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MASONIC DAMPERS.

THE popular idea of the present day seems to be to imagine that every one and each thing around us is quite different to what was known in the time of our forefathers—that period which so many writers love to describe as the “good old times.” It is true that in many respects there have been great and radical changes, and no doubt the present generation presents many differences when compared with their ancestors of even a hundred years ago, but on the other hand there are many points of similarity, and we doubt if there is nearly so much distinction between the two periods as is generally supposed. It is very certain to our mind that the sect of the “Dampers”—both Masonically and generally—is much the same now as it was then, and in support of this dictum we shall quote from the pages of a work which has recently come under our notice, and which is upwards of a hundred years old. Therein we find a description of the “Sect of the Dampers,” and were it not for the fact that the title of the book bears the date 1787, while there are other unmistakable signs of its age, we should hardly believe we were not reading a description of modern principles and practices. It is very certain that in the work of “damping,” at least, the world is very much the same to-day as it was then, and from the opening remarks of the writer referred to, and the evidence he adduces in his essay, it was much the same long before his time. It is true our author does not make any particular reference in his work, so far as we have discovered, to the peculiar system and tenets of Freemasonry, but much of what he says is so applicable to the disciples of the Order as to convince us that at heart he possessed many of the qualifications necessary for a good Mason. His remarks on this subject of “damping” are so good that we shall extract at length from them, and we hope that in doing so we may be the means of removing a little of that superfluous dampness which pervades Freemasonry at times, as it does all other earthly organizations.

There is a pretty numerous sect of philosophers in this kingdom, writes the authority already mentioned, whom I cannot describe by any apter denomination than that of *Dampers*. They are to be known in society by a sudden damp which they are sure to cause upon all companies where they enter. The human heart that comes within their atmosphere never fails to be chilled; and the quickest sense of feeling is as effectually benumbed as the touch is with the torpedo. As this sect is of very ancient standing in the world, and has been taken notice of by several heathen writers, I have sometimes thought that it might originate in the school of Thales, who held water to be the first principle of all things. If I were certain that this ancient philosopher always administered his water cold to his disciples I should incline to think the present sect of Dampers was

really a branch from the Thalesian root, for it is certain they make great use of his first principle in the philosophy they practise.

It is not necessary to look far around us to find instances of the Masonic Damper, and we think it would be difficult to give a better definition of the Sect than to say that they throw a dampness upon all companies where they enter. Their business in society seems to be to check the flights and sallies of those volatile beings who are subject to be carried away by imagination and fancy, or, in other words, to act as a counterpoise against genius. Of the vices of mankind they take little notice, but they are at great pains to correct vanity. They have various receipts for curing this evil; the ordinary method being to keep stern silence and an unmoved countenance in companies which are disposed to be cheerful.

The Masonic Damper will sit in Lodge and give unmistakable evidence of his utter indifference to all that is going on around him. He will appear to know far better than the Worshipful Master or others engaged in a ceremony, and his looks will evidence the contempt he feels towards them for the way in which they are working. At the banquet he maintains the same rigid indifference, and it often happens that his peculiar tactics stop or materially check the festivities around him. Even at the period to which we have already referred—upwards of a hundred years ago—this section of the Dampers were distinguished by their cold water tendencies, and at the present time it is safe to say that the most ardent members of the sect are those who in their great love for water strive to prevent others enjoying anything else. We have never been opposed to those who drink nothing but water, so long as they keep their peculiar taste to themselves, but when a disciple of the so-called Temperance cause presses on all around him the wickedness of indulging in stronger drinks, he becomes a nuisance, as much so as would be the case if an habitual tippler urged on his hearers the benefits of following his example. Freemasonry teaches us the benefits of Temperance in all things, but in this respect we do not consider that Temperance implies total abstention, that is as much an excess as the opposite extreme, and in many cases its practice gives proof of weakness; the total abstainer being afraid to indulge temperately, lest he should take too much. These remarks do not of course apply in every case. There are some who choose to lay down certain laws for themselves, but who take good care that they shall not cause discomfort or annoyance to their friends, who, unless they are very observant, would fail to notice anything unusual. Happily this class is in the ascendant, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, and it is only on rare occasions we come across one who makes himself a nuisance, or deserves the name of Damper.

Continuing the subject, we are told that if the Damper looks morose everybody wonders what the

moody gentleman is displeased with, and each in his turn suspects himself as the cause; if the Damper looks wise, all are expecting when the dumb oracle will utter, and in the meantime his silence infects the whole circle; if a shrug of the shoulders or a shake of the head is judiciously thrown in when any talkative fellow raises a laugh, it is all but certain he will not open his lips again that evening, and thus the desire of the Damper seems to be gratified; with the same object he will ask at the end of a story if that is all? or where lies the point of the joke? or make some senseless inquiry, which at once removes the charm of a well-told tale. All these and many more peculiar characteristics of the Damper are to be met with within the portals of Freemasonry, but, as we have said, it is fortunate that the sect, so far as it affects our Order, is not very numerous, otherwise it would not be possible for the members of the Craft to secure as much enjoyment from its practices as they now do. If perchance these remarks should come under the notice of any who are troubled with a desire to cause a dampness around them, or who aspire to membership of the peculiar sect here referred to, we would ask them to pause before they again put their tactics into practice, and ask themselves the question if it is not better to abandon their peculiar principles, even though they may be older than Freemasonry itself, and adopt the more Masonic formula of being happy and striving to communicate happiness.

TWO PRICELESS PICTURES.

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

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All of you who have been to Europe have stood in those grand cathedrals in England and on the continent. We have nothing like them in our time, and the liberality and genius of our period do not seem equal to the construction of their types. We have been for years, in New York, with all the wealth there is in this city, and all its ambition and piety, trying to build a cathedral which should rank with those which have come down to us from the Dark Ages, and we are no nearer to it than we were fifty years ago. You wonder who designed and erected these grand edifices, because they symbolize in stone the piety of the times and the aspirations and immortality of the human soul. There is nothing so impressive in the world as these old cathedrals, whose architects and builders are unknown, and yet you can see that while they were constructed in an age which had no architects whose names survive, their builders must have been men of both faith and culture, and it is for us to claim that their creeds and skill have been transmitted down the lines and in the chapters of both Speculative and Operative Masonry.

In all ages of the world, the one thing beyond others which has lifted man above the earthly, and freed him from the weight of the grossest materialism, has been hero worship, and it has been the fruitful creator of heroes. The noble stories which fire the orator, inspire the poet, illumine the pages of history, and make the themes for the painter and sculptor, are warriors and their triumphs. But the knights who, trained to arms, believed that for their prowess was the laurel crown, the smile of beauty, the princely title, or the great estate, charged, and fought and dared for grand prizes. The soldier rushing into the imminent deadly breach has before him glory, promotion, fame, and the gratitude of posterity, and these inspire him. But Captain Kane went to the Arctic Ocean to brave perils the crusader never met; to endure hardships the soldier never faced; to sustain, by patience and heroic endurance, trials such as never came before to those who have been the advance guard in the great struggles of humanity. What was his incentive? There was the unknown and frigid North; there the icy barriers which had never been overcome; there the prospect of suffering and without glory; there the almost certainty of death.

What lured him on; what impelled him forward? It was simply that a brother Mason of an alien nation and foreign land had gone to the North Pole for the purpose of scientific research, and, imprisoned by the ice, had not returned nor been heard from; civilization regarded him lost; but Captain Kane saw in the Northern sky, and in the aurora borealis, the Masonic sign of distress; he heard in the Northern gale the Masonic cry for help, and he said "I will go to his rescue." That expedition, with all its achievements and heroic surroundings, was a Masonic crusade set forth in the sublimest spirit of the Order of Friendship, and of Faith, Hope, and Charity, to rescue a brother from the gravest peril.

This anniversary suggests two pictures of priceless value to humanity. Captain Kane's ship was shut in the ice. The Arctic night, the fearful cold, and the hopeless desolation all around had broken the spirits of the crew. Part of the company despaired of ever seeing friends or home again, and Kane said, "I shall remain here one year more to prosecute the search; those whose hearts fail them may go southward and see if they can find the open sea and the opportunity to return." Half said, "We will go." He gave them part of all he had which supports life in that most inhospitable clime. They disappeared in the snow and sleet, marching for home. They lost their way; weeks elapsed and the survivors came back, weak, broken in health, and helpless, and the hero received them as brothers, forgave them, divided with them again his stores and nursed them back to life.

Our hero lay in the little cabin, sick. He had become so enfeebled that he weighed less than a hundred pounds. His companions expected every day that death would claim their frail commander. But he was an extraordinary example of the triumph of mind over matter. His dauntless spirit conquered his physical weakness. An expedition had been sent out to find the open Polar Sea. Suddenly and unexpectedly two of them appeared before the astonished captain. "Why are you here?—Where are the rest?" were questions quickly put. The wanderers' story was soon told. A storm, unprecedented even for that region, had overtaken the party. The thermometer fell to fifty degrees below zero, and all of them had succumbed but these two messengers. "Where did you leave the others?" said Captain Kane. "Fifty miles north, and buried in the snow." "Then," said he, "a rescuing expedition must start at once, and I will lead it." There could be no laggards in the presence of such a leader. When men's lives were to be saved, his heroic soul, overcoming the limitations of disease, seemed to inspire his frail body with supernatural strength. With an enthusiasm which was contagious, and with resistless purpose, he marched at the head of the stalwart crew over mountains of ice and through sleet and snow, until they came in sight of a little American flag floating over a drift. As they dug down they found a Masonic banner, and beneath that lay their companions benumbed with the cold and welcoming death. They were taken out, revived and inspirited with hopeful words and good cheer, placed upon the sleds, carried safely to the ship, and with tenderest care brought again to strength and usefulness. The dangers faced and the difficulties overcome in this immortal rescue under the emblem of our Order, form one of the noblest recorded illustrations of unselfish heroism and the devotion of Masonic brothers to the principles and practices of their faith.

