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SIDE INFLUENCES OF FREEMASONRY.

“THE liberality of Freemasonry saved my life,” writes a Brother from New Zealand, who was assisted some short time since by the English Board of Benevolence, and was thus enabled to sail for the antipodes, a course which the state of his health rendered imperative. This Brother, since his arrival in the far-off colony, wrote, expressing his thanks to the English Craft, and it is from his letter, which was read at the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence, that we make the above extract. It forcibly illustrates one of the many side influences of Freemasonry, and may be taken, not as an exceptional case, but as one of many which are continually occurring in our midst, and which should serve to impress upon us the desirability of practising Freemasonry in all our daily undertakings.

It is not necessary that we should discover the amount of the aid that was rendered to this brother prior to his departure from the mother country; enough for us to know that it was sufficient to enable him to make the journey to New Zealand, among the results of which has been his restoration to health, a probable long life, and, let us hope, a successful career in his new home. Such a result is a splendid return for the help afforded, no matter what that amounted to, and we are convinced that if the Craft wanted any inducement to continue the grants from the Fund of Benevolence such letters as this would supply it.

Those who criticise the working of such Funds as that of the Board of Benevolence of English Freemasonry are very apt to confine their observations to the immediate results; they forget to take into consideration the probable effect if no help were forthcoming, and therefore their criticism is of little value. We are prepared to admit that in some cases help of such a character as the Grand Lodge can afford is put to no good use—there are black sheep in every fold—but in the majority of cases some immediate and tangible benefit accrues, while in a large number the aid is really the means of saving the brother or his family from immediate death, or, what must be far worse, gradual starvation.

The same argument applies with equal force in connection with the other outlets of Masonic Benevolence. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution maintains a small army by its hundreds of annuities, and it would baffle any one to even imagine the amount of misery and suffering which would follow the abolition of that Charity. It must be remembered that every one of the aged brethren or widows who are regularly helped by its means are too old or too infirm to earn their own living, and, much as may be said against the “false pride” which keeps them from applying for parish relief, there are many who would rather starve than enter the cheerless shelter of a workhouse. How many of these an-

nuitants could say, with their New Zealand brother, “The liberality of Freemasonry has saved my life?” Probably the majority of them owe actual existence to the aid they have received from the Craft, and this feeling cannot be too strongly impressed on the members of the Order when, year after year, appeals are made for the necessary funds to continue the good work.

The Educational Institutions of Freemasonry may also be referred to in this light; the good work carried on by their means is apparent at all times—there are the hundreds of children in the Schools, receiving food, clothing, and education—but are all the benefits which there present themselves equal to what we may term the “side influences”—the results which follow in years to come, when in the many and varied spheres in which the children find themselves, the advantages of their early education makes itself felt? Besides this, what would become of the hundreds of children who now find a home in the Masonic Schools if those Institutions were unable to continue their work? How many of these same children will be able to say, in years to come, the liberality of Freemasonry saved my life; and by saving such life who shall say the amount of benefit the Order has conferred on the country or indeed the world at large.

Much more might be said in praise of this particular side influence of Freemasonry, but we are of opinion the keynote of the whole situation has been struck by the brother who, in expressing his thanks to the Craft, goes so far as to say that Freemasonry has saved his life. Many a sensational story has been related under such a heading, but none of them are more worthy of a place in the annals of the Craft than the simple letter of thanks which has just reached us from the far-off district of New Zealand.

MASONIC FRUIT'S ESSENTIAL.

FREEMASONRY MUST STAND OR FALL WITH RELIGION.

An Address before Monroe City Lodge, No. 64, F. and A.M. of Missouri, 27th December 1888, by Brother William Allen Hatch.

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IF Masonry teaches anything it teaches the sacredness of home, and throws around the same the strongest kind of protection.

The observance of public worship is sadly neglected, especially in the larger towns and villages. I do not suppose that Freemasonry is responsible for this, but there is in this neglect of worship by too many quite respectable Masons that which is to some extent a violation of Masonic obligation and a disregard of Masonic teaching. Masonry does not tell man how he should worship God, but it teaches him that he should worship, leaving the manner and form to his conscience, not to his convenience or

whim, and the question I want to ask you, brethren, is: Do you in this follow conscience, or do you follow whim, or convenience, or taste? We have a Rule and Guide in this and kindred matters, in fact in all points of Masonic law and faith and conduct, which we cannot wisely or safely disregard, and to one who deliberately rejects this Masonry must seem a very hollow mockery. The law of Masonry is the universal moral law accepted by all men. The creed is limited to the simplest fundamental expression of religious faith.

Every honest Mason must accept this creed, but this does not prevent him from believing much more, nor does the acceptance in full of the Christian faith in the least impair our obligations to our brethren of Israel, or the disciples of Buddha, or Mahomet, or Confucius. We all stand on one fundamental basis, the belief in one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, yet we are all bound in conscience to support whatever form of religion seems best of those presented to our notice. While I have no doubt that most of you are true to your ideas of duty, there are always some with us, and in the church, who are neglectful if not perverse.

There are some who find, or think they find, in Freemasonry all the religion they need, but look well to yourselves, dear brethren, if there are any of you who thus console yourselves, and see whither your limited religion tends, and if you find that it satisfies you, that it brings you peace and content and confidence, remember that any religion which ends in self is worthless. Even the laws of our being compel us, if we would lead better lives, if we would seek our own salvation, to help others to lead better lives, we must be concerned and labour for the salvation of others, and bringing the whole question of our Masonic duty down to the level of self-interest, of self-preservation, both individually and in our corporate capacity, Freemasonry must stand or fall with religion. The foes without who threaten religion will destroy Masonry if they can, while the more dangerous foes, those of our own household, those in our own hearts, are the hardest to fight. To conquer these will enable us to maintain a stout opposition to external enemies.

I am aware, my dear brethren, that you did not invite me to preach to you, and, if I have gone beyond the line of your patience in this matter, it is not because I am to impose any fetters on your thought and conscience, but because I believe that Freemasonry is on trial, that she has a mission in the affairs of this life and in this nineteenth century, that I exhort you as men and Masons, if you love Masonry, to do your best toward the fulfilment of that mission.

While I have no fears for the Christian religion, which I believe to be not only the best the world has ever known but the best possible, and that it will ultimately triumph, I recognise the fact that it is threatened, that forces now at work would accomplish its destruction if they could, and that all the institutions of modern life are threatened with it; that unless these forces are counteracted, unless individuals and societies are on their guard, individuals will fall and societies will perish, especially those which do not manfully meet and fight the foes of order.

Masonic law and Masonic creed are not only fundamental as regards religion, but also as regards the state. Let that creed be denied and there is then no authority—no law—and all existing institutions will be regarded as merely conventional; governments may be overturned without scruple, rights of life, of liberty, and of property, may be considered as mere fictions, and chaos as the best condition.

It is not as an alarmist that I mention these possibilities, but viewing them as the logical consequence of denial, I know that they may come, as they have before, and the cure though speedy—the return to public sanity certain—yet there is a terrible strain involving vast suffering, untold misery, monstrous injustice.

The French Revolution did its terrible work, and though good may have come out of it, it was at a fearful cost, and I presume that few sane persons would like to see that dread experiment repeated, yet it will be repeated unless the cure of evils is effected in the earlier and milder way.

We cannot interfere as a body corporate in the affairs of the world; cannot directly influence governments or impose moral restrictions on our fellow men, but as individuals we may do much, and ought to do much. When we consider that the leading men in every state, county and country are for the most part connected with

our Order; when we consider not only the immense influence directly exerted for good or for ill in consequence of the vast numbers of those connected with us, and the indirect influence through kindred associations, it is evident that our responsibility is great, and if we would be true to ourselves and the society we love we must take upon ourselves individually that responsibility which collectively we cannot assume, and as our lives improve, so will this noble and glorious Institution become a more permanent and illustrious light before the world.

The pious framers of Ancient York Masonry dedicated their Lodges to two great Saints of the Christian Church, and looked to them, in their simple faith, as the patrons of the Order—St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist. The former was illustrious in his straightforward, manly, self-sacrificing life; the latter known not only as a bold Son of Thunder, but as the beloved disciple—as the Apostle of Love. And these have been and are still the saintly patrons of Freemasonry—the lesson of their lives ever before us exemplifying the virtues which should be cultivated by every true Mason. And manliness and love form when combined an ideal of character only realised in the Perfect One.

We do well to celebrate the nativity of John the Baptist, for the great prophet, the more than prophet, the unrivalled one preaches still from the wilderness, as of yore. In hairy garment, standing by the purifying water of the Jordan, he cried out to all comers, the rich and respectable, the rude and the vile, to highly honoured scribes and despised publicans, to the highly scrupulous pharisee, to the loosely scrupulous soldier, to all who asked what they should do, to all who sought not only to flee from the wrath to come, but to lead the life worth living, to all these inquirers, the Voice which prophesied the kingdom of heaven gave one supreme direction, prescribed the one great remedy for all the ills of the past, and the one hope for all the successes and joys of the future. I would not set forth to you any disputed dogma, but this great cry of the Voice comes down to us as to others in the distant past in such a way that we cannot refuse to hear it, and all men of whatever creed must acknowledge this truth, that Repentance is not only the continual safety but the continual hope of men. With the stern old prophet here Repentance was not merely a matter of sentiment but of fact. The soldier must abstain from plunder and needless violence, the usurer must no longer devour widows' houses, the tax-gatherer must desist from fraud and extortion, the generation of vipers must lay aside their hypocrisy and tyrannical dogmatism, and even in the royal household sin was denounced with a courage and zeal that took no thought of prisons or the axe of the executioner.

