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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE ballot paper issued for the next election of this Institution, which will take place on Saturday, the 26th prox., contains particulars of forty-nine candidates, and announces that there are but nine vacancies. This is but a poor proportion of prizes for the large number of applicants, but we must not forget that at the half-yearly election in April last no less than thirty-seven girls were taken on to the funds of the Institution, which is now pledged to the maintenance and education of two hundred and sixty-four children. This, it must be admitted, is a very large number to be provided for from the free-will offerings of the Craft, especially when we bear in mind that there are two other large Charities to be kept up, in addition to numberless minor calls to be answered, and all in the cause of Masonic Benevolence. The two hundred and sixty-four girls at present on the funds of this Charity compare most favourably with the hundred who were reaping the benefits of the Institution in December 1872, and it is but necessary to consider the wide difference in the total then and now—a period of less than seventeen years has elapsed—to fully appreciate the very rapid strides which have been made in connection with this Institution.

Among the forty-nine candidates now appealing for the sympathies of the Craft are six, whose age will preclude them from taking part in another election if they are unsuccessful at the coming contest. We will not attempt to say these six are the most deserving cases on the list, but with all of them it is now or never. The circumstances of each case have been inquired into, and all have been found worthy of being admitted to the benefits of the Charity. Under such conditions then it would seem imperative that all of them should be elected next month even if one or two more deserving cases have to be put aside for half a year—until the next election—to make room for them; otherwise they will be for ever excluded from the benefits which their friends have been led to expect, and which on all hands it is admitted they are fully entitled to receive. Unfortunately, it seldom happens that all of the last application cases at one of the elections are successful, but we hope this occasion will prove an exception to the rule, and that the six girls now taking their last chance of securing a home in the School will not be permanently excluded from its benefits. Of these six candidates two now apply for the third time; No. 1, Dorothy Parnell Anthony, who is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother, brings forward 4 votes from the two elections in which she has taken part. Her father was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Devonshire, in 1871, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, in 1887. We hope this case may

receive the support of the father's Province, and that the brethren thereof may receive sufficient outside support as to render the election a certainty. No. 19, Emily Frances Griffiths, has not had much better fortune in the past, her total of votes in hand being but 47, but this lack of support at the last two elections must not be considered as any augury of what is in store for the child next month; the friends may have been busy on other cases, and may now intend to help this one in its proper order. There are five children dependent on the mother of this girl, the father of whom was admitted to Masonry in the Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477, North Wales, in December 1875, remaining a subscribing member thereof until the time of his death, which took place in 1886. No. 27, Isabella Mildred T. Lane, would appear to stand a tolerably good chance of success, for she comes forward on this occasion with 1138 votes to her credit, that number having been polled on her behalf in April. She is one of four children left to the care of a widowed mother. The father died in 1888, after a membership of 17½ years in the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, Middlesex, of which Lodge he was a Past Master. No. 35, Ethel Mary Poore, had 370 votes polled on her behalf last election. Both her parents are living. The father was initiated in the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Middlesex; has subscribed to his Lodge for 16 years; risen to the office of Past Master therein, and has had the collar of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies conferred on him. There are two children entirely and three partially dependent on him, and although we have no particulars of his condition we are convinced the case is worthy of assistance, else it would never have been allowed on the list. We may add that the father has served the office of Steward for the Girls' School, and has qualified as Life Governor of all three of the Institutions. No. 49, Mary Glover Wood, has 106 votes to her credit. She is one of ten children dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Isle of Man, and passed the chair therein. He was a subscribing member for 12 years. No. 44, Mabel Elizabeth Warren, now makes a first application. She is the daughter of a brother made in the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, London, and is one of four children dependent on their mother. We again hope she and these other last application cases will be successful at the coming contest.

No. 25, Bertha Johnston, is another case deserving special notice, she having neither parent living. She is one of three children dependent on friends, and now makes her third application for admission to the Girls' School. She brings forward 28 votes from the two last elections, and has a chance of competing in four others, in addition to that of next month. Still, that is no reason her claims should be overlooked, provided there is room for her in the Institution, without excluding others who are in greater

need. Of course, it is quite impossible to decide on this point, and all we can therefore hope is that she may receive as much support as the merits of her case deserve. Her father was initiated in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, became a Past Master thereof and G.S.B. of the Province. He subscribed for 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ years and, we trust, made a sufficient number of friends to ensure the early admission of his daughter to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The remaining cases we shall leave, as usual, to speak for themselves. We are sure all are deserving of support, and our principal regret—as it is the regret of many others—is that they cannot all be admitted at once to the full enjoyment of the benefits they are seeking.