In the trophy room at Windsor Castle are the captured banners and standards which mark the world-wide conquests of England and the glories of her sovereigns and generals. But the most famous of them are not more worthy of preservation than the National and Masonic flags of the Kane expedition which adorn the walls of our Lodge. Of that expedition we have with us two survivors. One is our friend Captain Wilson, the companion of the gallant Kane, and the other is the fair Augusta. The fair Augusta was the figure-head of Kane's ship, and with a devotion to the noble hero worthy of all praise, and exhibiting what the sex can do, she kept her position in ceaseless battles with the surging ice until she lost her nose, and no woman could be expected to head an expedition after her nose was gone. But the despairing look she gave to the departing men whose vessel she had led through all storms until it was frozen and abandoned was such that they broke her away from her surroundings and brought her back to civilisation, and Kane Lodge keeps her as its presiding angel. She knows all our secrets and never has given one away. She is not pretty but she is good.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, thirty years have passed since this Lodge was born. It has become one of the strongest Lodges of the Order in the United States, or in the world. There is a peculiar warmth to the mottoes of Friendship, of Faith, Hope and Charity in Kane, through the perpetual presence of the spirit of him after whom it was named. He seems to have belonged to the distant past, and yet if he had lived he would have been only sixty-eight years of age. We, in celebrating our thirtieth anniversary commemorate also his sixty-eighth year. Byron died at thirty-six, and it was said his genius had dried up. Kane died at thirty-seven, and his genius outlived the miserable frame in which it was encased, and his soul, which survived Arctic winters, heroic battles for his country against a foreign foe, and physical infirmities such as few men contend with, bursting the bonds of earth, and soaring to heaven, where God has welcomed it, hovers to-night over this gathering, giving us a Masonic blessing and a brother's grasp.

SQUABBLES AMONG SCOTCH RITERS.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

WE have, or recently had, no less than seven Scotch Rite concerns in the United States, and each of these claimed to be the only legitimate body of that Rite. Thus we have "the Southern Jurisdiction," which is ruled by the world renowned Bro. Albert Pike. Louisiana, however, which belongs to Bro. Pike's dominions, refuses to acknowledge his legitimacy and supremacy. We have also the "Northern Jurisdiction," within the claimed limits whereof are two Cerneau Councils, and a De La Grange Council; and each of the last named three Councils claim jurisdiction "all over the United States of America;" and we have also two independent and antagonistic Supreme Coloured Councils; and the following spicy document, issued by one of the coloured Scotch Rite sovereigns, will give the reader a faint idea of the state of things among our American Scotch Ritters.

FEATHER MASONS.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY AMONG COLOURED MEN IN PHILADELPHIA.

By Feather Masons, or Feather Masonry, we mean that kind of Masonry which has nothing for its foundation, save assumption—with feathers, double headed eagles, gilt lace, and other outward symbols of the Order to distinguish them.

Such is the condition of the Coloured Scottish Rite Masons of Philadelphia, as represented by Rev. Moses Wheeler, Wm. H. Miller, Joshua D. Kelley, Geo. W. Roper, H. H. Gilbert, Wm. F. Powell, and others.

The Masonry of these gentlemen is founded upon a fraudulent document, purporting to have been issued by the Grand Orient of France, through one of its deputies, one Larine, and others, whose names are written upon it as Officers of the Grand Orient, having never been officers of that body, nor of any other body of Scottish Rite Masons. The Grand Orient wrote in reply to an inquiry from Dr. P. W. Ray, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the only legitimate body of Scottish Rite Masons among coloured men in the United States, that their body had not issued the document in question, nor had they delegated such authority to either of the persons named. If the Philadelphia Masons can only be prevailed upon to exhibit the "Leary" document to any intelligent Mason or Masons these facts can be readily proven by all who will take the pains to inquire.

Now, it is true that these brethren have had made known to them the character of the document possessed by the late David Leary, and upon which their pretensions to the Scottish Rite degrees are founded; yet it appears that they have the effrontery to perpetuate their fraudulent institution by pretending to confer the Scottish Rite degrees upon coloured men in various parts of the country, and we are informed that they are getting ready to sow the seed broadcast during the coming Masonic Centennial celebration in their city in September.

It is our aim to prevent this imposition upon intelligent coloured Masons, that they may not lend the weight of their good names and offices to the perpetuation of a fraud, a body claiming to be Masons of the Thirty-third Degree, whose only right to be considered Scottish Rite Masons lies entirely in the fact that they brazenly wear the feathers, swords, lace, and other outward distinguishing marks prescribed for the Order.

Is it a fact that the eagerness of coloured men to wear gilt lace, feathers and double headed eagles is so great that they are willing to assume them even at the hands of those who have never had the slightest reason or right to confer the degrees which entitle one to wear them? We hope not.

The only legitimate body of Scottish Rite Masons of the Thirty-third Degree among coloured men in the United States is that body established by the illustrious Baron A. HUGO DE BULOW, Thirty-third Degree, an active member of the Supreme Council of France, who established the Supreme Council for the United States of America and the territories and dependencies thereof in 1864, with

its Grand East at the city of New York, and at present presided over by the illustrious PETER W. WRAY, Thirty-third Degree, M.D., of Brooklyn, N.Y., Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

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The *Sunday Mercury*, New York, 28th July 1888, contains a continuation of a series of papers headed "Memories of the Metropolis," by William Cauldwell. The fourth chapter of the ninth part throws some light on the early history or origin of Scotch Rite Masonry in the city of New York, and I shall therefore give it in full. It is headed as follows:—THE WAY IN WHICH THE TWO NEW YORK POLITICIANS WORKED AS THE MASONS. HOW WILLIAM H. MULLIGAN CAPTURED THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE, AND HOW DICKY RIKER TRIED TO EUCHE THEM WITH A SUBLIME GRAND LODGE, WHICH GOT THE BEST OF THE GAME, AND WHY? Then it goes on thus:—

"Everybody knows that in the good old times politicians tried to make capital by opposing the Masonic Fraternity—getting up an anti-Masonic excitement, a propos of the real or pretended murder of Morgan—but everybody has probably forgotten that at first the politicians tried to make political capital by puffing and by joining this same Masonic Order. It was, in fact, only after they found they could not control the Order that the politicians tried to crush it.

"Some of the early refugees from San Domingo, who settled in New York, founded a Masonic Lodge in this city, which swelled into large numbers and great popularity. Among the founders of this Lodge was Joseph Cerneau. He was a watchmaker and jeweller, and opened a store in William-street. He did not make much money, but he did make many friends, and instituted a Masonic Chapter called 'The Triple Alliance,' which attracted wide-spread attention among the Craft. It was composed originally of Frenchmen, or rather French speaking New Yorkers, so that its numbers were limited, being chiefly fellow countrymen of Cerneau.

"But the Frenchmen talked so much about this new 'Triple Alliance,' and plumed themselves so highly on the degrees conferred by it, and the honour it was to belong to it, that the native born New York Masons got their backs up and got huffed because they did not belong to it. The American does not feel satisfied with taking a back seat in any thing, not even in Masonry, and he is particularly anxious to get the highest degree in every thing, from base ball up.

"Besides, there had already been started in Albany an association with the modest title of 'The Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection,' and consequently no New York Mason was willing to let Albany get ahead of him. Therefore, ere long a determined effort was organized by the New York Masons to get into the (Cerneau) 'Triple Alliance,' and of course they succeeded. At first the new members tried to talk French, or to pretend that they were Frenchmen, but of course this racket was soon found out; so this humbug was dropped, and the 'Triple Alliance' soon became divided into a French and an American contingent.

"And, as often happens, to use one of Dundreary's similes, 'the tail wagged the dog,' the American contingent became numerically larger than the French, and so gradually overshadowed it and froze it out. As a last resort the Frenchmen tried to talk out the Americans, but the Americans can gab, brag, eat, drink and fight against the world. So the Frenchmen shrugged their shoulders and subsided.

"And ere long this Americanized Lodge or Order was taken possession of by that ubiquitous individual who sooner or later takes possession of everything and everybody in New York, viz.: *The politician*. He swooped down upon 'The Triple Alliance,' and captured it. The politician's name in this case was Mulligan, and he was acting in the interest of Clinton, the Governor of the State. 'The Triple Alliance' proved quite an effective political medium, especially as Mulligan would not give the original Frenchmen in it any show in their own Order, but coolly coming to the front, ran the 'T. A.' to suit Clinton and himself. Mulligan may not have been much of a Mason, but there was such an amount of cheek about his style of procedure that he ought to have gone up to the head of the Fraternity; but of course this sort of thing was too good for Mulligan to be allowed to have it all to himself. He had a political opponent, who hated Mulligan,

almost as much as he did Clinton, and who had a nice little boom that he wanted to get up for himself. His (the opponent's) name was Richard Riker, 'Dicky Riker' everybody called him, and a good fellow he was too, and a smart one also.

"Well! Riker, who was then Attorney General of New York State, determined to get up his own Masonic Lodge or Order, so he started a species of Mason factory. He got hold of a Hebrew schoolmaster in New York, viz., Abraham Jacobs, who was up in Masonry, and induced him to start a 'Sublime Grand Lodge,' composed of any number of old Tammany Hall politicians, who knew as much about Masonry as they did about astronomy, but who were for Tammany, Dicky Riker, and themselves every time.

"Riker thought that by this 'Sublime Grand Lodge' he had *euchered* Mulligan and his 'Triple Alliance,'* but he did not, for Mulligan played one trump card that completely wound Riker up. He came out with a manifesto to Masons, in which he showed what happened just by his dumb luck to be really true—that Jacobs, the Hebrew Mason, whom Riker had got to start his Lodge, did not stand as high in the Order as Cerneau, the French Mason, who had started the concern which Mulligan had captured. He also showed that Cerneau had a right to start a Lodge, while Jacobs, according to Masonic usage, had not. In short, Mulligan showed that from a Masonic standpoint of view Riker's concern was bogus, while his own was genuine. And, as of course, the political depended for its success on the Masonic—when the latter was dropped out the former fell through. So Dick Riker's Sublime Grand Lodge and Tammany Hall got a black eye, while Mulligan and Clinton held on to the 'Triple Alliance,' which served to hold them up."

I have already said that each Scotch Rite faction claimed pure and unadulterated legitimacy, while it condemned its opponents as bogus, illegitimate, &c. Now, I know not whether Jacobs was a Thirty-third when he started his concern in New York, but on the other hand Cerneau's legitimacy was also denied. Thus I find in document 17 in Folger's History of the Scotch Rite, dated September 1813, that Emanuel De La Motta, a Charleston High Degree luminary, after a preamble in the usual Scotch Rite style, goes on to say—

"Be it known and remembered, therefore, that by and in virtue of my high power, rights and prerogatives as a lawful Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree in the United States of America, I do hereby publish and declare to the whole world, as well as in my own name, and * * * * at the special request of my Supreme Council in Charleston, South Carolina, the aforesaid Joseph Cerneau * * * as an impostor of the first magnitude, &c.

In short, De La Motta was positive that Cerneau was not a thirty-third *at all*. Bro. Albert Pike is ready to swear up and down to the truth of Da La Motta's opinion, and even Bro. Daniel Sickles &c., who was originally thirty-third in a Cerneau concern in New York, frankly admitted to the above opinion. But on the other hand the Cerneanites also swear up and down that De La Motta was an impostor, and that Pike is illegitimate and bogus. Indeed, they even assert that Pike himself does not know when he was sublimed into a *Thirty-third*.

