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MORE CLASS MASONRY.

IT seems those in authority in the Masonic Order do not by any means share the views we have and we are of opinion that nothing short of a announcement that the Lodge was established for more than once expressed in regard to Class Masonry, Masonic calamity will make any impression on them in this particular. We may be wrong, but we consider continuance of the tactics of the past few years, in regard to the establishment of new Lodges, limited to particular classes or sections of the community, must, sooner or later, end in disaster; and growing tendency to establish class Lodges in this we are more than surprised that the Grand Master and his advisers cannot see the danger towards which they are drifting. Masonry is free—freedom is, indeed, one of the most prominent features in the structure, and it is impossible to explain how this freedom can be maintained in association with numberless class Lodges---or in other words, Lodges which are only free to particular persons. The whole system of making stipulations as to who shall and who shall not be admitted amongst us, except those which have been associated with the Craft as long as it has existed in its present form, is an innovation, and a departure from the established customs and usages of Freemasonry that should have called down the condemnation of Grand Lodge rather than have received encouragement and support from that quarter.

We do not suppose anything we can urge will cause an immediate alteration in regard to existing class Lodges, neither do we imagine we shall be able to influence the opinions of those who have the power to recommend the granting new Warrants, but we may arouse the feelings of individual Craftsmen on the subject, and, it may be, lay the foundation for a movement which shall eventually restore Freemasonry to its original freedom. We are told the strength of a chain is the strength of its weakest. link; in like manner the prosperity of Freemasonry is influenced by the prosperity of its subordinate Lodges, and if one of these acts in any way contrary to the spirit of the Order the whole suffers, perhaps not to any appreciable extent where small matters are concerned, but none the less certain on that account. If Class Masonry is to be allowed in individual Lodges, it is only the stepping stone to a huge system of out for them, but as to whether or no they possess the cliquism, of combinations and of sectionism, which can do no good to those who support them, and must work detrimentally to the Craft as a whole. Looking at the matter calmly, and from an unprejudiced point of view, we cannot see any ground on which to excuse the formation of exclusive Lodges, while, on the opposite side, we see much to cause anxiety and alarm. It is as well sometimes to see ourselves as others see us, and as we have recently had practical experience in this consequence the papers of the day in relation to technical direction, perhaps it will better illustrate our case if or special matters are continually at fault. This is borne

sent us by an old friend, wherein was recorded the fact that a new Lodge was to be established in London, under the title of the Scots Lodge-which, as our do not by any means share the views we have readers are aware, was duly consecrated. To this was added, as an explanation of the title, an the purpose of giving Scotchmen in London a special Lodge for their particular benefit, and, further, that only such candidates as were born in Scotland would be admissible as members. Our friend, who has not been well posted as to the country, could not understand the restrictions set out in his local paper, and he asks us, among other matters, if this Scots Lodge is to own allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, or to the Grand Lodge of Scotland? while, in either case, he is puzzled to see the way in which the members will adhere to their restrictive laws, and at the same time keep to the spirit of their Masonic obligations. Here is the opinion of a brother thousands of miles away, one who has been accustomed to see Lodges of more than one Constitution at work side by side, and yet he can find cause for surprise in the present procedure in the Masonic home of the world-in enlightened England.

Of course our correspondent is wrong in even supposing the Scots Lodge is to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but his query gives rise to another. If it is legal for the Grand Lodge of England to establish a Lodge for Scotchmen alone, in London, how much worse would it be for them to warrant a Lodge exclusively for Englishmen, in Edinburgh? This would be trespassing on another Grand Lodge's jurisdiction, and no doubt it would be speedily resented; but by adopting the course that has now become so popular we consider that Grand Lodge is encroaching on the liberty of its own subjects. Will they be equally alive to the situation, and will they ever resent it?



OUTSIDE CRITICISM.

T will generally be conceded that the purveyors of intelligence of the present day have their work cut requisite skill to make a good job of what they undertake we dare not venture to give a decided opinion upon. In the old days it was generally recognised that before a writer took up his pen to set forth his views on any given subject it was absolutely necessary he should undergo a course of "coaching" or "reading up," but the modern caterer, for the news of the hour, cannot devote his timeleisure he has not-to a course of preparation; he must supply, in order to keep pace with demand, and he cares little as to the value or quality of what he offers. As a we recount such experience. A Colonial paper was out by a statement made in the Evening News of the

2nd inst., from which we call the following :--

"Bro. Binckes has done yeoman's service for Masonry, but no one, inside or outside the Craft, can fail to come to the conclusion that as Secretary to what Masons know as the Boys' School, he formed an altogether mistaken notion of his position. "The Boys' School; I am the Boys' School," scens to have been the Secretary's view, and se grave did matters become that, exactly a year ago, on Saturday, 27th July 1888, a Committee of Investigation was appointed, by the Quarterly Court of Governors, whose report was presented 26th April. Engaged at a salary of £150 a year, the Secretary's present emoluments, according to the report, are £700 a year. Considering what Bro. Binckes has done, it cannot be denied that he is worth it; his great mistake has been that, not being satisfied with being Secretary, he has tried to be head master, head overything--a very Walpole among secretaries."

Now this may be "smart" writing, but does it show that the author has any practical knowledge upon the subject? We venture to say, emphatically, he has not. When Bro. Binckes was appointed Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, now nearly 30 years ago, the annual income of that Charity was something like £2000; from time to time Bro. Binckes's duties have increased, while the demands upon his time-which at first were limited to some fow hours each week-have been extended, till for some years now past he has had to devote all his energies to carry out the demands made upon him. Bro. Binckes's salary has been increased from time to time, as the majority of our readers know, till it now stands at £500 per annum; while for "emoluments' the only feature that can be described as such is embodied in a well earned recognition for eminent services rendered. viz.: the fund whereby Bro. Binckes commuted his claim for a per centage on certain amounts realised from time to time, through his exertions, for an annual payment in lieu of commission of £200 per annum, and in accepting this arrangement most of those who fully understand the facts of the case will give Bro. Binckes the credit for having acted in a liberal and conciliatory spirit.

We do not propose to-day to enlarge on the theme thus brought under our notice, but what can those of our readers who know the facts of the case say to the following garbled summary of the recommendations of the Investigation Committee :---

"The entries charging 100 cucumbers, the statement of the Investigating Committee that 'beyond such quantities of grapes, cucumbers, and tomatoes as the House Committee may consume at its monthly dinners, and some grapes and tomatoes at the stewards' own table, we could trace no consumption of these articles in the House,' are cruel in their brutal stupidity.

"And while there were some grapes and tomatoes on the stewards' own table, what of the boys? 'We noticed the general appearance of the boys was pale, and their manner spiritless.' 'Moreover a large dustbin is placed in the playground of the younger children." 'As to the towels, each is used in common by several boys, and this occurs even when boys are suffering from ringworm.' Hapless Lewises! it was indeed time that something should be done: a secretary pensioned or a Committee man hanged, drawn, and quartered.

Well, well; we suppose this "tall" writing is acceptable to the masses or it would not be so universal at the present day.

NO RIGHT OF INITIATION.

them all, he would still be in the dark as to the result of his application. Initiation is a favour, not a right. The Craft is a Brotherhood, and every brother in a Lodge has the inherent right to say whether an applicant possesses the qualifications for becoming, in the highest and best sense of the term, a Brother of the Craft.

The regulations, written and unwritten, which Freemasonry prescribes with reference to applicants for initiation are of exclusion rather than of inclusion. That is to say, all who do not possess certain indispensable qualifications are for ever excluded. Not possessing these, he is not entitled even to the right of petition, and even after he has petitioned, without the knowledge of his deficiency by the members, the Master of a Lodge, as soon as he becomes aware of the disqualifying facts, is justified in declining to act upon his petition. Freemasonry does uot strain its regulations or landmarks in favour of any applicant. It stands on so high a level, has such an established repute, has existed so long, that it is above all petty or individual considerations. It lives for itself, and the continued accomplishment of its high mission. Let us seek to obtain a glimpse of what this mission is.

The mission of Freemasonry, in a word, is to do good unto all men, but especially to those who have been admitted to the followship of the mystery. In the Old Charges we find such phrascology as this: an applicant must be competent to perform "the Lord's work," and capable in all respects of "serving his Master's Lord." "The Lord's work" is the enlightenment of the initiate, his instruction in Masonic symbolism, and those noble principles, the nobility of labour, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. No one is admitted who cannot labour. All the officers, seconded by the members, engage in labour at the initiation or advancement of a candidate. When made a Mason the candidate is a new creation. He has been born into Masonry; he has been brought to Masonic Light; he has learned a new language; he has been introduced into a mystic company, all the members of which have passed through the same ceremonics and are bound by the same promises as himself. Hence all Freemasons are one-in spirit, in purpose, in pride.

Does some one say, the Craft is weakened when it fails to admit worthy men. Not at all. Were a thousand worthy men rejected it would not suffer. It is not the exclusion of the worthy, but the inclusion of the un-worthy that is the peril of the Craft. The scrutiny cannot be too severe. We cannot be too exact in living up to all the Landmarks. Let the applicant always be a "perfect youth," so that he may be in himself a physical symbol of that intellectual and moral perfection which is expected of all applicants. Let him be in all respects fitted to "serve his Master's Lord," and perform "the Lord's work." Let him be qualified for entry into the brotherhood by being dominated by the spirit of brotherly love. Let him be a lover of science and art, of liberty and good government. Let him be a lover of wisdom, a discerner of secrets, and ambitious to learn all he can concerning the origin, history and purpose of the Craft. Being such a man, he is in the highest sense qualified for Freemasonry. But even he possesses no right to be initiated. The Masonic Brethren must select him from the profane, rather than he them. He THERE is an erroneous opinion abroad, in certain first seeks them, but they alone accept him. Weighty responsibility is that which rests upon every Brother when he passes upon the merit or demerit of a candidate for initiation. It is his duty to see that the Mosaic pavement of the Lodge Room be not trodden by hasty feet, or the portals of the Lodge entered by one who is not the possessor of clean hands and a pure heart-Keystone.

____ quarters, that the *best* men among the profane have the right to be initiated in Freemasonry, if they see fit to claim the right. This opinion every well-informed Freemason knows is utterly unfounded. The only right which any profane enjoys is the right to petition for initiation, and even this right is qualified by the fact that his petition is of no effect unless it be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the body which he seeks to enter. If the angel Gabriel were on earth he would have no right to Masonic initiation : he would have only the right to petition, as above set forth. As all Freemasons are on the level, so are all the profane. All must follow in the old paths which their fathers trod, from time immemorial. Hence no repute, however general it may be, for virtue, ability or character, can take the place of that Masonic scrutiny which has always been required to precede initiation. Indeed, proximo, is the date mentioned for the working of the the profane cannot know what the criterion of judgment Fifteen Sections, and the Secretary will be pleased is which the Craft sets up. It cannot understand what is is which the Craft sets up. It cannot understand what if any brother desiring to assist will forward his physical, mental, moral or social attributes are required of name and the section he would like to work, to him, as

The meetings of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, will be resumed on Monday, the 2nd proximo, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8 p.m. Bro. James Sims is the W.M. elect for that evening, with Bro. Jesse Collings as Preceptor. Monday, the 22nd candidates. These are familiar only to members of the soon as possible. Bro. F. Craggs, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Fraternity. And even if a profane knew and possessed Hammersmith, W., is the Secretary.

