Barker's published *Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*, and by the pages of *The Keystone*. He writes at a fortunate time, when so much authentic material is at hand, and he has profited by a diligent consideration of these authorities, so that New York may well be proud of this *magnum opus*.

In his synoptical account of Freemasonry in the thirteen original colonies of this country, Bro. McClenachan justly awards the first place to Pennsylvania. In opening he says:

The Deputation to Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, by the Grand Lodge of England, dated June 5, 1730, appointed Bro. Coxe Prov. Grand Master for Pennsylvania, as well as of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, "for the space of two years." It is probable that in the exercise of this power, the Provincial Grand Master authorized and established a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia in 1731. Presumptively, Philadelphia is the "premier Masonic city of America."

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The incidental and fortunate discovery by R.W. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, among the archives of the Historical Society in Philadelphia, of the identical Ledger B [Liber B] of St. John's Lodge, which met on the first Monday in each month, removed many difficulties in tracing the history of American Freemasonry. \* \* \* Chief Justice William Allen was elected and installed Grand Master of Pennsylvania on June 21, 1732. Upon this election he appointed William Pringle Deputy Master, and Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin were chosen Wardens. This assembly was held at the Tun Tavern in Water street.

A sketch of early Freemasonry in Massachusetts follows. Concerning it Bro. McClenachan remarks:

The origin of Freemasonry in an organized form in Massachusetts rests on precarious ground. The documents and powers claimed to have been granted by the Grand Lodge of England to Henry Price, in 1733 cannot be found in England, while those in Boston, Mass., appear to be transcripts from memoranda made in 1751 by the newly-appointed Grand Secretary, Charles Pelham, which had been collated and made of record dating from 1733.

The preliminary matter to Bro. McClenachan's History of Freemasonry in New York covers 107 pages, while the remaining 344 pages are devoted to sketches of the Grand Lodge, and the various subordinate Lodges, down to 1788. The latter include a number of Military Lodges, the memoranda concerning which are curious and interesting.

By resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York this History is dedicated to M.W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, and it is at once a tribute to the Masonic zeal of this distinguished Brother, to the liberality of his Grand Lodge, and to the learning, ability and self-sacrificing labours of the Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, Bro. Charles T. McClenachan.—*The Keystone*.

## THE LATE EMPEROR OF GERMANY AND FREEMASONRY.

*An Address delivered at the Concordia Lodge, South Australia, on the occasion of the late Lodge of Sor-row, by Bro. H. C. E. Muecke P.G.M.*

OUR Lodge is this evening decked with signs and symbols of sorrow and death, reminding us that the chain of Masonic brotherhood now surrounding the world has once more been broken; a link has, by the ruthless hand of time, been torn from it; an illustrious brother has passed away—not illustrious only in rank and worldly station, but illustrious in good and noble works and in faithful adherence to the teachings of our Craft. When your Worshipful Master requested me to address you this evening I could not resist the promptings of duty and inclination to give my assistance, however feeble, to the Lodge this evening in its endeavour, in sorrow for departed merit and in resolutions of renewed Masonic work, to add its mite to that of hundreds of other Lodges in again welding that chain together as strong as before in brotherly love, relief, and truth. In order that you may be enabled properly to value the services rendered by our brother, late the Emperor of Germany, to Masonry, particularly to that of his own country, but also indirectly to that of the whole world, I must for a moment diverge from my subject and refer to Masonic history. Many records and landmarks are in existence to prove that Masonry had a footing in Germany and other countries of Continental Europe in the earliest ages of their history, Masonic guilds and other branches of the Craft flourished, and the Great Order of the Knights Templars, who did such signal service during the Crusades and the succeeding 200 years, is an outcome of Masonry. The latter increased to such an extent that the riches of the Order attracted the eyes of princes, and Philip the Fair, King of France, commenced in 1306 the persecution of the Order so that he might confiscate their rich holdings in that country. He secured the assistance of the weak Pope Clement V. and the Inquisition, though before that the Church of Rome had been the best supporter of the Templars. During the next dozen years thousands of them ended their lives at the stake and by torture. On the rack many of them were compelled to confess unheard of crimes against Society and State of which the Order was quite innocent, but these confessions were used to justify the persecutions. In 1320, so far as known, Masonry was entirely stamped out on the European Continent. It was heard of again publicly at the end of the seventeenth century in England and Scotland. It is presumed that some of the Knights Templars

found an exile in the latter country, and exercised their rites, transmitting them to their descendants. The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were established in 1717 and 1736 respectively. In Germany the first Lodge was opened at Hamburg in 1737, under a warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, but again met very strong opposition, when a friend arose in the person of Frederick, Crown Prince of Prussia, afterwards Frederick the Great. At his earnest solicitation, an authorised commission was sent by the Lodge of Hamburg to Brunswick in 1738 and secretly initiated him into the Order immediately after he ascended the throne. He in 1740 established the first Lodge in Berlin, for which he obtained a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The relation between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Prussia have since then ever been of a most fraternal character. The late Emperor of Germany was an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Frederick the Great was an enthusiastic supporter of Masonry till his death. The Craft prospered greatly under his reign, and ever since in Prussia and Germany; but his successors were not at all such strong men as that great monarch, and until recently the Craft was still subjected to much suspicion and persecution. It is peculiar that the Protestant Churches of Germany were among the greatest of the detractors of Masonry. It was then decreed that a Prince of the reigning family of Prussia should ever assume the office of "Protector" of the Masonic Order. He was initiated into all its mysteries, and had a raised seat behind the Worshipful Master's chair in all the Lodges. It was urged that the presence of the Princely Protector was the best reply to the constant charges made against the Craft that their object was treason to the State. King Frederick William III., shortly before his death, named his second son, William (the late Emperor), to this office of Protector. His advent was hailed with enthusiasm. He was initiated into the Order on 22nd May 1840, and appeared so impressed with its noble teachings that he at once became one of its warmest supporters and friends, which he continued to be till his death. Our Order found in him an able and energetic defender, and he finally succeeded in breaking down all the influence of the Masonic detractors, still so numerous in Germany at the time. Immediately after his assumption of office he increased the strength and usefulness of Freemasonry by bringing about a closer union and more fraternal working between the three Grand Lodges ruling the Order in Prussia, among whom, prior to that, an unseemly rivalry had existed, and by interceding with Princes of other German States for the Masons in their countries he successfully placed all the German Lodges on a better footing. On 5th November 1853 his son, the Emperor Frederick, then twenty-two years old, was admitted a member of the Craft with much rejoicing, his father, the Protector, himself being present, and I cannot better show you the opinion the latter had of our Order than by reading to you a few words he addressed to his son on that occasion, immediately after the initiation:—For a long time past you expressed the wish to be initiated a Freemason. This wish has this day been fulfilled. Your reception has taken place in an exactly similar manner to that in which I myself was received, and in which manner I desired you should be admitted. Although the instructions and explanations you were taught this evening were necessarily only general and emblematical, they will have proved to you that the work of the Order is serious—that it is holy and exalted. There is only one conclusion, one end to the life of a man who has realised its highest aim, and to the correct understanding of that necessary knowledge the Order will guide you if you will practise it in deed and in truth. There are many outside our Order who throw doubts of suspicion on the same, but I cannot allow any one an opinion of the Craft who does not know or understand it; nor can I, after the knowledge I have acquired, listen to such detractors. May your future also show that you will not only be able to penetrate, with clear, unclouded eye its teachings, but that you will also accordingly defend the Order. Our Craft is attacked because it has been shrouded in mysteries, and the trouble is not taken to investigate the necessity of them. Such is ever the manner of those who desire to destroy; they are satisfied with the superficial; and also in our case our opponents do not penetrate deeper, as they have no wish to be convinced by true knowledge. But you, my son, be you ever to our Order a strong protection, and not only will your own future be assured, but you will also carry