The unthinking might say that his end was untimely, and that his life, limited to contact with but few and leaving hardly a trace on the world's history, was a failure. If a failure, what a sublime failure! A greater conqueror than Alexander, a stouter hero than Pyrrhus, a more magnanimous ruler than Cyrus, for he taught men to conquer themselves, helped them to resist the strongest of foes and to rule with justice impartial and mercy unrestrained, and yet he was only the pioneer of a great advance. It was his office to make straight the roads through the desert, to level mountains and fill deep valleys; and this he did and is doing, for the same Voice calls to us. It is and has been the pioneer of all progress.

The festal day of St. John the Evangelist is placed very near to the natal day of the One who specially loved this disciple. The beloved disciple was no less earnest than the Herald of the Wilderness in proclaiming truth, perhaps not more lenient and loving to the sinner, yet the Evangelist lived in a fairer time and under a more glowing Light, and in that Light he saw not only deeper into the great problems of Christian philosophy, but with purified vision saw into the great mysteries of the future, even beyond earth, and has given us a glimpse as it were of the glories of heaven as he saw them. If we can so follow the examples of these two earnest, upright, loving Saints, that we shall on either side touch the circle of eternal truth, we shall, ultimately, with purified hearts and minds, not only be enabled to apprehend Truth but to see God.

—Voice of Masonry.

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INFORMATION DESIRED.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

ABOUT a month ago I read, in Bro. Mackenzie's History of "Canongate Kilwinning Lodge," about Robert Burns' visit to the said Lodge in February 1787, when, owing to his fame as a poet, he was that night elected a member of the said Lodge. During the lifetime of Burns the record of the said Lodge is utterly silent about his ever having been dubbed with the title of "Masonic Poet Laureate." But, in 1815 a movement was set afoot to erect a mausoleum to the memory of Burns, and in appealing to the brethren of the Canongate Lodge to contribute towards the undertaking, the W. Master said, that "Burns was a member and poet laureate of this Lodge." This figure of speech was put into the record, and in 1832—or 4, when James Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd," was dubbed by the same Lodge "Masonic Poet Laureate," Burns was, of course, again referred to in the record as a Poet Laureate. By-and-bye, Bro. Watson painted a picture, representing the Laureation of Bro. Burns, in presence of sixty distinguished Scotch Masons of the last century. Later on, Bro. Marshall published a book, viz., "A Winter with Robert Burns," containing biographical sketches of the sixty brethren who witnessed the ceremony of the Laureating of Bro. Burns, and of course everybody then believed, without the least doubt, in Robert Burns' Poet Laureateship. But, in 1873, a rumour reached the Secretary of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge that Bro. D. M. Lyon had some doubts about Burns' Poet Laureateship, when letters were exchanged between the Secretary of the Lodge and Bro. Lyon. The main argument of the Secretary, was that the ceremony of Burns' Laureation was always believed, was never doubted, and that no evidence existed to disprove it. And, strange to say, Bro. Lyon's doubts were overcome by the said arguments. Now, I had never heard about the said correspondence between the Secretary of the Lodge and Bro. Lyon until I read the letters in Bro. Mackenzie's book, but instead of confirming my belief in the Burns Laureation story, Bro. Mackenzie's arguments destroy my belief in it, and if business had not called me to New York, an article of mine upon the Burns' question would have been mailed to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE on the 1st of this month. However, on Saturday, 2nd March, I happened to take up Bro. MacCalla's *Keystone*, and therein I read a letter from Bro. D. M. Lyon, that he had changed his opinion about Burns' Poet Laureate story, and that he made a mistake in 1873 in yielding to the Canongate Lodge Secretary, and that (if I recollect aright) he was going to disprove it.

Well, after taking a long breath, I said to myself, "If a brother of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of 1815 had been endowed with sense enough to challenge inquiry into the alleged Poet Laureateship of Robert Burns how much trouble it would have saved. First, Bro. Watson would not have painted the Burns Laureation picture; second, Bro. Marshall would not have written a book; third, there would have been no controversy in 1873 between the Secretary of the Lodge and Bro. Lyon; fourth, it would have saved Bro. Mackenzie the chagrin he must feel in finding his elaborate arguments melt away into nothing; fifth, it would have saved me the time in hunting up information on the question at issue; and sixth, it would have saved Bro. Lyon the necessity of confessing in 1889 that he made a mistake in 1873." These solid reasons should convince every brother Mason to take nothing for granted, even when a Worshipful Master says it, and these very reasons I hope will be taken for sufficient apology for calling attention to an older legend, which as far as I know has never been questioned in print.

Briefly then, among other stories given by Dermott in his 1764 edition of "Ahiman Rezon," I beg to call attention to the following. He says:

"N.B.—The Freemasons' Arms in the upper part of the frontispiece of this book was found in the collection of the famous and learned Hebrewist, Architect and Brother, Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leon. This gentleman, at the request of the States of Holland, built a model of Solomon's Temple. The design of this undertaking was to build a temple in Holland, but upon surveying the model it was adjudged that the united provinces were not rich enough to pay for it, whereupon the States generously bestowed the model upon the builder, notwithstanding they had already paid him his demand, which was very great.

This model was exhibited to public view, by authority, at Paris and Vienna, and afterwards in London, by a patent under the seal of England, and signed Killigrew, in the reign of King Charles the Second. At the same time, Jacob Jehudah Leon published a description of the tabernacle and the temple, and dedicated it to his Majesty, and in the years 1750 and 1760 I had the pleasure of purusing and examining both these curiosities. The Arms are emblazoned thus:—quarterly per squares, counter charged Vert. In the first quarter, Azure a Lyon rampant Or, in the second quarter, Or, an ox passant sable; in the third quarter, Or, a man with hand erect, proper robed, crimson and ermine; in the fourth quarter, Azure, an eagle displayed, Or, Crest, the holy ark of the covenant, proper, supported by Cherubins, Motto, Kodes la Adonai, i.e., Holiness to the Lord."

The question is, how much of the above narrative is true; or is their any truth at all in it? I was informed that the late Rev. Bro. Woodford was trying to find out as to whether there was any truth in the above narrative, but could not find anything about it. Bro. Marvin, of Boston, not only expressed his utmost contempt for Dermott's pretension to a knowledge about *armorial bearings*, but also pronounced the whole story as apocryphal. That Rabbi Leon was a brother Mason in the 17th century, is simply absurd, and that the States of Holland were not rich enough to build such a temple is equally absurd. If the said Rabbi received a patent from the King, a copy thereof was probably preserved somewhere; and if the Rabbi published a book, a copy of the said book must also exist somewhere. At my suggestion a friend of mine made inquiries in Holland about the Rabbi Leon and his Temple, but it seems that nothing in Holland is known about it. Within a few days, however, I got hold of the catalogue of the Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition in the Royal Albert Hall, London, in 1887, and on page 20 and 21 I found as follows:—

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Designed by Jacob Jehudah Leon, surnamed Templo, who visited London in 1678, with a model of the Temple, which he was permitted to exhibit to Charles II. and his court. Templo was an ingenious draughtsman, and designed vignettes for the illustration of the Talmud, some of which were afterwards published by Surenhusius. The present exhibit consists of a painted mahogany panel, with arms of gold and colour, crest, supporters and Masonic emblems. It was engraved by Laurence Dermott in his "Ahiman Rezon" (2nd edit. London, 1764) and described from the collection of the famous and learned Hebrewist, architect, and brother, Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leon. In the original, the motto was in Hebrew."

Now, as the above paragraph contains some information not derived from Dermott's Ahiman Rezon; such for instance as that of Rabbi Leon having designed vignettes for the illustration of the Talmud, and of his being known as "Templo;" this new information must have been obtained from some source. In order, therefore, to prevent future trouble to Masonic investigators upon the Rabbi Leon question, similar to the trouble given to several brethren on account of the Burns' Masonic Laureation puzzle, I respectfully ask Bro. Ryland to inform the Masonic brotherhood of all he knows or can learn about the famous "Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leon," together with all particulars about the sources of his information, and who Surenhusius was; and how much the narrative of Surenhusius agrees or disagrees with that given by Dermott? In short, let us know all about it.

Boston, U.S., 12th March 1889.

LAW-SUITS BETWEEN MASONS.

THE oldest printed Constitutions of the Craft, those of Anderson, A.D. 1723, truly assert Brotherly Love to be "the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity;" and furthermore, they provide, that Freemasons to the utmost of their power, and in profane concerns as well as Masonic, shall agree together; or if they disagree, their Brethren shall in the first place decide between them. The Anderson "Constitutions," for example, say, that

If any of them (your Brethren) do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to the Annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable conduct

of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may mind the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must however carry on their process or law-suit without wrath and rancor (not in the common-way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good offices to be renewed and continued; that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time."

These are the oldest specific provisions of the Craft, in its "Charges of a Freemason," on the subject of law-suits between Brethren, and they are eminently judicious, and if carried out in the spirit in which they were enacted, would result in credit to the Fraternity, advantage to the Brethren and benefit to the world at large.

The earliest "Constitutions" of the "Ancients"—the *Ahiman Rezon* of Laurence Dermott, printed at London in 1756 (of which we have an original copy before us), provides as follows on this subject:

"Old Charges of the Free and Accepted Masons. Charge VII., Concerning Law-Suits.

If a Brother do you injury, apply first to your own or his Lodge, and if you are not satisfied you may appeal to the Grand Lodge; but you must never take a legal course till the cause cannot be otherwise decided; for if the affair is only between Masons, and about Masonry, Law-Suits ought to be prevented by the good advice of prudent Brethren.

But if that reference is either impracticable or unsuccessful, and the affair must be brought into the courts of law or equity, yet still you must avoid all wrath, malice or rancor, in carrying on the Suit, not saying or doing anything that may hinder the continuance or renewal of Brotherly love and friendship, which is the glory and cement of this ancient Fraternity; that we may show to all the world the benign influence of Masonry, as all wise, true and faithful Brethren have done from the beginning of time, and will do till Architecture shall be dissolved in the general conflagration, Amen! so mote it be."