INFORMATION RECEIVED ABOUT RABBI JACOB JEHUDAH LEON.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

A. S many readers of this paper may have forgotten what Dermott wrote in his 1764 edition of the Ahiman Rezon, and as a great many Masons into whose hands this paper may fall have never heard about the Ahiman Rezon, I shall reproduce, from the Ahiman Rezon, the following story, viz. :--

"The Freemasons' Arms in the upper part of the frontispiece of this book [the Ahiman Rezon] was found in the collection of the famous and learned Hebrewist, architect, and brother, Rabbi Jacob Jehndah Leon. This gentleman, at the request of the States of Holland, built a model of Solomon's temple. The design of this undertaking was to build a temple in Holland, but upon surveying the model it was adjudged that the united provinces were not rich enough to pay for it, whereupon the States generously bestowed the model npon the builder, notwithstanding they had already paid him his demand, which was very great. [How great was it?] This model was exhibited to public view, by authority, at Paris and Vienna, and afterwards in London, by a patent under the great seal of England, and signed Killigrew, in the reign of King Charles the Second. At the same time, Jacob Jehudah Leon published a description of the tabernacle and the temple, and dedicated it to his Majesty, and in the years 1759 and 1760 I had the pleasure of perusing and examining both of these curiosities. The arms are emblazoned thus :-- quarterly per squares, counterchanged vert. In the first quarter, Azure a Lyon rampant Or; in the second quarter Or, an ox passant sable; in the third quarter Or, a man with a hand erect, proper robed, crimson and ermine; in the fourth quarter Azure, an eagle displayed Or, Crest, the holy ark of the covenant proper, supported by Cherubims. Motto, Kodes la Adonijie, Holiness to the Lord."

Now, in the first place, I did not believe that a Rabbi was a brother Mason in the days of Charles 2nd. Second, I believed that the States of Holland at that time could afford to build as expensive a Temple as Solomon did when in the height of his glory; and third, I had reason to doubt that Rabbi Leon had illustrated his book with such highly coloured pictures or emblazonments of "Masons' Arms," as above described. In short, I was puzzled as to whether any part of Dermott's story was true, or whether there was truth at all in it. While pondering over the question as to the best method of solving my puzzle, I happened to recollect of Bros. Gould's and Speth's recent visit to the Grand Lodge of Holland, of which Bro. Gould informed me when I met him in London last year. This, somehow, brought a lucky thought into my head. 1 at once pitched upon Bro. Speth as being the best man to answer my purpose, and the result proves that I was right. Briefly, then, my good Bro. Speth, at my suggestion, opened a correspondence with his new Hollandish acquaintances. Many letters passed to and fro between them; at last, however, the researches of Bro. Speth's friends brought to light some important facts upon the question at issue, which Bro. Speth lost no time in communicating to me. I refrained, however, from publishing the news until I received his permission. This having been obtained, I lay the result before the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, viz. :-

"The Hague, 27th May 1889.

"MY DEAR BRO. SPETH,

"At last I am so fortunate as to have collected some particulars about the Jehudah question.

"The enclosed paper, written by Bro. Incas Geesteranus, who took much pleasure in making researches; he had a correspondence with several brothren, and was assisted by a very able brother, who is brother, who is

order, commission, or assistance, whether pecuniary or otherwise, of the Government, a model of Solomon's Temple, that he himself gives the following account of :---" Cette eminente fabrique que j'ai faitte, et que j'ai chez moy, est une pièce de dix pieds de long de l'orient à l'occident, de vingt pieds de large du Midy au Septentrion, et dix-sept de hauteur, faitte avec telle proportion qu'elle vienne à prendre à longueur une partie de trois cent, en hauteur une partie de nonante mil, et en profondeur une partie de vingt et sept millions de la grandeur du mesme Temple."*

"In 1642 he edited, at Amsterdam, in the Dutch language, a small book, of which only one copy is known to be extant in the country, under this title—' Description of Solomon's Temple, containing a short account of the form of the building and of all the vessels and instruments used in the service thereof, which model is in the possession of the author, and can be seen by anybody, by Jacob Jehudah Leon Ebreo.'" This description is dedicated to the State of Zealand, who voted a present of 12 pounds 10 sh[ings] Flemish to the author (about £6 10s)."

In 1643 he edited the same book in French, under this title :---

"Portrait du Temple de Solomon, Dans lequel se descrit brièvement la constitution de la fabrique du Temple. Et de tous les vases et utensils d'icilny : dont la modèle se trouve après le mesme auteur comme chacun peut le voir, composé van Jacob Juda Leon, Hebrew, habitant de Middlebourg en la province de Zélande, L'an de la création du monde 5403. à Amsterdam." "The then Duke of Brunswick caused a Latin translation of

"The then Duke of Brunswick caused a Latin translation of Leon's description of the Temple to be made and edited in 1665. It appears that Leon's work caused a certain and lasting interest in the country, for not only did a new edition (2nd or 3rd) appear in 1644, and a fourth, both in the Dutch language, in 1669, but in the last mentioned year he issued a description of a model of the same kind, viz., of Moses' Tabernacle. The title of this book reads as follows :— 'Description of the Tabernacle that Moses made, by God's command. Also of all vessels and instruments used in the service thereof. Likewise the situation of the bodies of Levites and Isralites round the Tabernacle, all according to Holy Scripture. By Jacob Jehuda Leon, Hebrew, author of the model of Solomon's Temple. Amsterdam. 1669.'"

"This last book, a small 4to vol. of 24 pages, is dedicated to the Prince of Orange, Nassau (William III.) and his consort the Princess Royal Mary, the oldest daughter of his Royal Majesty of Great Brittain, &c., &c."

In the dedication, Leon refers to the honour the Princes did him when some years before it pleased them to throw their eyes on the model of Solomon's Temple, being not only an uncommon piece of work, but worthy to be inspected by the greatest Princes of the world.

In one of his prefaces, Leon tells us that the model and contents do not only relate to Solomon's Temple alone, but also to the building after its reedification, so that a great many vessels, instruments and ornaments were put there together, which neither of the Temples had possessed at the same time, and even Anachronisms of Herod's time were met with in Leon's model. So the historical unity was not strictly observed.

In the first place, information about Leon and his models was looked for from the Jewish Scholars at the Hagne and Rotterdam, but they had never heard of the man nor his work. But when those gentlemen had made the acquaintance of the above mentioned books, that were discovered in an old library depending (or belonging) to the Leyden University, and had compared the contents with the old Jewish [account of the] Talmudian books on the subject, they declared Leon's description quite in conformity with the particulars mentioned therein. However, they did not know any other works on Jewish

thoroughly acquainted with the history of the Jews and Jewish archeology by the same author, to which he alludes literature.

"To Bro. Inaas Geesteranus' account I beg to add that one of my friends, a very esteemed historian and archeologist, made researches in the Royal Archives, containing also the archives of the States of Holland, but without any success: he could find no trace of the question.

"Bro. Inaas Geesteranus and I are of opinion that there is a mistake or misunderstanding in Dermott's statement [this is merely a specimen of Masonic courtesy] concerning the order given by the States of Holland. Evidently, never such an order was given. In the midst of the 17th century a freedom of press existed, but still no book could be published without permission or privilege of the authorities; and, now, Jacob Judah got that permission or privilege, which was printed in front of his book. Such a privilege gave the same right as what now exists as copyright. As I said, it is clear that here was a misunderstanding. I hope the enclosed paper will be of some use to you.

"Yours very fraternally,

"J. P. VAILLANT."

Now for the arrived information.

"Jacob Juda (or Jehuda) Leon livel in Middelburg, in Holland, about the middle of the XVII. century. He had made, but without any

Leon's contemporaries did not judge very favourably of his writings. Wilhelm Goeree, who wrote Jewish Antiquities, or an Initiation into the Wisdom of the Bible (Amsterdam, 1690), contradicted some of his [Leon's] statements about the Temple's localities.

"Neither in the Archives of the Synagogue at Middelbourg, nor in those of the municipality of that town, was anything to be found

* Which in English is as follows :---

"This remarkable building, which I have made, and which I have, is ten feet long from the east to the west, twenty feet wide from the south to the north, seventeen feet high, made in the proportion of one to three hundred in length, one to ninety thousand in height, and one to twenty-seven million in depth." To which Bro. Speth adds, in a note :---" When Jehudah speaks of the proportions in length, width, and depth, a calculation will show he meant length, square, and cube.

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about the man, his works, and his models. It is unknown where the latter can have gone to.

"I may add that a model of Solomon's Temple docs actually exist in this country. It is in the possession of the Rev. Schouten, Minister of the Gospel at Utrecht, who had it made entirely at his own expense. The model is on view at the Minister's house, on certain days, for a small contribution, destined for the poor."

All of which Bro. Speth certifies, as follows :-

"Copies of the letters of Bro. Vaillant G. Sec., and Bro. Geester. anus Dep. G.M. to Geo. Speth-copied by Mrs. Speth, for Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, 29th May 1889."

The above correspondence proves that Rabbi Leon existed; that he built a model of Solomon's Temple, and that he published a book about his workmanship. It disproves, however, that the States of Holland had ordered Rabbi Leon to make the said model, or that they had paid him any money for making it. One point, however, remains undecided, viz., was Rabbi Leon's book illustrated and emblazoned with the grand colours, as described by Dermott, or, in other words, did Dermott copy his Masons' Arms from Rabbi Leon's book?

In conclusion, I respectfully thank our distinguished Dutch brethren for the trouble they took in hunting up the above information. I thank Bro. Speth for his part of the performance in the Jacob Jehudah Leon question. And last, though not least, I sincerely thank my good SISTER SPETH for transcribing four folio sheets of paper for my enlightenment and gratification.

BOSTON, U.S., 12th July 1889.

A LIVING WORKING FORCE.

Eulogy delivered by Rev. William Nichols Ackley, Past Grand Master, at the Dedication of the Monument to Bro. and Hon. Thomas Arthur Doyle, at Providence, Rhode Island, 24th June 1889.

