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## MASONIC CHARITY AND MASONIC REFRESHMENT.

THE Masonic Order has won for itself the reputation of being the most charitable and the most benevolent organisation of any in the country, and much as we may desire to support the reputation which has been secured, we sometimes pause and ask ourselves the question—is the honour deserved? Those of our present readers who saw the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of a few years back will perhaps remember that we then published a number of Lodge Balance Sheets, giving in each case the varied items of income and expenditure, but withholding the name, &c., of the Lodge, or other means of identification. Those Balance Sheets showed a very wide difference between the amounts disbursed in charity and the sums spent in refreshment, and no doubt if sufficient details had been given to render the Lodges easily identified the publication of the figures would have been most injudicious. It would not have been fair to the members of the Lodges concerned to hold them up to special notice, as they were really no exception to the rule. We were told that, despite the precautions we took, the returns were in some cases identified, so it was thought best to discontinue the series. As soon as it became known to what Lodges the figures referred, so we were told, the members were taunted with the disproportion which existed between the charity they preached and the charity they practised, and considerable annoyance resulted. This was most unfair, as the Balance Sheets published were not by any means selected with the object of making a case either one way or the other. They were published just as they came under notice, and if they created an unfavourable impression it was the fault of the whole system which existed, and still exists, rather than the outcome of any selection from it. The publication of the figures which came before us was discontinued, lest, in a desire to benefit the many, we injured the few, but we have since regretted that the work was not persevered in, for we are of opinion that were it possible to collect details of the expenditure of a large number of our Lodges—say one-fourth of the whole number—such a statement could be submitted as would startle many of the better class of Craftsmen into a desire for immediate and thorough reform.

We are fully aware it is no part of our duty to dictate to the members of a Lodge the way in which they shall dispense their funds. Masonry is free, and in the matter of Lodge expenditure a perfect freedom of action rests with the members, but we cannot, as we say above, help asking ourselves the question—Is the reputation which Freemasonry enjoys in regard to charity really deserved? There can be no doubt that a vast sum is annually subscribed by Freemasons for the support of the decayed brother, the widow, and the orphan, and perhaps all that is done by individual

members of the Craft should be accredited to Freemasonry as a whole, but on the other hand it may be asked, how much is done by the Masonic Lodges, as Lodges, to maintain the reputation of the Order?

Freemasonry, we are told, is not a Benevolent Society, a statement which a very brief association with Lodge expenditure would at once justify, and regarding the matter in the light of our present subject it is almost to be regretted that it is not conducted on strictly Benevolent Society rules. Would it not be much better if some sort of systematic benevolence was enforced in every Lodge? We do not say the money should be devoted to either of the existing Charities, or to any object in particular, but it seems out of character for Freemasons to boast of the Benevolence of their Order, when in truth some nine-tenths of the income of our Lodges is devoted to personal enjoyment, while the claims of charity are totally disregarded in a very large majority of cases. It is not sufficient for a Lodge to say that the members dispense their charity individually, nor is it a fair excuse for brethren to say that their Lodges support the Benevolent Funds of the Craft. Both should do their share, Lodges setting aside a proportion of their income, and individual Masons giving as far as their position in life warranted.

As the case stands now there is nothing like system, and nothing like fairness in the matter. Even the three Institutions of the Craft are without any real support from the Lodges which make use of them, and the several committees are quite unable to even guess at the amount of next year's receipts. This would not be the case if Lodge support became the custom, rather than what it is at present, the exception, and as a result it would not be necessary to make such strong appeals for aid to individual Masons as is now imperative.

Looking at the matter from another point of view, we may ask, What does Freemasonry really do to deserve the high character it has secured? It is admittedly the most wealthy society in existence, it has Lodges and representatives in every part of the country, and numbers in its ranks, we may say, the wealth and prosperity of the nation. Yet with all this its contributions to the three Institutions of the Craft last year amounted to just over £61,000. This was a grand total, we admit, and we have already expressed our gratification that so large a sum was subscribed, but after all it does not appear so very grand when viewed side by side with some outside collections, or when considered in comparison with the amount expended in Masonic refreshment. At present we shall only refer to one outside collection, and that the latest brought under our notice, and we ask all who peruse these lines to look at the matter in an unbiassed spirit, and then answer for themselves the question we propounded in the earlier part of these remarks.

The figures we refer to are those in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes and Mission, which shows an

income for the past year of £103,091, which total we consider quite puts in the shade the work of Freemasonry in the cause of charity. With such a total as this before us is it right to give Freemasonry the first place among the charities of the world? especially when it is remembered that there are three Institutions of the Craft and that their united income last year was little more than half the sum subscribed to one outside charity.

### OUR DUTIES AS FREEMASONS.

*An Address delivered by Bro. William R. Frazier W.M., at the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, 26th June 1888.*

**D**URING the time I have been passing through the chairs, and especially while I have been occupying the Oriental chair, my purpose and desire has been, and is, to the best of my ability, to measure up to the duties and obligations required of me, both as a man and a Mason, placed as I have been by your favour in the exalted and responsible position of Master of this Lodge. It has not only been my desire to measure up to this high standard myself, but also my ambition to incite others to the same laudable purpose, thereby creating a desire for and a willingness to assist in, restoring Mount Moriah Lodge to the exalted position she once did, and now ought to, occupy in the Masonic Fraternity. Sometimes I have felt very much encouraged, sometimes very much discouraged. Encouraged because of the increased interest manifested by many of the members, and at times to the enlarged attendance at the Lodge, the good order that prevailed, the attention paid to the work, and the disposition to more faithfully perform our Masonic obligations, especially in regard to the sick, the helpless, the needy and the erring. Discouraged, because the attendance at the Lodge is not far greater, as it should be, and because of the seemingly little interest manifested by so many of the members in Freemasonry in general, and in their own Lodge in particular. Frequently we have met men whom we did not know as Masons, but have been informed that they are not only Masons, but also members of Mount Moriah Lodge. Brethren, such a condition of facts should not exist; we ought not to be strangers to and unknown by members of our own family. Though such things do exist, and many manifest little or no interest in the prosperity and welfare of the Lodge, yet I feel that I should return thanks, and I do return my most sincere and grateful thanks, to the officers elected and appointed, to the past officers and to the members who have so kindly, freely and fraternally aided and assisted me in trying to awaken an increased interest in the members in regard to their Masonic obligations, and the prosperity of the Lodge. We often hear the remark, the world was not made in a day; and who has not heard of Bruce and the spider? Then if we would faithfully fulfil our Masonic obligations, and accomplish our desires, let us remember that it can only be done by a fixed determination on our part to faithfully discharge every duty, and a firm resolution to continue to work unitedly and harmoniously together, until Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, has reached a position second to none in the mystic Brotherhood, for their fidelity to usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity, for their obedience to the rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Lodge, for their faithful attendance at, and their correct and solemn performance of the work of the Lodge, for their faithful attention to and care of the sick, the needy and the helpless, and for their forbearance with and brotherly love for one another.

Brethren, let us endeavour to make the Brethren who occasionally visit the Lodge feel at home among us, and not as though they were strangers in their own household; let us pay some attention to them, bid them a hearty welcome and make their attendance so pleasant among us that they will realize that they are in truth one of us, and ought to take a part with us in performing the duties and advancing the interests of the Lodge. Let us make a special effort to convince those who seldom or never attend the Lodge of the obligations they are under, the duties they owe and the importance and the necessity (if they would see the Lodge prosper), not only for them to attend the

meetings and assist by their presence, but also show a willingness to take a part, and help in the performance of the work of the Lodge.

Brethren it seems to me there is a duty as Masons in which we all more or less fail. It is in regard to our reception and treatment of visitors among us. I am well aware that, as a general thing, if some distinguished Brethren or delegation make a fraternal visit, they are fraternally received and well taken care of, but too often we let visiting Brethren come in among us, and go out from us, feeling as though they were strangers, instead of members of the same Mystic Tie an universal Masonic Brotherhood of which they and we form a part. Brethren, this is not Masonic, and ought not so to be, for a Mason among Masons should always receive a cordial welcome, and be recognised not only as a Mason, but also as a Brother. Let us then extend to our visiting Brethren a hearty welcome, and give to them a fraternal greeting, thereby compelling them to feel at home among us, and that they are of and among Brethren of the Mystic Brotherhood.

Brethren, in a little over four years (before our present J.W. shall have completed his term of office in the East) we will celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary, and for which preparation ought soon to be commenced.

On 1st December 1817, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, was constituted, with Bro. Joseph E. Bowen W.M.; Bro. Richard Cahill S.W.; Bro. Chester Chattin J.W.; Bro. Joseph Cooper Treas., and Bro. Samuel Simpson Sec'y. These five were the charter members. In 1818 (the first year of its existence), there were admitted and initiated thirty-four. This, for youngsters of only one year's growth, was certainly a very good year's work. I am very sure we would think so, did we do that amount of work in one year now though we are over seventy years old. fifty years afterwards, or when the corner-stone of this Temple was laid, the membership had increased to 366, and five years later, or when the Temple was dedicated, the membership was 404. From that time to the present (a little less than fifteen years) there has been a gradual decrease in our membership, numbering now (according to our last report to the Grand Lodge) only 264. Brethren, why this decrease? Surely there must be some cause or reason for it. Death, we know, has for some years been very active in depleting our number; then, too, there have been resignations and suspensions, to further decrease our number. But while this is true, yet it seems to me that there must be some other cause besides these for this gradual decrease, for while death has been active, and there have been resignations and suspensions, there have been also initiations and affiliations. If this be true then, why, year after year, for the past fifteen years, has our membership gradually decreased, instead of increasing as it did prior to that time? This to us is a very serious question, and one that it behoves us to inquire well into and ask ourselves the question, How much have we contributed towards this decrease? Is it because the Officers have not understood, and faithfully performed, the duties required of them. Is it because some of those who have received the highest honour the Lodge could confer on them seem to have lost all their interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge, and seldom, or never, come near us? Is it because so many of the members never attend the Lodge, and by their actions (at least) seem to have little or no concern for its prosperity or existence? Is it because we do not fully understand and realize what Freemasonry is, what its principles and teachings are, what it requires of us, and therefore fail in the performance of our Masonic obligations and duties? Brethren, I am well aware that Freemasonry does not consist merely in numbers, but requires of all its votaries uprightness of heart and rectitude of conduct; that its grandeur is not in numbers, but in its pure principles and moral teachings; and its beauty is in its belief in the universal Fatherhood of God, the universal Brotherhood of man, and for its brotherly love, protection and care for one another; and men should be drawn to it, and its numbers increased, because of its pure principles, moral teachings and universal brotherhood. Though its principles are pure, its standard high, and though it receives all who voluntarily offer themselves for admission (provided they are not morally or physically disqualified), yet in the face of this, for years our number has been gradually decreasing instead of increasing. Now let the cause be what it may, let us resolve and determine that we will not cease to labour, nor rest satisfied, until the cause is removed and Mount Moriah

Lodge, No. 155, has again resumed her rightful position in the Masonic Brotherhood.