Such being the case we may well ask—

"Who is to decide when the learned disagree?"

Boston, U.S., 7th Sept. 1888.

* "Euchre" is an American game of cards, and the one who loses the game is said to be *euchered*.

WOMAN IN FREEMASONRY.

WOMAN is excluded from the benefits of Freemasonry. She is not recognised in all its arrangements. Can that be good which excludes from its enclosure the wife of our bosom, the mother of our reverence—the sister and daughter of our affection? And this is gravely urged as if it was true, while nothing can be further from the fact. What, woman deprived of the benefits of Freemasonry? When was this cruel edict given forth? What council of our Fraternity has been assembled to remove a Landmark that has stood for ages, in the sight of every Mason's eye, and beyond the power of the highest Mason to remove. If this charge is sustained—if proof be brought home to the Craft that woman is deprived of its advantages, I renounce my allegiance to the Craft, strip myself of the decorations which I have earned with almost seven lustres of service, and own myself no longer a Mason. Or, perhaps in the dark ages from which the Craft is just now (A.D. 1847) emerging, the

evil found its way into the Lodge of this section of the country and the Freemasons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Master of the State of Virginia deny to woman the benefits of Freemasonry. If so, I have authority to declare that your Lodges are out of order and have placed themselves beyond all fellowship with the rest of the Craft. Woman, indeed, without the benefits of Masonry! The mother, the wife, the sister, the daughter and orphan child of either sex whose delicacy and innocence make him like woman, why these are they for whose advantage the Lodges stand! The Brother of the Craft may not command the benefits without ample proof not only of his Masonry, but of his fair standing with the Brethren—but woman comes and claims, and scarcely need she present the proof of her relationship with a Mason! For her, the fund is poured out—for her, the advice is ready—in her presence inquiry almost ceases. The passions themselves are hushed, and Masonry becomes the guide, the friend of woman, her refuge in distress, the guardian of her purity and the champion of her fame.

But woman is not admitted to the rites of the Craft. The rites of Masonry are appropriated to the character and uses of the Fraternity. They come to us through centuries that have seen changes in all else but have wrought none in these. Let the woman who would complain at being excluded from the rites of Freemasonry first inquire whether she comprehends those rites, and let her be assured that the husband, the father, the brother and the friend could find no pleasure in excluding woman from any associations to which her charms could give attraction, or in which the delicacy of her sex would find appropriate exercise. Let woman be assured that man, whether Mason or uninitiated, prizes too highly the pleasures of her intercourse to debar himself from the enjoyment whenever the gratification can be possessed without a sacrifice of what is most lovely in her sex.

The exclusion of woman from what by its character or by divine appointment seems inconsistent with the peculiar delicacy of her condition, and the elevated position to which she was evidently designed is not new, nor peculiar to Freemasonry. The Hebrew church scarcely allowed woman to be present at much of the public worship of the Temple, and now when the sacrifice has ceased and the Holy of Holies is closed, woman is admitted to no share in the services of the Synagogue, and is only allowed to be present in some confined nook where she seems to occupy a place between man and his now unpermitted sacrifice, rather than the position between man and the objects of his prayers. St. Paul himself with celibetic asceticism says, "I suffer not a woman to teach"—Freemasonry, bowing to all that is of authority in the Christian rule, places woman where she may teach by her beautiful example and shine in the lustre of her feminine virtues. It imposes upon her neither the labour nor the secrets of the Craft, but it makes each Craftsman the willing labourer for her comfort, and the dispenser of the mysteries in her behalf.

In the foundation of the Craft in the dark centuries, in the very twilight of civilisation, when woman was the sport of man's passions and the slave of his convenience, then Freemasonry recognised not only her claims upon man's highest earthly consideration, but it incorporated her name and her condition in its ritual, and connected the most solemn duties of its members with her comfort, her elevation, her honour, her purity.

And never, from that distant time to this day, have Masons assembled to dispense their mysteries that woman's highest and holiest qualifications have not been regarded as the true characteristics of her sex, and her tenderest, purest relations with man, made the grounds of her irresistible claims upon the affections, sympathy, aid and self-sacrifice of the Craft. Enshrined in the Mason's highest affections he treasures the image of her virtues as the object for private devotion. The things that he estimates as the ordinary property of life, he exposes to ordinary gaze, but he hides from inspection the particular treasure of his soul, as Rachel, the wife of Jacob, saw the flocks and herds that constituted the wealth of herself and her husband exposed to the gaze and cupidity of the grasping Laban, while the sacred treasures of her maiden life, the household gods of her idolatry, she had hidden away as the precious things of her heart.—*Keystone*.

We hear that a new Lodge is about to be established in the suburb of Fairfield. The brethren who have interested themselves in this matter consist of Bros. Thomas Clarke, T. Verdon, Bradley, Parkinson, Barrett, Hunter, Smythe, Neale, Tarbuck, Hassell, Hudson, Humphreys, Thomas Saxon, A. Wright, &c. These names augur well for the ultimate success of the scheme, coupled with the fact that it has the cordial approval of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Goodacre, and judging from the promises already in the hands of the promoters it will add greatly to the strength of the Masonic Fraternity in the Province of West Lancashire. Suitable premises have already been secured for the holding of the meetings of the proposed Lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dyspepsia, Jaundice.—These complaints are the result of a disordered liver, which secretes bile in quality or quantity incapable of digesting food. Digestion requires a free flow of healthy bile, to insure which Holloway's Pills and Ointment have long been famous, far eclipsing other medicines. Food, irregularity of living, climates and other causes, are constantly throwing the liver into disorder, but that important organ can under all circumstances soon be regulated and healthily adjusted by Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which act directly upon its vital secretions. The Ointment rubbed upon the skin, penetrates immediately to the liver whose blood and nerves it rectifies. One trial is all that is needed—a cure will soon follow.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

WITH the month devoted to St. Partridge we have been in the habit of associating the installation of this Lodge, consequently when we attended its meeting on the 14th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, we were somewhat surprised to learn that the installation meeting would not take place for another six months. It appears that during the past year the members of the Lodge have had it under consideration to make a change in the dates of their meetings, and it has been decided that in future there shall be but four regular assemblages of the brethren, and that these be held on the second Friday in the month, instead of the fourth Friday as heretofore. Moreover, the installation meeting shall be held in March instead of September. The Lodge was opened on the occasion now under notice by the Worshipful Master Bro. Charles Coombs. In the absence of Bro. W. Rowe, Bro. Henry Lloyd P.M. filled the Senior Warden's chair; the other Officers were in their places—E. Cox J.W., B. E. Blasby I.P.M., W. Hilton P.M. Sec., J. Edwards S.D., J. Brooks J.D., S. P. Keech I.G., E. Eydmann Steward, John Gilbert Tyler. The other Past Masters present were Bros. W. D. Beckett and J. G. Littlewood. Among the visitors were—Bros. George Gardner P.M. Sec. 2012, H. F. Nash 2032, G. Stockwin 860, Henry Sapsworth S.W. 2032, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. H. J. Saunders and A. W. Brake, candidates for passing, were examined and entrusted. Lodge was then advanced, and the candidates, who had retired for preparation, were severally re-admitted and had conferred upon them the responsibilities of the second degree. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to the first. The condition of a distressed brother, who some twenty years since was a member of the Lodge, was then discussed, but as it was shown that this applicant had already been assisted, indeed on several applications, it was decided the petition should "lay on the table." Very handsome photographs of Bros. Past Masters Blasby and Hilton, which had been provided at the expense and by resolution of the Lodge, were then formally presented to and accepted by the Lodge. They will in future be hung on the Lodge room walls. Bro. W. D. Beckett P.M., who, on behalf of the Lodge, made the presentation, gracefully alluded to the eminent services both Bros. Hilton and Blasby had rendered to the Lodge. To Bro. Blasby he (Bro. Beckett) was indebted for his introduction to Freemasonry, and he, indeed he might say every member of the Lodge, recognised the zeal and energy both worthy brethren displayed for the welfare of the Lodge and the happiness of its members. The petition on behalf of a distressed member was then considered by the Lodge, and it was formally signed, with a view to its being presented to the Board of Benevolence. One resignation was announced, and the name of a candidate who desired to rejoin the Lodge was handed in to the Secretary. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in Bro. Brill's large hall, and on the removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were introduced by the W.M. in very happy terms. Bro. Blasby the I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Coombs the W.M. Their Worshipful Master was the son of an old member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, a Mason who during his association with the Craft gained the good opinion and esteem of his fellows. Their present Worshipful Master was following in his father's footsteps; he had long been a member of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Blasby) felt he was expressing the opinion of all the members when he said they were proud in seeing Bro. Coombs in his exalted position. The W.M. in reply expressed his thanks to Bro. Blasby for the cordial way in which he had expressed himself. He trusted he might long be associated with the Royal Alfred Lodge, and that he should retain the good opinion and esteem of its members. Several other toasts followed, and in due course the Tyler closed the proceedings, which throughout were of a most harmonious and agreeable character.

DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

ON Wednesday evening, 12th September, at the regular meeting of this Lodge, at Scarborough, Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Raincliffe was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bros. T. Raven, Ascough P.M., and Fisher P.M. P.G.D.C. At the close of the Lodge the brethren repaired to the Grand Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. De Leidi. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Earl Londesborough P.M. P.G.W., Lord Raincliffe, Leasow Walker (Mayor of Scarborough), Captain H. Darley P.M. P.P.G.W., Dr. Ivor Murray P.M. P.P.G.W., Barlowe W.M. 566, Harland W.M. 643, and about sixty brethren, amongst whom were several Visitors. Pritchard's band was in attendance, and performed a pleasing and varied selection of music, which was highly appreciated.

LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., the meeting was called for the early hour of four o'clock, and with exemplary punctuality the W.M., Bro. R. S. Cushing, took the chair and opened the Lodge. The first business after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting was the installation of the Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. Arthur John Clark, and this was performed with faultless precision by Bro. Cushing. The new W.M. having received the greetings and salutations of the brethren, in due form appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Holsworth S.W., C. H. Halford J.W., F. Brown P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, J. Hattersley S.D., F. W. Rose J.D., G. S. Denney I.G., J. Dunham D.C., C. H. Webb P.M. W.S., J. Verry Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. R. S. Cushing in a most impressive manner, and the installation ceremony was continued and completed. The initiation of a candidate

was then proceeded with, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a manner worthy of the high traditions of the Lodge of Loyalty. The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet. In response to the toast of "the Initiate," Bro. Walter Clark felt proud at his reception that day. He had long contemplated seeking admission to the Craft but had been deterred by fears of some unknown liabilities he might be called upon to incur, he rejoiced, however, to find that the obligations which he had been called upon to take in no way interfered with his personal freedom, which, as a bachelor, he would be exceedingly loth to forego. It was a happy coincidence that he should be initiated by a namesake, his old friend Bro. Arthur Clark, and he trusted that he might prove as able, as popular, and as honoured a member of the Craft as the illustrious W.M. Replying to the toast of the W.M., Bro. Arthur Clark gracefully thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic reception which they had accorded him. He accepted the Mastership with some misgivings, in view of the high standard which had been reached by previous Masters. He relied, however, upon the assistance and the hearty co-operation of his officers and the brethren, and he trusted that when his term of office came to a close he might hand over to his successor the charter of the Lodge as unsullied as he that day received it. A large number of visitors from other Lodges greeted the W.M., and the brethren were entertained to a high-class selection of music, contributed by Bros. H. J. Dutton, Albert James, Edward Plater and Fredk. Bevan. The Lodge met at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

GRAYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915.

THE annual installation meeting took place at the Foresters' Hall on Thursday, the 13th instant, when Bro. Sibert Saunders was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. S. W. Graystone being the I.P.M. The former appointed as his Officers the following:—Bros. T. W. Porter and J. Wood Wardens, F. T. Browning and W. B. London Deacons, A. Anderson Treasurer, E. G. Walthew Secretary, F. A. Johnson Organist, B. Lightfoot I.G., W. W. Gammon Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. Ward P.P.G.W. for Kent. After the Lodge the brethren, with a large number of Visitors, sat down to a banquet at the Bear and Key Hotel, provided in excellent style by Bro. W. Brannan.

WHITWORTH LODGE, No. 1932.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., the members held their seventh anniversary and eighth installation in the Masonic Hall, Dundas-street, Spennymoor. There was a large gathering. The chief business was to induct Bro. J. Teasdale S.W. as W.M. and the Officers for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Bro. J. mes Laidler, Durham, after which the following appointments were made:—Farthing I.P.M., Rutter S.W., Sanderson J.W., G. Hill Chaplain, Morgan S.D., Flemming J.D., Brown I.G., Blackman and Scurr Stewards, Taylor Tyler. The members present included Bros. Lillico, Rutter, Tate, Shaw, H. rly. Turner, Rutherford and Heslop. Visitors:—Bros. Burnett 531, Sinclair 764, Carter 764, Bruman 764, Clark 764, Hall 2019, Arnott 1121, Adamson 1618, Harrison 1334, Armstrong 1121, Craig 1121, Lidster 1121, Thompson 1121, Todd 1121, Bowman 1121, Beckwith 101, Turner 1435, Mitchell 1879, Hodgson 371, Sewell 1650, Rev. R. Coulton 111.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on Monday afternoon, the 17th instant. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, under Bro. Shawyer P.G.S.B., the W.M. The visitors included Bros. A. Barritt W.M. 1024, F. G. Green 1024 P.P.G.S.W., E. Gowers 1024 P.P.G.O., F. Quilter W.M. 51, B. Thomas Davy W.M. 1437, W. H. De Cean I.P.M. 1024, F. Manley 51, and C. Dabben 1024. The ceremony of installation was very impressively rendered by Bro. E. Gowers, and the new Master, Bro. Mark W. Mead, then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Radour S.W., J. Grout J.W., W. Strutt Treasurer, George A. Eastace Secretary, W. R. Hance S.D., George Davis J.D., John Turner D.C., E. A. Basham I.G., C. Porter, W. A. Hunt, and F. Davies Stewards, E. Pearman Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, under the genial presidency of the W.M. Bro. Meade, who was supported by a large number of members and visitors. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Ellis, Gowers, Davis, Hunt, Clifford, and Shawyer.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present: Bros. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. Works Middlesex P.M. 2018 W.M., J. Thom S.W. and W.M. elect, H. E. Fraser J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, A. H. Scurrah Secretary, G. Lewis S.D., Nottingham J.D., Langley I.G., A. Hearne D.C., W. B. Parsons A.D.C., A. M. Parsons W.S., E. Wheeler Organist, Whiting Tyler, and a large number of members and visitors, including Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. England. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, and the emergency meetings of 7th July and 1st September were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Thom W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Scurrah the retiring W.M. acting as installing Officer. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. A. Scurrah I.P.M., Fraser S.W., A. Scurrah J.W., Stiles Treasurer, W. A. Scurrah Secretary, Lewis S.D., Nottingham J.D., Langley I.G., A. Hearne D.C., W. Parsons A.D.C., A. Parsons W.S., C. Watts A.W.S., Wheeler Organist, F. Hearn Assist. Organist, and Whiting Tyler. The W.M. next presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, for which Bro. Scurrah expressed his thanks. The I.P.M. then presented a jewel which had been voted by the brethren to Bro. W. M. Stiles, in recognition of his

valuable services to the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Stiles returned thanks, and assured the brethren that his services were always at their disposal. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed. The brethren subsequently assembled in the banquet room, where Bro. Warner had provided a most excellent dinner. The room was tastefully decorated, and the tables well supplied with flowers, &c. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in appropriate terms, the speaker's remarks being most enthusiastically received and honoured by the brethren. Bro. Thom, who on rising to reply, was loudly applauded, expressed his thanks to the brethren for having elected him; he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and carry on the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the members of the Lodge. In reply to the toast of the Installing Master and I.P.M., Brother Scurrah thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had responded. It was his opinion every retiring W.M. should instal his successor. With regard to their Lodge, it had progressed in a remarkable manner. At their first meeting they had four initiates, at the second four more, and since then they had been steadily increasing; they now numbered thirty members. He believed them to be good and true men, and no doubt they would turn out bright ornaments in the Craft. The Visitors was responded to by Bros. Levander, H. Stiles, and Edmonds. Bro. Terry replied for the Charities. Other toasts followed, the W.M. complimenting his Officers, and especially mentioning the valuable services of Bro. Wheeler and the members of the Lodge choir—Bros. F. Hearn, J. Hudson, and J. Dobbs. The proceedings were enlivened by excellent music, vocal and instrumental, Bro. Cheeseman P.M. causing great laughter by his comical songs.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

SPECIAL interest was attached to the monthly meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley, by the presence of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dunedin, who is an old Past Master of the Lodge, and who met with a hearty welcome from a large number of the brethren of the Lodge, and numerous visitors from various neighbouring Lodges. After the usual business the brethren sat down to supper in the hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Tunnicliff. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured from the chair, Bro. E. V. Greatbatch Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works submitted the toast of the Visitors, and made special reference to the presence of the Bishop of Dunedin, who he stated, as the Rev. S. T. Nevill, was W.M. of the Lodge twenty years ago, and amongst his Officers in that year were Bros. J. Beaumont Piercy J.W., Rev. J. Westbury Chaplain, J. S. Crapper Treasurer, W. H. Hales Secretary, Thomas Taylor S.D., E. E. Scrivener J.D., and T. Bickley I.G. The members of the Menturia Lodge, Bro. Greatbatch added, welcomed the Bishop of Dunedin on this occasion, not simply and solely because of his elevated position, but because they regarded him as a brother, and as an old Past Master. As Masons they recognised the position their brother had been elevated to, and they all felt conscious that he had served his Queen and country in the distant parts to which he had been called to labour, and they heartily welcomed his lordship home to his mother country. The Bishop of Dunedin, in replying, said he was sure they would not regard it as a mere commonplace remark when he said that he did esteem it to be a very great privilege to be permitted to respond to this toast. It was not a very common thing in one's life history to come back to their own country, but it was a pleasure to find that there was one memory green in the part of the country in which one had lived, and he could not but feel very grateful to those who had remembered that he once lived amongst them, and more particularly to the brethren who had greeted him so heartily. It was, indeed, a great pleasure to him to be once again permitted to visit that Lodge. Bro. Greatbatch had recalled before him the names of brethren who still were members of the Menturia Lodge, and with whom he (Bishop of Dunedin) had been associated with in the past, but there was also names that Bro. Greatbatch did not mention, who had been called away, and who had assisted him in the past. Amongst them were Bro. Sargeant and Bro. Hall, from whom he always received assistance and instruction; and Bro. Hales, whom he was sorry he could not welcome that night. Bro. Taylor also was not present, but he had frequently addressed letters to him in New Zealand about brethren. He wished to say that Freemasonry had not been neglected by him in the country and in the sphere in which he had been called upon to occupy, and there had been times when he had invited the assistance of brethren in the Lodges of New Zealand on the occasions of laying the foundation-stones of churches, and other such buildings, in order that they might join with him in seeing that such stones were truly and properly laid, because it was on those occasions that Freemasonry was so closely attached to the principles of religion. In thus prominently allying himself with the Order as a Bishop, perhaps he might have suffered just a little, but he had never hesitated to do so for these reasons. First of all, because in a less prominent position he did not discover in the working of Lodges of Freemasons, or amongst worthy brethren of the Order, anything of which a Christian minister might be ashamed of. On the contrary the principles of Freemasonry were associated with the principles of religion; they were founded on the Holy Book, which they all acknowledged. He repeated, as an ordinary minister of religion he could not discover anything contrary to those principles which he had been called upon to teach, and he did not see because he had been placed in a position of great influence that he should pretend to cast a slur on an Order with which he had worked amicably, friendly, and conscientiously in times past. Secondly, because the principles of religion included that which is holy, just, upright and pure, and in proportion so were the principles of Freemasonry. He was willing to accept anything derogatory that might be said as to a bishop belonging to a particular order so

long as the principles of that order were consistent with the principles of religion which he represented. His Lordship went on to say that people in a colony were drawn from almost every country under the sun, and many elements of humanity were represented in that country. They professed as Masons that their principles were worldwide, therefore it was the duty, in one sense, of one occupying a prominent position in a country, where he had been called upon to labour, to do what he could to weld together the various elements of which society consisted. The principles of Freemasonry operated in that direction, because they professed brotherly love and unity, and they were brothers wherever they were. In conclusion his Lordship said amongst the many pleasures he had experienced in coming back to the land of his birth, in seeing his relatives and friends, in associating with many persons of learning and distinction, in going about from place to place, and being heartily received, there were few greater pleasures than that of associating himself with the brethren of a Lodge with which he had worked so long in harmony. Bro. R. Tooth W.M. 2214 also responded.

ROYAL EDWARD LODGE, No. 892.

