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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WE scarcely know how to approach the task that this week devolves on us,—to report in a suitable and explicit manner even a tithe of what has taken place in regard to the future action to be taken as to the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Unfortunately the unruly element has prevailed, and the welfare of the Charity we were all so proud of has been seriously, if not fatally, jeopardised. In writing thus strongly, we may, perhaps, be accused of adopting a pessimistic view of the situation. This is not our intention; we, however, cannot forget the fact that the demands on the funds of our several Charitable Institutions are of a very heavy character, and that the means for their supply do not rest on a permanent foundation, consequently the flow of occasional contributions should not be checked or their passage diverted by any unwise agency or ill-considered verdict, whether arrived by individual members of the Craft, or Lodges in their corporate capacity. It is all very well to say, "we will not subscribe," or "not a penny piece shall leave my pocket;" do those who thus express themselves know what this declaration means? It is a recognised fact that last year the expenditure on behalf of the Boys' School exceeded the receipts by a considerable amount, but this result had been discounted by the special efforts made to make the Girls' School Centenary a feature, and until this cloud had "low'r'd upon our house" every hope was entertained that the financial position would adjust itself, and that the Boys' School coffers would be replenished ere the year 1889 came to a close. The anticipations for the coming Festival were of an eminently satisfactory character; a strong board of Stewards had tendered their services; rumours were abroad of strong lists already made up, and every phase of the scene looked hopeful and encouraging. But what is the situation now? Doubt, Gloom and Misapprehension reign supreme, and some of the most sanguine of the Institution's supporters seem appalled at the hapless prospect before them.

Now, are all these woful prognostications and dreadful forebodings to be absolutely received? We say, emphatically,—No. Let us take a glance at the situation. The Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed to inquire into the discipline, expenditure and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys presented to, and approved by, the Quarterly General Court which met on the 26th April last. At that meeting a decision was arrived at that the said Report should be printed and universally circulated amongst those who had subscribed to the Institution, and were interested in its welfare. We are bound to say a vast majority of those who studied the Report and the recommendations therein laid down, came to conclusions, that from our point of view, were extreme ones; while others, from motives we cannot solve, are striving by every means in their power to exaggerate the evil. When the Committee of Investigation recommend "an entire change in administration," it need not be construed that an entire change of management must result, or that those brethren who have so long given their services and their time to the Institution should stand back and let their places be taken by the first recruits who fancy

they have the seasoned experience of well-trying soldiers. By all means strengthen your controlling forces, but do not disband your veterans until your youngsters know how to carry and utilize their weapons.

We will now, as briefly as possible, sum up the events of the week as regards the Institution under notice. On Saturday, the 1st instant, the General Committee of the School held their monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a very large attendance, but we regret to say very little business resulted. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a strong discussion ensued. In the end, it was proposed that the meeting stand adjourned for four weeks. This proposition was eventually agreed to, and there for the present the matter rests.

We now come to the proceedings at the Special General Court, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 6th instant. The meeting must be congratulated on having secured for its Chairman so experienced a President as the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; while the representative men who were in attendance testified by their presence that our Provincial brethren are fully alive to the magnitude of the issues that are at stake. As in the case of the meeting on Saturday last, we are not disposed to give a detailed account of what transpired. Suffice it to say, many cruel assertions and unwarrantable charges were formulated; but let us come to issues. The Report was considered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Its adoption was then formally proposed, and this was unanimously agreed to. A long and stormy discussion followed, and this resulted in a proposition being made by Brother Bevir (Wiltshire) that a Provisional Committee be immediately appointed to watch the interests of the Institution, such Committee to consist of the following brethren:—Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Sir Reginald Hanson, John Derby Allcroft, Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Sir Robert Fowler, George Corble (Essex), J. Glass (Essex), Major George Lambert (London), Lord Euston, Captain S. G. Homfray, R. V. Smith (Gloucestershire), W. F. Smithson (West Yorkshire), Col. Perkins (Somerset), Alderman Harwood (E. Lancashire), J. S. Eastes (Kent), Gerard Ford (Sussex), Le Feuvre (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), A. C. Spaul (Salop), Bodenham (Staffordshire), Wylie (West Lancashire), and Edward Terry Grand Treasurer. The functions of this Provisional Committee will be to consider the Report, and advise as to the best means to be adopted with a view to carry out the recommendations therein contained. It was also decided that the conclusions to be arrived at should be submitted to a Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers. Brother Philbrick here remarked it was his opinion that the brethren who composed the Investigation Committee would best consult the interests of the Institution and their own feelings if the present meeting would not ask them to discharge any further duty of an official nature. However, they would readily give any assistance that was needed in the way of explanation of the recommendations. Bro. Bevir's proposition was seconded by Bro. W. F. Smithson, and carried unanimously; whereupon Bro. Philbrick said, if it was the wish of the meeting, he would put aside personal feelings and act as desired. The Chairman thought the matter might very well be left in the hands of the gentlemen whose names were embodied in the resolution, and so

the meeting was brought to a close, after a cordial vote of thanks had been given to Brother Beach for presiding.

During the last few days we have received several communications in regard to the School. We select the following as embodying the general opinions of our correspondents:—

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I, and doubtless other Provincial Masons, went up to London, on Saturday last, to attend the meeting called to elect the House Committee. No voting took place, and the meeting was adjourned for a month.

Now, as I, and possibly others, cannot afford either the time or the money to go up again, cannot some resolution be proposed so that the opinion of Provincial Brethren can be taken without putting them to the expense of going up to London again?

Can we on this crucial question be allowed to vote by proxy?

Yours obediently,

M.M. 236.

4th June 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND,—I think it right that you should be made aware of what occurred at the meeting held on Saturday, the 1st of June, at the Freemasons' Tavern, which was supposed to consist of Life Governors of the Masonic Boys' School only, but from what I saw I hope they were not all Freemasons, otherwise we have descended in the scale since I was initiated.

It was much to be regretted that the Secretary, with his large experience, had not secured a larger hall, as the room in which we met was much too small for the assembly, but perhaps he was unable to secure one. The room in which we met quickly filled, to the exclusion of yourself and many others (whose presence there would have been most desirable), and in a short space of time they were packed literally like herrings in a barrel. The heat was most oppressive, and the atmosphere became almost pestiferous, so as to render it scarcely endurable.

I have, as you know—as a Member of Parliament and a Magistrate of many years' standing—had some experience of political and other public meetings, where bitterness and rancour had full swing, but I never saw a body of men behave more disgracefully than those who disturbed the meeting on Saturday. Order and Brotherly regard were out of the question. They stormed, howled, and shrieked at the top of the voice, like raving maniacs let loose from a lunatic asylum; in fact, I doubt if the maniacal patients would not have paled into mildness itself by their side. Unfortunately, the Chairman was unequal to the occasion, and very soon lost any semblance of authority; in truth, one of the "shouters," whose views were voted out of order, took upon himself the right to call for a show of hands, and virtually declared the Chairman himself to be out of order.

Now I should have thought that the Chairman would then, when he found that his authority was not supported, have dissolved the meeting. The more especially as previously (notwithstanding a motion was proposed to the contrary) the minutes and other data, giving full power to the existing Committee and other officers had been confirmed by the meeting. Further, in opposition to a motion for adjournment, the Chairman ruled that the election of the Committees must proceed, and be completed that day. Then came the deluge. The Chairman and the gentlemanly element being soon overpowered by the ravings of the malcontents, who eventually appeared to carry the adjournment, but not until after the hour when, by the rules, further business was inadmissible.

Believe me, very truly yours,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF 40 YEARS' STANDING.

London, 4th June 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I have been much grieved by the reports lately as to the management, &c., &c., of the Boys' School, and must say that, according to my experience as regards my son, who has now been there five years, the evil complained of appears to me to be exaggerated; for I can truly say that he has fared better than his elder brothers—who were placed in private schools—in respect not only of health, but also of moral and mental training. My son has had illness and accidents, but these take place in every school, in spite of Masters' watchfulness; but when illness occurred, the care and kindness shown exceeded that of the private schools where my other boys were. I think that the mothers who have been satisfied with their boys' health, training, and education should be called upon to send in their names, and I feel sure that over half (within the last five years) will have no hesitation in doing so. This would be the surest test to satisfy subscribers that their generosity and kindness has not been thrown away, nor "Charity Muddled," and that whatever faults may be found, the thanks and blessing of hundreds of mothers and their boys will still be theirs for the inestimable benefits conferred.