Brethren, I sometimes think that we do not fully realize the high honour conferred on us, and the responsibility imposed on us, by being admitted to membership in this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, and becoming Brothers of this Mystic Brotherhood. We claim that it is the noblest and grandest Fraternity ever instituted by man, and so it is. Noble and grand, not merely because it is so ancient, and has withstood all the tests of ages, and remains unchanged in its pure principles and moral teachings from the first until the present, and will continue to remain unchanged until time shall be no more, but noble and grand because of its belief in the universal Fatherhood of God, and universal Brotherhood of man, and because it unites together so many men into one common bond of brotherhood and elevates and ennobles them both by precept and example.

There is a justifiable pleasure and pardonable pride in which we may all indulge, not only because we have been admitted as members into this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, but also because we are members of Mount Moriah Lodge. Many times have I rejoiced that there was a Lodge named Mount Moriah, and many a time have I been proud that I was ever admitted to membership in it.

Brethren, have you ever thought about how much honour and glory there is connected with that grand old mountain, Mount Moriah, from which we derive our name? Nearly four thousand years ago God appeared to Abraham (he to whom the Almighty promised that in him and his seed should all the nations of the earth be blessed), and commanded him to take his beloved son, the son of his old age, and go into the land of promise, and on one of the mountains which He would show him, there to offer him as a sacrifice to the One only true and living God. Abraham, as commanded, started on his journey. On the third day he beheld Mount Moriah afar off. Thither he went, erected an altar, bound his son, laid him on the altar, and when about to strike the fatal blow, his arm was stayed by the Almighty, who, accepting the will for the deed, provided a lamb for the sacrifice, typical of the spotless Lamb of God, to be sacrificed in due time on Calvary (Calvary being a portion of Mount Moriah) for the sins of the whole world, and through whose merits and atonement you and I as Christians may find everlasting life. Though Mount Moriah was a high mountain, and visible from afar, yet it seems to have been farmed, for we learn that some eight hundred and fifty or more years after Abraham went there to offer up his son as a sacrifice to the Almighty, David, King of Israel, purchased from Ornan the Jebusite a threshing floor, situated on Mount Moriah, on which he erected an altar, and offered sacrifices and appeased the wrath of the destroying angel after 70,000 of the Israelites had perished by the plague for their transgressions. A few years after this event, this lofty mountain top was levelled down, and on it King Solomon erected the most magnificent and costliest Temple the world ever saw, and dedicated it as a place in which to worship the only true and living God. There in the Holy of Holies and on the solid rock of the mountain rested the Ark of the Covenant. There the Divine presence manifested itself over the Mercy seat. From there went forth the light and truth of the Urim and Thummim. And there our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity was formulated, there its principles were so beautifully illustrated, and there the arts and sciences were made the basis of an institution which has continued until the present time, of which institution we are a part, and whose principles we endorse and teach. That magnificent Temple (the glory of which has spread to all countries) has crumbled into dust. The Divine Presence is seen there no more over the Mercy Seat. The Ark of the Covenant rests no longer there on the solid rock. It is gone, nor has any one to the present time been able to tell what has become of it. The city built on Mount Moriah, the people who dwelt therein, and who were once so numerous, active and prosperous, have all passed away. But the grand old mountain, Mount Moriah, still remains, and beneath its surface, beneath the ruins of the city and Temple, and beneath the accumulated rubbish of centuries, are to-day to be found massive foundation walls, subterranean passage ways, caverns, aqueducts, and pools, as memorials and relics of the ancient city and Temple that once adorned the lofty summit of Mount Moriah. The

Light and Truth there unfolded from the Urim and Thummim still continue, and are spreading and increasing throughout all countries. The Fraternity there instituted, and the pure principles and moral teachings there formulated, still continue, still are endorsed, taught and practised throughout the world, and will continue to exist and be practised until there are no more rough Ashlars to be fitted as living stones for that spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Brethren, have we not a right to feel proud of our Fraternity, proud that we have been admitted as brothers into this Mystic Brotherhood, proud of the name of our Lodge, and proud that we are members of Mount Moriah Lodge, a Lodge deriving its name from a place where so many remarkable, important and glorious transactions have transpired? If we are proud of our Fraternity, if we are proud of our connection with the Masonic Brotherhood, if we are proud of our Lodge and its name, and of our membership in it, let us now and for the future resolve and determine not only to maintain the pure principles and moral virtues formulated, taught and practised by our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, of being a true and lawful brother in the Mystic Brotherhood, but also to the utmost of our ability to do our part in making Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, what she Masonically ought to be, and placing her where she rightfully belongs, in the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Brethren, it is perfectly right and just that there should be contentions among us (or rather emulations) of who can accomplish the most towards this laudable purpose, and as the Urim and Thummim, contained in Aaron's Breastplate, were the source of Light and Truth, so also may Mount Moriah Lodge not only be a source of Masonic Light and Truth, an example of Fidelity to the Fraternity, an example of obedience to the Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, and an example of brotherly love, protection and care for one another, but also a pattern of what Esoteric Freemasonry is and ought to be.—*Keystone.*

In July last the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales voted a third share in a probable outlay of £1000 or more for the purposes of making the election and installation of the Grand Master all it should be. The importance of the occasion, the wealth and influence of the members, and the exalted position of the Grand Master elect, demand that the coming ceremonies shall not lack in splendour and importance. The board were of opinion that every facility should be afforded to every subscribing Mason to take some part in the ceremonials, and that the purely formal business be as brief as consistent with legality, so that as many as possible may participate in such auspicious ceremonies.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., the remains of Bro. William Pierson Smith were interred at St. Anne's Cemetery, Stanley, the chief mourners being Mrs. Smith, and daughters, Messrs. Etchells, T. Taylor, D. Taylor, and H. Ockleston. The Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, of which he was a highly respected member, was represented by Brothers Hugh H. Hughes W.M., Lawrance Phillips S.W., Haydn P. Cowell O., John Hughes, &c.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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A NEW Lodge was opened at Malmsbury on Tuesday, the 10th July, under the title of the Sandiford Lodge. Bro. T. W. Fowler, D.G.D.C. and I.P.M. of the Gippsland Forest Lodge, Warragul, performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, assisted by Bros. Elliott P.M. Zetland Lodge, Kyneton, Storey P.M. Zetland Lodge; and Nind W.M. Gippsland Forest Lodge. Bro. W. Smyth W.M. designate was installed into the chair, after which the following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. Young S.W., J. Hunter J.W., S. Hoopell S.D., S. Sandiford J.D., and R. R. Fretwell I.G. Seven candidates were proposed, and the Lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to Mrs. Horsfield's Hotel, where the brethren partook of an excellent supper. A couple of hours were very pleasantly passed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being interspersed by songs and recitations.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Biliousness and Dyspepsia.—There is no organ in the human body more liable to derangement than the Liver; food, fatigue, climate, and anxiety, all disorder its action and render its secretion, the Bile, more or less depraved, superabundant or scanty. The first symptoms should receive attention. A pain in the side or on the top of the shoulder, a harsh cough and difficulty of breathing, restlessness at night, alarming dreams, dry mouth, furred tongue with morning squeamishness, are signs of Liver disease, which are removed without delay by friction with Holloway's inestimable Ointment over the pit of the stomach and right side. The Pills should be taken without delay. Peers and paupers will alike be cured.

### LAYING THE CORNER STONES OF THE NEW HALL AT KIRKBURTON.

THE time-honoured institution of Freemasonry has ever been to the fore where the interests of the nation have been involved, and in the cause of charity and the social improvement of the people the mystic Craft has accomplished untold good. The circumstance which brought together so large a company of gentlemen on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Kirkburton was an exemplification of the foregoing remarks, and was none the less laudable and gratifying than many an undertaking on a much larger scale. The ancient village of Kirkburton has long felt the want of some public meeting place, and the new Masonic Hall which is being erected within the shadow of the venerable Parish Church, and situated upon a site leased from the Sheffield Hospital Trustees, on the north side of the Vicarage grounds, will fully meet the wants of all classes, for it is understood that the use of the hall will not be exclusively taken up by the Freemasons themselves, but that it will be available on any occasion of public demonstration, &c. The ground taken up by the building at some period within the recollection of some of the older inhabitants has been filled in over an arched culvert, through which runs the beck, making the site a very expensive one to build upon, although situated in one of the best positions in the neighbourhood. The foundation work has had to be carried down in some places to a depth of 5ft. below the beck, or 25ft. below the main floor. This, however, has been utilised to form a workshop or stone shed, suitable for a mason, joiner, or similar trade, and the front portion as caretaker's living room, keeping cellar, storage for forms, &c., and heating apparatus. The ground or main floor contains large hall (36 ft. by 21 ft.), with retiring room in rear, supper room, capable of being thrown as additional space into the main room; lavatory and robing room, and on the upper floor two bedrooms, which are approached by separate staircases from basement, so as not to interfere with the large hall, &c. The building is carried out in an early half timbered style, as being more suitable for the country, and of which there are still examples in the immediate locality. The works are being carried out under the supervision of Bro. Cocking W.M., architect; W. Moorhouse and Sons, masons, Kirkburton; F. and H. Shaw, joiners, Kirkburton; Brook and North, plumbers, Huddersfield; W. E. Jowett, plasterer and slater, Huddersfield; and J. Preston, painter, Huddersfield.