These last provisions were re-enacted, in almost the same language, in the A.D. 1783 *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, prepared by Grand Secretary, the Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D. (page 45), and in the "Constitution" of the Grand Lodge of New York of A.D. 1805, page 23 (printed by Southwick and Harcastle, 2 Wall-street, New York). They are also contained in the A.D. 1825 *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (pages 108-109).

It thus appears that from the earliest period when "Constitutions" of the Craft were printed (1723), down to the year 1825, and thereafter, the Fraternity had strict regulations providing for the amicable adjustment in the Lodge of all differences, Masonic and profane, between Brethren. Of late years, however, the entirety of these provisions have been omitted from Masonic Constitutions of almost all, if not all, Grand Lodges. It may well be doubted whether this omission has been wise. It would seem, at least, that the Craft should advise the settlement of all differences between Freemasons in their respective Lodges, instead of in the profane courts. But we have gone to the other extreme, in that we have, at least in some jurisdictions, absolutely forbidden the cognisance by the Lodges of all differences, not Masonic, between Brethren. True, some Lodges have committees of reconciliation, and wisely, and while not absolute in their jurisdiction over Brethren, but merely exercising a concurrent jurisdiction with only advisory power, they exercise a benign influence in the Craft. They at least serve as a finger-board, pointing the Brethren the way they should go, and are true exponents of the Masonic world-wide principle of Brotherly Love.

Of course it is always the Master's province and duty to harmonise all interests in his Lodge, and to counsel with all Brethren who shall to his knowledge be so unfortunate as to disagree.—*Keystone*.

An illustrated description of a Chinese opium den, written by a Shanghaian, appears in *The Quiver* for April, to which the Rev. P. B. Power contributes a short complete story.

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MARK MASONRY.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 66.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, to instal Bro. Thomas Gray S.W. and Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The installing officer was Bro. H. Langmead. The Officers were invested as follow, viz.:—Bros. G. Duncer I.P.M., Westcott S.W., John Hicks J.W., H. F. Hearle M.O., V. Bird S.O., W. S. Hearder J.O., W. Whitley Chap., I. Latimer R.M., S. Jew Treas., J. B. Gover Sec., G. Whitley S.D., S. G. Bake J.D., J. H. Keats D.C., P. B. Clemens I.G., J. G. Kevern D.C., E. Coppin Sword Bearer, and James Gidley Tyler.

METHAM LODGE, No. 96.

THE annual meeting was held on the 26th inst., at the Hayshe Temple, Home Park, Stoke. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies presided. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., was constituted an honorary member. Bro. W. H. Pengelly, the W.M. elect, was installed. The installing officers were Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. Allen 96, H. R. Langmead 16. The Officers invested were Bros. W. A. Staton I.P.M., Dillon S.W., Forster J.W., Miller M.O., May S.O., Gillman J.O., Stanbury Treasurer, Panter Secretary, Lemon Chaplain, Blackell Reg. of Marks, May S.D., Walter J.D., Allen D.C., Barfield A.D.C., Booth I.G., Rashbrook Tyler. Bro. Lemon presented the Lodge with a framed photograph of the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.M.M., on the 1st July 1886, and a handsomely-framed tracing-board of the Mark degree, and lecture-book. Thanks were unanimously voted to Bro. Lemon for his very appropriate presents.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 70.

THE anniversary meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when Bro. H. J. Wright was installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation was ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The Officers for the year were installed as under:—Bros. J. Flintham S.W., W. Pearson J.W., Rev. R. Peek M.O., W. B. Hanson S.O., J. Napier J.O., Rev. R. N. Sanderson Chaplain, S. R. Anness Treasurer, A. J. Grimwade Registrar of Marks and Secretary, F. C. Atkinson S.D., Rev. R. O. Davies J.D., S. R. Anness D.C., Rev. R. O. Davies Organist, J. A. James Peck I.G., G. Gould Tyler. The installation banquet was held under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and on the left by Bro. J. C. Norman. The Queen and Mark Masonry, the G.M.M.M. Bro. the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured. Bros. Matier, Berridge, and Bryant responded for the Grand Officers. The W.M. also proposed the M.W. Bro. Lord Henniker P.G.M. England, Prov. Grand Master, and the Installing Master the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded, in a happy speech, in which he referred to the consecration of the Ark Mariners' Lodge, which he hoped would be a great success, and would flourish side by side with Mark Masonry in East Anglia. Before sitting down, in complimentary terms he proposed the health of the W.M., who responded in a neat and practical speech. Bro. N. Tracey proposed the Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. F. Matier, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded in an eloquent speech, in which he specially referred to the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he is the honorary Secretary, and said it was the proud boast of that Charity that no candidate ever came to them for assistance and was sent away dissatisfied. The other toasts were the Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, and responded to by Bros. Elwes and Bignold; the newly-advanced Brothers (Bros. G. T. Pick and Walter Brooke); the immediate and other Past Masters; the Officers, and the Tyler's toast.

Light in Masonry only faintly symbolizes light divine—the light that dispels the gloom of the grave, and reveals all the beauty of Truth.

The grand work of Masonry is that of discovering the treasures of Truth, and then unfolding and exemplifying their wisdom.

Freemasonry is a great light for all of man's earthly pilgrimage, and a great beacon to his progress in immortality.

There is no principle of morality, and no duty of man, that is not enjoined upon its votaries by Freemasonry.

Snow is white; snow is pure; snow is useful; and thus should the conduct of each Freemason be.

A new serial story of modern times, by Mr. Frank Barrett, entitled "Fettered for Life," will be commenced in No. 287 of *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, to which Mr. George Manville Fenn contributes a complete sensational story, entitled "In Horrible Suspense: a tale of a New Land."

"The Secret of the Lamas: a tale of Thibet," is the title of a new book of adventure which will be shortly published by Messrs. Cassell and Company. The scene of the story is laid chiefly in the wilds of Thibet.

MASONRY AT CHELTENHAM.

THE memorial window erected in the Parish Church of Cheltenham, by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, to the memory of their late Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Brother John Brook-Smith), was on Wednesday, the 20th inst., unveiled and presented to the rector of the parish (Rev. Canon Bell, D.D.) by the Grand Master of the Province, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft, wearing the insignia of the Order. The dedicatory service was held at one o'clock, and the Mayor and Corporation and a large number of the general public attended. As the clergy emerged from the vestry, the Provincial Grand Master (Sir M. Hicks-Beach), preceded by his Sword Bearer (Bro. Renwick), and attended by the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith), the Secretary of the Province (Bro. James Winterbotham), the Provincial Treasurer (Bro. T. Nelson Foster), Bro. the Baron de Ferrières, Bro. Gwinnett, and other prominent Masons, advanced up the centre aisle to the entrance to the chancel, where the two bodies (Clergy and Masons) met and stood in position to face the memorial window. The covering having been removed, the Grand Master (Sir M. Hicks-Beach) addressed the rector in the following words:—This window has been erected by the subscriptions of the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucester, to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and to the memory of and in fraternal and affectionate regard for our late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Brook-Smith. In the name of the Freemasons of this Province I offer this window to you, as the Rector of Cheltenham, for the use and adornment of the old Parish Church of this town, of which our deceased brother was so long one of the most prominent and respected residents. The Rector expressed his pleasure in accepting the gift of the Freemasons, and said the window would not only be an adornment to the venerable church, but would serve as a memento of the liberality of the Masonic Order, and of the Freemasons' love and esteem for their departed brother. The service then proceeded with Spohr's "Blest are the departed," which was rendered by an augmented choir, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Matthews Prov. Organist. An appropriate address was given by the Dean of Gloucester (Dr. Spence), who took for his text, "Strength and Beauty are in his Sanctuary," Psalm xvi. 6. The service ended with the benediction. The window, it may be added, is placed in the south transept of the sacred building, and is a pleasing example of stained glass of a Masonic character. The five principal lights are filled in with Scriptural characters connected with Masonic work. The central one is occupied by Solomon, bearing in his hand a representation of the Temple he erected. The lights on either side are filled with Moses and Joshua, and again at either side of these Old Testament prophets is a representative of the new Dispensation—St. John the Baptist on one side and St. John the Evangelist on the other. The minor details of the window are Masonically treated, and at the base there is a suitable inscription recording the object of the erection of the window.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE following is the result of the University Local examination, Cambridge, December 1888, as far as "Our Boys" are concerned:—

HONOURS.—2nd Class—A. Blunt, J. P. Seagrave, J. P. Templeman.
3rd Class—F. F. Coleman, H. R. Graves, F. A. Herring.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS.—S. H. Bevis, J. Bloomfield, S. W. Gibson, F. W. Lewis, N. McCaskie, J. Shaw, L. Taylor, J. E. Walters.

Nineteen candidates sent up: fourteen passed. Honours 6 satisfied examiners 8.

The task of converting Bacon's Hotel into the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has been entrusted to Bro. C. H. Driver, who built the Masonic Hall at Gibraltar, and Bro. Robert Berridge. Although the general scheme of decoration is to be Italian, the two beautiful Queen Anne rooms are to remain intact. One is to be reserved for the use of the Prince of Wales, and the other will be assigned to his Deputy. The works are to commence immediately, and the inauguration of the building will take place towards the close of the year.

"ADOPTIVE" MASONRY.—In France, where the plan was at first originated, "Adoptive" Masonry was, for a time, much in vogue. The Empress Josephine in 1805 presided over the Lodge Imperiale d'adoption des Francs Chevaliers, at Strasburg; and the assemblies of the brethren and sisters at Paris are said to have been equally elegant, splendid and agreeable. Of their agreeability, I entertain no matter of doubt. But I have my own opinion of pass-words whispered by rosy lips, and grasps interchanged with soft hands—and indeed we are credibly informed the mystical part of the business was a mere pretence, and the rites always ended in—a ball and supper—as might be reasonably expected.—Bro. John Fitzhenry Townsend, LL.D., D.G.M. of Ireland.