A COMPLIMENTARY banquet was given to Bro. S. Goode, of Bodenham Road, Hereford, but late of Ivingtonbury, near Leominster, at the Royal Oak Hotel, in that town, on Thursday, the 13th inst., by the Officers and Brethren of this Lodge. The W.M. (Bro. W. R. Stafford) presided, and the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. M. J. Ellwood. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. P. Brown, Bro. W. T. Sale occupied the Junior Warden's chair. The following brethren, with others, were present:—Bros. C. J. Saxby P.M., C. Weaver P.M., J. Collins, J. Coates, G. F. Colebatch, S. Mayor (Organist), H. Wilmot, T. J. Salwey 611, P. Prince, W. S. Boyce, A. G. Hudson, R. B. Sandiland, &c. The Worshipful Master, on rising to propose the toast of the evening, namely, Our Guest, and to wish him God speed, read a number of letters which he had received from brethren who were unable to be present. He then expressed his sense of the difficult task he had to perform in proposing the health of their departing brother, Mr. Goode. It was a matter for deep regret to him—as it was to the other brethren of the Lodge—that they were going to lose Bro. Goode. With all good feeling they wished him Godspeed on his voyage, and a safe return to his mother Lodge if at any time he desired it. That was, perhaps, not improbable if Bro. Goode was spared. He would always find a hearty welcome from the brethren who might at that future time be members of the Lodge. In conclusion, he wished their guest long life and happiness. After other speakers had supported the toast, it was drunk with enthusiasm, the brethren singing "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. Goode, in responding, said their Worshipful Master had owned himself in a difficult position in having to propose the toast, but must not the same be the case in a much greater degree with himself in responding? After all the kind words that had been said of him he scarcely knew how to reply. He was not a young man, although a young Mason. He had known Leominster for over fifty years. He had left it once; indeed, had gone round the world; but during his absence he had never forgotten his old home. He came back to find the place some little altered, but friendships unchanged. He had never regretted becoming a Freemason. Since he had been a member of the Lodge the kindnesses he had received had been many, and he could assure them that they were highly appreciated, and so long as life lasted they would never be forgotten. Perhaps at some time they would find it necessary, in consequence of their increasing numbers, to have a Lodge room of their own. When such was the case he trusted to have the honour and pleasure of putting at least one brick in the walls. He had always noticed with pleasure the kind feeling and the unity that existed in this Lodge. He knew also what an advantage it was for a man in the Colonies to be a Freemason. He had seen and heard something of the Lodges where he was going, and he should certainly look up the Freemasons in that part of the world. If it should please God to permit him to return to England—a treat in store—he should hasten to pay a visit to his old brethren in Freemasonry at Leominster. Though he was going, he would not say "farewell;" life was uncertain, yet he hoped to see them all again. Their kindness to him had been unbounded, and, he thought, little deserved. Other toasts followed, including that of the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Salwey who remarked that brethren of the stamp of Bro. Goode, both here and at the Antipodes, were sure to be respected. Freemasonry was widely spread over the globe, and while it continued to be upheld by men like Bro. Goode must hold its own and carry its sway. Bro. Goode proposed the health of the W.M., whom he had known ever since he had been in Leominster, and whom he had seen working in the Lodge through all its offices. He was a worthy Worshipful Master, and he could recommend him to their continued good wishes. The Worshipful Master responded. During the evening the speeches were interspersed with songs by some of the Brethren; Bro. Mayor ably accompanying the songs on the piano.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Morgan P.M. W.M. elect took place on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. There was a large attendance of members, including Bros. Hughan P.S.G.D. England, Chapman P.P.G.J.D., Lane P.M. P.P.G.Registrar, Murray P.P.G.D.C., Prout W.M., Morgan P.M. S.W., Wills J.D., Blamey Chaplain, Dodge Treasurer, McKellar S.D., Wills D. of C., Harsey and Taylor Stewards, Brooks Organist, Newton Tyler. The Visitors were Bros. Bart 328, Crowe Organist 2189, Mugford W.M. 328, Kendrick W.M. 248, Bridgman W.M. 1358, Grant P.M. 328, Beer S.S. 328, James J.W. 248, Salter P.M. D.C. 328. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Lane, and the W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Prout I.P.M., Wills S.W., McKellar J.W., Chapman Chaplain, Dodge Treasurer, Hext P.M. Secretary, Crossman S.D., Taylor J.D., Hersey Dir. of Cers., Brooks Organist, Winget and West Stewards, Wills I.G., Newton Tyler.

The I.P.M. received a handsome gold jewel as Past Master of the Lodge, voted unanimously at the previous meeting. Bro. Blamey also received the clothing as a Deacon of the Province. Bro. Dodge made the presentations in felicitous language, and the recipients acknowledged the same. Bro. John Lane was re-elected a representative on the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel.

STAR LODGE, No. 1275.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Friday evening, the 7th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and numerous visitors. The W.M., Bro. Needham, opened the Lodge, and transacted some formal business, including the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency meeting. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Needham. At the close of the ceremony, the new W.M., Bro. W. F. Crook, invested Bro. Needham as I.P.M., and also his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Pringle S.W., Long J.W., Major Williams Treasurer, C. W. Williams Secretary, Dr. Collis Chaplain, Blanchard S.D., Coate J.D., Schrier I.G., Woodliffe D.C., Bore Steward, Pearson Assistant-Steward, W. J. Kipps jun. Organist, and Gilbert Tyler. The W.M.'s next act was to present Bro. Needham with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been accorded him by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, which was then closed, and the brothers of the Lodge, with their guests, subsequently dined together. The W.M. proposed in flattering terms 'The Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. The Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M. They were all well aware the W.M. had discharged his duties in a thoroughly conscientious manner as S.W., and he had no doubt that he would do similar credit to the choice of the Lodge during the present year. Bro. W. J. Kipps presided most efficiently at the pianoforte, the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings.

MUSSOORIE.

THE Correspondent of the *Morning Post* writes as follows:—Our great excitement last week was the Masonic Ball, and some of us have not got over it yet. I don't intend to follow the lead of a local paper, edited by a prominent Mason, and say that everything connected with the ball was lovely in every respect. That it was a good ball in most respects is now a matter of history. The band played to perfection, the dancing was good and popular, the dresses were notably, with but very few exceptions, shabby, and had evidently seen their best days. Great credit is due to Mrs. Church and her satellites for the way in which the hall was decorated, the effects obtained being very tasteful and pretty. It says a great deal for the improved moral tone of Mussoorie that the Chinese lanterns in the *kala jagas* were yet alight at 4.30 a.m. on Friday; in former years they have usually been extinguished at periods varying from ten minutes to half-an-hour after the ball opened. The supper was not good; it was coarse and heavy, and not what we have been led to expect. At these kinds of entertainment we don't want quantity but quality—"little and good" should be the motto. I trust the caterer (somewhat of an amateur) will take those words to heart, and try and do better on the next occasion. The wines again were not "all there," and are responsible for many, many aching heads. One doesn't like to see champagne poured out of a bottle three feet high, with black sealing wax running down the neck of it. The effect is not appetising!

And while on the subject of balls, the return ball (Fancy Dress) to the volunteers and Masons is to be given on the 24th inst. The leader in the movement (the gallant proprietor of a piggery in Mussoorie) is a gentleman who is very fond of organising bazaars, Christmas trees, and the like, on which occasions he induces tradesmen in the station to provide toys and other trifles at cost price. In return for these favours he has, at the earliest opportunity, taken the precaution of wiring to Calcutta for the wines for the forthcoming ball, without even asking the local tradesmen to tender (though they have always done so). Such patriotism and disinterestedness should verily meet its reward, and I trust a substantial one. The supper will be in the hands of the gentleman who catered for the Masons, but he will on this occasion be aided by the manager of a well-known hotel. The joint production should be interesting.

MASONIC HISTORY.

MASONIC history is untainted by crime or cruelty. Its record is clean and untarnished. It has never violated its professions as an organisation, although like other human organisations it is compelled to blush for some of its individual members. It has always proceeded upon the theory that—

"Truths on which depend our main concern,
That 'tis our shame and misery not to learn,
Shine by the side of every path we tread
With such a lustre, he that runs may read."

This constant and tireless search after truth, and the fostering care bestowed upon education, has endeared Masonry to all who love truth better than error, and has enabled this grand old Institution to retain the germ of intellectual integrity by which the world has been enlightened through the dark ages of mental thralldom.

A great philosopher has said that "one truth discovered is immortal, and entitles its author to be so; for, like a new substance in nature, it cannot be destroyed."

Thus Masonry has ever been engaged in discovering new truths and in endeavouring to preserve from obscurity those old truths which had already shed their refulgent rays upon the benighted understandings of men.

Is not this grand old institution worthy of immortal honour if it has performed no other work than to preserve from the iconoclasm of ecclesiastical fury the sacred germ of all truth—

"That golden key
That opens the palace of eternity."

Why should we permit the selfish passions of men and the demoralising sentiments of a grovelling herd to taint or mar the fair form of this majestic edifice, reared and sustained upon the Cornerstone of fraternal virtue? Should any of its parts be weakened, or should decay of time or the disintegration of moral subsidence threaten its perpetuity, let the fabric be at once strengthened by the exclusion of worthless debris, and its rehabilitation by the infusion of new work from the quarry which cannot fail to meet the requirements of rigid and technical inspection.—*Zabriskie*.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Alexandra Palace.—Owing to adverse atmospheric influences Professor Baldwin was unable on Thursday, the 13th instant, to fulfil his intention of rising "up above the world so high" as two miles before he commenced his perilous descent; but nevertheless he managed to reach rather more than half the distance, viz. 6000 feet, and alighted in perfect safety at Highgate Woods about a mile from the Palace grounds. The apparatus used on this occasion was constructed on improved principles which enabled the performer to steer and otherwise manipulate the parachute so as to render the descent more or less rapid as suited his convenience. The easy manner and perfect grace with which Professor Baldwin drops from the balloon considerably minimizes the danger in the minds of the spectators, and the roar of applause that greets him on his return to the Palace must assure him that the public highly appreciate his intrepidity. Accompanied by Mr. Coxwell, the veteran aeronaut, Mr. Farini, and some of the directors of the exhibition, Mr. Baldwin subsequently appeared on the stage of the Centre Transept, and received a perfect ovation. The noise was too great to allow anyone beyond the footlights to hear what was said, but it was understood that in consequence of the great success of the performance, the Professor had been offered and had accepted a re-engagement.

Crystal Palace.—The directors have arranged for Aquatic Firework Fêtes on Saturdays, 22nd and 29th September. The Band of the Grenadier Guards has been specially engaged, and there will be concerts by the renowned Crystal Palace Orchestral Band. The other great attractions include the beautiful al-fresco Ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream;" a display of all the great fountains, and grand aquatic fireworks by Messrs. Brock from the lake spanned by the "Tower" Bridge. This bridge, it will be remembered, is a facsimile (quarter size) of that now being erected across the Thames, at the Tower, by the Corporation of London, at a cost of three-quarters of a million sterling. Among the pyrotechnic marvels promised by Messrs. Brock are a swan race, spouting whales and fiery dolphin, antediluvian scene, helix fountains and luminous sphere, a screen of diamond sparks, a sea of flitting fire, revolving rocket fountains, pentaprylic shells, and huge rockets with prismatic tints. The park, gardens, lakes, and rosery will be brilliantly illuminate!