About 3 p.m. the W.M. and Officers of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, opened the Lodge at the Lodge room, George Inn, in the Three Degrees, and after a short interval formed in procession and proceeded to the new building, where there had already assembled a large gathering, representative of the district for miles round. Having reached the site of the intended building, the brethren opened out right and left, and Bro. W. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.P. and the Officers passed to the platform, after which the Lodge again closed in and followed. Soon after getting into position the W.M. (Bro. Cocking) asked the Past Grand Chaplain of England (Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D.) to offer prayer, after which the Secretary (Bro. Drummond) read the following report:—

Some years ago it was suggested by a number of brethren, as well as by several gentlemen resident in the district who were wishful to become Masons, that it was very desirable that a Lodge should be founded in Kirkburton, which was thought to be a convenient centre for the surrounding villages, if His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, would be graciously pleased to grant a warrant for that purpose. A petition was accordingly duly presented to His Royal Highness in the latter part of the year 1883, which H.R.H. was good enough to entertain, and a warrant was granted by him and dated the 15th of February 1884. It was decided that the Lodge should be called the Beaumont Lodge as a compliment to Henry F. Beaumont, Esq., M.P., of Whitley Beaumont, who, though not a Mason, so loyally entertained H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on his visiting Huddersfield in October 1883. The Lodge was consecrated by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., on the 8th of May 1884, a day long to be remembered in Kirkburton, both by members of the Craft and by others who then had the privilege of being present. A most excellent sermon was on that occasion preached by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Pearce P.M., in the venerable Parish Church of the village. There being no suitable room available wherein to transact the business of the Lodge the brethren had had to hold their meetings at an hotel up to the present time, and although the greatest kindness and courtesy had been extended to the brethren there, yet it was felt, with the increasing numbers of the Lodge, that the business of Freemasonry could not be conducted with that decorum which is so great an element in the Craft as it could on premises specially adopted for that purpose. Accordingly several of the brethren of the Beaumont Lodge, most kindly assisted by brethren of other Lodges, magnanimously determined to form themselves into a company for the purpose of building the new hall, of which the corner stones were that day being laid. About £700 had been already subscribed in share capital, and it was hoped that a yet larger sum would be raised in that way, as it was calculated that the cost of the undertaking would be £1200 before the work was fully completed. It was expected that the new building would be completed and ready for the use of the Lodge, as well as for local purposes, early in the ensuing year. The directors trust that the Great Architect of the Universe would enable the workmen and contractors engaged on the work to proceed with and complete the same with all convenient speed and without accident to life or limb, and that when it is completed it will prove not only an ornament in this historic village, but will also promote the interest and pleasures of its inhabitants, and at the same time forward the great cause of Freemasonry throughout the district.

The W.M., on behalf of the Craft in Kirkburton, asked Bro. W. Schofield to lay the main corner stone, at the same time presenting him with a silver trowel, supplied by Messrs. Fillans and Son, Market Walk, Huddersfield. The stone was then raised, and the Secre-

tary read aloud the inscription upon the brass plate, which is as follows:—

"This stone was laid by Bro. William Schofield P.M., P.P.G.P., September 8th 1888."

The Treasurer having deposited the phial into the cavity of the stone, and the architect placed the plate in position, cement was put on the upper face of the lower stone, and Bro. Schofield spread it with the trowel, after which the upper stone was slowly lowered by three distinct steps. He then proved the just position of the stone by the square, level, and plumb rule, which were successively handed to him. Being satisfied in those particulars, the W.M. presented him with a mallet, with which he gave the stone three knocks, and declared the stone well and truly laid. The Past Grand Chaplain of England then stepped forward, and taking the cornucopia and the ewers he strewed the corn, emblem of plenty, and poured the wine and oil, emblems of cheerfulness and gladness, over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. The architect presented the plans, which Bro. Schofield remarked he had examined, and returned them to Bro. Cocking, bidding him at the same time to proceed with the work without loss of time. The W.M., on behalf of the Kirkburton Masonic Hall Company, Limited, thanked Bro. Schofield for his services, and, in reply, that gentleman expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a number present, if only as spectators. His had also been an unmixed pleasure, as the first Master of Beaumont Lodge, in having been asked to lay the corner stone that day of the Masonic Hall, which he hoped would not only prove an ornament to the village, but a home for the Beaumont Lodge for years and years to come, and also that it would be of great use to the church, parish, and district in other social ways. They had hoped to have had present with them the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to perform the duty which he had so inadequately done. It had, however, fallen to his lot to perform this pleasing but not altogether onerous duty, for the hard work had been done by practical masons, and he was only a speculative one. The little part he had taken had given him great pleasure. He was glad to contribute his mite to what would be a great handmaid and help to Freemasonry; where the rite of Freemasonry would be in its freest and fullest manner perpetuated. Those outside knew nothing of it until they joined their ranks. But all in the village who wished to join the Lodge might have the opportunity of doing so. They asked no one, but those wishing to partake of the glorious principles of Freemasonry might do so if they came freely and voluntarily. They would always be pleased to admit them. Good and true men never made bad Freemasons, and a good Freemason could not be a bad man. He had additional pleasure in laying that stone, for he had been connected with the village for over 50 years. His association bound him very close to the village. Fifty years ago he was a scholar in the school and a member of the Parish Church. He took his wife from the village. He was sorry to say he had buried some of his children in the churchyard, and when he came to his last moments his wish and desire was to be laid by them in the churchyard of, not his native, but his adopted village.

Bro. Cocking W.M. then laid the second stone, followed by Bro. Rev. R. Collins J.W. P.G.C., Bro. William Fitton P.M. and Bro. Hargreaves S.W., all of whom addressed suitable remarks to the assemblage.

This concluded the ceremony, and the brethren again formed in procession as before, and proceeded to the Parish Church, where a service was held, and a sermon preached by Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D.

At the service the church was literally packed. The hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," was first sung, the Evening Service afterwards being said by Bro. Rev. R. Collins, M.A., vicar, P.G.C. Bro. Rev. J. N. Lee, chaplain, read the first lesson, and Bro. Rev. T. M. Turnbull the second. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Dr. Smith, Dublin) were very ably sung by the ladies and gentlemen who composed the choir. Boyce's anthem, "I have surely built Thee an house," was also beautifully rendered, the vocalist amongst others being Miss Smyth, Miss England, and Bro. Riley, Mr. T. Haigh and Bro. B. Stocks. The hymn before the sermon was "Christ is made the sure foundation." Bro. Joshua Marshall presided at the organ.

Dr. Smyth selected his text from the sixth chapter of the first book of Kings, and the seventh verse: "And the house when it was in building was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building."

In the course of his remarks the rev. gentleman said the Temple of Solomon was the noblest structure ever made by human hands. In its architectural design, the material employed, the labour bestowed, the excellence of the work, and the stateliness and grandeur of the whole edifice, it surpassed the proudest of human devices. The massiveness of its structure, the magnificent arrangement of its porches, and its Holy and Most Holy places, were worthy of the Great Being to whom it was dedicated. Leaving, however, the interesting points connected with this stupendous work, he asked them to turn their attention to the singular fact of which the sacred historian spoke in the words of his text. It was difficult, he said, for them to understand how a work so vast could possibly be erected in that silent manner, and the fact would be still more remarkable if they bore in mind the nature and dimensions of the material used. They were hewn, carried and fitted for their places before they were brought to Mount Moriah with such nicety and skill that the smallest interstices were not perceptible between the stones. No tool was needed to adjust them and frame them in grand harmonious proportion. This gorgeous Temple was destroyed by a Captain of the Great Nebuchadnezzar, and another was raised in the same spot, and met the same fate. The nation which worshipped within this sanctuary had been scattered also to the winds of Heaven, but the structure furnished by this text was still remaining, and as the great portion of the congregation consisted of those who were not Freemasons he would teach them in a general way the spiritual meaning that might be drawn from the incident related.

They knew the Church in the New Testament was called the Temple of God, of the living God, an habitation of God through the Spirit. Those terms denoted that as God was pleased to manifest His presence in the stately Temple built by Solomon, so in His Spirit did he live in the hearts of individuals and in the Church collectively. The stone was a shapeless mass of rock, which could never fashion itself into classic beauty, and never set itself up as a stately column. And such by nature was the spiritual state of their race that they possessed no power to see, to move, to hear, to feel, and to believe, being hard and insensible as stones of the earth. Believers, however, having been hewn from the quarry by the grace of the Spirit were termed "living stones," not masses of rock and blocks of marble, but full of vigour, zeal, and action, and spoken thus of because the Redeemer was the tried corner stone, the sure foundation. Each stone, from foundation to top, was made precious through the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Light. The way in which those living stones were prepared was a profitable subject. The wood and the stone used in the Temple were carefully prepared at a distance from the place at which the edifice was intended to be built, and thus, although the infant was made in baptism a Member of Christ, and an inheritor of Heaven, how much was required to bring out its beauties so that its surface might bring back the rays of the Sun of Righteousness, and earth was the place where that work must be done, for as no noise of axe or tool of iron was heard on Moriah, so in the New Jerusalem above would be heard no crushing strokes of conviction, no sharp heavings of the conscience, no sound whatever of preparatory discipline. Earth was the place for that preparation, and the process was effected by the axe, the hammer, and the tools of iron of God's wise dispensation. The rev. gentleman then went on to prove that all God's dealings with His people had respect to their future existence, and he urged the Christian who was called upon to pass through trials and afflictions, thorough and discouraging, to remember that he was thus being hewn and squared here in order that he may be a well prepared and living stone, may be by and by built up in the living temple, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. He would next consider the end for which these living stones thus prepared on earth were designed. Christians, as living stones, chosen of God, grew into a holy temple in the Lord. The spiritual structure was now being erected like their Lodge, of which the corner stones had been laid that day, and it was going on daily before their eyes. The prattling infant, the loving child, the youth of promise, the doting mother, the cherished wife, the fond husband, the revered parent, the loved sister, the manly brother, had all been taken away from their midst. And while households had put on mourning and wailed with anguish, angels had rejoiced that another living stone had been transferred to Paradise to be set hereafter in Heaven for ever. Let them look, then, he urged, at the glorious end, and remember that the moment they were lifted by the Great Architect to take their place as living stones in the Temple above their sorrows would cease, and when the saints looked back to the quarry from which they were hewn and considered their rough appearance, they would bless the God who had not left them as unshapely blocks at the quarry mouths. They were met that day to celebrate the corner stone of an earthly temple in connection with an old and time-honoured Order, of which he felt it a privilege to be a humble member—an Order whose glory it was to inculcate many of those exalted truths he had been speaking of, and an Order based upon the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and, in conclusion, as an instance of the liberality and the charitable disposition of the Craft the rev. gentleman cited the gathering in connection with the Centenary of their Girls' Institution in London, when £50,600 was the result of the collection of the stewards attending that day.

A collection was taken, the proceeds of which it was announced were to be given to the poor and the Sunday School in Kirkburton in two equal proportions. The sum raised amounted to over £5. The hymn "Christ is our corner stone" was then sung, the Benediction pronounced by the Vicar, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded a beautiful and attractive service.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

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### STIRLING CASTLE CONCLAVE, No. 14.

AT a meeting which was held on Wednesday evening, 5th instant, under the presidency of the M.P.S. Captain A. Wilson, with Lieut. J. Denholm as E.V.E., Brothers William Gourlay and James Sandeman, both of Stirling Ancient, No. 30, were duly admitted into the Red Cross Order, receiving the degree at the hands of the M.P.S. Companion the Rev. George Mure Smith delivered the historical exhortation to the newly-admitted brethren, and after the transaction of some routine business the meeting was closed in due and solemn form.