EVERY institution, like the individual man, must exrises our Masonic structure, and they who dwell within its pect to be judged on a twofold basis-upon the sacred precincts dwell where God is, where truth reigns; ground of its inherent character, and its relations with are guilty of profaning the sacredness of heavenly things that with which it is surrounded, its power to perform for when word or act fails to accord with the spirit of the the world those offices suggested in its principles. To be divine law. Symbolic ceremony, traditional and historic entitled to recognition as a factor in our busy life it must illustrations combine within our walls to implant indelibly demonstrate its ability to touch society with vital influence. these divine teachings upon the hearts of our disciples. Great truths may be engrossed upon enduring materials, But they are guilty of grave error who pronounce Masonry sealed and laid away, securely guarded from the eye and a thing of the past, because its lessons are couched in touch of men. But to guard truth so is to insult its ancient symbolism and because it deals in eternal verities. dignity, to invest it with that too common royalty which is Eternity reaches forward as well as backward-forward simply impotent isolation from the throbbing life of man. always to every soul truly awake to the grandest things. That alone is truly royal which can tolerate the strong The conservative tenacity of Masonry for immutable truth gaze of the world-can respond to the demands of society is its safeguard, the ground of its power to be a sure and upon it. In this, as in our religion, the servant is nobler lasting help to the interests of men. Only the spirit of than the lord. That truth is not worth the seeking which anarchy would change that which ought to be counted has, as it takes shape in our thoughts, no service to render immutable. But, just as eternity touches time by includ-ing it within itself, so these eternal principles touch the to mankind. And, inasmuch as our Masonic institution is a monument to truths that are fundamental, so, to warrant ever-varying interests of humanity. They who are well our presence as its representatives here to-day, must it be versed in the teachings of Masonry will wonder at their a living, working force, bringing its embodied truth into breadth of range, at their vivid setting forth of the facts vital connection with the world's life. The eye of the loyal and experiences of life. And what does this reveal? Why, Mason glances back into the past, only that it may more the fact that Masonry has been a growth, that it has grown keenly take account of the present, of the needs which may out of a keen appreciation of those changeless truths wo gnide into hopeful channels the influence at our command. have catalogued, and, in addition to that, a clear As to-day we cluster about this memorial to our sympathetic knowledge of the longings and needs of honoured chief, whose personality touched with such potent humanity. Through unnumbered generations the handiinfluence the hearts of the people of this great city, and craft of speculative and symbolic Masonry has been made itself felt not seldom in the larger commonwealth, exercised in working into its structure the varied because the interest of the people were his own, are there experiences, the drama of human life-setting the whole to be seen any features of our Institution, with whose stately story to the key note of principle. What men need and words we consecrate this statue, that may, like him we feel most keenly it has made the subject of its thought and honour, touch the weal of the every-day lives of men? study; so that, while the world outside may think of us as If the life we revere and the body, whose offices we bring secluded within a shrine where everything is ancient, our are in accord, then are we we fitly gathered here. practical relations are with the living realities of to-day; Suffer me for a brief period to centre our thoughts just as love and sympathy and sense of mutual obligation upon those features of our Masonic Institution which are but empty words, except as they deal with the real life manifest its inherent character and its practical influence of the present, with which we come in contact. Does upon life, leaving meanwhile those numberless qualities society desire to learn a wholesome lesson in the rightful which may indeed interest the curious, but which are relation between the so-called highest and lowest among its accidental rather than inherent. It is the symbol on ranks? We will teach them that he who, as our Grand which the eye rests. The fundamental truth is that which Master, holds the highest office in the gift of Masonry, and, takes possession of the discriminating mind. So, they who with it, an authority extremely exceptional in this modern find in the sign and ceremony and symbol the essence of age, nevertheless, as far as his fraternal relations with his Masonry mistake the colour for the texture of the fabric. fellows and personal character are concerned, stands for Just as in a man the wealth of power is in the character what he is worth as a man, on a level as a brother among

and the ability to bring that character into vital connection with the interest of men, so it is is with our ancient Institution. It is a life, a developed life, trained in the school of human necessity. Its soul is found in the unflagging championship of those immortal truths which underlie even religion, which are the sanction of all moral conduct, which are the stay of men's hearts in life's extremest hours. We need not linger to set forth anow here those old truths, even new to each new life, to each life newly awakened to the highest things-the truth about God, eternity, immortality, responsibility; truths echoing through all the language of our forms, flashing our varied ceremonials. It has been in out dwelling in close intimacy that persons said with strong and noble souls grow by degrees into their likeness. The Mason dwells in the presence of embodied truth, whose voice speaks ever the same unvarying counsel, and appeals to him with the same eternal sanctions. Something of truth's glorious features should shine out ere long in the lineaments of his character. And need we wonder, in the light of these facts, that so often the silvery-haired veteran in our ranks, to whom long ago life's playthings had lost their charm, and who is growing more and more to value things according to their essential qualities, should enter our asylums with fresh, warm dcvotion to a brotherhood he has known so long. He has dwelt in the presence of truth personified in our stately ceremonial and been suffused with its lofty spirit. The life of man and of every lasting institution must anchor itself in those immutable truths which lie at the root of all religion and of all morality. And so, while Masonry never intrudes itself unbidden within the sacred domain of religion, never assumes to do more than second and further that work committed especially to the church of Christ, never haughtily frowns upon other groups of men seeking the same noble ends, it plants itself solidly upon the immutable doctrines of God, of eternity, of a resurrection to the immortal life, of responsibility to the God of Upon these foundations heaven for the lives we live.

brethren with the humblest brother moving in the ranks. Come hither and learn among our impressive lessons-oft repeated during the Masonic life-this wholesome lesson upon the equality of human rights, upon the duty of respecting men according to their inherent worth. Sense of brotherhood must rest upon this conviction. And it is this sense of brotherhood that lifts love, sympathy, fellowship, generosity, helpfulness, out of the low realm of the artificial and the conventional into the domain of the real and the true. True, courtly manners are flavoured with the spirit of a real respect for one's fellows. And all those virtues, which are but courtly manners wrought into more substantial shape, become princely in the sterling reality given them by the sympathetic spirit. It is no wonder that the founders of Masonry, schooled so well in the needs of men, should have wrought the great, inclusive duty of charity all through our ceremonial teachings. This virtue, so slowly learned by a cold humanity, becomes the natural, logical deduction from a conviction of the brotherhood of men. The man who sees in man his brother, and is keenly sensitive to the fact, cannot do less than love his So we teach first the lesson of brotherhood. own. Generosity of spirit and of deed is its angelic sequel. You are teaching an impotent law of conduct when your charity of heart is not put before, as a cause, that charity of act, whose symbol is the open hand, the helpful deed.

We have time to do scarcely more than say how this great lesson of brotherhood deserves to be first always, to be oftenest repeated in the ears of men, and how in it we touch all the duties of man to man. Let the spirit of brotherhood and consequent charity of heart find a welcome amid the busy throng, where competition rages, where suffering and want intrude their hard presence ayo, within the hallowed precincts of the home more and more; and, verily, the life the motley throng are living would feel the genial sunrise of a new joy, and the spirit of antagonism with which men view one another so often now would be counted an intruder upon the peaceful life of society. To intensify the spirit of human fellowship, of that charity whose fountain is in the heart, is one of the leading offices of our Masonic institution. If, in our teachings-if, in the communion of brother with brother within our walls-if, in the nearer contact of man with man in the common interests of Masonry, we can develop in our hearts a keener sensitiveness, widen our sympathies, sweeten our spirits, train ourselves in thoughts and acts of charity, giving to them all that supreme sanction growing out of a sense of solemn responsibility, then are we one of the factors for good in the world; then are we touching vitally the most sacred interests of overyday life. Our Institution, even as it does so stand in tradition and organic structure, should in our convictions and lives stand for nobility of manhood, championship of the right, love and fellowship wider than the limits of our brotherhood, the heart and deed of a true fraternal love. As this uoble statue, wrought into artistic form the more forcibly to remind the throngs that though generations may cluster about it and ask its meaning, stands as a symbol of the character and deeds of the man whose heart beats responsive to his fellows' needs; so may our institution stand as something lasting and immovable, yet speaking of life, standing for something instinct with life, a symmetrical building indeed, yet in its practical activity and influence, in touch with all that is noble and sweet in govern our tongue, and instead of going to the highways the life of the world. Our office is to speak these lessons of humanity and fellowship with all their cternal and divine sanction into the ears of unwilling men. In this we are not indeed alone. We only join the voice from many an institution, many an carnest, great-hearted spirit. As a man alone you may engage in the lofty work of bringing about the reign of great thoughts and loving The voice, however, should take on a more doeds. determined emphasis when uttered in the unison and harmony of our fraternal followship. The individual, under the inspiration of a loving heart, may indeed-

IMPROPER USE OF MASONIC HALLS.

REEMASONS' Halls are consecrated to Masonic purposes—the performance of sacred and devotional rites. We invoke the presence of the most High during the rendering of a very solemn portion of our ritual, and therefore it cannot be contented with any degree of consistency, that dancing or any similar amusement is at all in keeping with the beautiful services conducted in a Craft Lodge Room. Too little thought is often given to the sacredness of character of Masonic ceremonies, and we are prone to go through the workings of the Lodge in some places in a perfunctory sort of style, without paying due regard to the beautiful lessons presented for our consideration. It appears to us as amounting to a desecration when Masonic Halls are converted into dance rooms, and we canuot comprehend why a place consecrated and dedicated for the solemn proceedings at meetings of the Fraternity should be deemed of a less holy character than churches or chapels. No good Jews or Gentiles would think for a moment of permitting any secular amusement to be carried on in their place of worship; then why, we ask, should the floor of a Masonic Lodge Room be utilized for any purpose but for which it was intended? It may be contended that "amusement such as dancing and participation in secular music are not injurious to the principles of Masonry," and we would not seek to debar our Brethren from enjoying themselves in a rational manner; but it is highly necessary-if our Halls are to maintain a sacred character-that Masonic workings should be placed on a footing with religious ceremonies, and everything of a free and easy, hilarious nature excluded from places set apart for the rendering of the Craft ritual. We cannot think that any body of Freemasons would willingly permit its sacred chamber to be desecrated, and it is only, probably, through a want of thought that Masonic Halls are occasionally used for other than Craft purposes; nevertheless such things do occur in some parts of the colony, and intelligent Brethren should take steps to check what cannot but be justly regarded as an evil.

-New Zealand Freemason.

MASONIC TEMPERANCE.

N speaking of the cultivation of this Masonic virtue we desire to get away from the narrow, contracted definition that in these degenerate days seems to circumscribe and belittle this virtue. We make of it a hobby upon which we mount, and imagine ourselves a full troop of cavalry. We endeavour to ride rough shod over every other virtue; and when we think we have vanquished our imaginary foo, and our conflict with the windmill is ended, we dismount from our charger to view the result of the battle, and behold the scene just as it was before the conflict, and our banner is still trailing in the dust.

Temperance, as taught by Masonry, is not simply abstinence from strong drink, but temperance in thought, words and actions. By temperance we do not only circumscribe our desire for intoxicants, or abstain from putting the bottle to our Brother's lips, and making him drunken also, but we are taught to be temperate in words, to and byways and mounting upon the housetops and proclaiming our Brother's shortcomings, we go to him and whisper good council in his ear, and in the most tender manner remind him of his fault, and endeavour to aid his reformation. Words passionately or intemperately spoken may do us, as well as our Brother, more injury, may cause more grief and sorrow, and bring more reproach upon Masonry, than intoxication. How intemperate it seems, "nay, not seems but is," for a Brother who, after passing the threshold of our Lodge, professing his trust in God, attaining the sublime degree of Masonry, who has bowed at the Sacred name of Deity, and been taught to adore his great Creator, when out of the Lodge Room and in contact with the profane "out-Herods Herod" in taking Gods name in vain, and with the next breath declaring that Masonry is a good enough religion for him, showing conclusively that he has a very faint conception of the religion of Masonry, even if Masonry was, or ever claimed to be, a religious institution, or rather that there is a religion in Masonry.