An alteration has been made in the arrangement of the ballot papers which does not strike us as being any improvement, rather the reverse. We have been accustomed to see the list of candidates in order according to the date of their being passed as eligible to compete. Then it was possible to at once judge how long a candidate had been before the subscribers; now the list is given in alphabetical order, and, except that it may be somewhat easier for reference, we cannot see any advantage in the change, as it appears to make the list very confusing. For instance, No. 1 on the list is a third application case, No. 2 a first, No. 3 a fourth, No. 36 a fourth, No. 37 a first, No. 38 a third, and so on throughout. Unless there is some manifest advantage in the the new arrangement which is not as yet apparent to us, it would be much better to revert to the old system, which at least has the merit of showing the candidates in regular sequence, no small consideration to those who make a point of studying the lists issued from time to time, as the elections come round.

A MISUNDERSTANDING EXPLAINED.

By BRO JACOB NORTON.

WHILE pondering over the Ashmole question some time ago, that is, whether he was *our* brother Mason? the old adage came into my mind, "Tell me what company you keep, and I will know what you are;" hence, as Ashmole told us, that he was "the senior fellow" of a Masons' organisation which met at Masons' Hall, and as I knew that the Masons that met at the said Hall were not *our* kind of Masons, I concluded that Ashmole was not *our* brother Mason.

A short time after I came to the above conclusion, I happened to see an article in the *Freemason*, by Brother Hughan, headed "Ashmole as a Mason," and seeing therein the well known extracts from Ashmole's diary, I supposed that the article was a mere repetition of the oft-told Ashmole story, I therefore neglected to read it, but merely copied from it the said extracts, and made my comments on the question I had in view. To my surprise Bro. Hughan's reply was mainly confined to finding fault with my misquoting the said extracts, and to a stranger it must have appeared that I was charged with misquoting for the purpose of misleading the reader. I endeavoured to correct Bro. Hughan's mistake, but this did not conciliate him, so I submitted the whole question to an impartial friend, and begged him to discover in what way I have sinned against Bro. Hughan. In due time my friend said, "You have not read carefully Bro. Hughan's article, and consequently you did not know what his aim was for writing it. Bro. Hughan merely wished to call attention to the fact that Ashmole's MS. diary varies somewhat in spelling from the printed copies of the said diary." Now while begging Brother Hughan ten thousand pardons for my carelessness, I must still insist that he has exaggerated greatly my sin, for either version of the said diary does not at all influence the main question as to which kind of Masonry Ashmole received in 1646. To make the subject clear I herewith place the two versions side by side:—

Printed version.

1682, Mar. 10. About 5 Hor. post merid., I received a summons to appear at a Lodge to be held next day at *Masons Hall*, in London.

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I was the *Senior* Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were present besides myself the Fellows after named:—Mr. Thomas Wise Master of the *Masons' Company* this present year, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, Waidford Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, a noble dinner prepared at the new accepted Mason.

MS. version.

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Mr. Tho. Wise Mr. of the *Masons' Company* this p'sent yeare, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt,—Wainsford, Esq., Mr. Nich. Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. Will. Stanton,

We all dined at the Half Moone Taverne, in Cheapside, at a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the new-accepted Mason.

Now, no one appreciates Bro. Hughan's services to the Craft more highly than I do, and those who know me, know that I am not apt to flatter; but for all that I firmly believe that Bro. Hughan can make a mistake as well as I can. I pointed out that there were two disconnected Masonic Societies in the days of Ashmole, and gave my reason why I supposed that Ashmole's Masonry would not have entitled him to enter a Lodge of *our* predecessors; but instead of proving that the Lodge at Warrington of 1646, or the London Lodge, which Ashmole visited in 1662, imparted secret modes of recognition. My good friend, Bro. Hughan, replied by asking "How does our brother know that in order to gain admission to St. Paul's Lodge (Antiquity), in or about 1717, it was necessary to show a sign, to give a grip, and to whisper a word? We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this old Lodge in 1717," &c. And after asking me to send him evidence that the pre-1717 Masons had *secret modes of recognition*, he went again at me for not reproducing the improved version of Ashmole's diary. Now, with all due respect to Bro. Hughan, he ought to have known by this time that such kind of reasoning would not convince me that he was right.