I hope, Dear Sir, that you may be able to act upon my suggestion, as it strikes me as unjust to the School's kind Masters and its general staff that no voice should be raised in their favour at this crisis.

THE MOTHER OF A PUPIL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I am a Lewis, and my father constituted me a Life Governor of one, if not two, of the Masonic Charities, and I feel

assured looks forward with great pleasure to the time when, he said, he might initiate me (three months hence by the way) into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

On Saturday last, the 1st of June, I agreed to meet a friend at the Freemasons' Hall, he having occasion to attend a meeting there of Life Governors. The time appointed was between 4.30 and 5 o'clock, with the view of our proceeding afterwards for a ramble in the country. When I arrived I was told to proceed along a dark corridor, where I prepared to await my friend. I had no sooner entered than I was made painfully aware of loud howling and shrieking, emanating from a room at the extreme end of the corridor, which, by the way, seemed to have the effect of inducing several gentlemen who were in advance of me to retrace their steps and retire. The noise was so great, and the violence so extreme, that it brought to my mind most vividly what I had read of the scenes in Paris during the Reign of Terror, only that there were no women in it. After a little time I ventured to push open the door, which was not fastened, and the scene which I then beheld baffles my powers of description. Many were standing on tables and chairs, vociferating and gesticulating violently, and all speaking at the same time. I need not say that I quickly beat a retreat and regained the street, where I awaited my friend, who arrived overpowered with emotion. I thought it prudent to make no remark as to what I had seen, but I made up my mind from that moment that if such was the conduct of Masons at their meetings, I should think, "once, twice—aye, thrice," before I became a Freemason.

Yesterday I casually mentioned what I had seen and heard to another friend, who was kind enough to say that I was a "Novice," and that it was all quite right. He, however, suggested that it would be wise to send an account of what I saw to the Masonic Journals, hence my sending you this, in the hope that it may reach the eyes of the better class of Masons. I can, however, aver that the Freemasons whom I have occasionally met at my father's table were a very different class of men to those whom I saw on Saturday, otherwise I should never have thought of becoming a Freemason.

Yours faithfully,

"A NOVICE."

London, 5th June 1889.

[We have heard a great deal said as to whether or no the House Committee has ceased to exist. We venture to reply as follows:—The House Committee still live. The meeting at which they should have been re-elected, or otherwise, stands adjourned. When the meeting re-assembles, the business on the original paper can be considered and adjudicated on.—Ed. F.C.]

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Second Quarterly Communication of this year was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Rt. Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Colonel Sir F. Burdett acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Brother Hugh D. Sandeman as Past Grand Master. Before commencing the proceedings Brother Beach intimated that it had been the intention of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon to be present, but he was unexpectedly prevented from doing so. The formal business then commenced; the minutes of the Communication of March, and of the Grand Festival in April, were read and confirmed. Bro. Beach next explained the position held by the Freemasons in the Colonies of New South Wales and South Australia, and how United Grand Lodge of England had recognised these independent Grand Lodges as being lawful and regular. He was authorised by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to say that a report had been received from the Freemasons of another colony in Australia, viz., Victoria, stating that the Lodges belonging to their various jurisdictions have regularly and constitutionally formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, and that the movement is practically unanimous, 140 out of 142 Lodges having joined the new Grand Lodge; and that the new Grand Lodge had elected Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., who had hitherto held the appointment of District Grand Master of the three District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, as their new Grand Master. As the action thus taken appears to be similar to that followed in the case of the other two Australian Grand Lodges the Grand Master now recommends that the request be recognised and granted, with the distinct understanding that should the two Lodges which have not joined the new Grand Lodge still refuse to do so, and wish still to belong to the Grand Lodge of England, their position should be acknowledged and recognised by the new body. He had now, on the part of the M.W. the Grand Master, to move that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria be recognised. Bro. Philbrick seconded the motion, which

was carried without a dissentient voice. Bro. Beach then officially announced that H.R.H. the Grand Master had received a request from the newly recognised Grand Lodge of Victoria to become its Patron, and that, subject to their recognition by Grand Lodge that evening, His Royal Highness had given assent. Bro. Thos. Fenn was then formally re-invested as President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Chairman announced that there would be no election for the Colonial Board, as only the requisite number of members had been nominated, but the Most Worshipful Grand Master had nominated Lieut-Col. Haldane Chairman, Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker as members, and Bro. Gadsden to be Vice-Chairman. On the motion of Bro. Belton, Bro. John Smith (Harding and Co., accountants) was appointed Auditor of Grand Lodge. The brethren nominated for the Colonial Board and for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, as given in our last issue, were declared duly elected. Bro. Beach announced that the Grand Master had appointed the following brethren on the same Committee:—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Robert Turtle Pigot, D.C.L., Dep.-Insp.-Gen. Thomas Purchas, M.D., R.N., Frederick Mead, Thomas George Bullen, James Brett, Henry Garrod, William Henry Perryman, and David Dixon Mercer. The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence were confirmed. The report of the Board of General purposes, taken as read, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Brother Beach now said that Bro. Fenn had stated there was no proposition arising out of the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, and I quite agree with him; but I think there is a circumstance stated in those minutes which, though no doubt it is before various members of Grand Lodge, ought not to pass without some statement, and that is the resolution which is at the end—"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to the Very Worshipful Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year." There can be only one opinion as to the justness and appropriateness of this resolution of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Raynham Stewart's resolution:—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

was carried. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The following is the result of the ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes:—Bros. T. Hastings Miller W.M. 2192, Lennox Browne W.M. 2256, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 167, Capt. T. C. Walls W.M. 1656, E. C. Mulvey W.M. 179, Gordon Smith W.M. 14, J. L. Alex. Monckton, M.A., W.M. 197, George Gardner W.M. 2309, F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, Joseph D. Langton P.M. 2096, George Read P.M. 511, Tom Drew Bear P.M. 1584, William G. Lemon P.M. 165, and Henry Pritchard P.M. 1415.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

ON Monday, 27th ult., the annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, under the presidency of the Most Excellent Companion Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent. There was a large attendance of Principals and Past Principals of the several Chapters in the Province. After the transaction of some formal business, the consecration of a new Chapter—the "Blagdon Chapter," No. 659—was proceeded with. This we recorded last week. The new Lodge having been duly constituted, the installation of Officers for the Province was duly proceeded with, as follows:—

Comps. G. E. Macarthy	...	...	H.
M. J. Bird	...	...	J.
J. H. Bentham (re-appointed)	...	...	S.E.
R. L. Armstrong	...	...	Treasurer
J. Armstrong	...	...	Registrar
J. C. Ridley	...	...	P.S.
W. Macgall	...	...	1st Assist. Soj.
Jas. Eadington	...	...	2nd Assist. Soj.
G. D. Duncan	...	...	Sword Bearer
Read	...	...	Standard Bearer
George Spain	...	...	D.C.
J. Nicholson	...	...	Organist