with you the consciousness to have striven to promulgate all that is good and true." And again, only a few months before his death, the late Emperor wrote to a Lodge in Mecklenburg congratulating them on their seventy-fifth anniversary. After wishing them continued prosperity and progress in Masonic work, he adds:—"Then will the same be a living testimony that Freemasonry is specially adapted not only to educate its members to true religion, to cheerful and unselfish discharge of the duties they owe their family, their avocations, and public life, but that it also labours successfully for the benefit of all mankind." Between these two expressions of opinion was a lapse of thirty-four years, of close intimacy with the Craft, but it shows they did not alter his views. You can now understand what Masonry has lost in the death of such a friend, and how genuinely he will be mourned by all German Lodges. The feeling of the German Brotherhood towards him was ever one of the utmost love and confidence; they would have laid their lives down for him if necessary. In the troublous times of 1848, when he had to suffer for others' sins, it is believed that the Masons who knew the truth arranged his escape to England, and again negotiated for his return, successfully turning public opinion in his favour. His whole life has been a picture of a true Mason. I have told you how he worked for the Order, and he was equally ready to be of service to private brothers; many of them he defended vigorously at various times, and there are Masons in this country who can speak of great personal services received at his hands. Brothers, look for a moment at his long noble life, look even at the death scene as telegraphed to us—not the greatest glory, not the highest position in the world which he could and did attain, could shake the quiet, noble character of the "man." He was ever the same kind, plain loving gentleman, true to his God and fellow-men. In the position he occupied was not this the best test of noble manhood? Then, brethren, let us in this sad ceremonial appreciate the noble deeds of the dead. We need not mourn for him; he has gained the crown every good Mason strives to win; but let us close this Lodge with fresh resolves. Let us be true to Him to whom all our rites have reference; let us adorn our profession; let us by our lives illustrate its principles; let us be, in the best sense of the term, practical Freemasons, and the Great Architect and Ruler of the World will be with us.—*Victorian Freemason.*

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Present—Bros. W. D. Dyson W.M., W. Brown, T. B. Whytehead, J. T. Seller, G. Balmford Treas., W. Lackenby J.W., J. Kay Sec., E. W. Lamb S.D., W. Storey J.D., P. Pearson and W. Sharp Stewards., W. J. Child Org., G. Tindale, F. R. Vaughan, E. Wilkinson, J. L. Procter, J. Horner, J. L. Spetch, T. Milner, J. D. Irving, W. H. Coates, J. W. Dow, and G. G. Pooke. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Jordan S.W. 24, M. Bryson 236, and W. H. Wigham 1991. The business consisted of an initiation, a passing, and a raising, the first two ceremonies being worked by the W.M., and the third by the I.P.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. Sartain, Philadelphia, a copy of his magnificent engraving of "The Ironworker and King Solomon," which was accompanied by a fraternal letter, in which Bro. Sartain alluded to the pleasure he had experienced from his visit to the Lodge last year. A very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sartain for his beautiful gift, and the Secretary was directed to write conveying the same officially. The W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. S. Child, the Organist, a complete set of clothing and jewel of Prov. Grand Organist of North and East Yorkshire, to which office Bro. Child had been appointed the previous week in Provincial Grand Lodge at Richmond. The Lodge was then closed and the members and visitors adjourned to supper.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Three Nuns, Aldgate. Bros. C. Patrick W.M., J. Stroud S.W., C. J. Free J.W., Fenner Proceptor, E. Hill J.D., G. J. Bailey I.G., also Bros. C. Schmidt, Bruty, Christie, Reifenstein and others. After formalities Bro. Patrick worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Schmidt as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second, and Bro. Patrick the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reifenstein answered the questions leading to the second degree, but was not entrusted. Bro. Reifenstein, a member of the mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. John Stroud was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

## ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

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### YORK COLLEGE.