"Join hands with God to make a man to live."

But, as a compact body, linked in that strength which comes of united forces and purposes at one, fired with the electric power of that brotherly love fostered in the fellow. ship of kindred spirits, we may in very deed "join hands with God," and with one another, to bring strength and purpose and power and richness and gladness into the world's every day life.--Voice of Musonry.

-Grand Orator Burhardly

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GOOD THOUGHTS WELL PRESENTED.

THERE is to be found no greater field for active thought and work than in Masonry. The brightness of her and work than in Masonry. The brightness of her deals can never be dimmed by any investigation. Her code of ethics has taught man to be noble, true and faithful, has assisted in driving superstition from the minds of men, has closed the doors of immorality and vice, and opened the avenues of intellectual freedom. Her enemies are slanderers and bigots, her friends are those who love the human family. Unlike other institutions which have enslaved their worshippers, the teachings of Freemasonry have always tended to render man more independent, to cultivate a broader manhood and develop a deeper intellectuality. She has never enslaved a human being, but has laboured for man's prosperity in every relation of human existence. Masonry is light-the light of scientific thought, the light that man needs for a successful guide, and in great measure, that he may enjoy the full fruition of a well-spent life, and some results of a happy destiny. It denies every mythological and superstitious idea of man's creation, existence and destiny, but with impressive ceremony acknowledges God, the creator of all things, and solemnly recognises our dependence upon Him.

Masonry is truth. We are taught that "truth is a divine attribute;" yet, like other virtues, is within the reach of man, and may be appropriated to his use. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish it in these days of tinsel and gloss, but upon this rock we profess to build Masonic character. Masonic light cannot illuminate that which is false. When in the creation, God commanded, "Let there be light," and the light was given, it served to make truth visible, the truths of creation. The analogy is plain. When first we opened our eyes, we learned that Masonic light was given to read the "Word of Truth," that should prove a lamp to our feet.

He who thinks that he has accomplished all there is to be learned in the entire field of intellectual and moral teaching of Freemasonry deceives himself. The best educated among us has gained but a superficial view, while he who has learned the simplest lessons taught by the tenacity of the Acacia, has linked his soul to the Infinite and built a Temple therein whose corner-stone is taken from the quarries of Eternal Truth, and whose timbers are stronger than the Cedars of Lebanon. Masonry is the religion of education under forms and ceremonies. It pays homage to no other system, and, because of its independence, it has life.

If education have no religious tendency, then is our civilisation a failure, and all instruction goes for nought. Better for man to remain in slavery and degradation than to use the forces of education which result in nothing but barren hopes and fruitless endeavour. Happily we experience a different result. The forces of education have elevated man to the moral and intellectual being of to-day. Among these forces we recognise Masouic knowledge, which has participated in this great work, until now we find the test of true Masonic character applied to the highest type of developed manhood. Unmasonic conduct must, therefore, be the resultant operation of an impure mind, a soul devoid of true manhood and influenced by unholy desires and passions.—Grand Master Collier, West Virginia.

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BRO. JAMES ALBERY.

It is with sincere regret that we have to aunounce the death of Bro. James Albery, the talonted author of "The Two Roses," and several other popular plays. It occurred on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 30 St. Martin's Lane, W.C. The lamented deceased was born on 4th May 1838, and was therefore in his fifty-second year. For some time past he had been in ill health, but his sudden death was unexpected. The distinguished gentleman, even in early youth, exhibited considerable aptitude as a dramatist, and many farcical pieces were produced at the Southwark Literary Society. One of his plays, a four act drama, entitled "The Mate of the Mountjoy," gained the second T. P. Cooke prize. Mr. Albery's dialogue was always crisp and witty, and, though occasionally satirical, was full of poetical imagery. It was in "The Two Roses" that Mr. Henry Irving achieved his first conspicuous success in London, his rendering of the pompous but mean-spirited Digby Grant being the dramatic event of the year 1870. The deceased dramatist was buried on Tuesday last, at Kensal Green Cemetery, next to the family vault of Mr. J. L. Toole. Several floral tokens of affection were deposited on the coffin-notably a wreath "from his three loving sisters, Millie, Lillie, and Carry," and a cross from Mr. and Mrs. Usher Back and children—each of these contained a red and a white rose, a delicate compliment to the deceased's master piece. Among those present at the funeral were Master Irving Albery, son; Mr. Walter Alkery, brother; Mr. W. T. Hemsley and Mr. Usher Back, brothers-in-law; Mr. L. Albery Back, nephew; Mr. B. L. Farjeon, Mr. Barnes Amor, Mr. Wm. Duck, Mr. J. L. Moore, Mr. F. W. Broughton, Mr. Joseph Hatton, and Mr. R. D. Holl.

BRO. WILLIAM GREEN.

THE remains of the late Bro. William Green, who died on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the age of 50 years, were interred at Ann's Hill Cemetery, Gosport, on Monday. Deceased, who was for a number of years connected with the Royal Engineers, was a prominent member of the Masonic order. The body, enclosed in a black coffin, the lid of which was of glass, left the deceased's residence at 3.45, the principal mourners being deceased's son and Mr. Hodgson, an old friend. The Masons present included Bros. G. F. Lancaster P.M., H. Crisp W.M. 2153 (of which deceased was a P.M.), T. Stretton I.P.M., J. Read I.P.M. Cama Lodge, C. Seidenstucker D.C., Staff-Sergeant Leonard I.G., G. Dunbar Treasurer, and a number of others, amongst whom were Messrs. Jenkins, G. Pearman, Adams, J. Appleton, G. King, and Sergeants W. Phillips, and T. Cusse, of the R.M.L.I. The body was received at the Cemetery gates by the Rev. Howard Betts (curate of St. Mary's, Alverstoke), who conducted the service, and at the conclusion sprigs of acacia were thrown upon the coffin by the brethren.

Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of

Lord Carnarvon has presented a site for a parish reading and coffee room, to be erected at Burghelere, near Newbury, as a memorial of the late Canon Portal, who was rector of Burghelere for many years, and also domestic chaplain to Lord Carnarvon. Between £500 and £600 have been promised towards the fund.

The early Norman Church of Upper Heimsley, near York, has been enriched by a stained glass window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, the gift of the Farrow family, in memory of their parents.

HOLLOWAR'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Biliousness and Dyspepsia.—There is no organ in the human body so liable to derangement as the liver; food, fatigue, climate, and anxiety all disorder its action, and render its secretions, the bile, more or less depraved, super-abundant or scanty. The first symptoms should receive attention. A pain in the side, or the top of the shoulder, a harsh cough, and difficulty of breathing are signs of liver disease, which are removed without delay by friction with Holloway's inestimable Ointheant. The Pills should be taken without delay. For all diseases of this vital organ the action of these conjoined remedies is a specific by checking the over supply of bile, regulating its secretion and giving nervous tone.

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Sussex, who some weeks ago was ordered to Switzerland for the benefit of his health, has met with a most unfortunate accident while staying at Berne. He and Mrs. Ford were walking one afternoon the other week in the Spitalgasse, one of the galleried streets, when a heavy thunder shower began. There was a rush of roughs for the shelter of the colonnade, one of whom pushed violently against Bro. Ford, who slipped on the wet pavement, and fell heavily to the ground, breaking his arm just below the shoulder. The shock to his system is very great, more especially as he was just recovering from a recent illness. He is attended by a very skilful surgeon, and will, it is hoped, soon be able to begin a journey, by slow stages, to England. This accident is the more regrettable, as the 27th of next month has been fixed as the date of Bro. Ford's installation as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons in Sussex, in succession to Lord Arthur Hill, who resigns his office. It is to be hoped he will be able to go through the ceremony, though, of course, debarred from taking any active part in Masonry until quite recovered from the results of this unlucky accident.

FREEMASONRY IN QUEENSLAND.

WE have been requested to publish the following letters :--

To the Editor of the Brisbane Courier.

Siz,—The article reprinted in your journal of 29th June, headed as above, may lead to considerable error in the minds of the public, and, possibly, of some of the members of the Order, if the statements and assertions in the article are permitted to be regarded as altogether truthful and a fair statement of the facts of the case.

It is evident that the writer of the article believed all that was said by the speakers at a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the English Constitution, held at the Masonic Hall on 6th March, attended by some 20 or 30 persons, the Proceedings being printed and circulated the following day. Strange to say, all the speeches on one side were read from printed slips, and it is stated that they were all written by the same hand, and distributed amongst those willing to take charge of them. The great similarity of style gives some force to this statement. This goes to show the opposition to the movement was carefully pre-arranged some time before the meeting was called. But even at the meeting of the English District Grand Lodge, the expression of those present was far from being unanimous, as some of the oldest and most respected members differed altogether from their colleagues; but their speeches not having been prepared beforehand and printed, may not have run so smothly as those on the other side. It is evident that the Editor of the Freemason (the paper from which the extract was taken) arrived at his conclusions solely from an ex parte statement; or it is quite possible that the article may have been written by the same hand which is supposed to have concocted the speeches. Be that as it may, it was manifestly unfair to come to any conclusion or to express decided opinions before hearing what was to be said on the other side !

Now, what are the facts. On 7th March (one day after the District Grand Lodge met) the most numerous and influential meeting of the members of the three Constitutions ever held in Queensland took place in the Masonic Hall, having been called by public advertisement, and open to all who wished to attend. The actual number of those who signed the attendance roll was as follows :--There were 63 of the English, 69 of the Scotch, and 84 of the Irish Constitution---216 in all. Of this number only seven voted against the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Queensland, and one of those was not an English Mason, so that really 63 of the 69 English Masons present were in favour of the new Grand Lodge; and when it is considered that strong efforts have been made to prevent the attendance of the English Masons, the result of the voting shows what the real opinion of those present was.

The Grand Lodges of Sonth Australia, New South Wales and Victoria were at once recognized by the Grand Lodge of England. The highest and most influential Mason in England, or perhaps in the world—the Prince of Wales—has most unhesitatingly expressed his approval of the formation of Grand Lodges in the Colonies, believing that they would greatly extend the influence and power of the Order; and it is manifest that those who oppose his wishes disobey the supreme anthority of the English Constitution.

It would appear from the tone of the atterances from those opposed to the Queensland Grand Lodge, that the English Constitution is the principal representative of Queensland Masonry. Figures prove the opposite. There are not more than 32 Masonic bodies holding authority under English warrants, including the higher Degrees; while there are 45 ander the Scotch and Irish Constitutions. The actual number of members of the two Constitutions is supposed to be nearly double that of the English, so that so far as numbers go an overwhelming majority is in favour of the proposed change.