The Convocation was afterwards closed in due form. The company then adjourned to the County Hotel, where a banquet was provided. Col. Addison Potter presided.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A REGULAR Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on the 27th ult. Comp. Lewis Myers, the M.E.Z. (whose year of office is thus completed), opened the Chapter punctually at 4 o'clock, assisted by the following Comps.:—H. P. Isaac P.Z. H., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Hon. Treasurer, W. Littaur P.Z., E. Liebman P.S., R. W. Goddard P.Z. Janitor, S. Lazarus P.Z. (founder of the Chapter), I. Botibol, A. Botibol, I. Meyers, Joseph Davis, Genese, Lewis Isaacs, W. Lyons, Straus, Weigel, Jacques Wynman, and several others. Visitors:—Comps. D. H. Jacobs P.Z., John Maclean, J. Ludlow Cross, &c., &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Comp. H. P. Isaac P.Z. was unanimously elected M.E.Z., Comps. J. W. Dewsnap P.Z. H., L. M. Myers I.P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., T. M. Lazarus P.Z. Hon. Treasurer, I. Botibol S.N., E. Liebman P.S., W. Lyons 1st A.S., A. Botibol 2nd A.S., R. W. Goddard P.Z. Janitor. Afterwards, Comp. J. W. Dewsnap H. proposed that the I.P.Z. should be presented with a jewel, towards which the sum of three guineas should be taken from the Chapter funds. This was unanimously agreed to. The I.P.Z. thanked the Companions for the way they had received the proposition, and hoped the M.E.Z. elect might have a still more profitable year than he had had. After the usual routine, the Chapter was closed, until the last Monday in November. The Companions partook of a most excellent banquet, at the Guildhall Tavern (where the Chapter will hold its future meetings). The M.E.Z., who presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. J. W. Dewsnap asked the M.E.Z. if the lady visitors might now be admitted; this was agreed to. Comp. Dewsnap again rose; now that we have the pleasure of the ladies' company, he might say he trusted that they would never be angry if their husbands were occasionally late in coming from the Chapter; the working that had to be done therein was of a very difficult character, and he might urge that the present M.E.Z. had laboured hard during his year of office. He (Comp. Dewsnap) would now propose his health. Comp. Myers, in reply, said he was sorry to leave so honourable a chair, but it would only be for a short time. He hoped he had given satisfaction. The M.E.Z. elect, in responding to a toast given in his honour, thanked the M.E.Z. and Companions for having elected him to so proud a position. If the members brought him candidates they would see his heart was strong, and no doubt he would give them the same satisfaction as in former years. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, coupling with the toast the name of Comp. S. Lazarus, who is 94 years old, and a founder of the Chapter; he hoped that the Great Architect would grant him many more years of health. Comps. S. Lazarus, Littaur, Lazarus (Treasurer), Emanuel, and several others responded. Comp. I. Botibol S.N. also thanked the M.E.Z. for appointing him one of the Officers. The M.E.Z. had much pleasure in proposing the health of the Visitors. Among them was an old friend, Comp. Maclean; also Comps. Cross, Jacobs and several others, who all responded in most suitable terms. Comps. Joseph Davis, H. B. Isaac, L. Myers, Maclean, W. Lyons, and several other Companions exerted themselves with excellent effect to enliven the evening's proceedings. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Abrahams for favouring the Companions with some excellent songs.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 31st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Moore Z. 169 H., Jackson J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Wingham P.S., Towers A.S., Neeld P.Z., Addington Z. 1275, Geo. Powell P.Z. Z. 1185, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 6th September. Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, was congratulated on the proud position of the Chapter. The name of Comp. Stone S.E. was coupled with this congratulation. Deep sympathy was expressed with Comp. Cowley P.Z. in his sufferings; a vote of sympathy was passed, and a hope expressed that he might soon be restored to health.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will this year be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock, under the Presidency of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

We regret our inability to attend the consecration meeting of the Viator Lodge, on Saturday last. The gathering was essentially a successful one, and this new Lodge may be congratulated on the bright future it, to all appearances, has before it.

HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.

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PART SECOND.

PASSING from those interesting historical associations which in themselves are so fruitful that they tempt us to an indefinite extension, we take up the second part of our discourse, relating to the manners, customs and doctrines of ancient Egypt, and will endeavour to establish an intimate relationship with the corresponding parts of Freemasonry as they exist to-day.

Manners and customs are almost synonymous terms, at least when applied to a nation, and they are generally shaped and fashioned by the laws of the established government.

Now, in Egypt the entire system which dominated all classes, and consequently made the manners and customs of the people, was an esoteric or unwritten creed, known only to those who had been initiated into the Egyptian Mysteries, which was to be kept inviolate, and the divulgence was punished with inflexible severity. While it was true that there existed an innumerable mass of sects, orders, societies and fraternities, each having its own peculiar signs and observances, yet the one known to the priests of Egypt, and which no doubt was given to them for the preservation of those sublime truths "derived from the Omnipotent," imparted by Him to the patriarchs, preserved through the storms and terrors of the deluge by Noah, and from him to his sons, and by them transmitted to the Egyptian priesthood, was the only secret organisation worthy of comparison with the Masonic Fraternity.

What were those mysteries which were so zealously guarded by those early workers in the valley of the Nile? All the nations except one were idolators or worshippers of false gods. It was in punishment for those iniquities that the flood-gates of heaven were opened, and for "forty days and forty nights" the storms raged that finally engulfed the earth.

But the desire of mankind for a multiplicity of deities again asserted itself. The "curse of Canaan" appeared in the numerous heathen mythologies; but among them all, before or after the deluge, Egyptian, Assyrian, Persian, Greek or Roman, there was always one mysterious, undefined, ineffable, unknown Being, to whom these people, heathen though they were, erected a temple, set up a column, inscribed a tablet or outlined a cartouche. Sometimes without a name, a mark or symbol, but generally either in their written language or in hieroglyphical lines, they dedicated it "to the unknown God."

Thus the great First Cause asserted Himself, and whether walking in the Garden of Eden, smiting the first born of Egypt, speaking out of the thunders of Sinai or glowing from the mercy-seat of the Shekinah, He was ever present. That universal feeling which pervades all diversified humanity, and runs through all creation, savage, civilised and enlightened, ancient and modern, was just as full of life and being five thousand years ago, among the priests and kings and people of Egypt, as it is to-day around the known and unknown globe.

One of the most striking characteristics of the ancient Egyptians was their intense devotion to the worship of the numerous deities found in the Egyptian pantheon. There is no people on record whose religious ceremonies were so ostentatiously displayed, and apparently so sincerely kept, as with the people of Egypt, and the multiplication of deities went on unceasingly. Each succeeding king was assigned a place in the pantheon and received divine honours, while beasts, birds and reptiles were held sacred and even worshipped; and we find monstrous additions made to their gods and goddesses, such as heads of crocodiles, goats, serpents and hawks. Even Temples were erected and dedicated to animal worship. "Apis has his priests and priestesses, and a 'white bull,' and a 'sacred heifer' are also mentioned as invested with a divine character."

But while it may seem strange that a people whose advancement in arts and sciences, even at that early period,

compares favourably with those of the present day, could indulge in such strange and even brutal customs; yet it is not difficult to account for such anomalies in Egyptian humanity.

The country itself was of unique and even wonderful formation. A mighty river, emerged out of an unknown region, into which no white man had ever penetrated, and this river, flowed nearly fifteen hundred miles through a narrow plain, the lands of which had been formed by the deposits made by the waters through countless ages.

You cannot speak of Egypt without mention of the Nile, just as you cannot treat of Freemasonry without reference to the Temple; and as the one was and is the great Masonic symbol, so was the "river of Egypt" to the Egyptians, the head and life and source from whence was born their country, and to the action of which was due its continued existence.

During the intervening months, from November until June, the river pursues its course smooth and tranquil to the sea. Suddenly and without apparent cause the waters begin to rise, and in a few days the whole country is submerged, the banks are lost, the river becomes a broad and continuous lake. The waters are dark and heavily charged with the alluvium brought from the unknown lands down in the interior of Africa, and so it continues for several months, when almost as suddenly as it rose, it subsides, and is again within its proper channels, leaving the country on either side covered with a rich soil, the most prolific in the yielding of bounteous crops and the most easily cultivated of any known religion under the sun.

A soft, dry, delicious climate, no storms, no rainfall, a sky never clouded, almost constant sunshine, heats tempered with cool breezes from the Mediterranean sea, all these circumstances combined to make an indolent, imaginative people devoted to the mysterious and supernatural. Those of the population who had been initiated into the Mysteries, being the educated and most intelligent portion of the community, encouraged the diversity of worships, and even assisted to increase them, and while pandering to the popular demand for the curious, the strange and even the monstrous, so shaped and directed the idolatry of the masses, that, unknown to themselves, the ignorant and superstitious Egyptians were paying homage to the one, true God. To those who will make themselves acquainted with the mythology of ancient Egypt, these facts will present themselves, and it is a comparatively easy task to commence at the entrance of the Egyptian pantheon, and by successive steps follow the different gradations of gods and goddesses, until we reach the head and source from which they all emanate, beginning and ending in the One I Am.