THE quarterly meeting of this College was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the charming seaside resort of Whitby. The W.M. and brethren of the Lion Lodge most fraternally gave the use of their handsome hall and other apartments for the convenience of the fratres of the College, and made other elaborate arrangements for their entertainment and pleasure. Some of the fratres took the opportunity of making a short stay at Whitby, and arrived there on the previous day; the bulk of them, however, arrived by the morning train from York, Leeds, &c., and were met at the station by Bro. Steward, the W.M. of the Lion Lodge; Bro. John Stephenson, P.M. of the same Lodge, and a veritable patriarchal Mason in Whitby; Bro. Attlay, S.W. of the Lodge; and other brethren. A walk to the West Cliff brought them to the Freemasons' Hall, where they found that the thoughtfulness of their friends had provided light refreshments, after which they were conducted to the new and beautiful church just erected and consecrated, the details of the architecture of which were much admired, as well as many valuable gifts made to the new edifice by local Freemasons. From the church the party strolled through the quaint old town up the Eastern steps of the Cliff to the old parish church, in itself a great curiosity, owing largely to the mass of carved galleries and private pews with which it is crammed, and which are now nearly all swept away throughout the country. Close to the church are the remains of the glorious monastery, once the pride of that coast, and dedicated to St. Hilda. Here the party were met by Mr. Walker, architect, who read an interesting paper on the foundation of the Abbey and the life of Hilda the founder, and pointed out some of the architectural peculiarities of the structure. At 2:30 p.m. the party wended their way to the Freemasons' Hall where another Masonic treat awaited them, for in one of the rooms Bro. John Stephenson P.M. had arranged a number of curious Masonic relics, including books, charts, and certificates, some of them extremely rare and valuable, and the inspection of these afforded great pleasure to the fratres. The M.C. was then formed in the hall, and ballots were taken for the following candidates:—Bros. F. D. Harrison 600 (Bradford), John Stephenson P.M., W. H. Marwood P.M., T. N. Marwood P.M., J. T. Steward W.M., and W. H. Attlay S.W., all of 312, Whitby, and T. Masterman 1611 (York), which were all successful. The following accepted aspirants were then received into the M.C.:—Bros. T. J. Armstrong (Newcastle), Rev. T. Randell (Durham), J. Stephenson (Whitby), W. H. Marwood (Whitby), J. T. Steward (Whitby), and W. H. Attlay (Whitby). Frater J. R. Dore (Huddersfield) read a very interesting paper on the Saxon Poet Coelmon, whose life was spent at Whitby, and who was a monk in the Abbey of St. Hilda. Frater Dore was cordially thanked for his paper, which was ordered to be printed in the Transactions of the College. Votes of thanks were also passed to Fratres Steward W.M., Stephenson P.M., and the brethren of the Lion Lodge, for their kind reception of the College, as also to Mr. Walker for his paper on the Abbey. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Leeds, and the M.C. was dissolved. The party, numbering nearly 30, afterwards met at high tea in the Crown Hotel, after which and a pleasant stroll upon the pier and along the quays, the bulk of the Fratres left by the last trains for York, Leeds, Durham, and other places.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, will take place this day (Saturday), at the Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. The brethren will assemble at 4 o'clock.

## Obituary.

### BRO. HENRY JEFFS.

THIS well-known antiquary died, at Gloucester, his native city, on the 29th ult. The deceased gentleman, who was 69 years of age, was for many years a voluminous writer on various subjects connected with the early history of Gloucester, and particularly of the Cathedral. He for several years gratuitously edited the *Gloucester Mercury*, and was a well-known contributor to the press on archaeological subjects generally. He was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of the monument to Bishop Hooper, which stands near Gloucester Cathedral. As a Freemason Bro. Jeffs was also highly respected by a very wide circle of acquaintance. He joined the Royal Lebanon Lodge, of which he filled the chair in the years 1866-7 and 1875, and on the removal of the Zetland Lodge to Gloucester he joined that, filling the chair in 1881, 1883, and 1886. He filled the office of Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Province of Gloucestershire in 1872 and 1873, and last year received Jubilee honours at the hands of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P., by his appointment to the rank of Past P.G.S.W. He was also Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons of the county of Gloucestershire. He filled the office of High Sheriff of the City of Gloucester in 1882-3. The local Freemasons presented him with a handsome shrieval chair of office, which he afterwards gave to the Gloucester Corporation for the use of his successors.

The death is announced of Bro. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., which occurred at Ormesby, near Yarmouth, on Thursday morning. The deceased was in his eighty-first year. At one time he took an active part in Freemasonry, and was a Past Provincial Grand Warden of Norfolk.

## OCTOBER ELECTION 1888.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the  
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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

**MARGARET E. M. ROBERTS,**

AGED 10 YEARS,

Daughter of the late Bro. A. F. Roberts, of Bow Lane, P.M. 1702, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, who died 10th May 1888, leaving a widow and six young children unprovided for.

The case is earnestly recommended by

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, P.G.W.  
Lieut.-Col. P. COWAN, Alderman, S.W. 2211.  
J. F. HEPBURN, P.M. 1702 P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex.  
FRANK TAYLER, P.M. and W.M. 2211.  
J. TICKLE, P.M. 1196 1702, P.P.G.R. Middlesex.  
H. LOVEGROVE, P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex 302.  
JOHN GREENFIELD, P.M. 795 1602 I.P.Z. 1602 13° Invicta Chapter.  
W. T. BUCK, P.M. 1702 P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex.  
NELSON REED, P.M. 1572 1601 1671.  
CHARLES S. BUCK, P.M. 1702. P.G. Steward Middlesex.  
JOHN DRAFER, J.W. 1702.

Proxies will be received by Bro. JOHN GREENFIELD, 37 Queen Victoria Street, E.C., or either of the above brethren.

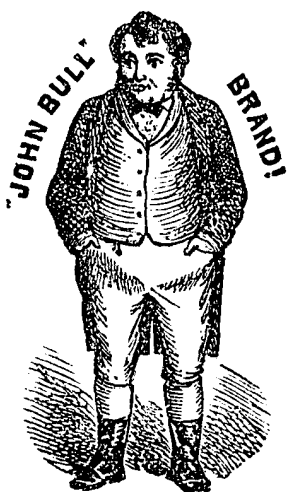
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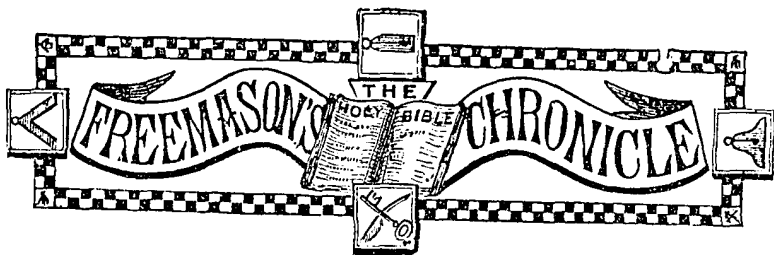
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**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**T**HE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 31st ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Richard Henry Holmes Past Grand Deacon, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Northern Counties Lodge were charged with, and well fulfilled the duty of making suitable arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Every Lodge in the county had a Master under their respective banners, and the brotherhood in the adjoining county was well represented. A long roll of business was duly transacted, including the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand

Officers for the year by the Prov. Grand Master. The following were appointed:—

Bro. R. H. Holmes P.G.D.	-	Deputy Grand Master
James D. Dixon P.M. 1427	-	Senior Warden
J. F. Beckingham P.M. 1863	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Herbert Bott 1863	-	Chaplain
Thos. Anderson (re-elected)	-	Treasurer
John Strachan P.M. 1664	-	Registrar
B. J. Thompson (re-appointed)	-	Secretary
W. M. Lyon P.M. 406	-	Senior Deacon
Teesdale Wilson P.M. 1626	-	Junior Deacon
R. H. Dickenson P.M. 636	-	Superintendent of Works
A. Robertson P.M. 1167 (re-appointed)	-	Director of Ceremonies
Henry Spittle P.M. 1342	-	Assistant D.C.
J. D. Garland P.M. 24	-	Sword Bearer
J. W. Lambton P.M. 431	-	Standard Bearers
James Carmichael P.M. 659	-	
R. Liddle 481	-	Organist
— Reid P.M. 431	-	Pursuivant
J. Barbour P.M. 1676	-	Assistant Pursuivant
George Parsons 1664	-	Stewards
George Senior 1676	-	
George Elphick 1712	-	
John Usworth 893	-	
— Ridley 406	-	Tyler
Thomas Waters 636	-	
Joshua Curry (re-appointed)	-	

The most imposing and interesting part of the Grand Lodge proceedings was the consecration ceremony of the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260, raised in Newcastle, and dedicated in honour of the Provincial Grand Master. It is some twelve years since such a Masonic function has taken place in the county, and it was consequently novel to many of the assembled brethren. Bro. George Eugene Macarthy was chosen the first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and fulfilled very creditably the trying duties of the occasion. The choral service was much enhanced by the assistance lent by Mr. J. Nutton, of Durham Cathedral. The consecration ceremony occupied about an hour-and-a-half. It opened with prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, followed by an anthem, "The Glorious Majesty," and there were several chants interspersed throughout the service. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant of the new Lodge, bearing the signature of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. An "Ode to Masonry" was sung in fine voice by Mr. Nutton, the first stanza of each verse being repeated by the whole Brotherhood:

Hail! Masonry divine,  
Glory of ages shine;  
Long mayst thou reign;  
Where'er thy Lodges stand,  
May they have great command,  
And always grace the land.  
Thou art divine.

The unveiling of the Lodge Board, with all the symbols of the Craft, was done in solemn silence by the Prov. Grand Stewards, and after prayer the Prov. Grand Deacons presented the vessels of consecration to the respective Officers, and libations of oil and wine were poured forth, and corn and salt scattered, while the respective Grand Officers declared the mystic symbolism of the rite. Much ceremonial was otherwise manifested and after the anthem, "Behold, now good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Ridley Lodge duly constituted, and that it would henceforth meet the first Tuesday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street. The Worshipful Master of the new Lodge having taken an obligation as regards the government of the Lodge, duly installed his officers, and thereafter, with their assistance, proved his ability to officiate by closing the Lodge, the Grand Chaplain pronouncing final benediction.

Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, in addressing the brethren generally, remarked that happy was the country that had no history; but he was happy to say that they had had an uneventful history during the year, at all events of an unfavourable description. He would be happy to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England (the Prince of Wales) that the utmost harmony and goodwill prevailed throughout the boundaries of their province. He was glad to know that the financial affairs of all the Lodges were in a satisfactory condition—even the Lodge which was "now considering" an additional gift to the cause of charity. He reminded the brethren that since Brother Thompson undertook the Stewardship of the Charities the result had been most satisfactory. His predecessor five years ago had been able to



send from the Province £1,222 for the Aged and Benevolent Institution. The sum had been exceeded this year by the contributions amounting to over £1,250. He was glad they had been able to do so much for the Charity, and that the medium had been Bro. Thompson, who deserved so well of this Province and Masonic life. Let him say how pleased he had been with the compliment paid him by those who had petitioned for the new Lodge in the Province. They were all workers in the cause of Masonry, and let them not forget it was not the mere increase of numbers they should look to, for it was the intention of Masonry to have working members in the highest interests of the Craft that they desired. There had been no decline in the numbers or in the standard of Masonry since he took the chair, and he hoped both would be maintained in the Province. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Northumberland Lodge for the use of their paraphernalia, and an address on vellum was ordered to be prepared for presentation to Bro. Henry Holland, who retired after acting as one of the auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge for twenty-four years.

It was resolved that the next anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be held at Hexham. The Lodge was duly closed, and the annual dinner thereafter took place at the Station Hotel.

## SCOTLAND.

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### BAZAAR AT DUFFTOWN.

ON Wednesday, 29th ult., a bazaar was held in the Town Hall, Dufftown, for the purpose of clearing off the debt on the new Masonic Hall, recently erected in Albert-place, Dufftown, by the members of the St. James Lodge (No. 289 S.C.). The building cost about £600, and although a considerable portion of that sum has already been contributed, there is still a pretty large balance to pay. The splendid collection of useful and valuable articles on sale amply testified to the great interest which had been taken in the success of the bazaar by a wide circle of friends. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Amongst the principal contributors to the bazaar were Mr. Smith, Mullochard, who gave a black polled heifer (pedigreed) to be raffled for at 2s 6d per ticket; Mr. Reid, of Ardmeallie, Dr. Findlater, Mrs. Geddes, of Blairmore, Mr. J. S. Findlater, Balvenie; Miss Sharp, Blairmore; Mrs. Cowie, Dullnabrae, &c., also gave handsome gifts.