"Illustrations" for October, commencing the 4th volume of Mr. Francis George Heath's Magazine, will include a contribution from the author of "Lorna Doone"; and a new story by Mrs. Molesworth, called "Bronzie"; and amongst the series of papers in that and succeeding numbers will be comprised portrait biographies of Royal Academicians, photo-gravure reproductions of National Gallery pictures, "Pen and Pencil portraits" of distinguished authors and artists, and a continuation of the illustrated papers on "Schools, private and public," "Pretty places," "Railway men," "Iron roads," "Musical notes," "Garden, field and farm," "Fern gossip," "Church buildings," and "New Inventions," as well as numerous articles under the headings of Amusement, Art, Biography, Economy, Literature and Science.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

IN the good old days of Freemasonry the "recess" was looked upon with some amount of satisfaction, especially by the ladies. Paterfamilias, during the winter, had his own Lodge meetings to attend once a month, and then he had a mind to see a "bit of working" elsewhere; then no true lady, who valued the good opinion of her lord, could possibly object to his seeking for a little "Instruction," and surely two evenings a month could not be considered misspent if the enthusiastic Craftsman so willed it that his time should be thus expended. This roundly gives us four evenings a month spent in the exercise of Masonic functions. But when summer came, our ancient "sisterhood" asserted their claims, and "Masonic night" had to be devoted to their service. Now, however, all this has been altered. Recess, we have none; the ball is kept rolling throughout the year. What with Provincial Meetings, Summer Lodges, and Festive Gatherings, the "bright" Craftsman has little difficulty in fitting himself with a Masonic "outing" once a week. However true these remarks may be, we have got ourselves into the habit of associating the commencement of the London Masonic Season with the Installation Meeting of the Lodge now under notice. This event took place on Saturday last, the 8th instant, when the brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Henry Cattermole, who was supported by his Officers; Past Masters J. W. Brooke, G. F. Smith, A. Staley, Dr. Bott, A. J. Dixie, T. C. Corpe (Treasurer), J. W. Dewsnap (Secretary). Amongst the Visitors were Brothers C. J. Marcus 1533, J. Tilley 1691, W. Noad 237, J. A. Sayer U.S.A., F. R. Dalton 1351, W. Walker P.M. 65, J. Bunker P.M. Southern Star, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, S. Scherer S.D. 1540, W. H. Matthews P.M. 1423, R. A. Kemp 1706, D. Crombie P.M. 28, H. G. Martins J.D. 1622, H. W. Taylor 901, B. Mann Mount Edgecombe, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Walter Martin P.M. 819, R. Hilton 2000, W. H. Hook P.M. 186, E. Samuel S.W. 2096, F. H. Horscroft 211, Tarle Lee 1922, &c. After the minutes of the regular meeting of 4th April had been read and confirmed the reports of the Audit Committees of the Lodge Funds and the Benevolent Fund were presented. These reports showed the Lodge was progressing in a most satisfactory way. The W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. B. Marcus S.W., was presented for the benefits of installation. Bro. Marcus having signified his readiness to uphold the tenets and principles of the Craft was obligated and duly installed. The officers were then invested, as follows:—Bros. H. Cattermole Immediate Past Master, A. H. Jakins S.W., C. H. Cox J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, J. T. Williams S.D., J. Bladon J.D., J. Culver I.G., H. S. Trego Director of Ceremonies and Organist, M. Keith Frith and W. H. Foot Stewards, Bowler Tyler. Brother Cattermole then gave, in splendid style, the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren, and received the hearty congratulations of the members and visitors for the ability he had displayed in conducting the proceedings. The ballot was then brought into requisition for two candidates who desired to participate in our mysteries and privileges, viz., Mr. Albert Lambert, who was proposed by Bro. F. A. Simmonds and seconded by Bro. J. W. Dewsnap Sec.; also for Mr. James Frederick Perrins, who had for sponsors Bros. E. N. Ensworth and John Culver. In each case the result was unanimous in favour of the candidates, and both gentlemen being in attendance they were introduced and regularly initiated by the new W.M. Bro. Marcus. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to Bro. Cattermole, and graceful allusion was made to the zeal and ability he had displayed throughout the year on behalf of the members. Routine work followed, the resignation of a member, on account of residential inconvenience was announced, and then Lodge was closed.

The banquet, which was of a very recherché character, was served in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern. Advantage had been taken of the "close" time, and this at all times elegant room was resplendent after the "touch up" the decorator's pencil had given it. Bro. Madell overlooked the service, and all present expressed their satisfaction with his efforts. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal and Masonic toasts were done full justice to, The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Offices present and past," said he was sorry that they had that night been disappointed by some of the Grand Officers who had been invited. As a Lodge they had been favoured from time to time with the presence of many Grand Officers; but, unfortunately, the Lodge met at a time when many people were out of town, and the letters received that evening shewed that many brethren would have been present if they could. However, they had Brother Brownrigg, a Past Grand Chaplain, with them, and he coupled that reverend brother's name with the toast. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., in reply said, the evening was passing very pleasantly, because the Worshipful Master was not making long speeches. He hoped that every brother who was going to be installed during the new season would follow his excellent example, and he also hoped that all the brethren who would respond to this toast during the coming year would follow his (Bro. Brownrigg's) excellent example, and simply say, "I thank you." Bro. Cattermole P.M., in proposing "The health of the Worshipful Master," assured the brethren he did it in all sincerity. To the members of the Lodge the W.M.'s qualities were so well known that nothing that could be said by him (Bro. Cattermole) would give them any information. But those who honoured the Lodge with their presence as visitors might not know Brother Marcus so well, and for their information he begged to say that Brother Marcus had been connected with the Lodge from its commencement; he had studied the interests of the Lodge more than the interests of himself, and would prove a very worthy Mason, one who had carried

out his duties with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself up to the present position which he occupied. He (Bro. Cattermole), on behalf of the Lodge, wished him a most successful year of office, and that he might be blessed with health, and at the end of his year he might find himself in the same happy position as he (Bro. Cattermole) now found himself in. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. He was sure the remarks which Bro. Cattermole uttered touched him to the heart. It always had been his endeavour, since he joined this Lodge, when Bro. Brooke, the first W.M., was in the chair, to endeavour to do all he could for the interest and welfare of the Lodge. He had tried hard, and he thought that during that long time he had never had a wry word with any brother of the Lodge. He was proud to have succeeded in occupying the W.M.'s chair; he hoped he had merited it, and he would try to show he deserved it at the end of his year of office. The Worshipful Master proposed the Installing Master (Bro. Cattermole), and said that brother was so well worthy of the reception accorded to the toast that he was not surprised at the warmth with which it was received. As Master of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge Bro. Cattermole met with the highest compliments from every quarter. He worked each degree during his year to the greatest satisfaction of the Lodge, and it must be a satisfaction to himself that he did so. He had to-day worked the installation ceremony in a way which had never been excelled in the Lodge. There was not a hitch all the way through; he went perfectly through it, and he deserved the thanks of the Lodge for the way in which he performed it. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Cattermole, in reply, said if he had an excuse for making a short speech it was in the short speeches made by the Master and the P. Grand Chaplain. In that case he would say do not listen to my voice, because you have the musical brethren whose voices they would prefer to his. He had been very grateful to the W.M. and to the brethren for the hearty way in which they received his name. Whatever services he had rendered to the Lodge he had done them with more pleasure to himself than to the brethren. He had always looked upon the ritual of Freemasonry as most beautiful, and it had been a labour of love to him to commit it to memory. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the way in which they had received the toast. Before he sat down he begged to express his best thanks to the Officers of the Lodge who had assisted him during his year of office, from the S.W. to the Tyler. All of them were ever ready to do all they could for him, and he thought the success of their Lodge during the past year was due to the very valuable assistance they had given him. The W.M. in giving the Initiates said if it had not been for the Initiates that night he should not have had the same pleasure as he now had in appearing before them. With two such brethren as they had initiated that evening he felt the Lodge must prosper. The way they went through the ceremony showed they appreciated it. He might not have done it perfectly, but perhaps the other ceremonies might be put a little stronger, still they would find them perfectly easy and harmless. Bro. Lambert, who was the first to reply, said he felt a great honour had been conferred upon him, and he could not help thanking the W.M., and especially Bro. Simmonds, for proposing him as a member. Bro. Perrin said he had been deeply impressed with the ceremony and the honour conferred upon him, and he begged to assure the brethren that it would be his constant effort to make himself a good Mason. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," a body of brethren that the Duke of Cornwall Lodge was always happy to see at their ceremonies and the banquet table. After he read the names, he said the Duke of Cornwall Lodge was a very united Lodge, and they were glad that other brethren should see their unity. There was not a more united Lodge than this. Bro. Hook said the late W.M. had done his duties admirably, while the new W.M. had done his work in a way that did him great credit. The W.M. had fulfilled his duties as a son, a son-in-law and a husband, and in every career of life had been upright and honourable. Sitting in the chair the Wor. Master was a brother who would do honour to the Lodge and not belie any credit that would be given him that night. The Lodge would have a good year with him; he was a man that would rise to the top, and put everything in the right place. Bro. Walter Martin, in reply said, regarding the W.M., he echoed the remarks that had fallen from his father-in-law; he was sure that Bro. Marcus would at the end of his year of office retire from the chair with the same well-deserved honour as the I.P.M. had taken from it that night. Although he had not had the pleasure of being acquainted with the W.M. and Bro. Cattermole for long, he had found them prove themselves in and out of the Masonic world as worthy members of that great body, able and willing to help in every good cause. The W.M. did not show the least sign of nervousness in the ceremony of initiation, which was conducted in a most able manner. Bro. Crombie said he had known the W.M. many years, and it was a great pleasure to see him installed in the chair, and then go through the first degree so well. He hoped his year of office would be strengthened by the accession of a large number of initiates. He thought the Lodge had reason to be proud of their new W.M. Bro. Sayer (Cincinnati) was delighted to see the work so well done, and he had enjoyed himself very much. He would like to see all the brethren around him as visitors to his Lodge. Bro. Brooke, in replying to the toast of the P.M.'s, said it was with intense feelings of satisfaction he found himself once more among the brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. He could not tell them how much he missed these meetings when in a foreign land. Before speaking of himself, he thought it was only fair he should pay a deserved tribute of praise to the Immediate Past Master and the Worshipful Master. They all knew what Brother Cattermole had been during his year of office. He had the honour to initiate Bro. Cattermole, and from his observation of him he knew that he would turn out a thorough working Mason. The experience of nine years had not falsified this. His work as Master culminated to-night, by his installing his successor, and the Lodge must be proud of it. He congratulated the Lodge on having such a W.M. as Bro. Marcus. Him he had not the honour of initiating