Ammon or Ammon was the head Divinity, out of whom emanated all the others. He was the great being corresponding to the Jehovah of the Israelites. "His name signified concealment or that which is concealed." He is the one whose voice might be heard, but whose face could not be seen, the dispenser of life, the creator of all things. Ammon is sometimes confounded with Osiris; but they were entirely distinct. One was spiritual, known only to the initiated, the other universal through all Egypt, before whom the dead were judged and sentenced.

Ammon to those initiated into the Mysteries was the "king of the gods," the "Lord of heaven," the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end. He is represented standing or seated upon a throne, holding in his hands the emblems of eternal life. The colour of his body when painted is blue, "which was supposed to indicate his exalted and heavenly nature." Ammon, originally a distinct and single god, was afterwards combined with Ra, the sun—one of the curious features of Egyptian polytheism, which made and unmade gods at the pleasure of the priests, and joined them together or separated them at will; thus Ammon in time became Ammon Ra!

Perhaps the deities most frequently mentioned in Egyptian mythology are Osiris and Isis. The titles given to these two deities are very numerous and conflicting. Osiris, generally taken as symbolic of the sun, was really the sun of the lower world, "the great deity of Amenti or Hades," while Isis is represented in the several characters of mother, sister, daughter and wife to Osiris, and is seen nursing their child, Hor or Horus. The story of those two Egyptian deities has been told so often that it is almost superfluous to mention it here. The legend as known to the Egyptians was that Osiris was at one time King of Egypt. Leaving the government in the care of Isis, he

made a journey to foreign countries and was attacked by the evil spirit, Set (who is also said to have been his brother), and his body was cut into numerous pieces and scattered throughout the country. After a long and patient search Isis succeeded in recovering the remains of her husband, while the son Horus sought for the murderer, discovered him in the form of a serpent, and killed him. There has been drawn from this myth an analogy of the serpent in the Garden of Eden and the fall of Adam, but we think the comparison is far fetched; yet it must be conceded that in most of those mythological legends there runs a vein of resemblance to the Genesis of Moses, and the several narratives of the Pentateuch.

It is not unreasonable for us to claim an affinity with those early searchers after truth. Did not they, as we, assert the everlasting principle of the immortal soul? In word and deed and ceremony, in their Temples and on their altars, and in the complicated and strange combinations of material and spiritual forms typifying the rising, the diurnal progress and setting of the material sun, was symbolised the same teachings, though in different forms, that Freemasonry imparts to her disciples. It was first in the East that the Ruler of the day came to warm and vivify the Earth and its inhabitants. In the West he descends and leaves the world to gloom and darkness; but the great light is not extinguished, it glows along the progress of time to all eternity, and with each succeeding revolution of the planet comes forth, all the more glorious, to shine for ever.

That these were the teachings and doctrines, that this was the end and aim of the Egyptian Mysteries, we cannot doubt, and who came after them, whether the Mithradates of Persia, the Eleusinians of Greece, the Druids of ancient Britain, all based their Mystic doctrines upon the assertion of the great first cause and the sequence of an immortality.

On the column at the left of the Worshipful Master, we have a representation of "the judgment of the dead"—the trial of a departed soul, conclusive proof of the belief of the ancient Egyptians in the everlasting life and the eternity of the spiritual existence. Why should they represent its judgment if they did not uphold its immortality? He comes before the tribunal, the dread judges of the dead, who sit in council to try the issue. He is weighed in the balance "by the goddess of truth and *Thoth*, who holds the office of writer in heaven," and if found worthy is again sent forth to complete his earthly pilgrimage, finally to be assigned a place in the imperishable temple.

A German author, Brugsch, gives a translation of the Egyptian doctrines relating to this important subject, and we will introduce it here as pertinent to our discourse.

"Each human soul was considered a part of the world-soul, Osiris, and was united to him after the death of the body, and thenceforth took the name of Osiris. The Egyptian cosmos consisted of the three great realms, the Heavens, the Earth and the Depths. Over the vast ocean which girdles the vault of Heaven, the sun moves in a boat or car, drawn by the planets and fixed stars. On this ocean, too, the great constellations circle in their ships, and there is the kingdom of the blissful gods, who sit enthroned above this heavenly ocean under a canopy of stars. The mouth of this great stream is in the East, where the Sun-god rises from the mists and is born again, as a child, every morning. The surface of the earth is inhabited by human beings, having a share in the three great cosmic Kingdoms. They receive their souls from the heights of heaven, the seat and source of light; their material body is of the earth, and the appearance or outward form by which one human being is distinguished from another at sight—his phantom or shadow, belongs to the depths. At death, soul, body and shadow separate from one another. The soul returns to the place from whence it came, to heaven—for it is a part of God; the body to be committed to the earth, from which it was formed, in the image of its Creator; the phantom or shadow to descend into the depths—the kingdom of shadows. The gate of this kingdom was placed in the West, among the sunset hills, where the sun goes down daily—where he dies. Thence arise the changeful and corresponding conceptions connected with being born and dying.

"The careful preservation of the body after death from destruction, not only through the progress of inward decay, but also through violence or accident, was in the religion of ancient Egypt a principal condition (perhaps introduced by the priests on sanitary grounds) on which depended

the speedy deliverance of the soul, and with this her earthly appointed union with the source of light and good, which two properties were, in idea, one and indivisible.

"In the Egyptian conceptions the soul was supposed to remain in a certain sense connected with the body during a long cycle of solar years. She could however quit the body from time to time at will, and could appear to mortals in various forms and places; these appearances differed according to the hour, and were prescribed in exact words and delineations."

It is scarcely necessary for me to point out to the Brethren the extraordinary resemblance between this ancient Egyptian cosmogony, and certain ceremonial known to the initiated in Freemasonry So closely are they allied that if it were possible that some one of those ancient mummies, perhaps once a Master of the Egyptian Mysteries, had shaken off the linen bandages which so long had swathed his withered limbs, and been again endowed with life and being, coming down to us out of his massive tomb to instruct and direct the work of a Masonic Lodge, it could not in form and ceremony, in word or deed more nearly resemble the rising and setting, the birth and death and resurrection of the Egyptian soul.

Then again, on rolls of papyrus representing the Book of Fate, was written the history of the early times, when Mizraim first came out of the unknown to rule over his allotted possessions. In that book was the story of a creation, the coming into existence of a new being, the advent of a cherished people, the gods they should worship, the laws for their government, the nations they should conquer, the countries they should overrun, the Kings that should reign over them—to those initiated in the esoteric mysteries, as well as to the *uninitiated*, it was the "great light," the guide to all their actions.

But not only were their ceremonies similar to those of ancient Craft Masonry, the pre-requisites for admission into the mystic brotherhood were precisely the same.

(To be continued.)

SCOTLAND.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

A SPECIAL Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow took place on the 29th ult., in St. John's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Bro. John Graham Provincial Grand Master presided, and Bro. Major F. Allan was present as an honoured visitor. Bro. Halkett was called to instal the following commissioned Office Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. Richard Barnwell 607 Depute Master, James Boyd 607 Substitute Master, James M. Oliver 360 Senior Warden, George C. H. M'Naught 556 Junior Warden, David Reid 465 Secretary, W. W. Tulloch 607 and John Watt 607 Chaplains. The next business was the presentation to Bro. Halkett, Treasurer to the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, of a handsome marble clock and ornaments on the occasion of his golden wedding. The Provincial Grand Master said he felt honoured at having been asked by the Provincial Grand Lodge to make the presentation. Bro. Halkett was held in deserved esteem by the brethren, because he was a model Mason, had done much for the Craft, and admirably discharged the duties of Treasurer to the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Halkett returned thanks for the generous gift. It would be a memorial of the kindness of the brethren to him, and of his connection with the Benevolent Fund. He had made many endearing friendships during his Masonic life, and this mark of their kindness was one of many proofs. The brethren had afterwards a harmony meeting.

THE FORTHCOMING MASONIC BAZAAR.