In addition to the bazaar proper there was a very interesting loan exhibition of antiquarian specimens. Conspicuous amongst the curiosities was the fine collection of swords, claymores, &c., from Auchluncart, various articles from Balvenie, old snuff boxes, stone Celt fire cup, stone bullet mould, old Roman vase, ancient bronze lamp, old guns, spears, Zulu fighting dress complete, beautiful musical clock by Mr. Wood, watchmaker, Dufftown, who also showed a fine case of coins, a very old portrait of Prince Charlie, given by the Prince himself to the Ladies Fraquar, and old claymore found near Garn Kirk, Glasgow, &c. Constable M'Beath, Dufftown, had likewise a large and valuable assortment of walking sticks, dirks, old powder horns, pistols, coins, "puir men," a mustard mill, &c. Mr. Walker, watchmaker, Ellon, showed some splendid stone Celts and fossils, flint arrow-heads, and a piece of petrified wood. Specimens of ancient inlaid metal work made up as bracelets, shawl brooches, and manufactured from old tobacco pouches, for Miss Gordon Cumming, were also on exhibition. Mr. James Clark, Post Office, had a capital case of coins. The other articles included an ancient drawing-room chair, dated 1615, which had been in the possession of the family of Dr. Dow Sainter, Chester Villa, Craigellachie, for over 100 years. A sanctuary lamp and chain by Miss Cruickshank, Abbeyfield; a letter written by Dr. Livingstone, the great African explorer, dated 1857. Chairs made from one piece of timber by Mr. P. Taylor, Mill of Cabrach, &c. Dr. Grant, Crouchley, Kirk-michael, Tomintoul, also sent a very attractive collection. There was also a conjuring entertainment and magic cave, which afforded much amusement. At the opening hour there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. The Earl of March on entering was greeted with loud cheers. Mr. W. T. Reid, of Ardmeallie, briefly introduced Lord March.

The Earl said:—I have much pleasure in coming here to open this bazaar. In the first place, as a neighbour, and, in addition to that, as a Mason myself, I feel special gratification—although I belong to the English Grand Lodge, and not to a Scotch Grand Lodge—in doing anything to assist Masons here, or in any other part of the country. Now, I believe a person when called upon to open a bazaar is always expected to make a short introductory speech, but from what I can see from the articles displayed on every side of me, I am sure I shall be best consulting your wishes if I make my remarks on this occasion as brief as possible, and thereby enable you without loss of time to do that for which we have come here to-day—to spend your money in the most liberal and lavish manner. Perhaps it will not be out of place if I recall to your notice the conditions under which this bazaar has become necessary. From the information placed at my disposal I see that a Masonic Lodge was first started in this town so long ago as the year 1818, but from some reason or other, of which I am not exactly aware, by degrees the interest in it waned, and for some years it was not exactly dead, but at any rate dormant. However, in due course of time, some enterprising Masons thought that Freemasonry should be given a further impetus in this part of the

world, and by putting their shoulders to the wheel a new Lodge hall was built, and on a certain Wednesday, sixteen years ago to-day, it was opened with all due formality and with all Masonic rites. From that time, I believe, possibly with certain fluctuations in the way of numbers, it has gone on still increasing, and I hope prospering; and I have no doubt that in course of time it will be not only a benefit to the inhabitants of Dufftown, but to Masonry in the north of Scotland in particular. I cannot help noting that Freemasons are looked upon with a certain amount of suspicion by those who are not members of the Order. I think it is the duty of every Freemason to try and explain away such a feeling as that, because I am divulging no Masonic secrets when I tell you that there is nothing in the principles called Freemasonry which might not be preached from every pulpit and every church in all the four corners of the globe, and I think it says something for the principle which guides our Order, when you look at the way in which Masonry has spread its arms through every civilised nation—nations in Africa and Asia, and since the discovery of America it has taken root there, and there is no country in the world where, once you get a Masonic Lodge established, where you do not find that benefit accrues, not only to the immediate neighbourhood, but also to the parent Lodges. I daresay a good many of those I am addressing are not aware of the enormous amount of money which has been spent by Masons in charity. I do not mean individual charity; but by degrees the funds belonging to the Masons of this country have reached such a considerable amount that we have large orphanages—some for boys and some for girls, who, to the number of hundreds, are educated and given that start in life every year which enables them to fight the battle of life, and without which help possibly they might have found no career open for them, and they might have degenerated into paupers. When I say this charity is one of our guiding principles, I need not go much further. I notice I am addressing on the present occasion a certain number of the fair sex, and I am afraid that at times they may think it more or less a slur upon them that they have not been admitted to the Order of Freemasons. I believe that there was on one occasion a lady who was made a Mason, and I believe it came about in this way:—With the curiosity which is supposed to belong especially to the feminine, a lady through some means obtained access to a Masonic Lodge shortly before it was to be opened for the ordinary business meeting. I believe that the place which she chose to secrete herself in was one of those old-fashioned clocks standing about six feet high, and all secure in that position she listened, no doubt with rapt attention, to all which took place in the Lodge, but by some unfortunate—for her at any rate—mistake, shortly before the proceedings were concluded, she discovered herself. Well, you may imagine for a moment the consternation and considerable inconvenience felt by the Masons present. After deliberating for a little what was best to be done, they came to the conclusion that it was no use to turn the lady away from the Lodge there and then as she was, so they accordingly adopted the only plan left for them, and that was to make her a Mason on the spot. There is one other consideration which I think is not out of place, and that is that at the present time, more especially even within late years, when political considerations enter so much, so bitterly, and so deeply into every association almost which is formed, we, as Masons, are superior to any considerations of that sort. Politics are not allowed in the smallest degree to hold any sway over our deliberations or over our decisions. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I think with these few remarks, which are longer than I intended when I came here, I will ask you to study well the various articles which I have not yet had an opportunity of inspecting myself, but which I see on the different stalls around the room, and ask you to remember in making your purchases that people who come to a bazaar ought not to come into the building under the impression that they are in every instance going to get full value for their money. I believe it is the custom at bazaars to fix a fair and, perhaps, in some cases rather a considerable, price upon the different articles, but there are, as far as I can see, hardly anything which the mind of man cannot find suitable for himself, his wife, or his family. Ladies and gentlemen, with these few remarks I now declare this bazaar open.

Dr. Findlater, in proposing a cordial vote of thanks to the Earl of March for the kind manner in which he had come to open the bazaar, remarked that if the things were likely to sell before, they would sell very much better now. He then, in name of the committee, presented his lordship with a beautiful piece of crewel work in crimson plush, which, he said, came from the country of the Forbeses, and was worked by a lady who was once a Macpherson, and was now to be presented to the representative of the Gordons.

The sales were then proceeded with, and carried on with much animation throughout the afternoon and evening. The Dufftown brass band, under the leadership of Mr. Spence, discoursed selections of music throughout the day.