A collection of essays, by the Rt. Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, will be shortly published by Messrs Cassell and Company, under the title of "Subjects of Social Welfare." The work will include a variety of papers on Public Health, Industrial Wealth, and National Education.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

AT a meeting, held on the 19th inst., there was an exceptionally large number of candidates for initiation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Mills the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Henry Platt D.P.G.M. of North Wales also taking part. The banquet was served at the Station Hotel, Bangor, a large party sitting down to a splendid menu, provided by Bro. Taylor. The W.M. presided.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

THE usual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, when there were present Bros. G. Curson W.M. in the chair, G. Smith S.W., A. Goddard J.W., G. Watson Treasurer, R. F. Atkinson Secretary, H. Curson S.D., J. Smith J.D., H. A. Dewing I.G., Wainwright Organist; P.M.'s M. B. Bircham, R. Riches, G. Grummett, W. G. Sherringham, O. Hudson, and a large number of brethren, together with Bro. Loynes, a visitor from the Earl of Leicester Lodge, No. 2237. The usual Lodge ceremonies were performed, and Bro. Dr. Powell was raised to the third degree. The sum of twenty guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds towards the Masonic School for Boys. After Lodge adjourned the brethren supped together, at Bro. Harvey's, the Crown. A special significance was given to this meeting, it being the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation into Freemasonry of Bro. M. B. Bircham, who was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, on the 13th March 1839. To commemorate this event the brethren had subscribed a very handsome P.M.'s jewel. This was presented to Bro. Bircham by the Worshipful Master in the most felicitous terms. The song, "Give me the man of honest heart" was then sung by Bro. Loynes. Bro. Bircham, who on rising to respond appeared greatly affected, said that as long as he was able he should do his best in assisting to instal the Worshipful Master, and help the Joppa Lodge. Several other Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bros. Wainwright, Goddard, Bircham, Powell and Loynes assisted in the musical arrangements.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual banquet was held, on the 19th instant, at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Club, Plymouth. There was a large attendance. Covers were laid for 90. Bro. A. Trout the W.M. presided, supported by Bros. H. E. Sitters I.P.M., A. W. King S.W., R. L. Blight sen. J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chaplain, D. Cross Treasurer, W. Powell Secretary, G. Perring S.D., G. Perkins J.D., E. Hughes I.G., J. J. Facey D.C., C. L. Blight A.D.C., J. Forster Organist, J. Soper, J. E. Skellern, A. E. Maddock Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler, and Past Masters T. Gibbons, T. E. Peek, R. Dickson, P. J. Dunn, G. Wilson, W. Kennedy. Among the visitors were Bros. Col. J. Phillips 2258, Lieut. N. Page 2258, Captain J. H. Swanton 2258, S. Jew 105, E. Aitken Davies, 1099, J. M. Hifley 223, R. Pike 230, T. Goodall 1550, E. J. Knight 202, C. Marshall 159, J. Griffin 1847. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts and sentiments were given. A choice vocal and instrumental entertainment was also rendered. Bro. T. Gibbons presided at the piano, and a capital string band was furnished by brethren. Bro. Elford gave solos on the cornet, Bro. Lidiard on the violoncello, and the vocalists were Bros. W. Kennedy, G. Miller, P. J. Dunn, W. H. Chanter, A. E. Maddock, and others. A handsome 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. H. E. Sitters, as a token of fraternal regard.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

THE annual installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Lodge Room, West Derby, on Thursday, the 21st inst., and the assembly of members and Masonic brethren was the largest ever held in connection with this rapidly rising little Lodge. From being an obscure village meeting a few years ago, it has, by marked sociability, unity of feeling, and business efficiency, risen to a position equal to any in the district. To such dimensions has this Lodge grown of late that the accommodation afforded by their old-fashioned place of meeting seems inadequate for members' ordinary comfortable requirements. The youthful, but efficient, retiring Worshipful Master, S. Haden-Jones, creditably acted as installing master, and assisted by Bros. W. S. Vines and James J. Ramsey Past Masters, the W.M.-elect, Bro. James F. Booth, was, according to ancient custom and ceremony, duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The latter then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow, viz.:—Bros. S. Haden-Jones I.P.M., A. Harrison S.W., Thos. S. Ramsey J.W., W. S. Vines Treas., W. Pearson Sec., J. Leach S.D., G. R. Jones J.D., Henry Davies Organist, J. Oakes I.G., Isaac Jones, D. Higgin, and W. Coulter Stewards, and James J. Ramsey D.C. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, and, interspersed with songs and recitations, the usual list of Loyal and Masonic toasts was duly given and honoured. The retiring W.M., Bro. S. Haden-Jones, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and apron of office by the Lodge, and a valuable diamond ring and an illuminated address from his fellow-members, as a mark of their esteem and regard.

LEY SPRING LODGE, No. 1598.

THE election meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The brethren appeared in mourning, out of respect to the late I.P.M. Bro. Sampson, who had joined the majority. The members present included Bros. R. S. Walker W.M., Turner S.W., Arber J.W., Alla-way Treasurer, Buscall P.M. Secretary, Roberts S.D., Dipple D.C., Graves Organist, Pargeter P.M., Roberts P.M., Lewis P.M., Brown P.M., Langdon, Margett, Penderleith, Smyth P.M. 929, Smith, Hipkins, Thomas, Galloway, and Bawtree. Visitors—Bros. Burns

1071, and Charlie Woods 1869 Assist. Sojourner 1275. Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The election of Officers followed, and resulted in the unanimous vote of the members for Bro. Turner S.W. as W.M., while the Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected. The bye-laws were read. On the motion of Brother Pargeter P.M., seconded by Bro. Lewis P.M., a vote of deep sympathy with the widow of the late Bro. Sampson I.P.M. was unanimously carried. The mover, seconder, and other brethren spoke in a very respectful manner of the services of our late brother, and of his widow and family. A discussion followed as to the night of installation. On the motion of Bro. Pargeter it was decided to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Walker for his services during the present year. An Audit Committee, consisting of Bros. Langdon, How, and Plenderleith, was elected. All business being transacted, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were received with marked enthusiasm. In proposing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. referred to the great interest he took in the cause, also to the grand meeting over which he presided at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, when he was accompanied by the King of Sweden P.G.M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.

THIS Lodge met on Wednesday, the 20th inst., when there was a very full attendance, including 63 brethren of the Lodge and 19 visitors. Bro. Cornelius McLeod was duly installed as W.M., succeeding Bro. Sidney C. Hill. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Delves in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the following year, as follow:—Bros. J. Perry S.W., E. Penniston J.W., A. H. Oakley Sec., R. J. Pitt S.D., G. A. Saunders J.D., S. J. Limn I.G., A. J. Delves and W. Blois Stewards, Wm. Millington D.C., J. Williams Tyler, and G. Thornton Organist. Bro. Caruaby was invested as Treasurer. A summary of the receipts and expenditure was presented to the Lodge. The sad and almost sudden death of Bro. Geo. Limn was reported. Bro. Limn has been conspicuous in Masonry as one who has ever worked zealously and nobly on behalf of distressed brothers, their widows, and their orphan children. His loss will be deeply felt in the Lodge. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Bro. Limn. After voting 5 guineas to a needy brother, and hearty thanks to Bro. Delves for the installation ceremony, the Lodge was closed. A large number of brethren attended the W.M. to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Host Clark in his well-known able style. During the evening the usual toasts were given. In the replies made by the Officers and Visiting Brothers, general congratulations were made that Bro. Delves was again able to attend the Lodge, after his long and serious illness. Universal sympathy was also expressed with the Lodge and the family of Bro. G. Limn. A magnificent wreath, intended for the funeral of Bro. Limn on the morrow, was passed round for the brethren to see.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There were present:—Bros. W. Dyson I.P.M. in the chair, in the absence of the W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., W. Brown P.M., G. Chapman S.W., G. Lamb J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, J. H. Shonksmith S.D., J. L. Spetch and F. W. Halliwell Stewards, W. S. Child Organist, P. Pearson I.G., A. Bellerby, F. H. Vaughan, T. Milner, J. Smith, R. H. Wisker, A. Archer, G. G. Pook, W. H. A. Coates, T. Masterman, J. R. Jackson, E. Thackray, J. E. Wilkinson, and others. Visitors:—Bros. J. Todd P.M. 236, S. Border W.M. 236, A. Sample 236, C. E. Wright 357, A. H. H. Mac Gachen P.M. 1991, G. Manton 1991, and A. Sollit 1991. Successful ballots having been taken for two candidates and a joining member, Bro. T. B. Whytehead proceeded to deliver a lecture on Freemasonry and its progress, touching on the principal features of its advance during the last quarter of a century, indicating some of the weak points in its members as a body, showing some of the methods by which it might be made more effective for good, and warning his hearers against common errors and mistakes, which tended to mar the usefulness of the Society. A vote of thanks to the lecturer followed, and the Lodge was closed. After supper some excellent speeches were made, and during the evening several brethren entered their names as Stewards for the North and East Ridings Educational Festival in May, an event which promises to be most successful from a financial point of view.

ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

THE ordinary monthly meeting, held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 21st inst., was honoured by a visit from Bro. Dr. H. J. Tarrant Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. Anscombe W.M., assisted in the ceremonies by Bro. Barfield P.M. After the meeting Bro. Tarrant gave some interesting details concerning the working of Freemasonry in New South Wales, and referred with pleasure to the recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the newly created United Grand Lodge of New South Wales over which the recently appointed Governor (His Excellency Lord Carrington) presides in the capacity of Most Worshipful Grand Master. In his journey to England he had visited several of the Grand Lodges in various parts of North America, and obtained much information, and he hoped that he would be able to learn something in England which might be utilized for the benefit of brethren in Australia. The Atlingworth is the first Lodge that Bro. Tarrant has visited in England, and he expressed his gratification at the excellent manner in which the business and ceremonies had been conducted.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge, was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, where, notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a very large attendance, both of members and visitors. Lodge was opened at the early hour of 3 o'clock, but a great deal of time was wasted later on, consequently the enjoyment of the after proceedings was sadly marred by the "scramble" that had to be made to catch the trains. However, no blame in this regard can attach to the W.M., Bro. George Filmer, who speedily commenced the work of the day. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the Audit Committee presented their report, which was received and adopted. The next business on the paper was to raise Bro. Joseph Edward Jeffs, and this was done by Bro. Filmer in an essentially perfect manner. Now came the "wait" to which we have already referred. The time for the installation was fixed for 4.30, but it appears the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. West, had expressed a wish to be present at the ceremony, but he would not be able to reach the Carshalton Hall till 5.30. Consequently, after some delay, Mr. Thomas Frederick Jones, who was proposed by Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain Surrey, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Pile P.M. P.P.G. St.-B. Surrey, was balloted for as a candidate for initiation; as also was Mr. William Churchill Sabine, proposed by Bro. Walter Joseph Baker and seconded by Bro. James Salter-Whiter. The result in each case was in favour of the candidates, and they were introduced and admitted to the benefits of Masonic light. Bro. John G. Horsey P.Prov.G.D.C. Surrey now took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M.-elect Bro. Henry D. Aslett was presented and obligated. The Wardens' chairs were now taken by Bros. D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer, and H. M. Hobbs Prov. Grand Junior Warden, and in due course the ceremony was proceeded with, a strong Board of Installed Masters assisting. This compliment was paid to Bro. Cama in recognition of his being one of our representative brethren, his association with our Indian Empire fully entitling him to that distinctive appellation. After the Board had been closed, the brethren below the Installed Masters' degree were readmitted and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. The following were invested as Officers:—Bros. J. A. Taylor P.M. 1441 S.W., F. A. Norton J.W., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour Prov. Grand Chap. Chaplain, W. Russell Crowe P.M. 190 Treasurer, W. Pile P.M. P.P.G.St.B. Secretary, Roland H. Ward S.D., J. W. Manley J.D., John G. Horsey P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Rewcastle I.G., W. Harwood and W. H. Ranson P. I. 1790 Stewards, W. Basset Organist, A. Rowley Tyler. Bro. Horsey gave the addresses, and on taking his seat was complimented on the way in which he had carried out the ceremony. Routine work followed, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. George Filmer, and Lodge was closed. In addition to those already mentioned the following were present as Visitors:—D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer, Henry Essex 511, Jos. Baker 2024 P.P.G.C. Middlesex, G. C. Barry J.D. 1851, C. Cooke J.D. 1851, J. Buckley 1790, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Lewis P.M. 945, W. Odell Treasurer 1572, G. S. Horsnail Secretary 1790, J. S. Fraser 2096, H. M. Hobbs P.M. P.G.J.W. Surrey, J. Kilvington S.W. 1700, Aug. Fletcher 1506, W. J. Marlis P.M. 1642, F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, C. W. Cunningham 511, 1612, T. Humphreys 1437 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, John Boreham Organist 1437, H. T. Board 1641, F. West D.P.G.M. Surrey, Ebenezer Piggett 2261, A. W. Barlow J.W. 619, W. W. Lee 1897, T. A. Hill J.W. 1347, H. E. Vickers W.M. 1632, D. Frost Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Surrey, &c. The banquet was served by Bro. Verdon, at the Greyhound Hotel, and his efforts gave every satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. briefly gave the Loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically received. Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer replied for the Grand Officers, and after returning thanks for the kindly proposition and hearty reception of the toast, expressed his opinion that the Grand Officers had the confidence of the brethren, for they endeavoured to follow the noble example of the two great noblemen who led them in maintaining the prestige of their time-honoured Society. The day on which they had met—the 21st March—was an eventful one in India, called Jamshedi Navroj, and highly prized amongst Masons, for in Bombay, where he was born, the members of the Masonic Lodges under the English and Scotch Constitutions met under one roof to celebrate the close of winter and the birth of spring. His invitation that night proved the cosmopolitan character of their Order. He was among them in a double capacity, first as the Past Grand Treasurer, for which honour he was greatly indebted to the Craft in general, and particularly to Bro. Dr. Pocock, who had the courage to propose him; and secondly, as the Prov.G.S.W. of Surrey, for which he had to thank their popular chief, Bro. General Brownrigg. Brother Fred West Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey, in responding to the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers, regretted that their Prov. Grand Master had not recently been able to take that part in the work of the Province which he had performed to their entire satisfaction for many years past. The duties had therefore devolved upon him (Bro. West) for the past twelve months, but although this was a matter for regret, it had been to him a labour of love. The Prov. G.M. had, by the manner in which he had performed the duties appertaining to the office, endeared himself to every member of the Province, which was indebted to him for its success. He was glad to find this example appreciated in such an excellent Lodge as this, and also to find, on again visiting them, the same respect for the principles of Masonry, the performance of the Masonic duties, and the inculcation of everything Masonic and fraternal. He had to sincerely thank the members of this Lodge, and especially Bro. Pile, for the excellent arrangements made for the Provincial meeting last July, which he believed was the most successful the Province had ever held. It would interest them to know that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Caterham, under the care of the Caterham Lodge, of which Bro. Sandeman is Secretary, and he thought he might prophecy that with such a Secretary they would

have everything arranged to their entire satisfaction. He congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and wished him a prosperous year. If Bro. Aslett the W.M. followed the example set by the P.M.'s, he would retire with the same éclat as they had done, and that he might do so was the sincere wish of the Dep. Prov. G.M. Following on, Bro. West gave the "Health of the W.M.," and said he was assured that Bro. Aslett would not have been elected if the members had not been perfectly satisfied of his worthiness for the chair; and, having elected him, it was their duty to support him to the best of their ability. It was necessary that the W.M. should have good Officers, and if he might particularize he would allude to the Secretary, who was the life and soul of a Lodge, for the W.M., owing to the manifold nature of his duties, had to leave the details to that responsible officer. In the W.M. they found a brother who possessed the necessary qualifications essential for the occupant of the chair, and one who would carry out the duties to the credit of the Lodge. That he was a popular W.M. they could not doubt, from the large meeting that evening. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to join him in drinking the health of the Worshipful Master, wishing him every prosperity and success which they, as Masons, could offer him. Bro. Astell briefly and appropriately replied, remarking that a sense of the original prevented him from saying it was the proudest moment of his life. He had a difficult task to perform to return thanks in an adequate manner for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received, and also for the honour conferred upon him in the Lodge. The Initiates having been given, the W.M. gave the Visitors, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Lewis P.M., Frazer, Dr. Pocock, and Humphreys P.P.G.S.W. Essex, who returned hearty thanks for the hospitality shown them, and expressed their admiration at the excellent working witnessed in the Lodge. The I.P.M. then took the chair, and other toasts were given. The Direction of Ceremonies was carried out by Bro. Alfred Bishop P.M., while P.M.'s Baldwin and Carter paid every attention to the comfort of the Visitors.

EARL OF LEICESTER LODGE, No. 2237.

THE first anniversary of the consecration of the above Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. V. Grummett P.M. 1114, the outgoing W.M., ably performed the ceremony, assisted by Bro. Geo. Baxter P.M. 213, and Bro. M. B. Bircham P.M. 19. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. V. Grummett I.P.M., A. Goddard S.W., H. A. Dewing J.W., Colonel Fielden Treasurer, A. W. Ralling Sec., Dr. Whitlock S.D., Pearce J.D., J. Wainwright Organist, A. H. Beesley D.C., Capt. Temple I.G. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to ask Bro. Grummett's acceptance of a "Founder's Jewel," which had been voted by acclamation in the Lodge, in recognition of the prompt and hearty manner he had responded to their request to become their first W.M.; and also for his successful management, and the general high tone he had infused into the working of the Lodge, which would be a precedent for years to come. Bro. Grummett having suitably responded, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. During the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and were well received. In addition to the above the following visitors honoured the W.M. with their presence:—Bros. T. Smith jun. 213, R. F. Atkinson 1114, C. H. Rust 213, S. D. Deucher 213 S. F. Smith 1114.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Monday, the 25th instant, at Bro. Camden's, Atlantic, Brixton. Present—Bros. Stacey Preceptor, W. Lucas W.M., Hooper S.W., Stafford J.W., Camden Treasurer, Grammer Secretary, E. Venner S.D., West J.D., Wallman I.G., Hooker, Bond, Hampton, Wakefield, Reed, Eccles, and Burridge. The business comprised the working of the second section of the lecture by Bro. Stacey, the third section by Bro. Bond. The initiation ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Hooker as candidate. Brother Hooper was elected W.M. for Monday next.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Present—Bros. Marshall Preceptor, Mapleton W.M. and Secretary, Toulmein S.W., Brewer J.W., Dent S.D., De Paiva J.D., Knight I.G.; also Bros. S. Lea Smith, C. W. C. Webb, Bush and Gordon Smith. Visitors—Bros. Billinghamst, Godfrey and Mountford. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third, and resumed in the first degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. L. Smith acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Lodge was resumed in the third, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Toulmein was elected W.M. for the next meeting, Officers in rotation, the W.M. giving notice that the work would be the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board. Bros. Billinghamst, Godfrey and Mountford were unanimously elected members. Lodge was then closed.

Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Old Cheshire Cheese, Adde Street, E.C. Present—Bros. C. J. Fox W.M., Mitchell S.W., Watkins J.W., Sparrow Secretary, Coxon S.D., Watkins I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lester candidate; and then the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Comyns as the candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lloyd for his kindness in presenting the Lodge with pedestals and working tools, and to the W.M. for excellent work done. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

ON Wednesday, the 27th instant, there was an imposing Masonic ceremonial in Bristol, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. A. F. Powell as Provincial Grand Master, in succession to Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who has recently resigned on account of his increased public duties occupying so much of his time as to render it difficult for him to devote the attention to his Masonic duties that he could have wished. Bro. Powell is a very old Mason, having been initiated so far back as 1843, in the Moira Lodge, now known as the Moira Lodge of Honour, No. 326, of which he is the oldest subscribing member. He attained the high rank of W.D.P.G.M. in 1853, acting under the late Bro. Shute, the then R.W.P.G.M., and subsequently the Earl of Limerick, who was installed as Grand Master of the Province of Bristol in 1867. Bro. Powell also holds the high position of P.G.D. of England. From the great respect in which Bro. Powell has been held in the Province of Bristol for so many years, it is scarcely a matter for wonder that his promotion by the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the head of the Order, was very popular throughout the Province, and that the installation ceremony, on Wednesday, should have drawn together probably the largest and most brilliant assemblage of Freemasons that has ever been witnessed among the fraternity in the Province. The Masonic Hall, in Park-street, spacious as it is, was far too limited in size to accommodate the brethren who had expressed their intention to be present, and accordingly it was found necessary to engage the Victoria-rooms, and it was here that the ceremony and the subsequent banquet took place. Of the proceedings of the Especial Provincial Grand Lodge we can only say that they were most impressive, and that they were conducted according to ancient Masonic custom by Brother the Earl of Limerick, assisted by Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke. The newly-installed Grand Master appointed as his Deputy Bro. J. R. Bramble, who is a member of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, and who has for many years filled the office of Provincial Grand Registrar. Bro. Bramble's successor as Prov. Grand Registrar is Bro. W. E. Parry P.M. Jerusalem Lodge, No. 686. In the evening there was a grand banquet, over which the P.G.M. presided. Covers were laid for 150. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons, has been graciously pleased to appoint Bro. Colonel Gough, LL.D., to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire and Colonel Gough has appointed Bro. Colonel Binley to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

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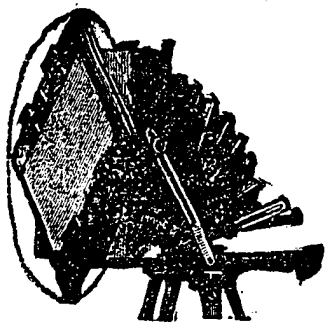
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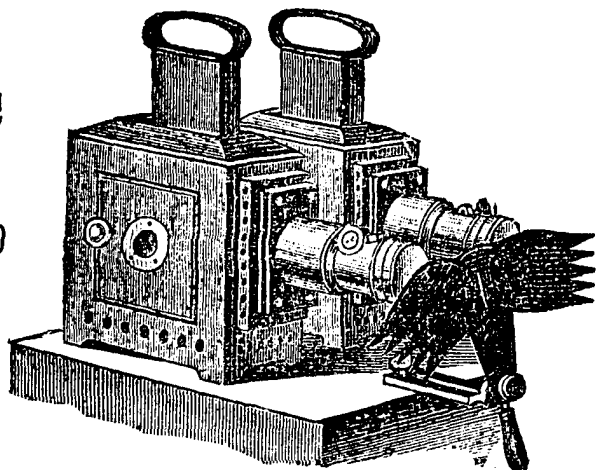
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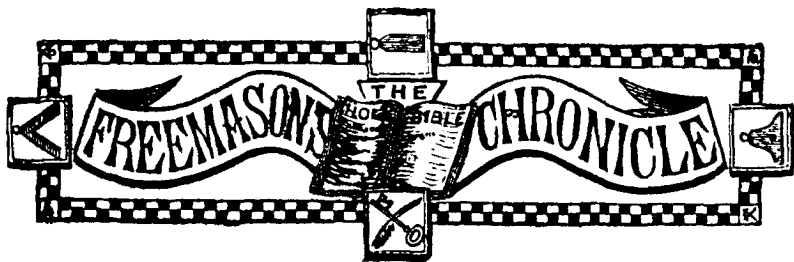
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SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH 1889.

BRO. JACOB NORTON AND HIS "FURTHER COMMENTS" ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

BY BRO. H. SADLER.

A PART from the admission that Bro. Norton was wrong in accusing Laurence Dermott of being a forger as well as a fool, I see very little in his article of the 9th February that has not appeared in his previous "Comments," and has been dealt with to the best of my ability.

I shall not, therefore, waste my time and occupy valuable space by any further attempts to refute the stale slanders and unfounded assertions which form its distinguishing features. If Bro. Norton derives pleasure from the continual performance of the operation of "kicking a dead man," I should be exceedingly sorry to deprive him of so safe and easy a mode of enjoying himself, although I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that he should not devote his time and undoubted talents to a worthier purpose, and one more in keeping with his natural disposition.

The imputation of being "infatuated with Dermottism, &c.," and that I have worked myself "into a mere partizan of Dermott and Co.," has not up to the time present disturbed my rest in the smallest degree, for, without searching the pages of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," I feel pretty sure there is nothing therein to render such an assertion justifiable. I simply look upon it as one of those fanciful flights of imagination so common to all great geniuses, and especially so to Bro. Jacob Norton, being one of the most characteristic and attractive features of his contributions to Masonic literature.

In reply to the continued animadversions on the adoption by Dermott of the title "Ancient York Masons," I can only repeat that I fail to see why Bro. Norton should be so very angry with Dermott for having utilised this little scrap of Masonic history in the way he did, bearing in mind that, from the days of Anderson down to the present time, we have been taught to believe that we are all descendants of the Masons who held the first Grand Lodge at York in the year 926.

It seems to me that the proper person on whom to vent his spleen would be the father of Masonic historians, Anderson, as he appears to have been the first to promulgate the story. Whether Dermott is deserving of praise or censure for having brought it more prominently before the brotherhood is a mere matter of opinion, and notwithstanding the severity of Bro. Norton's remarks I still think that a certain amount of credit is due to his forethought in this matter. I should be exceedingly reluctant to say that Bro. Norton is a victim to blind partizanship and unreasoning prejudice, but perhaps he can explain how it is that he has not a word of condemnation for Heseltine, Grand Secretary of the "Moderns," the writer of the letter on p 179, wherein he says:—"The Society of Ancient York Masons, under Direction of the G.L., was Transferred many years ago to London." . . . "Upon the whole, Sir, your Lodge will no doubt discover the total fallacy of Mr. Law. Dermott's account, and that ours is the real Ancient Grand Lodge of York . . ." and Preston, their historian, who says: "Under the fictitious sanction of the Ancient York Constitution, which was *entirely dropt at the revival of the Grand Lodge in 1717* . . ."

Now, to my thinking, Dermott's offence, assuming it to have been an offence, when compared with these palpable falsehoods, is of the mildest description, but the authors of them were the opponents of Dermott, consequently Bro. Norton believes in them; they have "found favour in his sight," although he "disbelieves anything and everything that was written by Dermott." He will not even accept the explanation given in "Ahiman Rezon," probably in reply to some Jacob Norton of the 18th century.

"They are called York Masons, because the first Grand Lodge in England was congregated at York, A.D. 926."

If Bro. Norton will do me the honour of reading my last reply to his "Comments" he will find that I fully discussed several of the subjects presented in the latter portion of the article now before me, including the question of Dermott's having joined a "modern" Lodge, which he says I have never disproved or denied.

I cannot, however, pass over, without an appearance of disrespect, which I am far from feeling, the paragraph which contains the opinion of my redoubtable opponent on the "seventy worthies immortalized by the pen of John Morgan in 1751." I make 78 of them, but a few more or less is not a matter of importance, since Brother Norton believes "that every one of them were initiated in regular chartered Lodges, either in England, Ireland, or elsewhere." I am inclined to think this *belief* will not be shared by many of the readers of the CHRONICLE, in the face of the following declaration, copied from Morgan's Register, and printed on pp 76-77 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," with the names of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of seven Lodges who were present at the time it was written:

"And whereas several of the Lodges have congregated and made Masons without any Warrant (not with a desire of Acting wrong, but thro: the Necessity above mention'd), in order to Rectify such irregular proceedings (as far as in our power) it is hereby Order'd That the Grand Secretary shall write Warrants (on Parchment) for the Unwarranted Lodges, viz., The Lodges known by the Title of No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that all the said Warrants shall bear date July the Seventeenth One thousand Seven hundred fifty and One being the day on which the said Lodges met (at the Turk's head Tavern, in Greek-street, Soho), to revive the Ancient Craft."

That some of these original members were initiated in regular Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland is evinced by the Records, but that fact does not in my opinion warrant their being branded as "rebels," "schismatics," and "seceders" from the Grand Lodge of England, although according to the peculiar mode of reasoning adopted by Bro. Norton and certain other of my critics they fully deserved these titles.

The choice collection of contemptuous epithets which my opponent so lavishly and indiscriminately hurls at his Masonic ancestors forcibly reminds me of an old saying, "It is an ill bird that befouls its own nest." I should have thought that respect, if not affection, for his "own dear mother Lodge" would have induced him to use milder and more appropriate language when referring to the body from which it emanated than "riff-raff," "scum," "charlatans," "scalawags," and "perjurers."

It is an infallible sign of the weakness of a cause when its defender substitutes abuse for argument, and of this weakness Bro. Norton has given abundant evidence in the whole of his series of "Comments" in opposition to the theory of "no-secession," but as yet he has not offered a scrap of evidence to disprove or even disturb that theory.