Much more could be said on the subject, but I fear to make this letter too long.

Lastly, all discussion has been forbidden in the English Lodges on the subject of the Queensland Constitution, showing the fear which exists of the matter being fairly and openly discussed.

I am, Sir, &c.,

MASTER MASON.

To the Editor of the Brisbane Courier.

SIR,-It is not my intention to reply fully to the statements made

at present existing. In conclusion, a great point is made of the way matters were managed in South Australia, but it hardly applies to this colony, for in South Australia the three District Grand Lodges were unanimous—here a very different feeling exists.

I am, Sir, &c.,

E. C.

Brisbane, 2nd July.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

T nine o'clock on the morning of the 19th alt., the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of Canada convened in the Masonic Hall, Owen Sound, being presided over by Grand Master Phil. J. Slatter, of Toronto. In his address the Grand Master referred to condition of the Rite, as follows :-- "While I regret that I cannot chronicle any marked progress of the Order in my jurisdiction, it is pleasant to be able to say that there has been no retrogression, that peace and harmony prevail, that no grievances have been brought before me. and that no instances of personal or Masonic dispute have been submitted to me for decision." After referring in feeling language to the deaths of Rev. Canon Portal, master of New Rite in England, and Dr. Rob V. Morris, of Kentucky, Grand Mester Slatter offered the following suggestions :- "I would strongly advise that a ritual be authorized by this Grand Council for use in this jurisdiction. At present we have none, and the work is, I know from visits made to the Council, not only this year but other years, apt to be inharmonions and incomplete, owing to the lack of the necessary literature. Indeed so generally is the lack of this felt that the degrees, owing to the bad. equipment of those doing the work, are apt to be conferred rather than worked. I would also advise that this Grand Council communicate with the Grand Priory of Canada urging that membership in the Cryptic Rite be made preliminary and necessary to the conferring of Templar degrees. A knowledge of the beautiful mysteries of the Masonry of the Secret Vault could not be but an elevating and impressive introduction to the knowledge imparted in the degree of the Red Cross and those of the Crusader. I have always maintained that the Arch is incomplete without the Cryptic Rite, and the force of what I suggest should certainly be urged upon the Great Priory.' The following is the result of the election of Officers :- David Taylor G.M., George J. Bennett D.G.M., David McLellan G.T., John Hetherington G.L., D. F. McWatt Grand Director of Coremonies, J. K. Kerr, P. J. Slatter, D. Spry, and J. Patton, Executive Committee. It was recommended that the Grand Council meet at Toronto next year, on a date hereafter to be determined by the Grand Master. It was also suggested that the number of Inspectors-General be reduced to one, and a motion that the Executive Committee report at next meeting with regard to a revision of the constitution to that effect was carried.-Toronto Daily Mail.

At the annual meeting of All Saints Chapter, recently held at Gainsborough, the Election of Officers took place, as follows:—Comps. Alfred Kirk P.Z. re-appointed M.E.Z., Baines H., Baines J., Bowby S.E., H. Wright S.N., Liversidge P.Z. ro-appointed Treasurer, A. Curtis Organist, and Scott Janitor.

A complimentary matinée to Sir Randal Roberts is announced, to take place on 25th September, at Terry's. On this occasion a new and original play will be produced, the artistes giving their services gratuitously. Tickets can be obtained of Mr. H. T. Brickwell, who has kindly consented to undertake the business management.

A Masonic Educational Fund has been established, under the District Grand Lodge, Eastern Division, of South Africa, and the Board of Management meet, at the Masonic Temple, King Williamstown, to further the objects of the Institution. We are not in possession of full particulars connected with the scheme, but we infer it is limited to the children or connections of Freemasons in that colony whose means are insufficient to meet such demands. By the last report the Treasurer had a credit balance in hand of £130 and the fund was being most successfully worked.

by "Master Mason" on the above subject in this morning's Courier, as I do not thing the public print the proper place to conduct such a controversy. There are, however, one or two statements of fact, or want of fact, which might be drawn attention to. "Master Mason" says that at a meeting held on 7th March there were present 63 English, 69 Scotch, and 84 Irish Masons; and that, because when the vote was taken, only seven Masons were against the change, therefore 63 (sic) English Masons were in favour of the same. In this calculation the fact is lost sight of that, after the first hour, the English Masons were leaving the room by dozens, and that when the vote was taken, cortainly not more than 15 remained; the eight who voted for the resolution representing the prime movers, &c. "Master Mason" goes on to say that there are only 32 Masonic Lcdges in the colony holding English Warrants, against 45 Lodges holding Scotch and Irish Warrants. But in this calculation is included higher degrees, which form up part of the prosent agitation. They hold Warrants from different governing bodies altogether. The scheme under view is that of having a Grand Lodge for all the Blue Lcdges, of which there are 31 English, against 28 Scotch and Irish. The English are practically vulnimous against a change. Certain few members are of a different opinion, as there always will be amongst a large bely

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To the Governors and Subscribers of the KoyalMasonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

DEAR MADAM OB SIE, The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as candidate for the same.

I have been restify within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it. I have the honour to append Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post, I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

Lordship Lane, Wood Green, August 1889. R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.

Copies of Testimonials received by R. F. Tomlin, Surgeon.

Devonport, 26th May 1873.

This is to cortify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September 1869, and remained with me till October 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with Exemplary Diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY, Surgeon.

21 Grosvenor, Bath, 23rd July 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the years 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, rail-way men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, L.S.A. (Lond).

Becket House Wantage, 23rd July 1899. Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last Fourteen Years, I can bear every testimony to his Character and Abilities, both professionally and socially. After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skillul services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer. efficient Officer.

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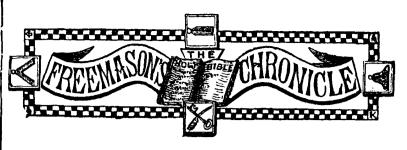
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SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST 1889.

PROV. G. LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at Andover, on Tuesday, the 13th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master (the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (the Worshipful Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) was also present. The following were appointed Officers of the Province for the ensuing year :---

Bro.	Col. W. Campbell, I	P.M. 257		Senior Warden
	G. H. Barolay P.M.			Junior Warden
	Rev. J. Scott Ramss			
	Rev. Dr. Barton 151		}	Chaplains
	Dr. C. G. Beaumont	P.M. 1112		Registrar
	J. W. Gieve P.M. 30			Treasurer
	Edgar Goble P.M. 3			Secretary
	Geo. Davis P.M. 130)	-
	J. H. McQueen W.M			Senior Deacons
	F. P. Ansle W.M. 55	51	}	
	G. Farney Brown P.	M. 1834	<u> </u>	Junior Deacons
	J. E. Buck P.M. 342			Sapt. of Works
	Francis Cooper P.M.			D. of C.
	J. Youd P.M. 723			Deputy D. of C.
	H. Long P.M. 1903	•••		A.D. of C.
	W. A. Hill P.M. 309			Sword Bearer
	H. Harbor P.M. 201			
	C. V. Birch P.M. 20'	74	}	Standard Bearers
	Lovegrove 1069			Organist
	Borrow P.M. 1958			Pursuivant
	Sharland W.M. 76			Assist. Pursuivant
	A. Farr W.M. 1373	•••		
	L. T. Wilkins W.M.			
	Hodges W.M. 195		}	a
	Blackman W.M. 359			Stewards
	Ruddy P.M. 1428		1	
	Stephens W.M. 1331			
	J. Exell 487			Tyler

At the conclusion of the Lodge there was a bauquet at the Foresters' Hall, which was well attended. The usual toast list was gone through, and the health of the Prov. Grand Master was, at the call of the Rov. E. J. Nepcan, drunk with much enthusiasm.

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P. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

N the 20th inst., the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland and Durham was held in the Freemasons' Hall, under the banner of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, at Berwick-on-Tweed, when there was a very good gathering of the "cream" of Masonry, as the members of the Mark Degree have been so felicitously termed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.P.G. Chaplain of England, who has presided over the destinies of Northumberland and Durham Mark Masonry with such conspicuous ability for the past 16 years. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Brother Canon Tristram, and the following Officers of the Lodge :- Bros. R. B. Reed D.P.G.M., T. Y. Strachan Past D.P.G.M., John Strachan P.G.S.W., J. C. Moor P.G.J.W., W. F. Carmon P.G.S.O., J. F. Wilson P.G.J.O., J. S. B. Bell P.G. Treasurer, Wm. Davidson P.G.R.M., J. Straker Wilson P.G. Secretary, G. S. Riddle P.G.S.D., D. G. Andersen P.G.J.D., J. Ferguson P.G.S.I. of W., Thos. Bell P.G.D. of C., Wm. Brown P. G. Standard Bearer, Richard Luck P.G.I.G., J. Curry P.G. Tyler, and among Proy. and other Officers were Bros. M. Corbitt,



MASONIC LITERATURE.

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Bro.	R. B. Reed	•••	•••	Deputy Master
	J. Straker Wilson		•••	Senior Warden
	Richard Luck			Junior Warden
	H. T. Herou			M.O.
	Adam Wilson, M.D.,			S.O.
	Jos. Robson Pattison			J.O.
	Rev. E. Thornton			Chaplain
	Robt. Whitfield W.M	. 293		Registrar of Marks
	C. B. Ford			Secretary
	J. S. B. Bell			Treasurer
	1 37			S.D.
				J.D.
	M. J. Wheatley			Inspector of Works
	Thos. Bell W.M. elec	et 356		D.C.
	Chas. Spencer			Sword Bearer
	Thos. Metcalfe W.M.	. 39		Standard Bearer
	W. Mayson			I.G.
	W Channel	••••		Organist
	Joshua Curry			Tyler
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The place of meeting for next year was fixed at Durham. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form. In the evening the brethren dined together at the King's Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Tristram, whose health was proposed in most flattering terms by Bro. T. Y. Strachan. In reply the P.G.M. gave a very eloquent address on the historical connection of the Mark Degree, which proved most interesting. He also pro-

REVIEWS.

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Masonic Orations," by Bro. L. P. METHAM P.G.D. (England) P.D. Prov. G.M. Devon, &c., delivered in Devon and Cornwall, from A.D. 1866, at the Dedication of Masonic Halls, Consecration of Lodges and Chapters, Installations, &c. With an introduction by Bro. Wm. James Haghan P.G.D. (England), &c., on Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall. Edited by Bro. John Chapman P.M. 1402, &c. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C.