On Saturday, the 25th ult. the north-east corner stone of the new Church of St. Luke, Dukinfield, was laid with Masonic rites by Lord Egerton R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cheshire. There was a large gathering on the occasion. Three memorial stones were placed in the western wall of the building, by the Rev. R. G. Bulkeley, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. Brereton. The church will accommodate 500 people, and its erection is estimated to cost £4500.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Visible or Invisible Ailments.—In all outward diseases this fine ointment will be found soothing, cooling and curative. It speedily allays all inflammation, and reduces to a healthy condition all wounds, sores, ulcers, and sprains. It discharges all irritating matters and stimulates the vessels to wholesome action; when this ointment is rubbed on the skin over any organ afflicted by disease, it exercises a corresponding recuperative power, and in conjunction with Holloway's Pills rarely fails to banish any internal disorder, be its origin when or where it may. Whilst using these purifying preparations, the tongue cleans, the appetite improves, chills and flushes depart, and the complexion becomes clear.

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## THE INQUIRY COMMISSION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held on 27th July last, it was resolved that the Grand Registrar of the Order (Brother Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C.) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces, being at least Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper, for the purposes of an inquiry into the "discipline, expenditure and administration" of the Institution.

I beg to inform you that the undernamed brethren have been nominated, and have agreed to act with me as a Committee of Inquiry in pursuance of the above resolution, viz. :—

London—

John Derby Allcroft, Patron.  
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Vice-President.  
Samuel Pope, Q.C., Vice-Patron.

Provinces—

John C. Malcolm, Leeds, Life Governor, West Yorkshire.  
Lt.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Wells, Life Governor, Somersetshire.  
Robert Wylie, Liverpool, Life Governor, West Lancashire.

The Committee proposes to meet at the end of October, or early in November, at a date to be hereafter fixed, and of which notice will be given.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

FRED. A. PHILBRICK.

Lamb Building, Temple.

6th September 1888.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Two very interesting letters have appeared in your pages on the subject of our Boys' School since the one to which I referred in my communication to you of the 23rd ult., and I hope the series will not only be continued, but that other old pupils of the Institution will come forward and state their views, for, much as I honour and appreciate our worthy secretary, Bro. Binckes, I think he will excuse me when I say that in my estimation his and other letters on the internal management of the Boys' School sink into insignificance when placed beside those from old pupils. As a supporter of our noble Institutions, I love to look upon the results of what is done for the orphans of the Craft at the two Schools connected with it, and the letters which you have published from old pupils afford me especial gratification, as proving that the boys, at the least, are properly trained, and in such a manner as to fit them for combat with the world.

I do not attach much importance to the wide disparity which exists between the utterances of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY" and those of "AN OLD PUPIL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL." It would be very strange if different opinions did not exist in regard to such matters as these two writers refer to, but what pleases me most is the fact that two of our old pupils can and do write to you as these have done. No doubt there are many others educated in the School who might do equally well, and I think you are deserving of thanks in showing a disposition to allow them to express their views. Surely opinions and information from those who were brought up in the School should be more valuable than outside information.

I am afraid I cannot spare the time just now to touch upon the various points in the two letters which have appeared since I last wrote you. As you are aware, I am just now travelling about, but on my return home I hope to find time to again address you on the subject, and in doing so I trust I may be able to prove worthy of a corner in your columns.

There is, however, one point in the letter which appeared last week that should be forcibly impressed on the Craft just now. The writer of that letter says he left the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with sufficient knowledge of a number of advanced subjects, which he names, to enable him to matriculate at the University of London. Surely any amount of money devoted to his education has been well spent, and if there are even only one or two more like him I, for one, should urge that the Boys' School is most judiciously managed.

By the way, you made a slight mistake in my initials at the foot of my last letter, whether on account of my bad writing or not I cannot say; please amend it on this occasion and believe me to remain,

Yours fraternally,

G. W. N.

Llandudno, 4th September 1888.

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

## OPENING OF A NEW HALL IN HULL.

ON the 29th ult., the Kingston Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1010, assembled for the first time in their new Masonic Lodge premises, above the Lecture-hall, Kingston-square. This particular portion of the Old Protestant Hall has been leased for a term of years, conjointly by the Kingston and the De la Pole (1605) Lodges, and will in future be the house of the brethren of both organisations. Extensive alterations have been made to adapt the new rooms to Masonic needs, and the change will be very welcome, particularly to the De la Pole members, whose hall in Charlotte-street was ill adapted for the dispensing of Lodge hospitalities, the rooms in the first place being too small for a large meeting, and, what is more important still, the ventilation not being sufficient for an assembly of any size. The new premises will not be consecrated till the latter part of September, when it is expected that the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master N. and E. Yorks, will be present to perform the ceremony. Pending the consecration, his Lordship has granted a dispensation to the two Lodges, and their difficulty, therefore, as to their meeting together in the new premises before the consecration has been obviated. The alterations have been done under the superintendence of Mr. B. S. Jacobs, architect, Bow-alley-lane. Mr. Jacobs is a Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, and his undertaking the task has been a guarantee that the new premises will be in every respect adapted to the requirements of the Craft. The new Lodge premises are situate on the first floor of the building, which used to be called Protestant Hall, now styled the Public Rooms Lecture Hall. The premises have a separate entrance and staircase, and are entirely cut off from the other approaches to the building, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the sound rising from the Lecture Hall on the ground floor. The Lodge-room is in the form of a double cube, 48 feet long and 23 feet wide, with a raised platform at the east end and down the two sides. Adjoining the Lodge is a large ante-room 24 feet by 18 feet, and a candidate's room. The banqueting-room is 36 feet by 25 feet, and is arranged to seat a hundred brethren. Attached to the banqueting-room are two Stewards' stores, two store closets, and a hoist leading from the kitchens. The remainder of this floor is taken up by the lavatories, urinals, and water closets, and the kitchen staircase. Above the banqueting-room is a large kitchen, with two pantries and store rooms. The Lodge and banqueting-room are heated by high pressure hot water pipes, and fitted up with fresh air shafts and foul air extractors.

## THE OLD ENGLAND MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A BENEVOLENT Association has been formed by the members of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, and the following have been appointed the Officers :—Bros. W. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland President, F. T. Ridpath W.M. P.G.S. Surrey Vice-President, H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. P.G.J.W. Surrey Treasurer, and James Buckley Secretary.

The Committee consist of Bros. H. Baber, F. C. Pascall, and W. H. Ranson P.M.'s, all the Officers of the Lodge, and the following brethren from other Lodges, viz. : Bros. W. Burn S.D. 858, C. Corke J.D. 1851, E. E. Cooper P.M. 1494 P.G.J.W. Middlesex, C. Daniel P.M. 65, W. G. Fenn S.W. 538, W. Fox Hawes S.W. 463, and H. C. Vickers W.M. 1632. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when sufficient funds for two Life Governorships of ten guineas each were received, which were obtained by Bros. S. Clarke and H. M. Hobbs.