but he had the honour of introducing him to the Lodge, and from what he knew of him previously he felt he would turn out as he had, a thoroughly good Mason, with the interests of Freemasonry at heart. He had not pushed himself forward, but he had devoted himself to every good work, and he would prove worthy of his predecessors. It was a great pleasure to see so many Past Masters and founders of the Lodge, and to see such good Masons in the chair year by year. They had now commenced their tenth year of the Lodge, and there was not one brother who had filled the office of Master who had not done his duty. It was a great comfort to the Past Masters to see there were so many brethren working with the same view, intending to do their duty in the position they were in. Bro. Dr. Bott also replied. The W.M. in giving the Treasurer and Secretary said Bro. Corpe had been Treasurer many years, and it was the wish of the brethren that he should continue many years yet to come, for the work of Treasurer could not be more efficiently performed. Bro. Dewsnap, the Secretary, was covered with jewels, which showed what he had done for Masonry. It was a great honour for a Lodge to have such a Mason among them as Secretary; he seemed to thrive on it, too, for he was to be the Secretary of a new Lodge shortly to be consecrated. In whatever Lodge he took work, it was sure to be efficiently done. Bro. Corpe replying said, he had not one single bill in his possession that remained unpaid. The Lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and it was his whole aim in life to carry out the duties of Treasurer to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Dewsnap said it had been quite a pleasure to him to do the work of Secretary. He was sure the brethren would take in good part what he was going to say. He had heard it said on one or two occasions that he wrote a little too curtly to brethren when applying for subscriptions, but he assured the brethren it was only in their interest. If he sent a reminder they should not be offended. In all he did for the Lodge he had no personal end to serve. He had all the honours he could get, and he only wished to serve the Lodge. If the brethren would assist him and the Treasurer they would conduce to the success of the Lodge. "The Masonic Press" was responded to by Bros. Morgan and Massey. "The Officers" and "The Musical Brethren" followed, and Bro. Horscroft replied to the latter toast. The musical programme that had been prepared was an admirable one, and it was splendidly carried out. The artistes who assisted entered heart and soul into their work, and general praise was awarded them. We append their names:—Bros. H. Taylor, F. H. Horscroft, Dalzell, and R. Hilton. Bro. Turle Lee presided at the piano.

#### DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1181.

THE annual meeting of the members took place at the Beach House Hotel, Seaton, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Samuel Pile S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. Ford. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. Evans, Rev. R. Swansborough, Rev. R. J. Tyacke, W. H. Aplin, A. W. Oakley, E. H. Wilton, Rev. L. H. P. Maurice, W. Adams, E. Chapple, E. M. P. Dadson, J. G. Oldridge, J. Thomas, C. B. Gage, J. Stevens, C. F. Gosney, W. H. Evans, E. Gaddes, H. Briston, R. Chaffer, F. Berkeley Jarvis, and C. R. Mason. After the installation the W.M. elect appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Ford I.P.M., Wilton S.W., Oldridge J.W., Dr. Evans Treasurer, Dadson Secretary, Aplin D.C., Thomas S.D., C. B. Gage J.D., Jarvis I.G. A banquet was afterwards held in the Assembly Rooms of the Hotel, the catering of Bro. Adams giving the fullest satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. Some capital songs were rendered, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening.

#### FERMOR HESKETH LODGE, No. 1350.

THE annual investiture of Officers belonging to this Lodge took place on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, in the presence of a fairly large gathering of brethren. Bro. E. King Ellison, the retiring Worshipful Master, presided at the opening of the proceedings, being supported by his Officers. The W.M. elect, Bro. Staedell, was duly presented for installation, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Dr. Samuels. Bro. Staedell afterwards invested his colleagues for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. E. King Ellison I.P.M., R. Norris Jones S.W., Charles Coker Robin J.W., Dr. A. Samuels P.M. D.C., Rev. John Stowell P.M. Chaplain, A. F. Thomas Secretary, W. Hudson Organist, Capt. D. Conner S.D., W. Taylor J.D., Rev. D. Grahame Cox I.G., G. M. Richardson S.S., Henry B. Brown Treasurer (re-elected).

#### SOUTHWELL LODGE, No. 1405.

ON Friday, the 7th inst., the members of this Lodge assembled in considerable numbers at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham, to assist at the installation of Bro. G. W. Dominy Iare S.W. Among the many visitors were—Bros. R. G. Hanson P.G.J.W., A. Lawson P.G.T., and R. C. Wills P.G.D.C. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. A. T. Mitchell P.P.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.D. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. S. F. Beslow I.P.M., George Green S.W., Councillor Farrands J.W., Alderman Blackburn Treas., Edwin Clarke Sec., J. Severn S.D., N. W. Need J.D., E. Griffiths D.C., Walter Macfarlane Organist, Henry Hallam I.G., G. Sollory, J. C. James, J. T. Farr, R. H. Lacy Stewards, C. H. Benham Tyler. Immediately after closing the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet prepared by Mrs. Simpson, the stewardess of the hall, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., the brethren of this Lodge met at the Three Nuns' Hotel, Aldgate, for the purpose of confirming the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting, held on the 5th July, and the Lodge of emergency, held on the 30th August, and to receive the report of the Audit Committee, after which the installation of Worshipful Master elect and the appointment and investiture of Officers

took place. The ceremony of installing Bro. H. Winkley, the W.M. elect, into the chair of King Solomon was performed by the Immediate Past Master, J. Chamberlain, to whom the highest credit is due for the very efficient and able manner in which he conducted the duties. Although there was really little or no need for assistance, Past Master Myers, with his usual kindness, was present to give any help that he might be called upon for. Bro. Winkley has a bright prospect before him, and is to be hoped the brethren will attend regularly and that he may have a very successful year of office.

#### LODGE OF CRAIGELLACHIE, No. 241 (S.C.)

At a meeting of the members held at Grantown, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., the Rev. J. A. Alloway, of Ventnor, was presented with an album of photographs of the district, by the members of the Lodge, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his brother Masons in Grantown. The *Elgin Courant and Courier* says that during his visit to Strathspey, Mr. Alloway has taken a great interest in the welfare of the Freemasons, has attended all their meetings, and on more than one occasion addressed the brethren present. He has also conducted Church of England services in the Public Hall each Sabbath in August, to the great convenience of many of the visitors at present residing in the town and neighbourhood. The presentation was made by Bro. Steward R.W.M., and the album bore a suitable inscription. Bro. Alloway feelingly replied, and acknowledged the kindness he had received during his stay in Grantown.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Gaiety.**—In dramatising novels it is a great mistake for adaptors to assume that all playgoers have read the book previous to witnessing its performance on the stage. Through this mistake it frequently happens that a disjointed and inconsequent play is presented, which a little more care would have obviated. This is the case with Mr. Rider Haggard's exciting but extravagant story "She," which has been dramatised by Mr. Edward Rose, and revised by Mr. William Sidney and Miss Clo Graves. Those to whom the book is familiar will readily imagine the difficulty that arose in compressing it for the stage, and it speaks well for the adaptors that they have been able to retain the pith of the story in the version they presented for public approval on the 6th instant. An exceedingly well written prologue introduces the audience to the incident narrated on the potsherd that subsequently finds its way into the possession of Leo Vinez, a Cambridge scholar and a descendant of the murdered Kallikrates, who thereupon proceeds to test the truth of the story. Taking passage in an Arab dhow, he is conveniently shipwrecked at the very spot indicated. He is claimed in marriage immediately upon arrival by a beautiful young savage, and is eventually taken possession of by the immortal Queen Ayesha. To secure for him similar immortality they journey to the mysterious cavern of the Fire of Life where, to give Leo confidence, Ayesha precedes him through the flames, and issues forth a shrivelled and white-haired hag, to fall at his feet and die. The denouement must be inexplicable to the uninitiated, and is a very unsatisfactory termination to the play. Of the acting we can speak in the highest terms. Miss Sophie Eyre portrays with admirable contrast the beautiful and passionate Queen, and she is declared by the author to have fully realised his conception of the character. Her acting in the cavern scenes elicited the hearty approval of the audience. Mr. Edmund Maurice is a manly representative of the ancient Kallikrates and the modern Leo, while Mr. Julian Cross is earnest and pathetic as the good-hearted Holly. The most poetic impersonation is undoubtedly that of Miss Mary Rorke, as the young savage Ustane. The remaining characters are well sustained, but need no special mention. The scenery by H. Emden represents the barbarous splendour of the mysterious country, while the incidental music, which has been specially composed by Messrs. Hamilton Clarke and Edward Solomon, is characteristically appropriate and melodious. With judicious curtailment there is no reason why the public—ever believers in the supernatural—should not, for some time to come, flock to witness this performance.

**Olympic.**—If we may judge from the way the time-worn piece "The Ticket of Leave Man" was received at this theatre last Saturday, we may say there is yet a successful run in store for it. The piece was revived at this house when it was under Mr. Yorke Stephens's management, and now Miss Agnes Hewitt selects it for her re-opening venture, but with almost a new cast. A revival of this piece, however, would not be complete without Mr. Henry Neville to impersonate Bob Brierly. Notwithstanding the many hundred times this gentleman has played this character, we never saw him do it better; his vigorous acting suits the part capitally. Mr. C. Sugden was a capable James Dalton, more especially in his scene with Mr. Gibson. With a little more toning Mr. Sugden's performance will be first rate. Mr. J. P. Burnett was a good Hawkshaw; but Mr. F. Motly Wood was but a conventional Melter Moss. Mr. Robert Courtneidge gave a careful rendering of Mr. Gibson. Miss Agnes Hewitt gained much sympathy by her painstaking acting as May Edwards, but Miss Helen Ferrers was too self-conscious as Emily St. Evremond. Mrs. Huntley's Mrs. Willoughby was amusing, while Miss Jenny Lee soon established herself favourably as Sam Willoughby. Mr. Compton Courts was amusing as Green Jones. The play is well mounted and may prove attractive enough to warrant its being kept in the bill for some time to come.

**Alhambra.**—The management of this popular place of amusement, deeming it necessary to introduce a new ballet for their patrons, have produced one that will compare favourably with its predecessors. Although "Ideala" is not so long as is usually the

case in this class of work, it loses nothing on that account. Every care and attention has been given to its production; the groupings being perfect, while an interesting story can easily be made out of the dumb show of Mdle. De Lorenzi, Miss Thurgate, and Mdle. Maria. Pretty and striking music has been composed by that ever ready author Mons. G. Jacobi, while the scene by Mr. J. E. Ryan is an exceptionally pretty one. A capital miscellaneous programme is now being given at this house, it includes the popular ballet "Antiope," consequently it will be seen the management is doing all in its power to make the house attractive. Assuredly they succeed if we judge from the numbers who nightly attend.