IN connection with the bazaar organized by the Grand Lodge in Scotland, with a view to providing funds for their new endowment scheme, Bro. William A. Davis, accountant, Edinburgh, has been appointed secretary. Bro. Davis is well known in Masonic circles, and is one of the original founders of the new Dramatic and Arts Lodge of Edinburgh, which is rapidly assuming the position of one of the principal Lodges in Scotland. He is also secretary to the Albert Hall Company, and secretary to the company for the projected Southside Theatre, so that his appointment cannot but be regarded as a fit compliment, at the hands of the Grand Lodge, to all who are interested in art and the drama.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

A T a meeting held (by dispensation of the D.P.G.M.) at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, Stonehouse, on Monday, 3rd inst., the W.M. Bro. Frank Thomas presiding, Bro. J. B. Moulder S.W. was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. G. Hawken Treasurer. The installation meeting will be held on 8th July, and the annual banquet at Routley's Farley Hotel on the Wednesday following.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

ON the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. William Jones was, in the presence of a large assembly of members and visiting brethren, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Installing Officer was Bro. S. L. Fraser, the retiring W.M., the presenting Officers being Bros. P. B. Gee and Pemberton. The other Officers initiated were as follow:—Bros. S. L. Fraser I.P.M., W. Kohn S.W., J. J. Harley J.W., Alex. Cotter Treasurer, E. B. Ironside Secretary, W. Fish D.C., J. H. Linaker S.D., W. F. Pemberton J.D., Edwin Berry I.G., T. S. Tickle S.S., T. Clark J.S., W. Cantle A.S., J. H. Ordish A.S., W. Hudson Organist, and Peter Ball Tyler. The visitors present included Bros. F. A. Rainbow 1393, W. Pye 1094, J. Maddox 823, Robert Foote, J. C. Robinson 249, Latham 594, R. W. Gow 823, G. Willings 667, Herbert Ellis 721, J. Killy 1313, J. Hughes 1675, A. Bucknall 667, R. S. Milne 823, W. Rawsthorne 1182, J. Proctor 667, W. J. Guilbert 823, and R. Shacklady 249. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. J. Casey, the house steward. During the post-prandial proceedings, the retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel, a necklet for Mrs. Fraser being also handed to him. The musical items were contributed by Bros. Eaton Batty, W. Sweetman, H. Cambridge, J. Humphreys, E. B. Ironside, and H. J. Nicholls. Bros. W. Hudson and E. Pugh officiated as accompanists.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

A T a meeting of this Lodge, held on Saturday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, Bro. Goodman W.M. presiding, Bro. Nathaniel Reed S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Philp was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Kevern as representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, Bro. C. Matton as Charity Steward, and Bro. W. H. Phillips as Tyler. It was decided to have an outing in the course of the coming month, similar to that which was held last year, with so much success, when a large number of brethren and their friends visited the beautiful grounds of Flete and the caves at Kitley.

ST. GILES'S LODGE, No. 1587.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Savings Bank, Cheadle, when there were present:—Bros. J. A. Cooper P.M. acting W.M., E. Welsh S.W., H. Bostock P.M. as J.W., Henry Wardle P.M., L. Bradford, C. T. Barnes, T. B. Call P.M. P.P.G.P. Hon. Secretary, E. E. Almond P.M., A. J. Beard P.M., James Alcock Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Smith, Faram, Vernon, and W. Torrance. Letters of apology for absence were read from several brethren. The installation ceremony was performed by Bros. Smith and Faram, Bro. E. Welsh being installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. made the following appointments:—Bros. Cooper I.P.M., Bradford S.W., Barus J.W., Cooper Treasurer, Call Secretary, Wardle D.C., Richards S.D., Almond J.D., Beard Organist, Bostock I.G., Alcock Tyler. After the business was finished, the brethren adjourned to the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, to partake of an excellent banquet, prepared by Mrs. Hammond. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Treasurer's report showed the funds to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

GARDEN LODGE, No. 1726.

ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., the annual banquet of this Lodge took place at the Assembly Rooms, Canada-grove, Bognor, when the ceremony of installing Bro. Henry Layton Staffurth as W.M. was performed by Bro. A. Lloyd, who was presented by the Lodge with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year. The company numbered about 35, and included several Provincial Officers and W.M.'s of other Lodges in the vicinity.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE, No. 1745.

THE members met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. G. Herbert W.M., E. Schultz S.W., Suskind J.W., H. J. Lardner Treas., Capt. T. C. Walls, J. Young, T. Simpson and E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Organist. A ballot was taken for Bros. G. Manners, C.C., and M. H. Woodhill as joining members, and for Mr. C. Bachnoffer as an initiate. Captain Walls having assumed the chair, inducted the latter gentleman into the mysteries of the Craft. He also, at the request of the Master, installed Bro. E. Schultz as W.M. for the year ensuing. The following appointments and investments then took place:—Bros. Suskind S.W., Webber J.W., H. J. Lardner Treasurer, Jackson Secretary, Shorer S.D., Prower J.D., Kent I.G., Walls D.C., N. P. Lardner Asst. D.C., Lott Organist, Bennett W.S., Herbert Asst. W.S., Mallett Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Herbert, in recognition of his services during the past year. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The Lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was partaken of. The proceedings were enlivened by a capital programme of music, under the direction of Dr. Lott.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1763.

THURSDAY, the 23rd ult., being the annual festival, the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Thame, to instal Bro. G. Briars W.M. for the year ensuing. Owing to various causes, several of the members were unavoidably absent. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Sutton, assisted by his Officers, opened the Lodge in accordance with ancient usage, and the ceremony of installation was afterwards commenced by Bro. H. M. Humphreys conducting to the chair the W.M. elect, Bro. Briars, who received the charge and took the customary obligation. The newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow, viz.:—Bros. W. R. Sutton I.P.M., J. Tanner S.W., J. Mears J.W., C. F. Howland Treasurer, E. Bond S.D., H. J. Webster J.D. W. H. Kirby I.G., F. Payne Tyler. Bro. W. R. Sutton performed the ceremony of installation in an admirable manner, and impressively addressed the new Officers upon their respective duties. The Lodge was duly closed in ancient Masonic form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Spread Eagle Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Lidington. The newly-installed W.M. presided, the Vice-Chair being occupied by Bro. J. Tanner, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

GORDON LODGE, No. 2149.

THE festival of St. John, and the installation of Bro. James Charlesworth as W.M., took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley. There was a large number of brethren present. After the ceremony of installation, the following brethren were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Palmer I.P.M., J. B. Ashwell S.W., G. W. Bradford J.W., E. D. Boothman Chaplain, C. Adams Treasurer, F. H. Lodge Secretary, E. D. Boothman S.D., W. J. J. W. Heath J.D., T. Taylor D.C., F. Mountford Organist, J. Clare I.G., A. R. Moody, C. H. Phillips Stewards, and W. Wood Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of fifty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, by Bro. Munro, whose catering gave the utmost satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and most of the brethren whose names have been given were present. The Queen and the Craft having been honoured, the W.M. proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The W.M. also gave the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., and the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. J. B. Ashwell next proposed the R.W. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, P.G.S.B. England. He said all the brethren would regret the domestic affliction which was now troubling the Grand Master. They in the north of the Province had reason to be gratified that he had been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, because Colonel Gough had always looked well after the interests of the north of the Province. Bro. H. Palmer then submitted the health of Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley, Deputy P.G.M., and P.G. Officers of Staffordshire, present and past. Bro. F. Mountford responded, after which Bro. J. L. Hamshaw proposed the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. (Bro. Charlesworth). He said Bro. Charlesworth was not only esteemed as a neighbour, but he lived in the affection of the populace of the town, which was an infallible test of a man's popularity and worth. As a Mason he was also held in high regard, and he had the reputation of being not only a careful workman, but a conscientious workman. In the offices he had filled, from the door of the Lodge to the J.W.'s chair, he had shown not only an anxiety, but also an ability to properly and efficiently discharge the duties which belonged to the various offices he had filled. In the important office to which that day he had been installed, there was no doubt he would come up to every one who had preceded him. The health of the W.M. having been heartily drunk, Bro. Charlesworth responded. He said since he had been a member of the Gordon Lodge, it had been a great source of pleasure and Masonic profit to him. The Gordon Lodge was a very harmonious Lodge, and the brethren were very united. He had a good set of Officers, and in the ensuing year he should rely on their support and assistance, and he hoped they should work with that concord that had previously characterised the Lodge. He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Palmer, the I.P.M., who acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Adams gave the toast of the Visitors, to which Bros. Hales and Kent replied. Bro. Hamshaw, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, said they were proud of their Masonic Institutions, to which they yearly contributed a sum of £50,000. He also referred to the inquiry that had been recently held into the Boys' School, and said the thanks of every brother was due to Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliffe for the part they had taken in that investigation. Bros. Fiercy and Tunncliffe responded. Bro. Tunncliffe remarked that at the recent Conversazione they had made a profit of over £70; this had been lodged in the Bank in the name of Secretary and Treasurer. But before dividing the money amongst the Masonic Charities (and all were anxious the Charities should not suffer), the Lodge was anxious to know what alteration was intended to be made in the management of the Boys' School? If the present House Committee intended to retain the services of the Secretary, the Steward, and Matron, it was useless to send more money to London. The Committee of the Girls' School had recently raised the salary of their Secretary from £500 to £700 a year; if that state of things was to go on, we must in future spend our money in Staffordshire. Bro. Bromley proposed the Officers of the Gordon Lodge, which was acknowledged by Brothers Boothman and Clare. During the evening, songs were contributed by Miss Basford, and Bros. G. W. Bradford, Howson, Bervon, and Mountford.