In his last brief reply Bro. Hughan called my attention to Ashmole's using the word "Lodge" both in 1646 and 1682. Hence, he must have meant by it, what we now call a *Lodge*. I beg, however, to remind my good brother—1st. There can be no doubt that the first Mason's Guild organised by the Lord Mayor of London in 1356 were altogether Operative Masons. 2nd. There is no doubt that perhaps for two hundred years after 1356 the London Guild called themselves "Freemasons." It is not unreasonable, therefore, to suppose that the word "Lodge" may also have been retained for many years by the London Mason's Guild, and although the said Guild discarded the old words, yet, who knows, whether the Mason's Guild at Warrington in 1646 did not retain the old words and phrases of the early Operative Masons? Besides which, Ashmole was an antiquary, and men of his proclivity are very apt to make use of antiquated phrases. Indeed, Bro. Gould seems to look upon Ashmole in the same light he does upon Aubrey. "As a rule (says Bro. Gould) Ashmole's Diary is trifling where it is not simply nauseous." I do not, therefore, attach much importance to the words "Lodge" or "Freemason," which Ashmole incidentally used in his Diary.

Another argument in behalf of the old belief of Ashmole's Masonry is that Ashmole was not a member of the London Masons' Guild. But suppose he was not? Cannot a Master of a Guild invite to-day a distinguished gentleman to the Guild's feast, and could not the Master of the London Masons' Guild have invited Mr. Ashmole, who was *Mazonised* in a similar Guild at Warrington in 1646? And as the Guild had no secrets to conceal, I cannot see why any friend of an influential member could not have been invited upon that occasion.

Curious stories have been circulated about Ashmole's manufacturing Masonic rituals, Brother Gould (vol. 2, page 136), says:

"The argument usually brought forward in behalf of the Ashmolean theory is an admirable specimen of the kind of reasoning too often employed on such matters. Certain observances and ideas which did not exist before are found, or are supposed to have been found, and prevalent amongst Masons towards the commencement of the eighteenth century. Ashmole was known to have been a Mason, and to have been fond of wasting his time upon all sorts of queer out of the way and unprofitable pursuits. Therefore [say they] these new conceits were taught by Ashmole to the Freemasons." A New York editor of a Masonic magazine told me recently that Ashmole remodelled the Masonic ritual, and while I remonstrated against the absurdity, a literary old brother Mason happened to come into the office, who confirmed the other's statement without an *if* or a *but*, and referred me to Anthony Wood's "Athenæ" for his authority. I have thus far been unable to consult the "Athenæ," but supposing there is something in the book to that effect, as Anthony Wood was not a Mason, I would hesitate to pin my faith on his statement about Ashmole's Masonry.

But here is another point which should not be lost sight of, viz.: in Ashmole's diary of 1646 he mentions Richard Penket as the *Warden* at Warrington. Now, that title may mean either a Master of a Lodge or a Master of a Guild; but in his 1682 diary he mentions "Mr. Tho. Wise, Master of the Masons' Company," thus intimating that he visited a Masons' Guild and not a Masons' Lodge. Besides which, I find that even Brother Gould doubts whether the Masonic Society did meet in Masons' Hall (p. 136, vol. 2nd). A brother, however, informed me that Bro. Hughan has the best of the argument on the question at issue. His theory is that the most prominent members of the London Masonic Company in 1682 were *true blue* Masons, and that it was through their influence that their Masons' Hall was allowed to be used for the meeting of a *true blue* Lodge, to which Ashmole was invited to visit, as stated in his diary of 1682. To which I reply that when the said good brother has proved *satisfactorily* that the twelve gentlemen mentioned by Ashmole as having partaken with him of the "noble dinner" at the "Half Moone Tavern," were all Masonised in *true blue* Lodges before the 11th of March 1682 I will at once not only submit without a murmur, but will thank him for his information besides.

BOSTON, U.S., 13th September 1889.

MASONIC FORBEARANCE.—As we are none of us free from faults, it is the duty of every brother to bear with the infirmities, to pardon the errors, and to be kind and considerate towards those with whom he is intimately connected. There are few tempers so depraved but a sincere endeavour to please will excite in their bosoms a corresponding sentiment of love and gratitude. We are under peculiar obligations, and it is equally our duty and our interest to discharge them faithfully, and to the letter. Amidst the various dispositions of mankind we must not expect to meet with all we could wish in every brother who is linked with us in the indissoluble chain of Masonry; but if we resolve to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, our happiness and mental satisfaction will usually be amply gratified. Every relative and social duty is founded on reciprocal obligations; and where the seeds of love and friendship are not sown, or where that which springs from them is not cultivated and improved, it will be but "as the grass growing on the housetop, wherewith the mower filleth not his hand, neither he that bindeth up the sheaves in his bosom."