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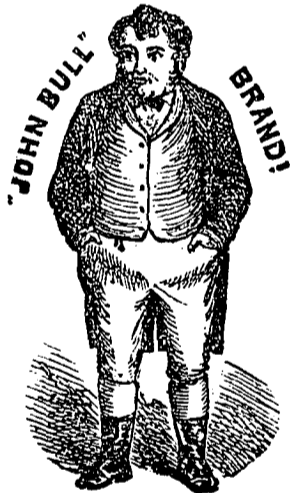
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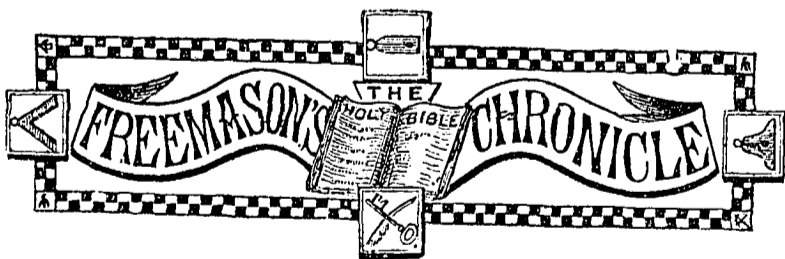
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## STOCKPORT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.

### VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

**T**HE visit of Alderman De Keyser, Lord Mayor of London, to Stockport, to lay the foundation stone of a new technical school, on Saturday, the 8th inst., was made the occasion of the greatest public demonstration that has been seen in that flourishing manufacturing centre within the memory of the present generation. The day was regarded as a holiday, and numerous excursions entered the town from different parts of Cheshire and East Lancashire. Although nothing of a special character was done by the Corporation towards embellishing the town, the public spirit of the inhabitants was fully equal to the emergency. Venetian masts, wrapped in scarlet cloth, and ornamented with trophies, were placed in one or two of the principal thoroughfares at allotted distances, connected with each other by strings of streamers and festoons. On nearly every public edifice a flag was to be seen gaily floating in the breeze, and many

individuals along the line of route lavishly decorated the fronts of their premises with bunting.

The technical school movement was first mooted in 1886, and the subject was helped to the front by Mr. L. J. Jennings, one of the members for the borough. The present Mayor (Mr. Joseph Leigh) upon being elected as chief-magistrate in November 1886, expressed a hope that the foundation stone of such an institution might be laid while he held office, and in the following month a small but representative committee was formed to decide upon a line of action. Subsequently Mr. S. Gedge, M.P., at the London Mansion House, gave the movement a stimulus. Public interest was by this time fully aroused in the scheme, and a town's meeting was called in February 1887 to consider the subject. This was followed by another mass meeting in March, when it was resolved to commemorate her Majesty's jubilee by founding a technical and art school. An executive committee was appointed, and before the meeting closed the Mayor intimated that he and a friend were prepared to start the subscription list by giving £7,000 between them. This considerable sum so very generously given was augmented by several large sums, such as £500 from Mr. T. Kay, £500 from Mr. S. Kay; Mr. T. H. Sykes £250, Mr. R. Hammond £200, Lord Vernon £200, and several amounts of £100. The donations promised so far for the building and the endowment are about £11,000, and the committee hope to obtain a grant of £1500 from the South Kensington Science and Art Department in aid of fittings and apparatus. A most gratifying fillip has been given to the movement by the recent offer from Lady Whitworth to give £10,000 to the undertaking on behalf of the residuary legatees of her late husband, Sir Joseph Whitworth.

The Lord Mayor, who arrived from Sheffield on the previous afternoon, was the guest of the Mayor at Bankhall, where on Friday evening a number of gentlemen were invited to meet him. At about eleven o'clock on Saturday morning his lordship paid a visit to the Courthouse, accompanied by the Mayor, the Mayoress, and Brother A. M. Broadley (Past Deputy District Grand Master of Malta), the party being driven to the place in an open carriage drawn by a couple of magnificent greys. In the meantime a special meeting of the Town Council had been convened, and the members, together with a large number of privileged ladies and gentlemen, were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the distinguished visitor. On reaching the Courthouse the Lord Mayor was escorted by the Mayor (Mr. Leigh) to the Council Chamber, where his Worship moved, and Alderman Hallam seconded, that an address be presented to his lordship on the occasion of his visit to lay the foundation stone. The proposition was received with acclamation, and shortly afterwards the Town Clerk (Mr. W. Hyde) read the address.

The Lord Mayor, in replying, reciprocated the desire of the Corporation to cement the bonds of friendship which should unite all municipal institutions. Such institutions were now upon their trial, for they had been called upon in many parts of the country to alter their constitution and take upon themselves larger and more responsible duties. Those duties, he was sure, would be carried out with the sense of that unity and fraternity which should exist in all those interested in municipal life and constitution. He had said at Sheffield that he looked upon municipal institutions as one of the two great powers of this country, for to the municipality belonged the responsibility of defending the rights and privileges of the community. Every citizen was bound to take his fair share of work for the benefit of his fellow-citizens; and in Stockport they had shown the true spirit which every prosperous town required from its sons. As to his work in London, he had had but one desire, to do his duty and to recognise the tolerant, generous spirit of the citizens who had elected him, a naturalised British subject, to the high position he now filled. For the last twenty-five years he had worked in every department of municipal life, and he would do so as long as he could continue to serve the country of his adoption.

After a few remarks from the Mayor of Stockport the proceedings terminated.

A special session of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was opened shortly after two o'clock in the Mechanics' Institute, Wellington-road-south. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, Judge Horatio Lloyd Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by brethren high in the Craft. The business before the Lodge was of little public interest, except that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in alluding to the Masonic programme of the day at the Technical Schools, referred to the ready disposition on the part of the Lord Mayor of London, himself a distinguished member of the Craft, to perform the ceremony which, unfortunately, the Prov. Grand Master was prevented from undertaking. On the conclusion of the business the brethren marched into Wellington-road in procession.

Upon the head of the Masonic part of the procession arriving at the site of the Technical School, after a parade through the centre of the town, the brethren divided to right and left, facing inwards, and so formed an avenue through which the Lord Mayor as acting Prov. Grand Master passed, being preceded by the Heralds, the P.G. Standard Bearer, and the P.G. Sword Bearer, and followed by a Past Master bearing the Ionic Light. The Grand Officers of England, the Deputy P.G. Master, and the P.G. Officers and Brethren then followed in succession from the rear, and thus inverted the order of procession. The arrival of the acting P.G. Master at the site was announced by a flourish of trumpets, and the procession then entered the enclosure. The officiating brethren took the positions assigned to them by the P.G. acting Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and deposited the vessels, &c., borne in the procession on pedestals placed for their reception.

The arrival of the Lord Mayor was the signal for a great outburst of cheering from the many thousands of people who were massed in front of the site, restrained within barricades. The ceremony began by the singing of the Old Hundredth Psalm, after which the Mayor read the letter from Lady Whitworth, to which we have already referred, and having invited his Lordship to lay the foundation-stone, handed him a silver trowel for that purpose, suitably inscribed.



Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson P.P.G.S.D. then presented an address on behalf of the four Masonic Lodges of Stockport, and signed by Bros. W. Gleave W.M. 104, Geo. M'Clelland W.M. 287, David Higson W.M. 322, and James Breen W.M. 323. The main part of the address was as under:—

Freemasonry has ever been identified with objects and institutions tending to promote the well-being, happiness, and prosperity of the community at large. Believing, as we do, that the Stockport Technical School, commenced with such good and hopeful intentions, is eminently calculated to yield the most beneficent results, we feel sure that your Lordship and the members of the Craft who have assisted you in this interesting ceremonial will always look back with pride and satisfaction on the work that your Lordship has this day so kindly inaugurated.

The Lord Mayor, acknowledging the presentations, testified the pleasure he experienced in being present to lay the foundation-stone of a building which would be the cause of the greater prosperity of Stockport. Regarding the address so kindly given him by Colonel Wilkinson, he had the greatest faith in Masonry, and had been a member of the Craft for 28 years. The more he saw of Masonry, the more he was convinced that it was one of those bonds of union between men, and an institution that destroyed prejudice, an enemy of mankind. He heartily reciprocated the warm sentiments contained in both addresses. Proceeding, then, to inaugurate the ceremonial of the day, his Lordship spoke the following words to those assembled, in accordance with ancient usage:—Men, women, and children here assembled to-day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them, unimpaired, to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all, to assist in laying in ancient form the corner-stone of this building, which we pray the Great Architect to prosper, for the promotion of godliness, harmony, and Brotherly Love, until time shall be no more."

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C., of St. Margaret's, Altrincham, the upper stone was raised, and a phial containing coins and records placed in the cavity by the Prov. G.T. Bro. Gibson P.G.Supt. Works fixed the plate in position, and the workmen then laid the cement on the upper face of the stone, this being followed by the acting Prov. Grand Master (the Lord Mayor) spreading the cement with the silver trowel which was prudently encased in a handkerchief. The stone was lowered into its position with three distinct stops, the following anthem being sung meanwhile by a choir consisting of Bros. Mark Stafford (Hyde) alto, W. Dumville and N. Dumville (Manchester) tenors, George Ball (Stockport) bass:—

When the Temple's first stone was slowly descending,  
A stillness like death the scene reigned around;  
There thousands of gazers in silence were bending,  
Till rested the ponderous mass on the ground.  
Then shouts filled the air, and joy was like madness,  
The Founder alone weeping meekly apart;  
Until from his lips burst flowing with gladness,  
The wish that for ever might "Prosper the Art."

When the Temple had reared its magnificent crest,  
And the wealth of the world embellished its walls;  
The nations drew near from the East and the West,  
Their homage to pay in its beautiful halls.  
Then they paused at the porch with feelings delighted,  
Bestowing fond looks ere they turned to depart;  
As homeward they trod with voices united,  
They joined in full chorus—"Prosper the Art!"

The Acting Provincial Grand Master afterwards adjusted the stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the setting maul, and the plumb rule, level, and square were each in turn presented to him for use. Having employed them, his lordship announced that he found the corner stone to be plumb, levelled, and squared, and he declared it to have been duly prepared and properly laid. Three taps on the stone with the mallet by the Acting Provincial Grand Master practically completed the ceremony, and subsequently corn was strewn over the stone as an emblem of plenty, wine was poured across it as a token of joy and gladness, oil was placed upon it as a symbol of peace and unanimity, and salt was sprinkled over it in proof of hospitality and friendship. The Provincial Grand Chaplain recited a second prayer, and the ceremony was concluded by the Provincial Grand Treasurer putting money upon the stone for the refreshment of the Craftsmen.