It is a well recognised fact that as a special feature in all important Masonic functions the Oration must not be overlooked, and it is also as fully recognised that we have in our midst many active and talented brethren who are ready at all times to supply such an address as the special features of the ceremony may demand. Our good Brother the late Rev. A. F. A. Woodford spared no amount of labour to make the Orations he was called upon to deliver from time to time of interest to the advanced Masonic Student, while hundreds of our younger brethren were led on to a study of the literature and history of the Craft after they had had the opportunity of listening to the teachings of this eloquent and learned Craftsman. Another diligent student on the same lines is the author of the work now under notice, and it was a happy suggestion that prompted our Bro. the Rev. L. P. Metham to publish a collection of the principal addresses delivered by him-at the celebration of public events in the Provinces of Cornwall and Devon-in the course of a Masonic career extending from 1866 to the present time. As a matter of course, the majority of these addresses have previously been published, but they will be none the less welcome in their collected form on that account. Bro. Chapman P.M. 1402 has superintended the production of the book, and it has been handsomely printed by Bro. George Kenning. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., who, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time, always seems to have a few hours to spare whenever his services are in request, has written a most interesting introduction, which is thus spoken of by a writer in the Western Daily Mercury :--Bro. Hughan stands probably second to none in England for the attention that he has given to the great historic past of the Masonic world, to whose study he has devoted a large portion of his He commences his account of Freemasonry in Devon and life. Cornwall with a few words on the Masonic career of the Orator, prior to a short history of the Fraternity of the two counties. From this it appears that our Rev. Bro. Metham was initiated in Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, on 21st March 1844, and from thence he proceeded through various degrees till in 1867 the Earl of Zetland invested him as Junior Grand Deacon of England, " in commemoration of which the brethren of the three towns presented our brother with a fall dress suit of Grand Lodge clothing." The further career of Bro. Metham is briefly stated, and his great work of honorary Secretary of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum is ably condensed. The fraternal feelings and the high regard in which his brother Masons hold his work is shown in their generous contributions towards this Asylum, which amount to nearly £1800, while he has been equally regardful of the claims of the orphans of those who have died in the country's service by obtaining the election of thirty-five orphans into the Asylum. Bro, Hughan then gives details of the earliest of the Lodges of the two counties, the premier Lodge being formed in Excter in the year 1732. We must leave the reader who is interested to cousult the work itself for an account of the progress of the Brotherhood in both counties. In 1866 the late beloved Rev. John Huyshe was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Devon. The Freemasons of the Province subscribed for and presented him with a beautiful and costly gold chain, as an heirloom to the Province, to descend from each retiring Provincial Grand Master to his successor. They also subscribed 500 guineas, at another period, to purchase the "Huyshe Presentation Fund" in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The gold chain is now worn by Lord Ebrington, who has, in the kindest manner, effected an insurance on his own life, so that the privilege of presentation to the Boys' School may be continued by his lordship's successor. The Masons have certainly lived very much up to the great standards that they have set up, for their works are seen in many other bonevolences to which we have not even alluded. The book also contains, in addition to the wenty-five Orations, lists of the Lodges and Chapters in the two counties. We may add that the price of the work is five shillings, and whatever profit may accrue from its publication will be given to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, of which the distinguished Orator still remains the zealous honorary secretary.

posed the health of Bro. R. B. Reed, and Bro. Reed replied. The health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge was responded to by Bro. John Strachan. Bro. Thos. Bell very ably discharged the duties of D. of C.

On the 18th proximo, the P.G.M. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of England, will hold the annual meeting of the Province of West Lancashire, the most influential in the country, containing, as it does, nearly 100 Lodges and many thousands of members. The assembly will be held at Barrow-in-Furness, and it will take into consideration the usual routine business, other important matters, and the reports of the various Charities, &c. It is expected that a large number of brethren from Liverpool and other districts will attend.

At a general meeting of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, stitution was left for considera held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Bro. W. Rudrum considerable amount of genera S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. before the meeting terminated.

At a recent meeting of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the first since its inauguration in March last, at the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, Sir Wm. J. Clarke, the Grand Master, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of Masons. Considerable discussion arose upon the report of the Board of General Purposes, and the meeting did not adjourn until after midnight. The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at £500 per annum, the Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence at £100 per annum, and the Assistant Secretary at £200 per annum. The question as to the recognition of past rank conferred on members of the late Victorian Constitution was left for consideration at a future date. A considerable amount of general business was transacted before the meeting terminated.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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THE FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THIS popular Lodge celebrated its Second Annual Ladies' Excur sion on Tuesday last, the 20th inst. In the early morning the prospects of the party-having regard to the weather-were anything but promising; a heavy gale prevailed almost all over England during Monday night, and the downpour of rain in the morning of Tuesday was almost sufficient to damp the ardour of the most venturesome. However, the brethren of the "Four Twos" do their spiriting in no perfunctory fashion; what they undertake they enter upon thoroughly, and with such a spirit pervading their "chiefs," success is almost certain to follow. This was eminently the case on the occasion under notice. Frederick West may be said to be almost a "family" Lodge; we have therein three Hughes, three Lanes, and three Mayos; and this in a membership of something under five and twenty. The Lodge was consecrated on the 22nd December 1887, and Bro. R. T. Elsam P.M. 201, &c., was its first Worshipfal Master. Brother John Hughes P.M. 901 now wields the gavel, and he has associated with him in the government of the Lodge his Brothers David and Daniel, who respectively occupy the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. The Lodge holds its meetings at Bro. John Mayo's noted hostelry, the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, and when this fact is under consideration in connection with a "Ladies' Day," no marvel that "Silvery Thames" should be requisitioned for their delectation and enjoyment. The programme of the day was drawn somewhat on the lines laid down for last year's outing, and embodied a trip on a steam launch, with luncheon on board; a "call" at some noted house of entertainment up the river, and then back to Bro. Mayo's, where the banquet was to be served ; the day's festivities to be brought to a close by the fair ladies and their devoted swains exercising themselves in the mazy dance. The Brothers Hughes were early upon the scene, and about 11 a.m. the party took to the water, and a start was effected. Amongst those present were the W.M. Bro. J and Mrs. Hughes; the S.W. Bro. David and Mrs. David Hughes, with the J.W. Bro. Daniel Hughes. The I.P.M. was accompanied by Mrs. Elsam; whilst others of the party comprised Bro. Idiens (2045) and Miss Sanders, Bro. Watkins (901) and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. T Elsam and the Misses (three) Elsam, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Brother Thomas, Bro. Sam Hewett (1614) and Mrs. Hewett, Bro. Horace White (P.M. 1257) and Mrs. White, Bro. J. Piller (2222) and Mrs Piller, Bro. and Mrs. Parrott, Bros. John and Joseph Mayo and Miss Mayo, Bro. Barton (946) and Mrs. Barton, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Tribe, Bro. Bennett (2222), Bro. W. Lane (P.M. 1638, &c.), Bro. Le Fevre, Bro. Watts (1249) and Mrs. Watts, Bro. F. Lockett (2222), Bro. W. W. Morgan (P.M. 211), &c. Notwithstanding the gusts of wind that prevailed throughout the day, the water trip was thoroughly enjoyed; the rain fortunately kept off. The "Princess Beatrice," the steam launch engaged for the occasion, is roomy and well appointed, while the creature comforts of the assembly had been adequately provided for by Bro. John Mayo and his assistants. Music, of course, had been considered an essential, and this was well supplied by the band of Mr. Neave (of Molesey), whose efforts in this regard are always appreciated. As we have already stated, a special feature of the day was the "friendly call," and for this occasion the "Pack Horse" at Staines was the favoured spot. At this popular resort our party was received by one of the proprietors (the Brothers Raynor), who, with his wife, gave their guests a cordial greeting. Here a vocal concert was improvised, and a friendly glass quaffed to our good friends the Brothers Raynor, with the hope that the venture they have embarked in at Staines | Blinkhorn assisted in promoting the harmony of the evening, by conmay result profitably, and that they may be as successful as public caterers as in days past they proved themselves to be as public pleasant and successful one. entertainers. But the signal for the return journey has been given; the ship must again be taken, and now we have as a companion vessel the popular Oxford boat, which for the nonce shares with us the locks from Staines to Molesey. Back at the Castle, the order is for a wash and a brush up, and then Brother John Mayo serves the banquet This was of an eminently récherché character; the quality of the viands was of the best, while the cooking and service was perfection. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal toast was given, and was cordially Grand Master, and W. Brother A. F. Godson, M.P., greeted. Brother R. T. Elsam, in brief terms, submitted the health P.G.D. England, P. Prov. G.S.W., is the Deputy Prov. of the W.M., and gracefully recognised the efforts Bro. John Hughes Grand Master. A banquet will be served at 4:30 p.m., at had made for the happiness and comfort of the party. Bro. John Hughes suitably replied, and after the services of Bro. Lockett (dubbed for the occasion, by an irreverent brother, "the ubiquitous Freddy ") had been commended, Bro. John Mayo was complimented, and then the room was cleared for dancing, which was kept up with spirit till 1 a.m. For ourselves-we cannot now so well stand these long hours as in days of yore-it was with reluctance we left the genial assembly, by the 11.5 p.m. train from Hampton Court.

case of the two first named brethren was ably performed by the Secretary Ero. W. Ball, by his wish. Bro. J. W. Rattenbury was passed to the degree of F.C. The candidate for initiation was unable to attend. He will, therefore, present himself at the next meeting. The names of two gentlemen, candidates for initiation, were proposed and seconded, and that of one brother as a joining member. This completing the business, the Lodge was closed. The brothren afterwards reassembled for the banquet, and the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, coupling with that of the Provincial Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers the name of Bro. Copestick P.P.G.W., assuring him of the pleasure it gave the Lodge at any time to receive visits from the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Copestick, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. He eulogised the Provincial Grand Master for the services he rendered to Freemasonry in his Province, and trusted that the Kingswood Lodge might, at no very distant date be again honoured by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsoy, M.P. This romark was vory warmly received. Bro. E. Blinkhorn proposed the health of the acting W.M., which was replied to. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Visitors, saying it was with a large amount of pleasure that they welcomed their visitors on that occasion; they were delighted to have the opportunity of extending such hospitality as was within their means to distinguished brethren of the Province, from London, and from our distant colonies, and hoped that it might often be their privilege to do so. They had visitors that evening who had been amongst them before-notably, Bro. Scott-Young, who had again so kindly assisted in the musical arrangements, and to whom they were much indebted. He was also pleased to welcome the Worshipful Master of another Lodge in the Province, Bro. Martin 1385. This toast was received very heartily. Bro. Wright 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, in reply, said it was the second time he had visted the Kingswood Lodge, and he might tell the brethren that whenever he was on this side of the Atlantic, if he did not receive an invitation to visit them he should feel aggrieved. He was delighted to be present. Bro. Rodger, of the same Lodge, also spoke in very cordial terms of the kindly feelings shown them by their brethren in the old country. Bro. Scott-Young W.M. 226 said he was becoming a frequent visitor. He was pleased to meet again the brethren from the colonies, as their presence showed the universality of the science. He complimented the Lodge on the work done. Bro. Ingram, Ontario, thanked the brethren for the reception accorded them. He was much impressed by the working on this side, as well as by the kindly welcomes he received. He could not say that Freemasonry would make a bad man a good one, but he was convinced that it would make a good man a better one. Bros. Copostick, Martin, Berg, and Blyth also briefly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary. He regretted the absence of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Pheasant, through indisposition; be could only say of him that he was a spleudid Officer of the Lodge, and knew well how to take care of the funds. Bro. W. Ball replied, thanking the brethren on behalf of the Treasurer. For himself, he was about to cross the Atlautic again, and should, unfortunately, be absent at the next meeting. He hoped the brothren would think of him when the Tyler's toast was given-not as a poor and distressed brother, but as one who desired a speedy return to his native land. The health of the Officers having been given and acknowledged, Bro. Wright, Newfoundland, claimed indulgence from the W.M. on behalf of the visitors. They had received so much kindness from the brethren that they could not separate without drinking with the utmost heartiness and goodwill-Prosperity to the Kingswood Lodge. The W.M. briefly thanked the visitors for their good wishes, so ably expressed. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bros. Scott-Young, Blyth, Moore, and tributing some excellent songs, and the meeting proved a very