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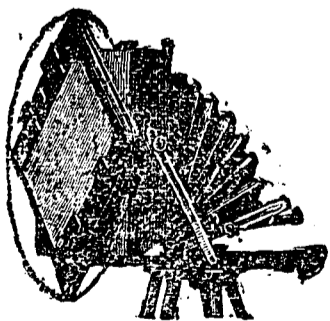
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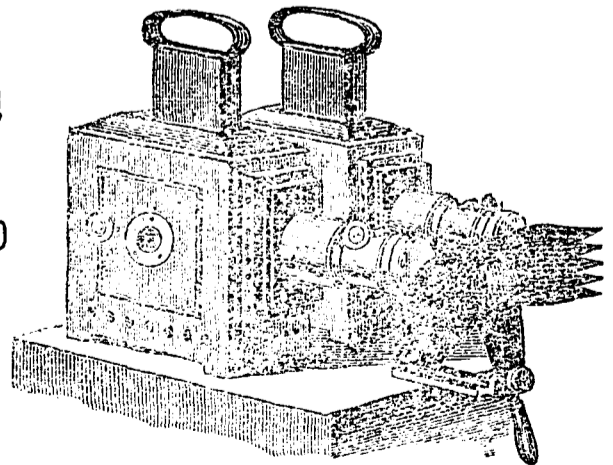
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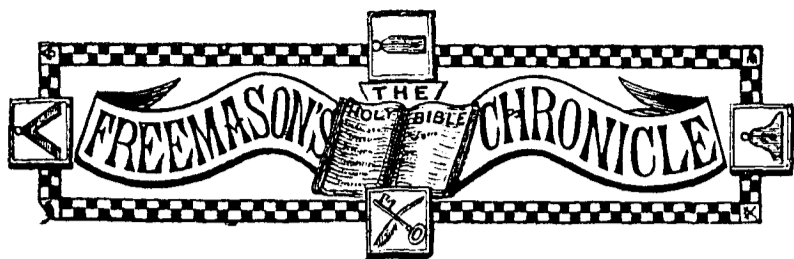
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SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 1889.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of Freemasons of the Province of East Lancashire was held on the 29th ult., at Newchurch. Grand Lodge was opened in the National Schools, at half-past twelve o'clock, by the Provincial Grand Master Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie. Bro. C. Beswick Royds acted as Deputy Grand Master in the absence of Bro. G. Mellor, and the Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. G. Heelis and J. J. Meakin, were also present, together with a large number of Present and Past Provincial Officers and other members of the Order. The roll of Lodges was called, and it was found that all were represented save two. The minutes of the Provincial meeting, held on the 16th November last, were taken as read, and confirmed. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. J. W. Allison, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. Chadwick presented the financial statement. It appeared that on 1st April last year there was a balance in the Bank of £279. Contributions from Lodges amounted to £480, and with other items the sum received was £911. The expenditure included donations of £50 to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, £105 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and payments to annuitants, and there remained a balance on the year of £285. Bros. J. Studd and W. R. Sowter, who had audited the accounts, moved and seconded their adoption. The motion was passed, and on the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Brother Heelis, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the auditors. The report of the Provincial Grand Secretary stated that during the year there had been an addition of one Lodge—the Thornham, No. 2279, Royton—making the number of Lodges in the Province 98. The total number of members was 4316, being an increase of 202 over that of last year. Inasmuch, however, as the number of resignations, exclusions, and members in arrears was unusually large, this increase was hardly regarded as satisfactory, and Lodges were urged to exercise the utmost care and vigilance in order to ensure that none but proper persons should be admitted into the Order. The meeting then proceeded to the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Barker proposed, and Bro. W. R. Sowter seconded, the election of Bro. J. W. Edwards, Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester. Bro. Rome P.G.S. said that Bro. G. Hunt, Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, Manchester, had also been selected as a candidate for the office, but he had resolved to withdraw in favour of Bro. Edwards. The Provincial Grand Master said this was a most commendable and Masonic course of procedure. No other candidate being proposed, Bro. Edwards was declared duly elected. The report of the Charity Commissioners was presented by Bro. E. G. Harwood. It referred to the loss sustained by the death of the late Bro. J. A. Birch, the Chairman of the Committee, and stated that there were last year elected upon the London Masonic Institutions two boys, two girls, and three aged Masons; and this year one boy, two girls, and two aged Masons. He moved the adoption of the report. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, in seconding the motion, alluded to the loss caused to Masonry in East Lancashire by the death of Bro. Birch. The Provincial Grand Master, in putting the resolution, also spoke in terms of high commendation of the services rendered by Bro. Birch during a long series of years to the Masonic Charitable Institutions and to Freemasonry generally. The report was adopted, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the deceased Brother. Upon the motion of Bro. Heelis, the sum of £50 was contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institu-

tion. The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Provincial Officers:—

Bro. J. O. S. Thursby 1064	...	Senior Warden
N. A. Earle 62	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot	...	} Chaplains
Rev. E. T. Wigg 2279	...	
J. W. Edwards	...	Treasurer
W. Slater Boddington 1253	...	Registrar
J. Chadwick 44	...	Secretary
Hamlet Lees 1868	...	} Senior Deacons
E. Hardman 274	...	
W. T. Schofield 1219	...	} Junior Deacons
J. Butterworth 367	...	
F. A. Huet 1009	...	Superintendent of Works
T. Woodcock 191	...	D. of C.
C. E. Collingwood 298	...	Deputy D. of C.
S. B. Priestley 219	...	Assist. D. of C.
C. Brierley 42	...	Sword Bearer
W. O. Pettit 1055	...	Organist
J. Newton 37	...	} Assist. Secretary
H. Taylor 286	...	
J. W. Thompson 1534	...	} Standard Bearers
J. Bridgford 1077	...	
W. Cartwright 633	...	} Pursuivants
K. Maclean 1030	...	
E. G. Lingard 1030	...	} Stewards
J. Cookson 1030	...	
J. H. Edmondson 274	...	
J. Taylor 274	...	
A. Law 274	...	
T. Higson 348	...	Tyler

The Lodge being closed, the brethren attended a special service in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, and a collection was made in aid of the East Lancashire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. At the close of the service there was a banquet in the Oddfellows' Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and General Communication of Mark Masons for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held in the Temperance Hall, Driffield, on the 28th ult. There was a large attendance of members, who wore mourning for the late Canon Portal, Past Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, accompanied by his Officers present and past, opened the proceedings, and, after the usual formal business, appointed and invested his Officers. At night the brethren, to the number of about fifty, attended a banquet at the Bell Hotel, the company present including Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, R. G. Smith P.G.D. England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, J. Woodall Woodall Past Provincial Grand Master, and most of the newly-appointed Officers.