Mr. Augustus Harris commences his season at Drury Lane to-night (Saturday), with the grand spectacular drama "The Armada." Mr. Harris has collaborated with Mr. Henry Hamilton, and we hear they have built up a strong and exciting story, connecting several of the events of the Spanish Armada. The cast includes the names of the Misses Winifred Emery, Edith Bruce, Kate James, Ada Neilson, Maud Milton, Messrs. Leonard Boyne, Luigi Lablache, Edward Gardiner, Victor Stevens, A. Beaumont, S. Dawson, Mervin Dallas, Stanislaus Calhaem, and Harry Nicholls.

The new Court Theatre will be opened on Monday next, when there will be presented an English version of MM. Bisson and Mar's farcical comedy, in three acts, "Les Surprises du Divorce," adapted by Mr. Sydney Grundy, and entitled "Mamma." Mrs. John Wood will play a prominent part, and will be supported by Messrs. John Hare, Charles Groves, Eric Lewis, Arthur Cecil, the Misses Annie Hughes, Filippi, Caldwell, and Fanny Brough. New scenery has been painted by Mr. William Harford.

The Opera Comique will re-open on Thursday, the 27th instant, with a new comic opera, entitled "Carina." The music has been composed by Julia Wolf, while the libretto is by Messrs. E. L. Blanchard and Cunningham Bridgman. An excellent cast has been secured.

On Monday, the 1st October, Mr. Richard Mansfield will produce, at the Lyceum, "A Parisian Romance," in five acts, by Octave Feuillet. Mr. Mansfield will play the Baron Chevalier.

Lately there has been a great increase in the articles, such as lace, embroidery, underclothing, painting, knitting, wood carving, &c., sent over to the Old Irish Market Place by poor peasants in Ireland. In most cases this work is the senders' sole means of support, and it is most desirable that it should not be returned to them unsold. Visitors to the Irish Exhibition would be giving material help and encouragement to these poor peasants by going to the Old Irish Market Place, and making some purchases, however small. The inmates of many a humble cottage in Ireland will have cause to be thankful during the coming winter if the work they have sent to the Exhibition is sold.

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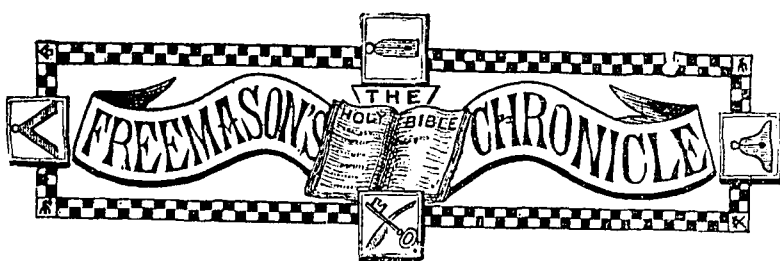
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF
GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held at the Free-
masons' Hall, on Wednesday, 18th July, the M.W. the
Grand Master presiding. There was a good attendance of
Grand Lodge officers, members, and visitors. The report
of the Board of General Purposes was brought up and
read, by Bro. Solomon, as follows, and received and
adopted:—

“REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—The Board have to
report that the business transacted during the past quarter has been
principally of a routine character. The following Notices of Motion
are recommended to the favourable consideration of the Grand
Lodge:—By R.W. Bro. Jno. Ramsay P.S.G.W.—‘That the sum of
thirty pounds (£30), in addition to the amount of £20 voted by the
Board, be granted from the Benevolent Fund to the relief of the
Widow and Orphans of the late Bro. Vockins.’ By Wor. Bro. J. T.
McLean—‘That the sum of £20 be voted from the General Funds
of the Grand Lodge as a donation to the Adelaide Hospital, thus

securing the privileges of a Life Membership of that Institution to
the Grand Lodge.’ By V.W. Bro. S. Solomon—‘That the rank of
Past Senior Grand Deacon be conferred upon Wor. Bro. Brigadier-
General Owen P.M.’ The consideration of the Notice of Motion by
V.W. Bro. Gurner P.G.R., in reference to privileges of members
struck off the books, postponed from last meeting of Grand Lodge,
will form part of the business of this meeting. The Grand Lodge
of Peru has conferred the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden upon
Wor. Bro. G. C. Knight G.D.C. the representative of that Grand
Lodge at the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and has requested this
information to be notified to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of
Iowa requests the interchange of friendly and fraternal correspond-
ence and of representatives, and suggests the name of Bro. Clark
Varnum to be elected to represent this Grand Lodge at the Grand
Lodge of Iowa. The Board advise that the name of R.W. Bro.
Cockburn be suggested to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for election as
their representative at this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of the
District of Columbia has recognised this Grand Lodge as a regularly
constituted Grand Lodge, and requests exchange of representatives.
The Board advise that the name of Wor. Bro. E. Cooke P.M. be sug-
gested for election as their representative to this Grand Lodge.
The Grand Lodge of Michigan having advised that the term for
which V.W. Bro. Bullock was elected as their representative has
expired, the Board suggest that V.W. Bro. Bullock be nominated for
re-election. The M.W. the Grand Master, with the advice of the
Board, has granted his patronage and that of the Grand Lodge to the
Adelaide Liedertafel, for a concert to be held in aid of a fund for the
relief of the sufferers by the disastrous floods in Germany. The
Board desire to call the attention of the Masters of Lodges to the
necessity of communicating to their members the business transacted
at the meetings of the Grand Lodge. Reports of proceedings are
prepared by the Grand Secretary at considerable cost of time and
money, and forwarded to the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens
for the information of the Brethren; the principal portions of these
reports should be read in Lodge for the information of the Brethren.—
SAUL SOLOMON, President; J. H. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary. Free-
masons' Hall, July 4 1888.”

Contingent upon Notice of Motion Bro. Gurner moved,
Bro. J. G. Jenkins seconded—“That this Grand Lodge be
requested to frame a Constitution to the following effect:—
‘A Brother having been struck off the books of a Lodge
for non-payment of dues shall forfeit all his privileges in
any other Blue Lodge of which he may be a member.’”
After considerable discussion it was resolved that the
Board of General Purposes be requested to frame a new
Constitution, embodying the principle, and submit to next
meeting of Grand Lodge. A resolution proposed by Bro.
Ramsey, seconded by Bro. Roberts—“That the sum of
£30 in addition to the amount already voted by the Board be
paid to the widow and family of the late Bro. Vockins,”
was carried. The proposition of Bro. McLean with refer-
ence to voting a donation to the Adelaide Hospital was
postponed for further information. By resolution the
rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon was conferred upon
P.M. Bro. Col. J. F. Owen. Bro. Clark Varnum was
elected to represent this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge
of Iowa. The names of Bro. Dr. Cockburn and Bro. E.
Cooke were suggested to the Grand Lodge of Iowa and
District of Columbia, to represent these Lodges at the Grand
Lodge of South Australia. Bro. Bullock was suggested to be
re-elected to represent the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The
Grand Secretary read a letter from Bro. Col. Shadwell H.
Clerke, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of England, informing
this Grand Lodge that the M.W. the Grand Master His
Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had graciously con-
sented to accept the office of Grand Patron of the Grand
Lodge of South Australia. An extract from the speech
of M.W. Bro. Lord Carnarvon at the June meeting of the
Grand Lodge of England was also read. The M.W. the
Grand Master proposed—“That a loyal and humble
address be prepared and forwarded to His Royal Highness
the Prince of Wales the M.W. the Grand Master of the
United Grand Lodge of England, expressing the grateful
thanks of this Grand Lodge for his gracious acceptance of
the office of Grand Patron.” This was seconded by the R.W.
the Deputy Grand Master, and carried unanimously. The
M.W. the Grand Master then said that as this consumma-
tion of our wishes had been brought about mainly by the
influence of M.W. Bro. Lord Carnarvon, he had much
pleasure in moving—“That this Grand Lodge expresses
its deep sense of gratitude to the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon.
the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the United
Grand Lodge of England, for his fraternal and successful
support of the petition of this Grand Lodge to His Royal
Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master
of the United Grand Lodge of England, praying his
acceptance of the office of Grand Patron of the Grand
Lodge of South Australia.” This was seconded and carried
by acclamation. The W.M. of the Lodge of Friendship
(Bro. T. Day) wished to call the attention of the Grand
Lodge to the fact that the 11th of August next would be

the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Lodge of Friendship in Adelaide and consequently the Jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia, and suggested that the event should be celebrated in some manner. It was therefore resolved—"That this Grand Lodge hails the happy event of the Jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia, and delegates to the Board of General Purposes the authority to make the best arrangements possible for its celebration." Bro. G. C. Knight, referring to the honour conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of Peru, assured the Grand Lodge that however proud he might be of such distinction, he valued far more highly the respect and esteem of his brethren of the Grand Lodge. No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

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LODGE OF GOOD HOPE, No. 863.

THE installation of the W.M. and investiture of Officers took place at the Masonic Temple on the Hill, Port Elizabeth, on Thursday, 23rd August. There was an unusually large attendance of members of the Craft, including the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and many of the brethren of the sister Lodge of Goodwill, the Meridian Lodge of Cradock, and the Southern Cross Lodge of Uitenhage, besides visitors from other parts. The ceremony was ably performed by the I.P.M. Bro. C. A. Carter, assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Wheelwright and Smyth. The Lodge is now constituted as follows:—Bros. A. Knox W.M., Carter I.P.M., Hope S.W., Yeo J.W., Rapaport Chaplain, Cherrington Treasurer, Smyth P.M. Secretary, Scamf S.D., Milward J.D., Griffin D.C., Thomas I.G., Lewis and Holmes Stewards, Henderson Tyler. The impressive ceremony being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, which had been very appropriately decorated, and about 80 members and guests sat down to an excellent repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the health of the newly-installed W.M. was proposed in very complimentary terms by Bro. Carter. The toast was enthusiastically received and thankfully acknowledged by Bro. Knox. Bro. Wheelwright gave "The Installing Master," which was also well received and suitably responded to by Bro. Carter. The newly-invested officers and the retiring officers were toasted, with appreciative remarks. Then followed "Our Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by the three visiting W.M.'s and other brethren on behalf of the Lodges they represented. "The Ladies," "The Banquet Committee," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons" completed the toast list. The intervals were most agreeably filled in by songs and recitations, and a very pleasant evening terminated at a rather late hour by the singing of the National Anthem.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Owing to absence from business I did not see your article, on "The Cost of the Masonic Institutions," of 8th inst., until too late to reply in your last number, and now I feel at a loss how to give expression to my views—which, be it understood, are my individual views—with reference to the tone and spirit of the article in question, which appears to me to be penned in a studiously ingenious style, so that while ostensibly it may be regarded as advocating the interests of the Institution, must also be accepted as couched in a pessimistic spirit, and eminently calculated to arouse feelings of despondency and distrust. It may, perhaps, be sufficient to content myself with this exposition of my sentiments, after careful perusal of your editorial lucubrations, with a request that it may be accepted as a protest against the conclusions you seem desirous to draw from the circumstances alluded to on which you base your opinions.