Mr. Thomas Kay, Hon. Treasurer of the Technical School Committee, moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Provincial Grand Lodge for their attendance, to which his lordship made reply, promising that if they applied to him for aid on behalf of the new School they would never call upon him in vain.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. his Honour Horatio Lloyd, then presented to the Mayor, as a souvenir of the occasion, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the ebony mallet, mounted in silver, which the Lord Mayor had used for the ceremony. The Masonic version of the National Anthem followed, and the Freemasons, re-forming into procession, returned in reversed order to the Mechanics' Institute, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed down. Bros. Finch and Booth were the Directors of the

Ceremonies, and the Committee who had charge of the Masonic arrangements for the day were,—Bros. Wilkinson 322 president, Gleave 104 vice president, Brady 322 treasurer, Brooks 323 secretary, Finch 104, Booth 104, Balfe 104, Bell 104, M'Clelland 287, Blakehurst 287, Taylor 287, Higson 322, Gould 322, Fleming 322, Breen 323, Slack 323, and Pritchard 323.

## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE official circular calling the annual meeting of this Lodge was issued Thursday, 6th September, by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson P.G.S.B. England. The Lodge will be held under the presidency of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., in the Town Hall, Gateshead, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 2.30 p.m. The Charities Committee will meet at 12.45, and the Fund Committee at 1.30, at the same place. The banquet after the Lodge will be held in the Drill Hall, Burt Terrace, Hexham Road. It is about nine years since Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held at Gateshead, and in the interval the Craft has seen many changes. Two Provincial Grand Masters have passed away—the late Bro. John Fawcett, who was P.G.M. when the Provincial Lodge last met at Gateshead, and who, by the way, installed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master; and the late Marquess of Londonderry, K.P. Other conspicuous figures have also passed away from the Masonic Provincial Lodge—notably among these being the late Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.D. of C., and Bro. H. W. Crookes, of Sunderland, for some years Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Lodge at Gateshead—or at least the Senior Lodge, the Industry; No. 48—is the oldest in the province of Durham. Its warrant dates back over 150 years, to 24th June 1735; and it has a most interesting history, which was written briefly a few years ago by one of its distinguished Past Masters, Bro. R. B. Reed P.P.G. Treasurer. The old Lodge possesses a good roll of Past Masters, who rank high in the Craft, among those on the list being Bros. R. J. Banning, R. B. Reed, Dr. R. F. Cook, D. Sinclair, M. Corbitt, R. Whitfield, John Wood, J. G. Smith, John Moulton, William Garbitt, Adamson Rhagg, and William Mark Pybus. The present W.M. is Bro. W. Dalrymple, and the I.P.M. Bro. E. Shewbrooks. Next to Gateshead in point of time comes the old Sunderland Lodges, the Phoenix (1755), the Palatine, formerly the Sea Captain's Lodge (1757), and the St. John's (1776). Under the banners of these centenarian Lodges have held sway many distinguished brethren, including the present Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., who was W.M. of the Palatine Lodge exactly 30 years ago; Bro. Benj. Levy, who was W.M. in 1857, and is still a most excellent worker; and only last week there died Bro. G. S. Ranson, of Sunderland, who was Master of the Palatine Lodge in 1850. Among other notable brethren who still flourish, whose record goes far back, are Bro. Ald. Potts, Bro. M. Douglas, Bro. Dr. Welford, Sunderland; Bro. G. J. Wilson, who was W.M. of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington in 1835, over half a century ago; Bro. Rev. John Cundill of the Lambton Lodge, for many years Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Jos. Dodds, M.P. Stockton, who was W.M. of the Tees Lodge in 1855; while connected with the Marquis of Granby Lodge, Durham, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. P.G.M. South Wales; Bro. G. W. Elliot, M.P. and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, are joining Past Masters. Bro. Robt. Hudson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, has a long and honourable record of service in connection with Durham province, and has been attached during a long period to the Palatine, Williamson, Fenwick, and Londonderry Lodges, Sunderland, of the latter of which he was the first W.M. Last year, on the occasion of the Jubilee meeting in London, he was created a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. Some years having elapsed since the last Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Gateshead, and many Masonic changes having occurred in the interval, the meeting will be looked forward to with more than ordinary interest by the brethren of the Province, and no doubt by many connected with the Province of Northumberland, whose interest and sympathy run together with those of the neighbouring province.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

A MEETING was held under the banner of the Masefield Lodge, No. 2,034, at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, on the 12th instant. The Masefield Lodge was duly opened at noon. It was then "called off," and at half-past twelve o'clock, with Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. in the chair, Lady Lechmere and a number of ladies were introduced by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M. The brethren present included Bros. Bloomer, H. Wilson, D. Fitzgerald, W. H. Westwood, W. B. Williamson, D. S. Smith, the Revs. A. B. Turnbull, W. J. Down, A. Green, J. Joseland, G. Taylor, F. G. Russell, J. Foley, W. E. Walker and T. R. Arter. The visitors present included Bros. J. T. Collings D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, E. Warrall P.G.W. Warwickshire, Colonel Gough Acting P.G.M. Staffordshire, J. Bodenham P.G. Treasurer Staffordshire. Lady Lechmere, at the close of a thoroughly Masonic speech, presented to the Province two magnificent banners. On behalf of the Province, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere duly acknowledged the gifts. The ladies, together with the Provincial Grand Lodge then retired. Subsequently the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers were announced and received with the customary honours. The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, and the Officers duly appointed. Stourbridge was selected for the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The members of the Lodge formed in line outside the Institute, and headed by two Officers of the Worcestershire constabulary marched in procession to the Parish Church, Moseley. About 120 brethren joined in the procession. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Down P.G.A.C., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Knight Law P.G.C. Bro. F. H. Bell P.M. presided at the organ, and played the "March of the Priests" (Mozart) as the introductory voluntary. The Old Hundredth was sung as the processional hymn. The ordinary form of the evening service was used, and the anthem "Stand up and bless the Lord" was admirably rendered by the choir. At the close of the service a collection was made on behalf of the parish schools of Moseley and Balsall Heath. The members afterwards proceeded to the Institute, where a banquet took place.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B., Henry Maudslay P.G.D., A. H. Tattershall, J. Newton, James Brett P.G.P., Henry Garrod, W. Belchamber, W. B. Daniell, E. West, Herbert J. Adams G.S.B., William Smith, W. H. Perryman, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., W. Hilton, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Charles J. Perceval, J. J. Berry, B. J. Blasby, and James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a widow annuitant and also of a widow receiving half her late husband's annuity. The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and the applications from the widows of two recently deceased male annuitants to be allowed the half of their late husband's annuities were granted. The Secretary read certain letters relating to the purchase of land in front of the Institution, over which it has enjoyed a right of way, and also as to the surrender of the lease of the adjoining meadow, which the Institution has rented for some years past; and it was resolved that the offer be accepted, that notice be given to the sub-tenant determining his lease of the meadow, and that the matter be left in the hands of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to carry out. Six petitions were then taken into consideration (three male and three female), those of the three male and two widow petitioners being accepted, and the remaining widow's petition deferred. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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### THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take the earliest opportunity afforded me of replying to the letters of Bro. Binckes (for so I am entitled to call him), G. N. W., and an "OLD PUPIL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL." On reading the first and last of those letters I was much pained to observe that both writers indirectly accuse me of ingratitude. Of that heinous sin, I know no one of my many friends among the Craft who will not instantly acquit me. Truth is that I know of no boy who had more cause for gratitude to Freemasonry than myself. Perhaps the most beautiful bit of English prose is De Quincey's "Levana and Our Ladies of Sorrow." I constantly read it, and never do so without comparing what "Levana" does for her children with what Freemasonry has done for me.

Unlike an "OLD PUPIL" I entered business on leaving the Institution seven years ago, without the doubtful advantage of going to a finishing school—which I could not afford. I have found that the education I received at Wood Green has thoroughly fitted me to consider myself the equal, in intelligence, of the average professional man. No fault whatever can be found with the educational results of the Institution. Probably in no school in the kingdom are the pupils better grounded in that most important of studies—their own language; and that they owe to the head master, Dr. Morris, than whom "English" has not a better interpreter. Him—at parting with whom my eyes were not quite dry—I always remember with reverence, affection, and gratitude, for the many acts of kindness of which, with others, I was the object.

I must now confess to two mistakes I made in my last letter. The less important one was that I made an incontinent use of the word *gentleman*, and its attributes. I should have used a better word to express my meaning, but could not find one, nor can I now. To substitute *manliness* for *gentlemanliness* will, at any rate, do no harm, as it is that quality I desire to see fostered in our School.

My second error was in allowing a reader so to construe my words as to infer that I stated facts. My intention was very different. I wished only to convey that I stated something which was, *in my opinion*, a fact.

Bro. Binckes's letter proves him to be a moderately accomplished rhetorician—nothing more. I made no attack upon the governing body of the School, but merely suggested as a subject for inquiry a matter which is certainly not unimportant. The suggestion is at once met with a defence *in personâ*.

My letter has achieved its object, which was to call attention to what I considered to be a fact, namely, that in our Institution there is lacking a system of training which fits the boys to be in the future good Freemasons.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD MASONIC BOY.

### A SUGGESTION.—ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few days ago I was talking with a friend over the merits of our magnificent Boys' School, and how to increase the income and benefits, when he suggested that a *limited* number of *paying* pupils should be admitted to the Institution,

I know many of our brethren would gladly pay, say fifty guineas, for their boys to have the advantages of the excellent training and teaching to be obtained under the efficient Head Master.

In order to make room for such, arrangements might be made to board out, in their own localities, those boys who, were their parents living, would be educated at Board or National Schools, or their mothers might receive such assistance as would maintain them in their own homes.

This would have a double advantage, as I am told many boys are really taken out of the position in which God has placed them, and perhaps are liable to look down on their mothers, who have not had the advantages they possess.

With hearty good wishes for the continued success of the Institution, which has grown so remarkably, owing to the able and indefatigable exertions of the worthy Secretary,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

### MARK MASONRY.

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BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 67.

BRO. J. Gibb Smith P.M. presided on the 30th ult., at a meeting of this Lodge, at the Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport, and with the assistance of Bro. Lieut. Colonel S. W. Wilkinson P.M. 322 installed Bro. W. Cartwright S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were also invested:—Bros. J. Williamson S.W., W. C. Fleming J.W., Thomas E. Rigby M.O., George W. McLelland S.O., James Hudson J.O., J. Worsnop Treasurer, C. M. Armitage Secretary, W. Lancaster S.D., W. Booth J.D., J. Scott Tyler. Several brethren were advanced.