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester will be held in the Town Hall, Stourport, on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, at 12 o'clock at noon. The R.W. Brother Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., is the Provincial

KINGSWOOD LODGE, No. 2278.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Elstree, on Thursday, the Sth inst., under the presidency of the acting I.P.M. Bro. John Petch, supported by Bros. E. Blinkhorn, H. T. Nell acting S.W., George T. Chretien acting J.W., W. Ball Secretary, C. M. Coxon S.D., T. C. Berg acting J.D., W. H. Aplin I.G., G. Conchman Tyler, T. Williams Assist. Tyler, R. W. Nicole, E. H. Moore, and J. W. Rattenbury, and the following visitors :- Bros. T. C. Berg I.P.M. 1613, T. A. Blyth 1804, J. Copestick P.M. 869 P.P.G.W. Herts, T. H. Martin W.M. 1385, S. Scott-Young W.M. 226, R. Wright P.S.W. 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, A. Rodger P.S.W. 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, and L. H. Ingram Lodge Kilwinning, Ontario. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. E. H. Moore, R. W. Nicholl, and T. Williams were raised to the degree of M.M. The ceremony in the

the Swan Hotel, Stourport, for which tickets (6s 6d each) may be procured from the Provincial Grand Stewards.

The members of St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, had their annual outing on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The brethren, with their wives and other relatives, drove to the Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, where a substantial luncheon was served, and, after visiting the Horticultural Exhibition and viewing objects of interest in the locality, the company drove home, Devonport being reached at a quarter to eleven. Au enjoyable day was spent, in spite of the weather.

"There is not in nature anything so remotely distant from God, or so extremely opposite to Him, as a greedy and griping niggard."

MARRIAGE.

SCHUMACHER—CONSTABLE.—On the 27th ult., at St. Cyprian's Church, Kimberley, South Africa, Woldemar HERMANN SCHUMACHER, of Porchester Lodge, Belgravia, Kimberley, to FLORENCE ANNIE, daughter of Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE, of Kimberley, South Africa.

GLEANINGS.

Freemasonry is by many regarded as one of the many delusions of the wicked One to lure men on to destruction and perdition. Hence the attitude of some sections of the Christian Church is hostile, only hostile, and that continually. But the brothren of the Craft themselves profess to be animated by a desire to search into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, and to be in the regular Apostolic Succession of the wise men who came from the east to Jerusalem in the infancy of Christianity. Nay, they claim to be predecessors of those wise men as well as the successors. In the time of Solonion they were employed in building the Temple, but since then they have been, as a rule, not operative, but rather speculative, or free and accepted Masons, and apply all the principles of the Craft to the enforcement of moral precepts. Certainly there is no sign of the cloven foot in any of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, which met recently in Owen Sound. About four hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of the Province assembled, for the transaction of business. Among these are some of the most prominent men in the c'erical, legal, and medical professions, as well as the most successful business men in all walks of life. The Order certainly is not lacking in respectability, if the social status of its membership counts for anything. Some figures gleaned from the address of the Grand Master may be of interest. They have a Benevolent Fund with a capital of 69,000 dollars, of which 60,000 is invested, and the remainder in the bank. They have paid out in aid to the needy among their members, including their widows and orphans, over 150,000 dollars during the last twenty-five years. The average annual disbursements during the last few years have been 11,000 dols. They have now upon their list of pensioners three hundred and fifty-five widows, fifty-five orphans, and thirty-one needy brethren. Their receipts during the past year amounted to over 17,000 dollars. They contemplate having a big centennial demonstration in 1892, when delegates will be present from all parts of the continent. Their next annual meeting will be held in the city of Kingston. What is the matter with the Craft in Orillia? They do not appear to have been represented at the Grand Lodge .- Orillia Packet.

Don't go to the Lodge to find fault, to raise a row, to talk of friendship when you mean hate, determined to set yourself on edge with any that come near you. Try the antithesis of this. Speak kindly to all. If you disagree with a brother, do so in such a charitable spirit that your words will influence your hearers, and perchance you may bring a flood of harmony where discord abounded. Courtesy costs nothing. Cheap, is it not? Try it. The elixir of life is not half as palatable.

In love for one another let us be real-not hollow. The curse of onr fraternity is the brother who grasps your hand, utters pleasant sontences, and winds up by some remark that savours so much of business that you feel like either casting your apron from you or pitching the so-called brother from the dormer window.

 Λ live, true, worthy Mason, is one who regularly attends his Lodge, discharging all the duties incumbent upon him as a member of the Craft, studies to understand the living principles of, and remembers every point in, his covenant. He thinks enough of Masonry to make some sacrifices in its interest.

Keep clear of the brother who blasphemes. It is the curses heard in Lodge ante-rooms that sicken many a man who thought that Masoury was free from such muck.

We are sometimes on the keen edge of discontent with our brother. We snap and snarl at every word, forgetting the hour when we bonded our life to his in the woven strands of good-will and charity.

The sunlight of friendship should gladden us as we meet in our Lodge rooms. Life is so mingled with joy and sorrow that we ought to make the most of the happy hours when we meet upon the checkered floor.

A good name, when deserved, gives a strength and mild courage, quiet boldness and modest assurance, which are worth all that they cost.

A man, to be of any account in this world, must stand up for truth, and back his opinions by integrity. A skulking, deceptive, self-seeking man is devoid of these potent elements of character, and, after a time, is lost in the fog of worldly contempt, and is forgotten;

WHAT IS A SQUARE ?- This question is often asked in our Lodge rooms and readily answered. But beyond lines of measurement, it has a meaning of far deeper import in its relations to human action.

1. It is to avoid intemperance and excess.

2. It is to be humane in our treatment of our follow-men.

3. If we obey the above, we shall treat our dumb animals with indness

4. It is to give good weight and measure, and tell the truth at all times about the wares we may sell.

5. It is to avoid evil speaking and slauder. We are brothers, and it is unbecoming in brothers to speak ovil of each other.

6. It is to try by all the means within our power, to do all we cau to aid our brother man, by words of good cheer and deeds of love and mercy.

Such is our answer as to what is a square.-Masonic Journal.

It is well to keep in view the duties that Freemasonry enjoins. They will never be changed, and require self-denial. When a profane makes up his mind to seek our mysteries he ought to be told plainly that the good he will receive from them will be what happiness one gives by performing acts of charity from notions wholly unselfish. To do good without hope of fee or reward is the motive which should actuate seekers after light in Masonry.

How many of the bitter animosities of the Lodge room might be allayed, and how much happier would we feel with our brethreu if before we attered the harsh word in debate we gave but a thought to the principle in the keystone of that arch which binds us in sweet charity with all, be he brother or friend.

A GOOD DEFINITION.-In the course of a Masonic sermon, delivered in New Rothesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tullock, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the Order was a great moral force, which largely helped on the redemption of the world from evil. In its Lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer, if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

TRUE CONCEPTION OF MASONRY.-How infinitely removed from the true conception of the Masonic essence are those who see or expect in Masonry nothing but a society for ameliorations and benefits ? These are temporal concerns; material objects sought according to convenience and circumstances. Far be it from my thoughts to detract, by remotest insibuation or inference, from the merit of those institutions which men have organised for mutual benefit. They are praiseworthy; they are useful; they relieve distress, and shelter against poverty and want. But they are neither a substitute nor an equivalent for Freemasonry. They are as far removed from it as the image of some partial superstition is removed from the One Infinite. Masonry is more than "a beautiful system of morality." No definition can lay down its scope or measure its extent. Its soul is truth; its mission, the brotherhood of man; a vague generality, perhaps, to the superficial mind, but a welldefined substance to the thoughtful and the earnest. Ordina y morality, uprightness of life, charitable impulse, these aro the common attributes of all good men, be they Masons or no. But Freemasonry combines them into higher uses and pobler purposes. It teaches not only morality, but also equality; not only charity, but also toleration ; the fraternity, not of Masons, only as such, but the fraternity of the human race. When we speak of the "universality of Masonry," we assume something more than a mere historic or geographical fact. We do not mean only that Masoury can and does flourish everywhere; but that, in its essence, it is universal; in its nature, benevolent; in its objects, ideal; striving to fit man for a condition of perfect moral and social communism, where geography traces no boundaries and history erects no boastful monuments; where we are content to forget and forgive, remembering only the points of fellowship, our fears, our hopes, our common struggle and our common destiny.—*Charles F. Buck G.M. La.*

MASONRY MULTIPLIES FRIENDSHIPS .- Man's greatest need on earth is friendship, constant, true and helpful. Masonry multiplies friendships. The quality of sweet friendship, like that of her sister, mercy, is not strained. It blesses him who gives, and him who takes, and so on to the end. Let our aim and efforts ever be to establish and maintain true and abiding friendships, and he will teem with richer blessings. -P.G.M. Congdun, of New York.

while the man of truth and integrity, though for a moment he forfeit popular applause, is sure to command universal respect and to win at last.

When we meet a man who never changes any of his opinions, never corrects any of his mistakes, and is not wise enough to discover any mistakes in himself, we at once make up our mind that he is a poor judge of human nature, that he is destitute of charity, and has pastured upon selfishness based upon conceit. Such men are of no account in the mart where goodness and truth are dealt out. Members of our fraternity will do well to try "to see themsel's as ithers see them.²

THE SOCIAL TIE.—Freemasonry in all its branches is a social brotherhood, and while teaching a "beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," it will fail if the social element is neglected. The social tie is the tie which binds, and these organizations bave originated to supply a social necessity. Man was created a helpless and dependent being, and it is a natural heaven-born impulse that compels him to seek companionship with his fellow man; and if he finds it not among those he was taught to recognize by the endearing title of brother, he will leave Masonry. The ritual with all its beautics will in time fail to attract, independout of anything else. The following old Latin maxim is a good one, Bud applies to Masonry as well as some other societies : "Ridontom Interest Book, with full description free. Address J. H. NICHOLSON, 21 Bedforddicere verum, quid retat."