The second letter of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY," in your issue of 15th inst., is to my mind a weak supplement to his original communication. It may be that, as I am "a moderately accomplished rhetorician—nothing more," I am without the ability to discuss its merits, but it certainly strikes me as unsatisfactory, while evidently intended to be explanatory. Whether I appreciate the quality of my poor talent or not is beside the question, but I must demur to the description as "rhetoric" of my plain statement of facts in connection with the efforts made—successfully, as believed—to eliminate the idea of charity from the administration of the Boys' School.

The concluding paragraph of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY'S" letter opens up a new aspect of our responsibilities. Generous maintenance and sound education I admit we may be justifiably expected to provide, but it is a new revelation to find that our duties are to include a "training which fits the boys to be in the future good Freemasons." That a "good Freemason" must of necessity be a good citizen, goes without saying, and in this sense I humbly submit that our training for good citizenship and reputable membership of society has, by results, been proved to be extremely successful.

I am writing without the leisure essential for a carefully considered rejoinder, and must accept the consequences. Craving space for little more than an allusion to the suggestion of your second correspondent, "A LIFE GOVERNOR," which is assuredly the product of a kindly, sympathetic supporter, and embodies a suggestion which has for many years been a subject of consideration with me, and one I think deserving of serious attention,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 17th September 1888.

MASONIC CHARITY AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not a pleasant occupation to wash dirty linen in public, and yet I do not know how Masonic grievances are to be remedied without such means as the CHRONICLE affords. In your leader of last week you have hit a blot which is an offence and a stumbling block to many, indeed I may say that the best members of the Craft feel that the reckless and extravagant expenditure in self-indulgence practised by a great many, if not by most Lodges, is a grievous fault, a mockery of the word charity, and a fraud upon the high pretences of the Order. I am no Mawworm, no teetotaler, no ascetic or self-righteous Pharisee. On the contrary, I can enjoy the good things of this life, and am perhaps as great an admirer of the banquet and the amenities of the table as any brother can be. Notwithstanding all this, I say that charity ought to be the first consideration, and by charity I mean love and goodwill to all men, especially to our brethren; liberality in thought, word and deed, relieving the wants of others before gratifying our own high-strung tastes and selfish desires. Most Bible readers will remember David's refusal to offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing. The conduct of most Masonic Lodges is just the opposite of that of David's. Wherein lies the merit of giving out of abundance, or out of that which remains after every whim, wish and pleasure, has been gratified? True charity means sacrifice, without which the deed is not hallowed. But Masonic Lodges, or some of them, do not even give the crumbs that fall from their choicely-laden table; they eat and drink and make merry without a thought of the great Institutions which do them an undeserved honour. The brethren who assemble in such Lodges are neither better nor worse than the ordinary run of mankind; but they forget duty in the enjoyment of privileges, they belie the professions they made at their initiation, and live in the present only for themselves.

Without professing to know the exact proportion of money given privately and by Lodges in support of our Institutions, I believe I am right in saying that more is subscribed by the former than by the latter method. I know I shall lay myself open to the charge of lack of charity—the charity that thinketh no evil—in what I am going to say, but I ask my censors, in anticipation, to look the facts squarely in the face, and then deny, if they can, this accusation, that a great many brethren subscribe to our Charitable Institutions for the sake of obtaining a position and honours in the Craft; that more obtain office and honour by purchase than by any special qualification of their own; nay, I go further, and say that the question of equality is as great a moral fraud as is that of real charity. All the great principles of the Craft are more or less subservient to wealth, to selfish gratification, and ostentatious display. I know there are many Masons who try to act up to their obligations, who believe that the principles embodied in the ritual are real and ought to be active, but these are of the old school, men who either have lived in the time before Masonry became so popular, or who inherit the traditions of the past and who reverence all that is good in them. Now the object seems to be to found a Lodge, in some instances to blazon a name, to establish a reputation for conviviality and lavishness at the banquet table. In other cases men seem to be eaten up with the pride of superior working, and think more of tickling the ear than of instructing the sense and stimulating the noblest attributes of the soul. If I were asked to describe in one word what I mean, I should simply say "artificial"—the great sin of the age, and which is as prevalent among Masons as among any other class.

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother James Brett occupied the President's chair, Brother C. A. Cottebrune took the chair of Senior Vice President, and Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg occupied the chair of Junior Vice President. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Todd, and W. H. Lee were in attendance from Grand Secretary's department; and the other brethren present were Bros. Maudslay, Spaul, Mercer, Garrod, Perryman, Grieve, Woodward, Dairy, Britten, Hopekirk, Cull, Read, Taylor, Dumas, Tracy, Cawte, West, Gladwell, Massey, Williams, Johnson, Langley, Hooper, Nuding, Finch, Bolton, Bamber, Coombs, Deane, Twyman, Webb, Moore, Wyndham Hart, Brown, and Clarkson. The recommendations made to the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the August meeting, to the amount of £305 were confirmed. There were 28 cases on the new list; two of these were deferred, being incomplete, the remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £740. This comprised one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, three of £50 each, four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, three of £30 each, and ten grants of £20, three of £10, and two of £5.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THERE was a large gathering of Freemasons at Knutsford, in Cheshire, on the 19th instant, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The weather being highly favourable, the number of brethren from a distance was unusually large, and when the roll was called there were nearly 500 present. Convenient railway arrangements had been made for the occasion, and the great bulk of the brethren arrived in the quaint old Cheshire town fully an hour before the opening of the Provincial Lodge. Many of the leading inhabitants and tradesmen displayed flags and bunting in honour of the occasion, and one kind of decoration which was unique in its character was very extensively resorted to. This consisted of representations of the signs peculiar to the various degrees in Masonry worked by ingenious hands with red sand on the enclosure round the Town Hall, and here and there on the streets. The Lodge was opened in the assembly room of the Town Hall in the three degrees by Bro. J. Burgess W.M. of the De Tabley Lodge, No. 941, Knutsford, after which the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Egerton of Tatton and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received in due form. In the absence of Bro. his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd, Bro. Alderman C. W. Dutton, of Chester, was acting D.P.G.M.

The roll of Lodges having been called the P.G. Secretary announced amid applause that every Lodge in the Province was represented, whilst all the Officers were present or represented. The receipt of a letter of apology from Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.S.W. was intimated, and of another from Bro. his Honour Judge Lloyd. The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. G. E. Gilson) reported that there was a balance in favour of the Lodge of £241 2s 5d, in favour of the Fund of Benevolence of £1026 10s 11d, and in favour of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution of £2 14s 6d, or a total of £1270 7s 10d. The accounts were passed on the motion of Bro. J. Salmon P.P.G.D. Bro. Lance Bentley P.P.G. Reg. proposed the appointment of Bro. W. Wildgoose P.M. of the De Tabley Lodge, 941, as Treasurer, remarking that he had known Bro. Wildgoose for the last twenty years, and had had many opportunities of judging of his good qualities. The proposition was duly seconded and supported by Bro. Potter, of Altrincham, and unanimously carried.

The R.W. P.G.M., in the course of a short address, said that beyond the limits of this Province the past year had been an eventful one in Masonry for various reasons. They had had to lament the death of the Protector of Masons in Germany, the Emperor Frederick, who was connected with our Royal Family and the brother-in-law of the Grand Master of England. He was one of those whose career was eminently Masonic, for he was always endeavouring to do his duty in the high position to which he was called, and was always acting with the greatest sympathy towards all classes, and endeavouring to promote their welfare in a truly charitable and Masonic spirit. He (Lord Egerton) was glad that the Grand Lodge had, through the Grand Master, condoled with the Empress Victoria on the loss of so excellent a Mason to Germany, and one who was connected with their own Grand Master. They had also had this year a most remarkable meeting in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was to those who saw it a sight which they would never forget. They had their Grand Master, the heir to the throne of England, and the king of a neighbouring friendly country, the King of Sweden, and several thousands of Masons acting together in the cause of charity, and showing the power of Masonry in that cause; and, at the banquet which took place, the largest sum ever announced on a similar occasion was contributed, namely, £50,600. These things, he thought, should give a stimulus to Masonry, as showing what Masonry could do, and the high principles with which their Order was intimately bound up and indissolubly connected. The numbers of Masons in the province, he was glad to say, were retained, although there was no such substantial increase as one might have imagined. Last year there were 1480; this year there were 1562. He thought that was, so far as it went, a satisfactory state of things, because it showed that Masonry was growing. Coming to financial matters, he said they had a fund of £1200 invested, and he proposed later on to propose that a grant be given towards Masonic Charities. He had

received excellent reports from the various Lodges in the Province, which the Secretary had visited at his request. He regretted that he was unable personally to visit them all, and hoped they would accept as an excuse the fact that he had been engaged in the Masonic work of investigating into the condition of the blind and deaf and dumb. He begged to move that 75 guineas be given to the Masonic Charities from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge. They now received in the Province from the London Institutions the sum of £1000, namely:—Six boys at £45, six girls at £40, eight aged Masons at £40, and six widows at £32 a-year. This, he thought, was very substantial aid from the London Charities, and he thought he might fairly ask the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire to contribute liberally towards those Charities.