The future meetings will take place, on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at nine o'clock, after the closing of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, when Brethren are cordially invited to attend, or the names and subscriptions of any desirous of joining the Association will be received, at any time, by Bro. James Buckley, Hon. Sec., Queens-road, Croydon.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed by the Worshipful Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., Past Prov. G.S. Warden Norths and Hunts, Past Prov. G.J. Warden Herts, P.M. 228 1273 1366, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, on Friday, 21st September 1888, at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock sharp. Bro. H. Hill P.M. 1305 will act as Director of the Ceremonies, while the musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446 Preceptor. The brethren will wear Masonic clothing on the occasion. Bro. E. Wareham, the Secretary, assures us a cordial welcome will be offered to any brethren who may visit the Lodge of Instruction on this occasion.

## MARRIAGE.

POVEY-TUCKER.—On the 30th ult., at All Hallows, Tottenham, Henry, son of H. Povey, Esq., of Enfield, to Edith Eleanor, daughter of the late W. D. Tucker, Esq., of Limehouse.

## DEATH.

DREWETT.—On 2nd September, at 72 Southwark Park Road, S.E., Bro. Thomas Drewett, in his 52nd year.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

**Haymarket.**—The commencement of the theatrical season was well started by Mr. Beerbohm Tree last Saturday, when, before a most distinguished audience, he produced Mr. C. Haddon Chambers's well written and cleverly constructed play "Captain Swift." It will be in the memory of most of our readers that this play was successful at a matinée some few months ago, and undoubtedly Mr. Tree has done well in starting his season with it. The play was exceptionally strong in all parts, but since the matinée the alterations made have greatly improved it. For instance, the last act has been re-written, and by that means strengthened. The exposure of Mrs. Seabrook, however, is still continued. This is to be regretted; her grief at wrongdoing was so genuine that one feels kindly towards her. Her denunciations of her son were so heartfelt and sincere that Captain Swift, strong-willed man as he is, cannot withstand them. The situations in the play are most striking, and go home to every one in the house, while the motive is so romantic that it carries an audience with it. The great secret of having the several characters well represented has been looked after, and a most painstaking company has been secured, led by that rising actor Mr. Beerbohm Tree. As Captain Swift Mr. Tree has one of those parts that he is seen to advantage in. Each of the situations is grasped in such a way that every point tells, and with fullest effect. The introduction to Gardiner in the first act is skilfully conceived and carried out, while the lighter scenes are grasped in such a style that makes the audience thoroughly enjoy them. Mr. Tree gains for Captain Swift the sympathy of the house, notwithstanding his past career as a bushranger. Lady Monckton has improved her Mrs. Seabrook, and now throws such nervous force into the part that it becomes very effective. This lady rose to the occasion when speaking to her son, more especially in the third and fourth acts. Mrs. Tree, as Stella Darbisher, was charming; while Miss Rose Leclercq was a most cynical Lady Staunton. Mr. Macklin gave us an excellent presentation as Mr. Gardiner; his hints to Swift are thrown off with much point, while his love scenes are happily conceived. Mr. Kemble was a capital Mr. Seabrook, while Mr. Fuller Mellish showed a marked improvement on his matinée presentation. Mr. Brookfield was unsuited as Marshall, such behaviour as he displayed would scarcely be tolerated in private life. Miss Angela Cudmore was a most painstaking and interesting Mabel Seabrook, and Mr. Charles Allan a capital detective. The play was enthusiastically received, the loud calls for the author being answered by that gentleman.

**Savoy.**—We are much surprised to learn that there are some playgoers who have not yet seen the "Mikado," and are greatly at a loss to account for such remissness. The opera has had a splendid run, and we earnestly advise our readers to embrace the opportunity before it is too late. It is by far the best of the Gilbert-Sullivan series, the music is delightful and full of what musicians term "local colour;" the plot is intensely funny without the slightest trace of impropriety, and it is performed in a manner that is simply perfect. What more can any one desire for a pleasant evening's amusement? The opera will shortly be withdrawn, to make room for the winter novelty, the subject of which is a state secret, but we doubt the ability of these clever writers to beat the record of "The Mikado, or the Town of Titipu."

**Toole's.**—After a successful tour in the provinces Lecocq's comic opera "Pepita" has been produced in London, under the management of Messrs. Auguste Van Biene and Horace Lingard. It is, doubtless, generally known that "Pepita" is an English version of "La Princesse des Canaries," which was produced in Paris some few years ago. Although the plot is slight, it is interesting and exceedingly amusing. The music, if not of the highest class, is pretty, catchy, and in fact all that can be desired. Judging from the enthusiastic reception the production met with, and the numerous encores demanded, the opera has taken a strong hold on Londoners, who, we fear, will be loth to part with it. Miss Wadman's Pepita is decidedly a success; her vocal and histrionic powers command attention. Miss Kate Cutler was pretty and graceful as Inez. Although Miss Alma Stanley was allotted but a small part, she realised it majestically. Miss Gordon as Gomez, Captain of the Cadets, acted with spirit. Mr. Horace Lingard and Mr. Louis Kelleher, Inigo and Pedrillo respectively, caused roars of laughter by their excellent comedy business. They were especially funny in the third act, where they appear, the one as a vender of lemonade, the other as a purveyor of roasted chestnuts. Their comic song on the various topics of the day was deservedly applauded. Mr. Walker Marnock makes a colossal General Bombardos, while Mr. Frank Seymour represents the Hippiatian General Patagues. Their funny duet, "My excellent friend," "caught on" at once. Mr. Lytton Grey acted well as the effeminate Prince Guzman. In the course of the piece a divertissement is introduced; this has been arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and in this Mademoiselle Hoby disports herself as premiere danseuse.

Professor Baldwin takes his first benefit at the Alexandra Palace on the 13th instant, and we shall be surprised if the British public do not testify their admiration for his scientific discovery by congregating in thousands within the precincts of the Palace grounds. The professor intends on this occasion to outstrip his previous performances, and ascend two miles (nearly 11,000 feet), and he will descend in such a direction as the members of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain present desire him to take, in order to prove the steering qualities of his parachute. The gold medal which this society has voted Professor Baldwin for his invention will be presented on this occasion.