"Illustrations," Mr. Frances George Heath's Magazine of Amusement, Art, Biography, Economy, Invention, Literature and Science will commence its fifth volume, in October, with a new pictorial cover, and its forthcoming issues will include, besides fiction, illustrated papers, embracing drawings of the month, reproductions of National Gallery pictures, pretty places, art studies, eminent artists, pen and pencil portraits of celebrities, public and private schools, Tyrolse winter resorts, popular flowers, farm gossip, and miscellaneous "sketches" of men, things, places, art, literature, and science. "Illustrations" will be published by the firm about to amalgamate as Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During the autumn months, when the atmospheric changes are alike sudden and extreme, it is subject for grave and serious consideration how the health can be best preserved. An occasional alternative, like these pills will be the surest preventive of disease, because it overcomes all derangements of the system, purifies and regulates the circulation, and gives that needful energy to the nervous structures which carries the frame triumphantly through trials to which the weak and sickly would succumb. Neuralgic pains and rheumatic agonies derive present and permanent relief from diligent friction with Holloway's ointment, which, acting as a derivative, relieves the gorged and irritated blood vessels from the congestion and the nerves from pressure.

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE EDWARD BENNETT.

THIS brother died suddenly at his residence on the 18th inst. During the last few months Bro. Bennett has not felt well, but on Tuesday was apparently in good health, and was very cheerful. He went to bed the same as usual, but about 6.15 in the morning became very ill. Dr. Young was called in, but his services did not avail, Bro. Bennett expiring shortly after eight o'clock. The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was well known in the district of Sheffield as a Freemason, having joined the Britannia Lodge about the year 1864. In 1868 he founded the Wentworth Lodge, which is now flourishing. Deceased was an energetic worker for the good of the Order, and was much liked and respected by all the members, to whom his death came as a great shock. He has held various offices, having been the Master of the Wentworth Craft Lodge, Provincial Officer for West Yorkshire, Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, and Master of a Mark Lodge. Since the formation of the Masonic private theatricals, in 1878, he has successfully occupied the position of stage manager. Deceased leaves a widow and three children. The interment took place last Saturday, at the General Cemetery.

BRO. FREDERICK SLEIGHT.

THE remains of the late Bro. Frederick Sleight, I.P.M. of the Ancient Britons Lodge, No. 1675, who died suddenly on Monday, the 9th inst., were interred in Toxteth Cemetery, on the 17th inst., in the presence of a large number of Masonic brethren and friends. The *cortège* left deceased's late residence, Upper Parliament-street, about 2.30 o'clock, and on arrival at the Cemetery gates it was joined by the following brethren, representing the Lodge:—Bros. Samuel John Hughes W.M., William Hawkins J.W., O. J. Rowlands S.W., R. M'Gee Secretary, Hugh Jones P.M., J. H. Peake, J. G. Frederick Gillet, John Pimlett, William Skinner, George Porter, John Long, John Price, Thomas J. Smith, Horace Van Gruisen, John Morris, J. J. G. Little, R. W. Manning, R. H. Bullen, and Captain Topley. Other Lodges were represented by Bros. J. R. Bottomley P.P.G.D.C., Jonathan Parry P.M. 1547, F. D. Foulkes Chap. 292, H. D. Foulkes Chap. 292, Thomas Morgan 241, John Holker 1609, and G. N. Hawke 823. The coffin, which was of French polished brown oak, with handsome brass furniture, bore the following inscription:—"Frederick Sleight, died 16th September 1889, aged 35 years." The interment took place in the Church of England portion of the cemetery, the Rev. R. F. Herring, M.A., St. John the Baptist Church, Toxteth Park, officiating.

The Domestic Chapter of Instruction will remove to St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 2nd October. The meetings take place every Wednesday evening, at eight p.m.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the session on Tuesday, the 1st October, at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, E.C., at 6.30 o'clock, and will continue to meet every Tuesday until the end of May. We may mention that Comp. F. Brown is the Preceptor.

On Monday, the 16th instant, a serious accident happened off Southsea Beach, which very nearly terminated fatally. It appears that an old gentleman with a lady and a little boy, visitors, hired a pleasure boat and went out for a row. As they were returning, they met the sailing boat whose canvas for the last few weeks has advertised the virtues of Beecham's Pills, and in manœuvring to get out of her way placed themselves across the bow of the *Vesta*, another rowing boat, which was coming along at a considerable speed. In vain the occupants of the *Vesta* tried to stop her; it was too late, and she ran right into the other boat, almost cutting off her stern. The occupants were merged into the water, and their chance of life seemed a bad one, as none of them appeared able to swim. "Beecham's Pills," however tacked and picked them up.—*Portsmouth Evening Mail*.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of the Province of West Lancashire was held at Barrow-in-Furness on the 18th inst., the Earl of Crawford Provincial Grand H. presiding. After the transaction of the usual business the following Officers were invested for the year:—