It is not for me to dictate to him any particular mode of discussing this question, yet, as an expression of opinion only, I think he might well have been content with the true description given by me of the organizers of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, viz., that they consisted chiefly of Irish mechanics and labourers, neither better nor worse than the same class in the present day. This in my opinion accounts at once for the absence of stability with regard to their *five* original Lodges which seems to puzzle him considerably, and for which he can find no better explanation than the "ignorance of their members." The absurdity of Bro. Norton's concluding paragraphs is on a par with the cool assurance of his extraordinary proposals. For my own part I am inclined to think that my old friend is indulging in a little pleasantry at my expense. Should I, however, be mistaken, and he is really serious, I will tell him that so far as I am personally concerned, he may at once abandon all hope that I shall accede to his preposterous recommendation unless something of a more reliable and tangible character than his "belief" can be adduced in support of it; and as for the Masons of "Ancient" descent, I have no doubt they are well able to take care of their own interests, quite as capable indeed as were their forefathers in 1813. Still, as Brother Norton appears to feel strongly on this matter I would suggest that he tries the effect of his new doctrine on his "own dear mother Lodge," which is about to celebrate its Centenary. I make no doubt that he would have a hearty welcome, and that his proposal would receive all the consideration its importance and originality merits.

I come now to Bro. Norton's article of 9th of March,

and I trust he will pardon me if I do not give as much attention to each paragraph as he may think it deserves; the fact is I am now closely occupied with other matters, which cannot well be deferred.

I have first to thank him most sincerely for his endeavours to clear away the dust with which he says I have unintentionally bespattered the eyes of my readers. I was not aware that I had done anything of the kind, having heard no complaints of that nature on this side of the Atlantic, where I may fairly assume that a great majority of the readers of the CHRONICLE are to be found. If, however, I have been so unfortunate, I can only say that I am exceedingly sorry for it, and I hope that the efforts of Bro. Norton have been completely successful. My explanation of the sentence quoted by Bro. Norton from p 130 of "Facts and Fictions" is, that it formed a portion of my remarks on the Grand Lodge *Seals* of the "Ancients," their Warrants being mentioned elsewhere, and that is why the words "complete Warrant" were used. If Bro. Norton considers a Warrant *complete* without the Grand Lodge seal, I have only to say that I do not. I am therefore under the necessity of reminding him that by omitting the word "complete" he did *not* repeat what I had printed: his words being, "Bro. Sadler, however, never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772," whereas in another part of the book I had stated that I had two older ones before me, viz., one of 1757 and the other of 1759.

I beg to apologise to Brother Norton for having misunderstood his reference to the Nova Scotian documents, which I have never seen, and he has not at hand to refer to. I have looked over his "Comments" again, and I imagine I must have been misled by the following sentence: "Both documents are headed with 'Blesinton,' but neither of them are signed by the Grand Master, but by 'Lan. Dermott, G. Sec.' The question therefore is, did Lord Blessington ever sign a Warrant at all?" Now, as the foregoing is a portion of the lengthy accusation against Dermott of having forged the signature of the Grand Master, I think Bro. Norton will admit that my mistake was not an unnatural one. However, I accept with pleasure his disclaimer that he did not accuse Dermott of having committed forgeries for "exportation," but merely for "home consumption." Notwithstanding Bro. Norton's recent explanation, I must confess to being still somewhat hazy with regard to these documents, which he says, "are headed 'Blesinton' and yet not signed by that nobleman but by Dermott, and I think it not at all unlikely that if I could but get a sight of them I should come to the conclusion that they bear the actual signature of the Grand Master as well as that of the Grand Secretary.

I am delighted to find that there is at last a prospect of a change of employment for me, and that instead of defending the Ancients from the abuse which has been so freely showered upon them I have now before me the much more congenial task of defending my own writings.

I have first to thank Bro. Norton for taking the trouble to point out the "mistakes in 'Facts and Fictions'"; it is what I have asked several of my friends to do, for however careful one may be, errors *will* occasionally creep in, but up to now I have had to make very few corrections. Various kinds of mistakes are to be met with in literary productions. There is the writer's mistake, the printer's mistake, and occasionally a mistake is made by the reader, but as a matter of course this rarely happens. It seems to me, however, that the "mistakes" to which Bro. Norton directs attention will be more easily found in his own fertile imagination than in the book he fancies he is criticising. For instance, I should like to know on what page he finds the first mistake, "Bro. Sadler claims that the Installation ceremony with word, grip, &c., was designed by Anderson, to be repeated after every election of a new Master for an old Lodge." To the best of my knowledge I have not made any such claim. I certainly did not mention "grip, word, &c.," nor did I state that the ceremony "was designed by Anderson." What I *did* say will be found on page 196, and is as follows:—

"If in addition to the foregoing we take into account the abolition of the ceremony of Installation (also enjoined and partly described in the Constitutions of 1723), and the important alterations made in the other ceremonies, I think we must admit, that after the year last mentioned the adherents of the regular Grand Lodge had done much to merit the distinctive title of 'Modern Masons,' the justice of which they tacitly acknowledged, as the records of the Lodge of Promulgation testify. Whereas the rival body having kept alive and continued to observe so many of the old customs of the

Order, had a stronger title to the appellation of 'Ancients' than has generally been accorded them."

Having gone very fairly and fully into this question of the installation ceremony in my previous replies to Brother Norton, I have too much regard for the patience of the readers of the CHRONICLE, to traverse the same ground again now, I shall therefore content myself with an appeal to their judgment, whether what Bro. Norton *believes*, what he feels *satisfied of*, what he has *no doubt of*, and what he considers he is *justified in inferring*, ought to be received as *evidence* of a mistake on my part?

(To be continued.)

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER LODGE.

PREVIOUS to the anniversary meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge of Mark Master Masons at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Tuesday the 16th inst., a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was consecrated, under the name of Henniker Lodge. A Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened, Bro. B. R. Bryant acting as Commander N., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M.M. as S., and Robt. Berridge G.D. of C. P.G.M.O. as J. The other Ark Mariners present were:—Bros. the Lord Henniker P.G.M. Eng. P.G.M. East Anglia, the Earl of Caithness, C. F. Matier P.G.W., N. Tracey and the Rev. R. O. Davies, B.D., D.C.L. After the opening of the Lodge the following brethren were elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners:—Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.G.C. 70, Harris Hills 154, Major W. Dods 317, Hugh W. H. Elwes 317, C. A. B. Bignold, Geo. Abbott 70, A. J. Grimwade 70, J. A. James Peck 70, J. C. Norman 70, J. R. Geard 70, Fred C. Atkinson 70, and Geo. Gould 70. The ceremony of the consecration of the new Lodge was then proceeded with. Bro. C. F. Matier was the consecrating N., the chairs of S. and J. being filled respectively by Bros. the Earl of Caithness and the Rev. R. Peck, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn acting as Chaplain, and Bro. R. Berridge as Director of Ceremonies. The petition and warrant having been read, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn delivered an oration on the principles of Ark Masonry. He said the traditional history of Ark Masonry, which the brethren had heard in the ceremony just being concluded, showed it was derived from the traditional history of the great patriarch Noah, who with his sons Shem, Ham, and Japhet, were saved in the ark from the deluge which overwhelmed the rest of the world. Bro. Martyn pointed out the way in which the degree emphasized the virtues of moderation, temperance, brotherly love, and charity, and said if they endeavoured to carry out those virtues in their daily lives they would do something towards realising that grand ideal which ought to be the desire and ambition of all of them. He prayed that the Grand Commander of the Universe might bless them in their meetings there, and that the principles upon which the Order was founded would be transmitted through the Henniker Lodge from generation to generation. The impressive consecration ceremony was then proceeded with. The dedication prayer was read by the Chaplain, and the Invocation by the Consecrating N. The Presiding Officer and Grand Officers then formed a procession, and made a circuit of the Lodge, bearing corn, wine, oil, and salt. These were respectively sprinkled upon the Lodge board, and their signification explained by the Presiding Officer. At the conclusion of the ceremony, in accordance with the prayer of the petition, Bro. Lord Henniker was installed as the First Commander N. Lord Henniker, in taking his seat, thanked the founders of the Lodge for placing him in the honourable position of first Commander N. He was always very glad, as an old Suffolk Mason, to have a fresh link between himself and the brethren living in the province over which he presided, and particularly to have a fresh link connecting him with any Lodge situate in Ipswich. He was very grateful to them, and he was sure the brethren would join with him in thanking the two brethren who had come down from Grand Lodge to help them in the consecration, Bros. Matier and Berridge. It had been his good fortune to work with them for a good many years in the Mark Degree, and he did not know two more valuable brethren. He also thanked Bro. Bryant for the admirable manner in which he presided over the Lodge and elevated the newly-elected brethren. In conclusion, Lord Henniker expressed the hope that Henniker Lodge of Ark Mariners would prosper to the same degree as the other Lodges in the Province. The officers of the Lodge were installed, as follow:—Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn J., N. Tracy S., the Rev. R. N. Sanderson S.D., the Rev. R. Peck J.D., A. J. Grimwade Scribe, H. W. H. Elwes D. of C., J. C. Norman Steward, the Rev. R. O. Davies Org., G. Abbott Guardian. The Ark Mariners Lodge was then closed.