PREPARATORY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Apollonian Hall, Dover, on Wednesday afternoon, the 29th ult., Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master presiding. The brethren present numbered nearly a hundred and fifty, and some important business was transacted. The date of the Grand Festival was fixed for the 2nd of July, at Bromley. It was decided to give to the Widows' Benevolent Fund twenty guineas in the names of ten Lodges (£210), beginning at the oldest Lodge, and working upwards. The sum of £105 was voted for the Girls' Schools in the names of five Lodges; and also £199 10s to the Boys' Schools in the name of the Provincial Grand Master to enable him to become a Vicc-Patron. The resignation of Bro. Thorpe Provincial Grand Treasurer was received, and it was decided to submit the name of Bro. Russell, of Gravesend, to succeed him. Certain sums of money recommended by the Charity Committee to be given to widows were ordered to be paid. At 4:30 o'clock a banquet was given at the Town Hall, about a hundred of the brethren being present. The hall was decorated with flowers and plants. In the balcony was stationed the Town Band—which, by the way, has greatly improved of late—and during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by its strains. The Right Hon. Earl Amherst presided, the usual toasts being given. The catering was carried out by Bro. A. T. Dartnall, and gave the utmost satisfaction. The proceedings terminated about half-past eight o'clock.

MARK MASONRY.

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G. LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF ENGLAND AND WALESAND
THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF
THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE Half-yearly Communication was held on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant. In the absence of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the Pro Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, the chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful the Deputy G. Master the Marquis of Hertford. The post of Deputy Grand Master was filled by Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, Prov. G. Master of Leicestershire, while the Grand Wardens' chairs were filled by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, and Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P. There was a very large attendance. After the formal opening, and salutation given to the Deputy Grand Master, the minutes of Grand Mark Lodge of 6th December 1888, and of the Special Grand Lodge of 25th February 1889, were read and confirmed. The Report of the General Board, which had been printed and distributed, was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Marquis of Hertford then rose:—Before passing to the next business, I think that as this is the first regular Grand Lodge that has been held since the very great loss that Mark Masonry has sustained, it would be hardly decent if I did not say a word with respect to that loss. Of course I refer to the death of Canon Portal. I am sure you all agree with me that by the death of Canon Portal Mark Masonry has lost a brother whom we could ill afford to lose. I believe that there was no one in Mark Masonry who took more trouble for the good of the Mark, and all Masonry I might say, than Canon Portal did. Many of you, brethren, Mark Masons of much older standing than myself, know better than I do all that Canon Portal has done, and the way he worked as President of the General Board, and in every way he possibly could for the good of Mark Masonry. I think when you heard the minutes of the 25th February read, you must have noticed that he was then working hard to try to get our Mark Grand Lodge settled in the new building—Bacon's Hotel—and put in proper form, and was doing all he could to arrange that Mark Masonry should have a proper home there; and when we go, as I hope we shall before no very long period, into the new Grand Lodge room at what was Bacon's Hotel, I am sure we shall all feel that it is owing in a great measure to Canon Portal that we go in to what I hope will be a proper abode for Grand Mark Lodge. I have no resolution to move, but you will agree with me that we could not pass over the death of Canon Portal in absolute silence on this occasion. Bro. W. Kelly Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire: As representing the second Province on the roll of Mark Grand Lodge which was constituted after the formation of Grand Lodge—the first being Devonshire—I had the honour and pleasure of knowing Canon Portal. For many years he was in our Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, and during the whole time I have been Grand Master of that Province, which is thirty-one years, I have been in correspondence with him. With the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I think that no one could have Mark Masonry more at heart than had Canon Portal. Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar, next moved the adoption of the following recommendation arising out of the Report of the General Board:—

That in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the title of "Provincial Grand Lodge" should be changed to "District Grand Lodge," and that powers be given to such District Grand Lodges to regulate the fees payable to their own Funds, subject to the approval of the Board.

He said this matter had been taken into consideration by the General Board, in consequence of the various applications from the Colonies, and it had been considered by the Board a fit matter to submit to Grand Lodge so as to bring the Constitutions of Mark Masonry into accord with the Constitutions of the Craft. Years ago the Craft changed the title of Provincial into District. It made no difference in the rank or status, because Provincial and District Grand Masters took rank from the date of their appointment; but in the Colonies they seemed to think it was a higher title, and that being

the case, the General Board thought it would be a very nice thing to cede to the Colonies this point. They also felt that the brethren generally would fall in with the views of the Colonial brethren that they should regulate their own fees. In some cases they wanted to raise their fees a little more than they were in this country. In other cases—in New South Wales, for instance—they wanted to raise their fees, so as to form a Fund of Benevolence. The General Board thought that was a very desirable object, and that brethren so far away from us, and so difficult for us to get at, should have a voice in their own affairs. That being the advice of the General Board, he begged to move the adoption of the recommendation. Bro. Deputy Controller Bake, in seconding the motion, wished to say that the Colonies were rising in importance, and, though they were members of this great country, still they were an independent race. Although they acknowledged that they owed everything in Masonry to this great country, yet there were many things which they considered could be best managed by themselves. If Grand Lodge gave them a separate Board to manage matters, so that their funds might be appropriated to any purpose for which they wished to use them it could not matter to Grand Lodge. They would be distributing them according to their own intelligence, to the best of their knowledge and belief. Having passed a large portion of his life in the Colonies, he had much pleasure in seconding the motion. The motion was carried. Brother Frank Richardson next moved—

That the rank of Past Master be conferred on the Most Worshipful Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, and that the Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, be authorised to carry this resolution into effect.

He (Bro. F. Richardson) had the honour of knowing Bro. Way personally. When he went out to Australia, three years ago, he had heard of him, and he could say his reputation extended far and wide. At the installation, a few weeks ago, of Sir Wm. Clarke as Grand Master of the Province of Victoria, Chief Justice Way made the most powerful speech he (Bro. Richardson) ever read. He had the newspapers from the Colonies, in which the speech was reported, sent to him, and he must say it was a treat to read it. From the position Chief Justice Way held in South Australia, the General Board thought it would be a pleasant thing to confer the rank of Past Master upon the Chief Justice, because, having only lately taken this degree of Mark Mason, it would be some years before he would take that rank. He (Bro. Richardson) could speak personally of Chief Justice Way's Masonic qualifications. Three years ago, when he was in Australia, he had hardly been in Adelaide three hours when he received a visit from the Grand Secretary, with a message from the Chief Justice that he hoped he would pay him a visit. Chief Justice Way had heard from some one in Melbourne that he (Bro. Richardson) was going to Adelaide, and he said when he found there was a member of the Grand Lodge of England going to Adelaide, he must invite him. His (Bro. Richardson's) visit there was made by Chief Justice Way most enjoyable. He had the greatest pleasure in moving this resolution. The Earl of Euston seconded the motion, which was carried. The next business was to confirm a grant of £20 to the widow of a late brother. The report of the Board was formally adopted. The Marquess of Hertford then said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been unanimously re-elected as M.W.G.M., and he congratulated the Order on the fact. The following brethren were appointed Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton	...	Pro G.M.
Marquess of Hertford	...	D.M.
Lord Cremorne	...	S.W.
Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.	...	J.W.
Richard Vassar Vassar Smith	...	M.O.
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Rev. Trevor Parkins	...	
Henry Faija	...	Treasurer
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W. Goodacre	...	
Henry Stocker	...	} J.D.
H. E. Cousans	...	
Rowland Plambe	...	Supt. of Works
Robert Berridge	...	D.C.
J. H. Matthews	...	} A.D.C.
J. B. Bridgman	...	

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The following are the members of the General Board:—Nominated by the Grand Master—Bros. F. Davison, Alfred Williams, James Moon, C. H. Driver, Thomas Cubitt, and George Cooper. Nominated by the brethren—Bros. Dr. George Mickley P.M. 97 P.G.D., John E. Dawson D.P.G.M. Herts, R. Loveland Loveland D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial G.M. Worcestershire, and Rev. Hayman Cummings P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Kent.

Letters of apology were announced by Bro. Binckes as having been received from a large number of distinguished brethren, explaining absence. Grand Lodge was then closed. A choice banquet was subsequently partaken of in the Venetian Room, presided over by Bro. W. Kelly, when the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 67.