COMPANION.-It was not uptil near the close of the last century that the word Companion was used to designate a Royal Arch Mason. In the records of St. Andrew's Chapter the term is first applied October 20, 1795, on which date Thomas S. Webb, of Temple Chapter, Albany, N.Y., was present as a great of St. Andrew's Chapter. It was about this time that considerable changes in the Royal Arch Ritual and system took place-changes largely due to the fashioning hand of Webb-and most likely the word Companion was then introduced to distinguish Royal Arch Brethren from Master Masons Companion is a word of less general use and application than Brother Dr. Mackey, in pointing out the difference in the meaning of the two terms, says: "The latter refers to the universal Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man; but the former represents a companionship or common pursuit of an object-the common endurance of suffering or the common enjoyment of happiness. Companion represents a closer tie than Brother. The one is a natural relation shared by all men; the other a connection, the result of choice, and confined to a few. All men are our brethren, but not all are our Companions."

NO MORE DEAF .-- Nicholson's Patented Artificial Ear Drums square, London, W.C.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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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.

-:0:-SATURDAY, 24th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (11) 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction) 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7, (Instruction) 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction) 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1871—Gostling-Murray Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction) 1982-Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 26th AUGUST.

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. (Iu) 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction) 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction) 933—Doric, Juke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction) 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7'30. (Inst.) 127—Internet Market and Station, at 7'30.

1227-Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction) 1425-Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In) 1445-Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.) 1489-Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)

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1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (1n) 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst 1695—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.) 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction) 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottonham. 8. (Inst.) 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction) 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction) 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester 149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)

999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchestor 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A. 219-Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden R.A. 411-Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham R.A. 448-Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 27th AUGUST.

25-Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 65-Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Hotorra, at 7 (Inst) 65-Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)

141—Faith, Victoria Mansious Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (1nst) 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, ut 7.30 (Instruction) 149—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, Olifton Road, Maida Hill, at ?. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)

800-Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.) 860-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) 1321-Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Heurietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

1321-Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Heurietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349-Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446-Mount Edgeumbe, 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, Frince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704-Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1275-Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In) 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle

573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owan 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Bir aingham 1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, G.ays, Essex. (Instruction) 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead 1669—Dramatic Masonic Hall, Linemant

1604-Wandorors, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In 1662-Beaconsfield, Chequors, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.) 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at S. (Inst.) 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at S. (Inst.) 1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camborwell New Road, S.E., at S. (Ia) 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersoa Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction) 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at S. (Instruction) R.A. 177-Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.) R.A. 720-Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.) R.A. 933-Doric, 202 Whitechapel Read, E., at 7.30. (Instruct on) M.M.-Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Munchestor 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Luncushiro 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Lyrla

439—Scientifie, Masonic Room, Bingley 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Castruction)

972-St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction) 996-Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk 1039-St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield 1085-Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction) 1119-St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow 1219-Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester 1264-Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction) 1283-Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Solveroy Bridge 1392-Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire 1511-Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instructioa) 1033-Ayon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester 1723-St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-Square, Bolton 1967-Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompson, Kent RA. 42-Unanimity, Dorby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

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R.A. 376-Royal Sussex of Porfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich R.A. 503-Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone R.A. 533-Warren, Froemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire R.A. 605-De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkonhead R.A. 1356-De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

M.M.-Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham

M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mule-streat, Newcastle M.M. 173—Wiltshiro Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 87-Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Larnoetn, at 8 (Instruction) 114-St. Luke, White Hart, King's road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction) 147-Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction) 135-Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regout-street, W., at 8. (Inst.) 704-Camden, Lincoln's Ian Restaurant, 305 High Holtoorn, at 7 (Instruction) 749-Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction) 754-High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction) 879-Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In) 1017-Monteflore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction) 1158-Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.) 1276-Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betanal Groon Road, E., at 8. (Instruct) 1278-Burdott Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betaual Groon Road, E., at 8. (Instruct) 1303-St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile En.1 Road, E. (Instruction) 1303-Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction) 1360-Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst) 1426-The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 630. (Inst) 1126-The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6'30. (Inst)
1554-D. Commaght, Palmeraton Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (1a)
1571-Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7,30. (Instruction)
1602-Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner o Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612-West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614-Covent Gardon, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622-Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625-Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7,30. (In.)
1673-Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5,30. (Instruction)
1674-Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotto Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1741-Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotto Street, W., at 8 (Instruction) 1791-Croaton, Whoatsheaf Tavorn, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (I 1st) 1950-Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1996-Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.) R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castlo, Broadway, Doption, 1, at 8. (Inst).
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST.

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, as 3. (nstruction) 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bucup 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich

904-Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham 904-St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Statford 1313-Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire 1580-Uranboruno, Red Lion Hotel, Hattield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction) R.A. 57-Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull

1609 – Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 1636–St. Ceilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton 1675 – Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 2025–St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Davon 2146–Surbiton, Spread Engle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction) R.A.74-Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham R.A. 103-Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol R.A. 168-Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheorness R.A. 175-East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight R.A. 823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST.

3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction) 30-United Marinors', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction) 72-Royal Jubilee, Mitro, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 73-Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst) 73—Mount Lepanon, George inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
229—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 9 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Grean, Tottonham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, K. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whitington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct.)
808—Temperance in the Kest & Namber Blace, Baplar

698-Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar 902-Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 9. (Instruction) 1475-Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kert Road, at 9. (Instruc.) 1524-Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, a 8. (Inst.) 1540-Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark 1601-Ravensbourne, George In , Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 167-St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst). 507-United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Uamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst., 765-St. Jamos, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction) 766-William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In) 834-Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction) 1056-Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction) 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction) 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In) 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroko Hall, Notting Hill, at 3. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminstor, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
14. 200 Lille of Biokened (Biokened Pickers) R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 800—Hornsoy, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Grown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Fiasbury Pavement, E.C., at 7:30. (In) 453-Chigwoll, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)

810-Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8 R.A. 242-Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Groydon, at 3 179-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In) 198-Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction) 1275-Star, Dover Cashle, Dentford Canseway S.F. at 7 (Instruction) 1275-Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction) 1238 – Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction) 1384 – Earl of Zotland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct) 1824 – Ecclestou, Grown and Auchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct) 2012 – Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7,30. (In) R.A.-Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)

TASMANIA.

-:0:--HOPE LODGE, No. 618 (E.C.)

bers were present, including representatives of town and country Lodges. Worshipful Deputy D.G. Master E.C., Bro. R. J. Sadler, acted as Installing Officer, and was assisted by P.M.'s Bros. C. H. F. Shearn and W. Horne. The following Officers were installed and invested for the ensuing year :- Bros. H. C. Hallowes W.M., C. H. F. Shearn I.P.M., A. M'Connell S.W., H. White J.W., W. Horne Treasurer, Jas. Scott Secretary, C. J. Newey S.D., W. Martin J.D., J. H. Bryan Organist, A. J. Green and G. H. Lee Stewards, A. North I.G., E. Williams O.G. Two presentations of Past Master's jewels were made by Bro. Sadler, on behalf of the members initiated during their respective terms of office as W.M.'s, to Bros. R. S. Scott and Jas. Scott. Both jewels were inscribed with the names of the initiates. At the conclusion of the business the members sat down to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

PERFECT UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 660 (S.C.)

O^N Monday evening, the 24th June, this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, for installation, when there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors, some 70 brethren being present. The visitors included representatives from Scottsdale, Lefroy, Lower Piper, Beaconsfield, and Longford, the Deputy D.G. Master E.C., attended by his Officers, the Provincial Grand Master I.C. being unable to attend, through ill-health. The R.W. D.G. Master S.C., Bro. P. Barrett, acted as Installing Officer, assisted by his Deputy D.G. Master, Bro. M. E. Robinson, and other Officers of the Scottish District. The following Officers were installed and invested for the ensning Masonio year :-Bros. E. H. Satton W.M., W. A. Macdougall I.P.M., F. J. Read S.W., J. M. Pardey J.W., W. A. Macdougall Treasurer, A. Kirkland (re-elected) Secretary, E. R. Falton S.D., C. Eberhard J.D., F. Allison Steward, A. T. Cruikshanks I.G., R. E. Waters Tyler. The report and balance-sheet were presented, the general fund and benevolent fund both showing a credit balance. On behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, Bro. Kirkland presented the R.W. D.G. Master with a framed portrait group, well executed by Bro. S. Spurling, of the Officers of the Lodge, the autograph of each Officer appearing below his likeness. In making the presentation Bro. Kirkland said that it was but a faint expression of the pride in, and esteem for, their District Grand Master, entertained not only by the Officers, but also by the members of Perfect Unanimity. Bro. Barrett said he found words fail him in his endeavour to express his appreciation of this unexpected but gratifying indication of the esteem in which he is held in Masonic circles. The musical portion of the ceremonies was efficiently conducted by Bro. J. H. Bryan, and at the conclusion of the business the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet room, where a tastefully laid out banquet awaited them. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, a pleasant social evening being spent.

TASMANIAN LODGE, No. 274.

THE regular quarterly Convocation of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was held at the Lodge Room, Murray-street, Hobart Town, on Wednesday, 5th June, the W.M., Bro. E. A. Marsden, pre-siding. After routine business had been transacted, the following Officers were appointed and installed for the ensuing year :-Bros. E. F. Lovett W.M., E. A. Marsden I.P.M., E. R. Roe S.W., R. F. Digges J.W., J. W. Toplis M.O., F. B. Pocock S.O., J. Blackley J.O., Rev. R. D. Ponlett-Harris Chaplain, J. Chisholm Treasurer, J. G. Steele Secretary, W. O. Russell Registrar, W. J. Watchorn S.D., J. Patt J.D., E. J. Rogers Organist, H. L. D'Emden I.G., W. G. Beaumont O.G. Before the Lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., and supported by Bros. Giblin, Allport, and Marsden, to Bro. R. S. Pink, for the valuable services rendered by him as Secretary for the past seven years.

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THIS Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, on Tuesday, the 25th June, for the purpose of installation, and about 60 mem. REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS; CRITICALLY CONSIDERED,

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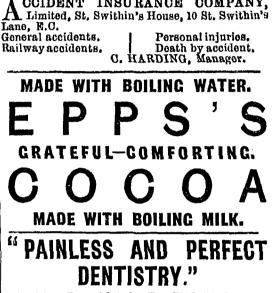
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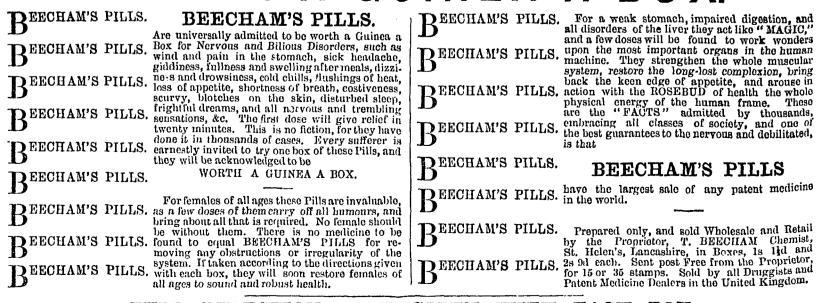
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