## TWO PRICELESS PICTURES.

*An Extract from an Oration by Bro. Chauncey M. Depew, at the Thirteenth Anniversary of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A.M., New York, 4th April, 1888.*

"Captain Kane saw, in the Northern sky, the Masonic sign of distress."

**L**ODGES of Masonry select their names from characters in Sacred Writ; from distinguished Masons of the present or of the past, or from localities; but the most difficult thing in this world for a great ship, a Lodge, or a girl, is to give the proper name; one which not only describes and separates the object or the person from all other things of the kind, but which shall in itself be a poem, a history, and a description. The other Lodges have designations of a character which are cold and expressionless beside the warm, heroic, and perpetual immortality which is symbolized in the name of Kane.

We as a people are young, have little of ancestry, and nothing of antiquities; we are too apt to think that the present is everything and the past is nothing; we believe in the philosophy expressed so beautifully by the Poet Laureate, when he said:

"Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay."

But what he meant was a comparison of the dead civilizations of the East with the living, growing, developing life of Europe and America. And yet, as you go over the Old World, the shrines which attract visitors are those which are hallowed by the ages and by the memory of great events and mighty deeds. There would be little of inspiration and instruction in America, except for the glorious recollections of the Revolution and its heroes; of the great men who brought about the independence of the country, who formulated the Constitution which has stood the test of all trials, and who, under all conditions, in the Senate, on the field and on the wave, have upheld the honour of the American name, protected American nationality, and given us precepts and examples equal to the best traditions of antiquity.

But while we have, as a nation, little that is old, there is in this country one organisation whose vigour has outlived all nationalities and dynasties, which here is architecturally and distinctively American, and yet is as old as anything in the world; an institution whose greatness is due not only to the merits which recommend it to its members, but to that glorious life running back to the dawn of time, which, coming down along the centuries, has accumulated in each one of them a grand body of treasure, in virtue, genius, patriotism, love and friendship—in all that makes life worth the living; I mean the Masonry of America.

It is an extraordinary tribute to American Masonry, that fifty-two of the signers of the Declaration of Independence out of the fifty-five, could have formed a Lodge; and all of the Major-Generals in the Army of the Revolution were bound by the mystic tie. One was expelled from the Order, but his infamy and its punishment have given more brilliant and permanent fame to the virtues of the rest. The unknown grave, and the execrated memory of Benedict Arnold serve by contrast to exalt to nobler and grander heights the pure Masonic patriotism of George Washington.

It appears from the records of King Solomon's Lodge, of Ploughkeepsie, that from 1771 Benedict Arnold was a frequent visitor. In 1781 is found this remarkable entry: "Ordered, that the name of Benedict Arnold be considered as obliterated from the minutes of this Lodge, a traitor." There is no more interesting relic in the archives of our Order than this mutilated record.

There have been many famous assemblages which have formed the theme for the orator and the inspiration of the artist. Upon their deliberations have depended the fate of nations and the welfare of peoples. Many of the most interesting pages of history recount the story of these parliaments, conventions, and popular assemblies. But none of them have left such lasting and vital forces at work through all succeeding centuries as the unrecorded and unheralded meeting of the Architects and Master Workmen of King Solomon's Temple, who founded Masonry. What a picturesque gathering, and how infinitely better than they knew did they build! The best constructive talent of the age had been secured for this sacred work. They represented all the creeds and faiths of the time. The followers of the Assyrian Baal, of the Tyrian Aphrodite, of the Chaldean Moloch, and of the

Grecian Jupiter, had come to join their Hebrew craftsmen in building a Temple to the ever-living God. Mutual interests naturally led them to organize a guild, and in their grips, signs, and pass-words, these men of many tongues found a common language. As they better knew the great work in which they were engaged, they became of one faith, and their souls were in harmony with the spirit of the place. They separated to carry back to their homes the Order they had formed, and the religion to which they had been converted. They prepared the soil in Gentile lands for the New Dispensation. When Paul the Apostle, who was close to Masonry, if not one of the Craft, spoke to the philosophers of Athens, he not only astonished them with a learning and subtlety equal to their own, but finding there an altar erected to the unknown God, possibly by the builders of the Temple on the Acropolis as a silent protest, he revealed its significance and irradiated the schools of Socrates and Plato with their first knowledge of the truth.

(To be continued.)

## MOCK MNEMONICS.

**I**N the dark or middle ages men spent their lives and fortunes in vain pursuit of the philosopher's stone which would turn all baser metals into gold, or the elixir of life which would restore crabbled old age to youth. In this era of science and advancement men are prone to look upon these foolish pastimes with disdain, although they laid the foundation of our present chemistry, which can justly be called the mother of invention. But when we come to consider our own case, a certain amount of doubt arises whether with all our wisdom some future generation may not compare many of our vain pursuits with those of the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life.

The latest fad in this direction is the memory cure. In this fast age it is necessary that a man should be possessed of an AI memory, and it is not strange therefore that many schemes have been devised whereby the memory may be improved. Occasionally a man can be met with who professes to be able to furnish new and complete memories, warranted to wash and not sag at the ends, for the small sum of 5 dols., and other people can be found who are willing to put up the outlay for the patent right on this new and improved article, only to find themselves duped. Recently was arrested Professor Frederick H. Wood, a memory improver of this sort, at the Humber. Wood is a young married man of about twenty-eight, well educated, and of very pleasing address. He has visited and victimized almost every city and town in America. Last winter Ontario was his stamping ground, and he victimized a number of young ladies, colleges and other institutions with his memory lessons. At Whitby he narrowly escaped being mobbed, and at Cobourg a warrant was issued for his arrest, but he skipped, and latterly has confined his operations to Detroit. He professes to be a D.D., M.D., and F.L.S. of Trinity College, Dublin; also a member of the Masonic Lodge 758, Runcorn, England. In his pocket was found the following circular:—

THE MEMORY AND HOW TO IMPROVE IT.

Professor Fred. H. Wood, F.L.S. (lecturer, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland), has pleasure in submitting a brief prospectus of this system of memory culture, by the aid of which the necessity of repetition in committing any subject to memory is dispensed with. Having successfully introduced his system in the colleges of Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States; Glasgow University; Methodist College, Manchester; Trinity College, Dublin; St. Arden's Theological College, near Liverpool; Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pa.; McMaster College, Toronto; Victoria University, Canada, &c.; he has undertaken a course of lecture lessons in this country. It is not necessary that personal instruction be given, as the lessons can be taken by correspondence with equal facility.

To collegians in divinity, medicine, or literature the system is invaluable, nor is it less valuable to senators, statisticians, lawyers, and all public speakers. It enables them to commit to memory the most intricate figures and data. Figures, the most difficult of all subjects to remember, cannot be forgotten after once reading. Foreign languages learned at the rate of from 80 to 100 words per hour. Lectures, sermons, &c., fixed in the mind by once reading: The genders of 14,568 French nouns learned in ten minutes. The system is applicable to all branches of business, literature, science, and language, which can be mastered with ease by the young and old without any mental strain, the complete system being learned in three lessons. Proficiency is guaranteed. No oath of secrecy required. The system is based upon purely psychological principles, and is entirely opposed to the ancient and useless systems of mnemonics. It is arranged in the simplest possible way to enable those having only an average education to master it with ease, and reap the great benefits of a good memory. Terms for a complete course of three lessons, 5 dollars. Address Professor Wood, F.L.S., 33 22nd street, Detroit, Mich.

A special notice on the back of the circular states that the memory system can be had in book form for the small sum of one dollar. Wood has been selecting Masons as his peculiar prey, and strange to say, in his pocket was found a letter exposing him as a swindler and a fraud. The letter referred to an exposure of his ways that was published in the *Keystone*, and contained a copy of a letter to the same effect from Bro. G. Moss P.M. and Secretary of Lodge 758, Runcorn, England, to F. J. Bradshaw, 1120 Holland-street, Erie, Pa. In his pocket also was a recommendation signed by a number of leading members of the craft in Detroit asking Masons to patronize him.—*Toronto Mail*.

## 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, 15th SEPTEMBER.

- 1179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 1198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 311—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harwood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow.

## MONDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

- 122—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 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, Algate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leicester Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.]

- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge  
 331—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
 38—The Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 467—Tutor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton  
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 825—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 834—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1542—Legion, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth  
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury  
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon  
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.  
 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maidia Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 820—Lily of Kichmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threaneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Channing Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, (Instruction)

- 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)  
 1830—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 1940—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 3A Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford  
 418—Mercuria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, at 7. (Instruction)  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1006—Tregullo, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall  
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.

- 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caletonia-road, Batley  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich

- 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 143 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor

- 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
 2045—Wharton, Wilcsden  
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland  
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke

- R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall  
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidance, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Grouse, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glongall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)  
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 168—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Grouse, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 20—Fidelity, Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigton  
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Fusiliers, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Ladbroke  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Bury, near Leeds  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 457—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 650—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 692—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 696—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Itca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
 758—Eblesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Eccleston, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract

- 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester  
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston  
 1255—Dundas, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 170 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames  
 1645—Colne Valley, Leisham Hotel, Slaithwaite  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1998—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop  
 R.A. 663—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Heniton  
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitravian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Inst. action)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1333—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbeldon, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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)  
 1728—Temple Bar, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatshof Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction);  
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill  
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Faverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hullersfield  
 278—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
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 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
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 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hameld, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Choadie  
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester  
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton  
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

- M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

## FRIDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
 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) 3  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 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, Builders Arms, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Minster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 401—Royal Forest, Harrold, Slaidburn  
 463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Newcastle  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Huddersfield  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levensaulme  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penzance  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury  
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
 K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Tadmoren

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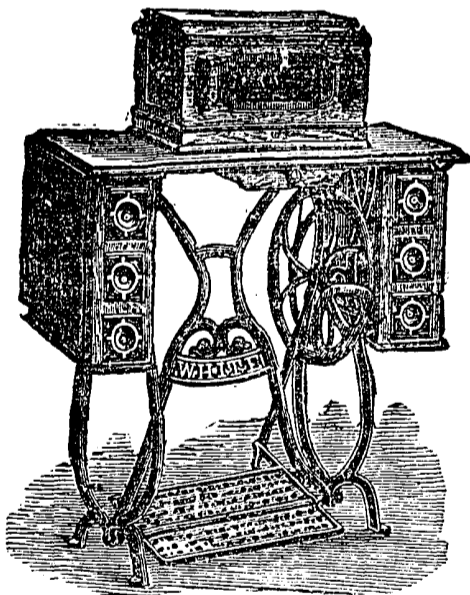
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