A MEETING in connection with this Lodge was held at the Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport, on Thursday the 30th ult., when there was a satisfactory attendance. Bro. John Williamson was elected to the chair for the ensuing year. The Lodge, which has not long been re-opened, promises to become a strong and successful one. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Grand Master of Mark Masons in Cheshire, has since the resuscitation of this Lodge, manifested a lively interest in its welfare.

RECOVERY OF A MISSING MASONIC CHARTER IN KEITH.

EVER since the dissolution of St. James's Lodge of Freemasons at Keith, nearly fifty years ago, the charter and books of the Lodge have been missing. No trace of them could be found until one day recently, when the charter turned up rather unexpectedly. It has been for many years in the possession of an old and respected resident, who had forgotten all about having the missing document in his possession, until it came to light when he was looking over some other things. It was generally believed that the gentleman who acted as the last Secretary to the Lodge, Mr. Donald Cameron, schoolmaster, Newmill, had taken the books and other documents along with him when he emigrated to America at the time of the dissolution of the Lodge. But the discovery of the charter in so unexpected a way has given rise to the hope that the books too may some day turn up and find a safe and honoured resting-place in the Keith Museum. The Saint James's Lodge was again resuscitated about four years ago, and we are glad to learn that some of the regalia belonging to the original Lodge has been handed over to it by the descendants of the members of the old Lodge. These, like the original charter, are in a fine state of preservation. The charter is written on a finely-dressed sheepskin, and is a fine specimen of the beautiful and careful penmanship of the period in which it was written. The charter reads thus:—

Charter of Constitution and Erection in favour of the
Saint James's Operative Lodge of Keith,
5th May 1794.

To all and sundry, to whose knowledge these presents shall come greeting in God everlasting.

Whereas, upon application to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the kingdom of Scotland, by John Shand, William Shand, John Milne, John Mitchell, Peter Robb, James Murray, James Robb, Robert Young, John Chapmand, George Russell, William Barber, Hugh Mackay, James Thomson, John Bremner, all operative masons, residing in and about the town of Keith, in the county of Banff, setting forth that they being influenced by the love of Masonry, and animated with zeal to advance the reputation and extend the benefit of the Craft, do apprehend that it would be of public utility, and for the general good, and without prejudice to any Lodge that there should be one erected at Keith. They therefore humbly prayed that a charter of constitution and erection for holding a regular Lodge in the said town of Keith under the style, title, and denomination of the St. James's Operative Lodge of Keith; and they proposed the said John Shand for Master, William Shand for Depute-Master, William Smith for Senior Warden, John Milne for Junior Warden, John Mitchell for Treasurer, Patrick Robb for Secretary, James Murray for Clerk, James Robb for Senior Deacon, Robert Young for Junior Deacon, and John Chapmand and

George Russell for Stewards. Which petition, with two ample certificates from the Lodges of Banff and Saint James's Lodge, Macduff, in favour of the petitioning brethren, having been considered by the Grand Lodge, the present charter was ordered accordingly. Know ye, therefore, that the most noble and most worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge thereof have constituted, erected, and appointed, and hereby constitute, erect, and appoint the Master, wardens, brethren, and office-bearers above named, together with the other constituent members of the said Lodge, and their successors, to be now and in all time coming a true and regular Lodge of free and accepted Masons, under the style, title, and denomination of Saint James's Operative Lodge of Keith. And appoint and ordain all regular Lodges to hold, own, and respect them as such, giving, granting, and committing to them and their successors full power and authority to meet, assemble, and convene as a regular Lodge, and to admit and receive apprentices, pass fellow crafts, and raise Master Masons upon payment of such composition for support of their lodge as they shall see convenient, and to elect and choose masters, wardens, and other office-bearers annually or otherwise as they shall occasion, recommending to the brethren aforesaid to reverence and obey their superiors in all things lawful and honest, as becomes the honour and harmony of Masonry. The said brethren by accepting of this present charter becoming faithfully bound not to desert their said Lodge so constituted upon any pretext whatsoever, to make any separate or schismatical meetings without the consent of their Master and Wardens for the time being, nor to collect money or other funds separate from the common stock of their Lodge to prejudice the poor thereof. They and their successors in all time coming being also obliged to obey and pay due regard to all acts, statutes, and regulations of the Grand Lodge, already made or hereafter to be made, for the utility, welfare, and prosperity of Masonry in general, and to pay and perform whatever is stipulated or demanded of them for the support of the dignity of the Grand Lodge. And, in particular, that they do account and pay into the funds of the Grand Lodge at least half a crown for each entrance and member made in their Lodge from the date hereof, and that the names of such members be transmitted to the Grand Secretary or Grand Clerk at Edinburgh, to be recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge, with the usual fee to the clerk; and that they do record in their books (which they are hereby authorised to keep) this present charter of constitution and erection, with their own regulations and bye-laws, and their whole procedure from time to time as that shall occur, to the end the same may be more easily seen and observed by the brethren, subject always to the review of the Grand Lodge; and also the brethren aforesaid and their successors are hereby required to punctually attend the whole general meetings and quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge by their representatives, being their Masters and Wardens for the time, or by lawful proxies in their names. Providing such proxies be Master Masons or fellow-crafts of some established Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, to the end they may vote and act in the Grand Lodge, and to be duly certified of the proceedings thereof, declaring always their precedence in the Grand Lodge to be from the date hereof, and to the end that these presents may be more effectually kept and preserved, the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. Given at the Grand Lodge held in the City of Edinburgh upon the fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, Legho five thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and by the Most Noble and Most Worshipful George, Marquis of Huntly, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Worshipful William Douglas Olephan, Esquire, and the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Viscount Doune, Grand Wardens: the Right Worshipful John Hay, Esq., Grand Treasurer. And the seal of the Grand Lodge here appended in presence of William Masson, Esquire, Grand Secretary, and Robert Meikle, Esquire, Grand Clerk.

Witness, WILLIAM MASSON,
G. Secy.

THOMAS HAY,
Sub. G.M.

Witness, ROBERT MEIKLE,
G. Clerk.

JOHN CLARK,
Senior G.W.

THOMAS BROWN,
Junior G.W.

JOHN HAY, G.D.

(Composition of four guineas paid).

A matinée performance, for the benefit of the National Association for employment of reserve and discharged soldiers will be given by Miss Grace Hawthorne, at the Princess's, on Thursday afternoon, the 27th inst., when will be performed "Paul and Virginia," a drama in five acts, by Richard Davey.

The Kennel Club's summer dog show has been arranged to take place this year at Olympia, Kensington, on July 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. This will be the thirty-third show held under the auspices of the club, and should be a great success. There will be about £2500 in prizes awarded in the 245 different classes.

THE "R.A. CROWDED OUT AND REJECTED."—It is announced that the date for receiving entries of pictures, without extra fee, at Olympia, Kensington, has been extended until Monday, 3rd June. The pictures will be arranged in three separate sections. Section 1.—The R.A. Doubtful, which have been crowded-out; Section 2.—The R.A. Rejected; and Section 3.—Pictures which have, or have not, been exhibited at any exhibition. Strong representations have been made to the management to admit the latter class. There is, moreover, a proposal that the public who visit the Exhibition shall be the judges, and by a simple method of voting, determine which are the pictures to receive the prizes, ranging from £50 to £5, according to the number of votes.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 8th JUNE.

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Peroy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1276—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1286—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1037—Unity, Harrow
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 833—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
 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)
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst.)
 1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 140—Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobdon Bridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 539—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Rodruth
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 940—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dowsbury
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Du Roy Arms Hotel, Dalley
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 11th JUNE.

- 25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blags., Brighton, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)

- 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 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)
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-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, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1939—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.3)
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Princes
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brighton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Road, Boston
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Snakey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 R.A. 321—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
 R.A. 510—Stuart, Bedford
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Waltham
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Pannure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-street, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1620—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chatham Street, Rochdale
 56—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Lytham, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Braintree, Essex
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockley, W. Wick
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-avenue, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Salfrey
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 597—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 598—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester
 708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Salford, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
- 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
- 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Broad-street, Chatham
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
- 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
- 2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
- R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
- R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
- R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
- R.A. 360—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
- R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
- R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
- R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
- M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 13th JUNE.

- 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)
- 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
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