Miss Agnes Hewitt reopens the Olympic to-night (Saturday), with "The Ticket of Leave Man." Mr. Henry Neville has been engaged for his original part of Bob Brierly, while Miss Hewitt will sustain that of May Edwards.

## MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LEWES LODGE,  
No. 391.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex was held at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, on the 5th inst., when the Lewes Lodge, No. 391, was consecrated. The Lodge, in the absence of Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, was opened by Bro. C. J. Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, assisted by his Officers. The following brethren were elected to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, viz., Bros. J. Adames, J. H. Every, W. W. Turner, G. Holman, W. Wright, and R. Weston. The Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. C. J. Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Master, having addressed the founders of the new Lodge on the nature of the meeting, called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary, who stated the wishes of the founders, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the Lodge. The Petition and Warrant having been read and approved, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren. Three months, he said, had scarcely passed by since they were called together to Henfield at consecrate the Adur Lodge, and he trusted the foundation of the two Lodges would prove a happy augury for Mark Masonry in Sussex. Although many previous years had been passed in comparative idleness, the seeds of Mark Masonry had been sown broadcast, and they were now reaping the harvest. During that long period many good brethren had been gathered to their rest—notably Sir Cordy Burrows, Dr. Cunningham, T. J. Sabine, and George Smith. The gaps had happily been filled by young Masons of great ability, of whom they were all proud. He was personally grateful to Bros. H. W. G. Abell and A. F. Lamette for the interest they had taken in the new Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was ably carried out by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, while the duty of installing the W.M. elect devolved upon Bro. H. W. G. Abell. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Hallett, who presided at the organ. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz., R. Pidcock S.W., S. R. Legg J.W., S. Peters M.O., J. Adames S.O., J. H. Every J.O., Rev. W. A. Tooth Chaplain, H. W. G. Abell Treasurer, W. Webb Turner Reg. of Marks, G. Holman Secretary, W. Wright S.D., A. F. Lamette J.D., J. J. Abell Dir. of Cers., R. Weston I.G., and H. H. Hughes Tyler. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were pleasingly interspersed by songs rendered in charming style by Miss Minnie Freeman.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 422.

THE Companions held their annual conference at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 20th ult., there being a goodly attendance. The election of Officers for the year took place, as follows:—Comps. Kirk P.Z. Z. (for the fifth time), George Housham H., Frederick Baines J., C. F. Liversidge P.Z. P.S. Treasurer, F. J. Sowby S.E., J. Staniforth S.N., G. Scott Janitor. Two brethren of the Isle of Axholme and Yarborough Lodges having been exalted, and other business of the Chapter transacted, the annual banquet was afterwards held, and the usual R.A. toasts proposed. Companion Kirk presided.

## ST. AUBYN CHAPTER.

THE annual meeting of the members was held on the 29th ult. at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. The M.W.S. elect, Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, J.P., was installed. The M.W.S. of the past year, Frater W. Trevena, officiated as the installing officer, assisted by Fraters C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Allen, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., F. B. Westlake, J. H. Keats, and E. Aitken-Davies. The Fraters invested as the Officers were Captain Quin, R.N., Pre., F. Crouch 1st G., G. L. Woodland 2nd G., C. Watson Treas., T. Goodall Recorder, W. H. Gillman Raphael, W. G. Watson G.M., J. Austin C.G., C. Newton O., E. Aitken-Davies Herald, S. Harvey Equerry. The Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Chapter a group of handsome photographs of the Supreme Council, 33 degree, appropriately framed. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to the St. Aubyn Chapter S.P.R.C., of H.R.D.M., No. 20, Devonport, by the I.B. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 degree, P.M.W.S., and High Prelate, August 29th, 1888." In the evening the Fraters dined together at William's Restaurant, Chapel-street. The M.W.S., Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, presided.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1445—Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 R.C. 42—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (Inst.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (Inst.)  
 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)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 52—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 565—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Willimson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Stradgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Lury St. Edmunds  
 161—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset  
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington  
 R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster  
 R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool  
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire  
 M.M. 17—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions I. restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 177—Sincerity, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, 1, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Mother P'd Cup, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 654—Loughborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 752—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 830—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anney  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 147—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1605—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 184—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 194—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 2020—Sinai Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30

- R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton  
 628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier, Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Smakey, Greenhall Street, Warrington  
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Horne Bay, Kent  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
 R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Carolino Street, Stylbridge  
 R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford  
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton  
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Choetham, Lancashire.  
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barbican, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 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. (Inst.)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, M. & F. at 8. (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station  
 2200—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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1446—Mount Edgecombe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C.  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

- 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Brighthelmston, Brighton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ramcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Camberley. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1421—Browarigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1511—Alexander, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannon-st., Stafford  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1917—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

- R.A. 21—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple  
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool  
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
 R.A. 916—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham  
 R.A. 1549—Stammore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore  
 M.M. 192—St. Guthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction)  
 14—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)

754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
1153—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon 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)  
1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1553—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 Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1791—Treaton, Wheatshare Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
195C—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland  
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland  
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham  
78—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal  
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester  
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington  
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire  
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne  
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester  
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coeshill  
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees  
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport  
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny  
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8  
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 9. (In)  
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
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)  
83—Ranelagh, 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)  
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
2030—The Abbey 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)  
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff  
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole  
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby  
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate  
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme

SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

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)  
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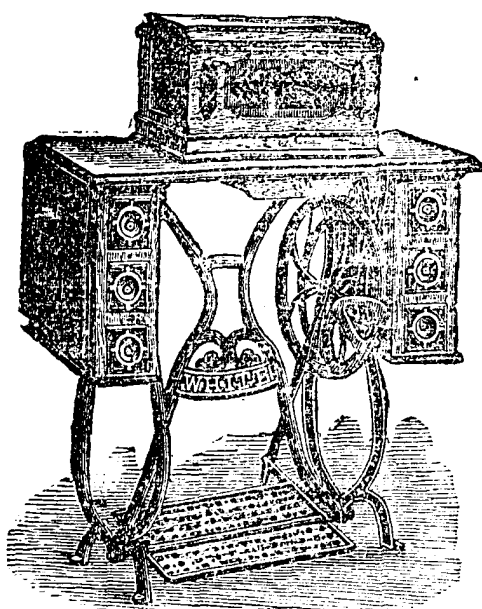
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