Bro. C. W. Dutton acting D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Charity jewels were presented to Bro. Collier, of Cope Lodge, Brooklands, and Bro. Wildgoose, of the De Tabley Lodge. Lord Egerton intimated that he would accede to the request of one of the brethren from Hyde that the next meeting should be held in that town, no other application being made. Bro. Platt was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Benevolence. The following Officers for the year were appointed:—

Bro. Horatio Lloyd	-	-	Deputy Master
George Sheldon 533	-	-	Senior Warden
Francis Preston 104	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Richard Hodgson 1045	-	-	} Chaplains
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W. Wildgoose 941	-	-	Treasurer
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Charles Booth 287	-	-	} Senior Deacons
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Henry B. Brown 2132	-	-	} Junior Deacons
William Ramsden 1166	-	-	
Thomas Maples 537	-	-	Superintendent of Works
George H. Brown 537	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Walter Kenworthy 89	-	-	Deputy D.C.
John Coxhill 78	-	-	Assistant D.C.
Richard G. Walker 1126	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. C. Fleming 322	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. H. Maxfield 1957	-	-	Organist
S. Booth 830	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Parker 461	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Peers 721	-	-	} Stewards
A. Ingham 2144	-	-	
J. Burgess 941	-	-	
W. Hough 941	-	-	
A. Orrett 941	-	-	} Tyler
Stephen Smith 425	-	-	

After some formal business had been transacted the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards attended a special service, held in the old parish church, marching thereto in procession, headed by a band. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Martin P.G.C., vicar of Marthall, Knutsford. An anthem was sung by a Masonic choir, assisted by the choir of St. John's, Altrincham. Afterwards the members drove to Tatton, where they were hospitably entertained by the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Obituary.

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THE EARL OF MAR AND KELLIE.

THE death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Immediate Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, which occurred on Sunday, the 16th inst., was an event that was little anticipated, inasmuch as his Lordship was under 50 years of age, and though he had been suffering, more or less, for the past six months, a fatal termination had not been anticipated. Our brother was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1860. He was Depute Grand Master to Bro. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and succeeded that brother as Grand Master in 1881. He was also Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire, and representative of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands at his Grand Lodge; Past First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland; Grand Superintendent of Stirlingshire, and representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee at the Grand Chapter of Scotland; J.G. Guardian and Grand Sword Bearer of the Royal Order of Scotland, and Lieut. G. Commander of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was also one of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Scot-

and, while his services had been publicly recognised by the presentation to the Countess of Mar and Kellie of a bust of his lordship, who was highly gratified by the kindness and appreciation which had prompted the gift.

DR. THOMAS LLOYD EVANS.

THE remains of Dr. Thomas Lloyd Evans, of Glanrafon, Amlwch, were, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., consigned to their last resting place in Amlwch Cemetery. The deceased gentleman was a prominent Freemason—P.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge, and Mark Master Overseer of the St. Eilian Lodge. The cortège started from Glanrafon shortly after two o'clock, in the following order:—Members of the St. Eleth Lodge and visiting brethren, hearse and bearers, mourners, consisting of the two youthful daughters, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law of the deceased, friends and acquaintances, four abreast. The coffin was of polished oak. The Freemasons present were—Bros. T. Jervis W.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge, J. J. Sherlock S.D., C. E. Penny J.D., L. Hughes J.W., W. Jones Treas., W. Thomas Sec., J. Matthews P.M., Rev. H. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.C., W. Jones P.M. P.P.G.P., J. Hughes, T. Fanning Evans, T. Jones, M. Beynon, Alliance (667), O. R. Williams, Royal Irish (100), Rev. Hugh Thomas, Royal Leek (1849) P.P.G.C., J. Hughes, R. Bridson, Derby (724), W. H. Evans, Segontium (606), J. Gibbons (St. Eleth, &c.).

BRO. W. PERCIVAL.

THE remains of the late Bro. W. Percival, who carried on business as a licensed victualler, in Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, and who was much esteemed by a wide circle of friends, were interred on the 5th inst., in Anfield Cemetery, where there was a large gathering. Besides the relatives of the deceased, there were present Messrs. Crippin, Garrett, Davey and Johnson (representing Rigby and Co.), and the following members of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, with which the deceased had been long connected:—Bros. J. B. Parker W.M., J. Stillings S.W., J. Williams S.S., D. Jackson P.M. P.G.S.W., W. Brackenbury P.M. P.P.D.C., T. Clark P.M., T. Roberts P.M., Captain Barry, Bramwell, Ramsden, and J. Edgar.

A DEMOCRATIC PRINCE.

IT is a curious phenomenon that, in the Southern nations of Europe, popular opinion identified Freemasonry with extreme Liberalism—as the last two Popes have sufficiently asserted in their allocutions—whereas, in the Northern nations, to be a Freemason is regarded equivalent to being a strong Conservative. Prince Eugene, the youngest son of the King of Sweden, has just resigned his membership of the Order. The cause of his resignation is of course not made public; but few persons have any doubt that the known democratic sympathies of the young Prince have made it impossible for him to work comfortably with such stark Conservative colleagues. While Leo XIII. is loudly proclaiming that “the secret Order of Freemasons is engaged upon a world-wide scheme for the destruction of the Church and of religion,” the Lutherans of the Scandinavian kingdoms look upon the same Order as a bulwark of monarchy and of orthodoxy. The Swedish Lodges, as we learn from a Stockholm acquaintance, are organised upon an “exclusive Christian orthodox” basis. The very Radical Prince, who is an eager advocate of unrestricted liberty of thought and speech, has found this basis a considerable stumbling-block. To the great regret of his father, “who is a Mason body and soul,” as our informant says, “and is reputed the wisest Vicar of Solomon,” the Prince has quietly turned his back upon the Freemasons. King Oscar, Conservative as he is, has never exercised any pressure upon his sons, but has left them the fullest liberty to take their own line in politics, life, and religion. His second son, the Duke of Gotland, as English readers will remember, not long ago resigned his dignity and position as a “Royal Highness” out of pure love to Miss Ebba Monck, whom he married in Bournemouth. He now lives as a plain citizen in Karlskrona, where he is known by courtesy as “Prince Bernadotte.” The youngest son, Prince Eugene, goes by the popular nickname of the “Red Prince,” by reason of his supposed revolutionary tendencies. It would seem as

if some survival of the original principles of the founder of the house, the old French revolutionary hero of 1790, Citizen Bernadotte, had all along been lurking in the royal blood, and that it had broken out in one of them in the shape of “Equality,” and in the other in the shape of “Liberty.” Napoleon, though he made Bernadotte a King, had serious doubts for some time whether he was not too radical for the office. Prince Eugene has always had a predilection for the native land of his great-grandfather, who developed out of a French revolutionary general into a Swedish King. Some time ago he went to Paris, and studied painting in the *atelier* of M. Servex, where he mixed with the other students as a comrade amongst comrades. His earnestness and artistic capacity made him very popular in the colony of Scandinavian artists, nearly all of whom are strongly Republican. A few months since an anxious Swedish statesman ventured to appeal humbly to the King to put some restraint upon the pronounced Radicalism of his youngest son. The literary monarch reminded the fearful Conservative of a story related of King Gustavus III., who appointed a declared Republican as tutor to his son, Gustavus Adolphus. “Our future King,” said one of the Ministers, “will, perhaps, grow up a Republican.” “Never mind,” said Gustavus III., “as soon as he becomes a King he will be converted into a Royalist.”—*Echo*.

Old Warrants.

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COPY OF CENTENARY WARRANT 13.

G. M. Albert Edward.

To the W.M., Wardens and other Officers and Members of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich, in the county of Kent, and all others whom it may concern.

GREETING.

Whereas by the records of the Grand Lodge it appears that a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients on the 29th of January 1752 and marked 7, which warrant having ceased to be worked was purchased by certain members of the then lodge No. 86 on the 4th of June 1788 and became No. 13 at the union of the two Grand lodges, and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on the 27th of Decr 1813, and whereas a warrant was also granted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients on the 25th of June 1785, and numbered 230 which became 288 at the said union in 1813; and whereas in the year 1826 the said lodges Nos. 13 and 288 together with lodge 418 (which had been formed in the year 1802) surrendered their warrants to the Grand Master for the purpose of being consolidated into one lodge for which a warrant of confirmation was accordingly issued bearing date 1st Dec. 1826 and registered in the list of lodges as No. 13 under the name of the “Union Waterloo,” and whereas the said lodge 288 had been in continuous existence from the 25th June 1785 down to its consolidation with lodge 13 in the year 1826 since which period the latter lodge has regularly continued to work under the title or denomination of

The Union Waterloo Lodge.

And whereas the Brethren composing the said lodge are desirous now that it has completed the Centenary of its existence, from the Constitution on the 25th June 1785 of lodge 230 cited above to be permitted to wear a jewel commemorative of such event and have prayed our sanction for that purpose. Now know ye, That we having taken the subject into our consideration have acceded to their request, and in virtue of our prerogative, Do hereby give and grant to all and each of the subscribing members of the said lodge being Master Masons, permission to wear in all Masonic meetings suspended to the left breast by a sky blue ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a Jewel or Medal of the pattern or device that we have already approved of as a Centenary Jewel; But such jewel is to be worn only by those Brethren who are bona-fide subscribing members of the lodge, and for so long only as each shall pay his regular stipulated subscriptions to the Funds thereof, and be only returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

Given at London this 25 August 5886 A.D. 1886.

By command of the M.W.G.M.,

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE G.S.

The installation meeting of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, took place on Wednesday, at Kingston-on-Thames. A full report shall appear in our next.

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNMAN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-dance in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

ACADEMY—74 NEWMAN STREET, OXFORD STREET.

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, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court R.l., 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 Muggeridge, 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, Todmorden

MONDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 171—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)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 46—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, St. Peter's (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Fenchurch, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 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—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Eornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 24—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyria, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torrey, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Jalsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Laidenhall
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Ceilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst)
 103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1801—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1862—Beaconsfield, Chequer, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell 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—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Traquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Jones, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 128—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Jegerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel Ormskirk
 1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
 R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
 R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 87—Victorian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 14—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 13—Jalisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 70—Crown, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 746—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 75—High Class, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 87—Southwick, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Court, Swan Tavern, Botham Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 133—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1571—Leopold, Austria's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Waite Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1617—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Eagle Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rice, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tregolar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 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)
 174—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1956—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2102—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Millerton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bury
 318—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Becknoke, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
 2184—Royal Victorian Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
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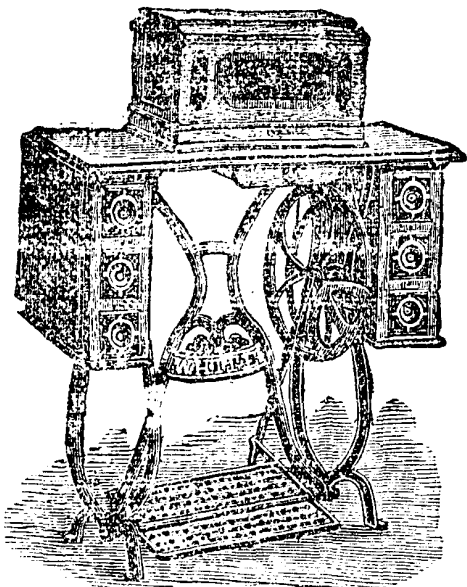
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