The Second Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Association, under the combined sanction of the Beaconsfield and Warner Lodges of Instruction, has been inaugurated at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow. It has a strong Committee of energetic brethren, Bro. John Wildash P.M. 1662 being its President, and Bros. W. Shurmur 2256 and T. Scoresby Jackson J.W. 2256, its vice-presidents. The Treasurers are Bros. Ffrench Bromhead and Wm. Nicholls, both of the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662, which now meets on Wednesday evenings, instead of Mondays, as heretofore.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday afternoon, 22nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, under the presidency of Companion J. H. Sillito, of Manchester, Provincial Second Grand Principal, who officiated in the unavoidable absence of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Grand Superintendent. There were about 100 Companions present, including Comp. Henry Smith, of Wakefield, Prov. G.S.E. West Yorkshire. The minutes of the last regular meeting, held in Blackburn in March last, were read and confirmed. The roll of Chapters was called over, and only two of the Chapters comprised in the Province were found to be unrepresented. The report of the Provincial Principal was read and adopted, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts, certified as correct by the auditors, were found satisfactory and unanimously adopted. Comp. William Duncan, M.D., Z. 221, Bolton, was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following Officers were invested:—

J. H. Sillito	.	.	Prov. 2nd Principal
A. Clegg	.	.	3rd Principal
John Chadwick	.	.	Scribe E.
E. G. Harwood	.	.	Scribe N.
W. S. Barlow	.	.	P.S.
John Booth	.	.	1st Assist. Sojourner
John Kenyon	.	.	2nd Assist. Sojourner
W. V. Stallon	.	.	Registrar
N. Dumville	.	.	Sword Bearer
Thomas Schofield	.	.	Standard Bearer
C. D. Cheetham	.	.	Director of Ceremonies
G. V. Blaikie	.	.	Assistant D.C.
W. Lamb	.	.	Organist
James Newton	.	.	Scribe E.
Thomas Higson	.	.	Janitor
C. Crabtree	.	.	} Auditors
E. Williams	.	.	

On the proposition of Comp. E. G. Harwood, Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, the sum of £10 was granted to that Institution. The business having been concluded, the Chapter was closed, and a banquet followed at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of Comp. J. H. Sillito, acting Grand Superintendent. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a glee party (Messrs. Barnes, Green, Binns, and Walls) in attendance, under the direction of Mr. Wm. Greenhalgh, organist and choirmaster St. Anne's Church, Turton, rendered selections during the proceedings.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. M.E.Z. and Preceptor, Murché H., Benedetti J., Stone S.E., Oldfield S.N., C. H. Stone P.S., Addington, Wilson, Briant, Neeld, Wicks, Martin, Davis and G. L. Moore. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Benedetti for his able work as J., for the first time. The annual supper will take place on 5th April, with Comp. Hilton in the chair.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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LOYAL BRUNSWICK PRECEPTORY.

A CONVOCATION was held on the 21st instant, in the Masonic Chapter-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Frater F. R. Tomes P.P.G.A. was elected a joining member. Comps. A. J. Verdi and J. Leonard were installed Fraters of the Order and admitted members of the Preceptory. The E. Preceptor-elect S.K., D. Cross P.D.C. 18 degree was installed. The Officer was Very Eminent S.K. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st degree Provincial Prior of Devon. The Officers invested were Fraters S.K. J. H. Keats P.W. of R. P.E.P., J. Du Pre Constable, F. Crouch Marshal, Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, J. H. Keats Treasurer, F. R. Thomas Registrar, J. R. Wilson Sub-Marshal P.G.T., G. Dansterville P.A.D.C. Captain of Guard, J. Leonard Standard Bearer, A. J. Verdi Standard Bearer, J. Gidley Equerry. The annual refection was held in the evening at the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Club, Plymouth. E. Preceptor D. Cross presided. After the refection a very pleasant evening was passed. Between the toasts the V.E. the Provincial Grand Prior the Rev. T. W. Lemon availed himself of an opportunity to give the Fraters a very interesting account of the history of the Order from the date of its foundation in A.D. 1118. From that date to the present, he said, it had continued to exist. It suffered in A.D. 1313 great

persecutions from Philip the Fair of France and Pope Clement the Vth., also the martyrdom of the then Grand Master Jacques de Molai, on 11th March of that year. Those events had occasioned great changes in the relations of the Order in many countries to the outer world. But it had maintained an unbroken history to the present day. Although the machinations of the King of France and the Pope then occasioned an apparent suppression of the Order, Jacques de Molai before his death appointed his successor, and an unbroken line of Grand Masters had existed ever since.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—At a visit recently paid to this theatre we were glad to find "Faust up to Date" going strong, and proving as attractive as ever. This doubtless may be explained by everything being "up to Date," new jokes, songs, and skits on the topics now before the public being brought in during the evening. Among the new songs we may mention one by Miss Violet Cameron, who, as Faust, scores well. "The Widow," in place of "Enniscorthy," is now sung by that great favourite E. J. Lonnen, who has worked the business of Mephistopheles up wonderfully. On the occasion of our visit Miss Florence St. John was indisposed, but an able substitute was found in Miss Grace Pedley. This young lady, who is of prepossessing appearance, acted with spirit, while her singing of the songs allotted Marguerite were much admired, and in several instances redemanded. The dance by a quartette of ladies is still a great attraction. Miss Fanny Robina scores well as Siebel, while Miss Marie Jones has added several little touches to her part. Messrs. George Stone, Harry Parker, and E. H. Haslem lend valuable aid, the "business" of the former being especially good.

Mr. Griffith's matinee will take place at the Shaftesbury, on the 4th April, when a new play, by Malcolm Watson, called "Calumny," in which Miss Wallis (Mrs. Lancaster), Miss Robertha Erskine, Miss Dairrolles (by permission of Messrs. Gatti); Messrs. Ellwood, Fred Terry, Matthew Brodie, Frank Farren, Aylmer, and William Farren have kindly consented to appear. The piece will be produced under the direction of M. Marius. Mr. Charles Collette, Mr. Sidney Brough (by permission of John Hare, Esq.), and Miss Mary Collette will also appear in a new comedieta.

The programme for Mr. E. J. Lonnen's Benefit at the Gaiety is now out, and amongst other attractions we may mention the re-appearance of Mr. Edward Terry, as Rob Roy, in Burnand's Burlesque "Robbing Roy"—the first act of the successful burlesque "Esmeralda," with the Beneficiare as "Claude Frollo," Messrs. Geo. and Fred Walton in the duel scene from G. R. Sims burlesque the "Of-Course-akin-Brothers," the Moore and Burgess Minstrel, and the following ladies and gentlemen, who will appear by permission of their respective managers:—Mesdames Kate Vaughan, Florence St. John, Violet Cameron, Madeline Shirley, Grace Pedley, Grace Woodward, Messrs. Arthur Roberts, Herbert Standing, Lawrence Kellie, James Fernandez, Mons. Marius, Chas. Collette, George Giddens, Charles Godfrey, Harry Parker, Alec Marsh, Chas. Coborn, J. Tapley, J. J. Dallas, Chas. Bertram, A. Chevalier, S. Caffrey, E. D. Ward, Dudley Causton, Alfred Moore, Walter Joyce, &c. &c. The musical conductors will be Herr Meyer Lutz, Walter Pallant and John Crook, while the stage management will be under the direction of Charles Harris, Frank Parker, and Robert Soutar.

The new opera, by Messrs. B. C. Stephenson and Alfred Cellier, which will be produced at the Lyric, on Saturday, 20th April, has been named "Doris."

At the Princess's in consequence of the success of Mr. Wilson Barrett's domestic drama "Now-a-Days," it was put in the evening bill on Monday, the 25th inst., and in future will be played every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. "Good Old Times" will occupy the bill on every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. There will also be matinees each week of "Now-a-Days" on Wednesdays, and of "Good Old Times" on Saturday afternoons.

Several of the personal friends of Brother George Moy, who had gained their good opinion while conducting the destinies of the business with which he was associated at Ye Olde White Harto, 191 Drury Lane, and later on at the Shirland Hotel, Maida Vale, assembled at the Old King's Head, corner of Euston Road and Hampstead Road, on Tuesday last, to wish him success in this his latest venture. Bro. Moy succeeds Bro. Spurgin as proprietor of this vast establishment, and carries with him the best wishes of a troupe of friends, who recognise in him a man of undaunted perseverance and strict integrity. Amongst those present we may mention Messrs. Buer (of the Horse Shoe Hotel), Wyer (Messrs. Clayton Brothers), Bros. J. W. Warner, J. W. Smith, W. M. Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, J. Powdrell, R. Ross, James G. Smith, H. Dickey, Jervis, A. Rowland, H. Sillis, Walden (of the Moorgate Saloon), W. H. Barling W.M. 1714, J. Littlejohn, A. H. Scurrah, W. W. Morgan, E. Davis, &c. We endorse the many good wishes tendered on this occasion, and add a fervent expression of hope that this new venture will result satisfactorily to Bro. Moy.

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, 30th MARCH.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at P. (Instruction)
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 1st APRIL.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke of Devonshire, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Cannon-street, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
 1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2098—Harlesden National School, Harlesden
 R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstable
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynn's Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1350—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1510—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 37—Vyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 56—Constitutional, Beaufort Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Herrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1638—Browrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Northampton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 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- 938—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 1092—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
- 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
- 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
- 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
- 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
- 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
- 1274—Earl of Durlam, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
- 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
- 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
- 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
- 1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
- 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
- 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
- 1842—St. Leonard, Concessions Rooms, St. Leonard-on-Sea
- 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
- R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
- R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
- R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
- R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
- R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 4th APRIL.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 878—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern; Millbank
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1998—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
- R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
- R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 60—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
- 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
- 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimstey
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1370—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padham, near Burnley

- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1699—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
- 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 187—Charity Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Arlv. St., Openshaw, Man
- R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
- M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 5th APRIL.

- Festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
- 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.)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Bulls Pond Road
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 453—Chigwell, Pub'c Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hatfield.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Canal Works
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Sale-street, Stockport.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 6th APRIL.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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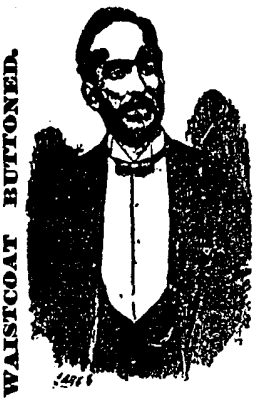
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