Comp. Earl of Crawford ...	...	H.
S. G. Sinclair ...	...	J.
W. Goodacre ...	...	S.E.
Rev. H. G. Vernon...	...	S.N.
J. H. Walker ...	...	Treasurer
H. Cook ...	...	Registrar
H. Magee Ormsby...	...	Sojourner
Rev. L. R. Ayre ...	...	1st A. Scj.
T. Sutton ...	...	2nd A. Scj.
Alfred D. Hesketh...	...	Sword Bearer
T. K. Hughes ...	...	D. of C.
J. L. Houghton ...	...	A.D. of C.
William Platt ...	...	Organist
Charles Bargery ..	...	Assistant S.E.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE annual meeting was held on the 20th instant, at Clevedon, under the banner of the Adair Chapter, No. 1750, when there was a large gathering of Companions from all parts of the Province. Companion Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, presided, having for his second and third Principals Companion Captain Homfray (Province of Monmouth) and Companion Rev. J. A. Lloyd (Grand Chaplain of England). Among those present were the following Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter:—

Comps. R. C. Else, B. H. Watts Treasurer, W. Bidgood S.N., W. Long Scribe E., T. G. Williams Assistant Scribe E., W. J. Nosworthy P.S., G. Glossop 1st Assist. Scj., A. J. Salter Janitor, S. Bigwood Assist. Janitor, and the following Companions:—C. W. Radway, C. F. Marshall, A. W. N. Weatherly, J. Randle Ford, J. A. Sawyer, G. K. Foster, A. F. Ross, F. Glover, W. Montague, J. Rubie, J. C. Moncrieff, T. Meyler, J. Westlake, H. B. Farington, W. M. Rice, J. B. Marwood, E. D. Barnes, E. Noke, W. F. Langworthy, T. Lloyd Norris, L. Howe, W. B. Gregory, G. H. Perrett, S. R. Baskett, F. T. Elworthy, J. Gill, L. Ringer, E. J. B. Mercer, E. Winter, W. T. Male, J. A. Bright, W. Reece, J. Burnett, J. Allan Tucker, J. A. Timmins, W. F. Gould, G. Baskett, J. Knight, T. J. Sedones, W. H. Fisher, A. L. Wade, E. Bath, E. A. Hington, J. Cornwall, T. B. Montrie, T. Hearne, E. Fry Wade, &c.

The Treasurer's account, showing a balance of £110 in favour of the Prov. Grand Chapter, was adopted. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke then installed Comp. R. C. Else as Grand Superintendent of the Province in the place of the late Brigadier-General Adair, and complimented him upon the distinguished position to which he had attained, and the patent appointing Comp. Else to that position having been read, all offices were declared vacant, and the following were elected and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year by the Provincial Grand Superintendent:—

Comp. Colonel Long ...	...	1st Principal
T. Barnes ...	...	2nd Principal
Noke ...	...	S.E.
Rev. J. A. Lloyd ...	...	S.N.
Glover...	...	Registrar
W. Wright ...	...	P.S.
A. Law-Wade ...	...	1st A.S.
E. F. Wade ...	...	2nd A.S.
H. G. Crowe ...	...	Sword Bearer
W. Reece ...	...	Standard Bearer
J. Gill ...	...	D.C.
T. G. Williams ...	...	Assistant Scribe E.
Salter ...	...	Janitor
Bigwood ...	...	Assistant Janitor
Nosworthy ...	...	Organist

On the motion of Comp. Colonel Long, seconded by Comp. R. C. Else (Grand Superintendent) the Provincial Grand Chapter recorded their grief at the loss to Royal Arch Masonry and the Province of Somerset through the lamented death of their Grand Superintendent, the late Brigadier-General Adair, after whom the entertaining Chapter was named. The alms taken were given to Clevedon Cottage Hospital. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form. Subsequently the Companions dined together, under the presidency of the Pro-

vincial Grand Superintendent, in the Town-hall, when the usual Masonic toasts were gone through.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 20th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore Z. 169 M.E.Z., T. Grammant P.Z. II., Captain Vincent P.Z. J., C. H. Stone S.E., Stone S.N., Woods P.S., and Addington. The Chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of H. was rehearsed by Comp. Moore. The Companions were admitted. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Grammant promised to work the ceremony of installation of J. on Friday evening next (27th inst.)

DEDICATION OF THE KIMBERLEY MASONIC TEMPLE.

WHAT is probably the handsomest and most complete Masonic Temple in South Africa was recently dedicated at Kimberley, where an excellent site was secured in the Du Toits Pan-road. The Temple occupies two full stands extending from the front boundary north, in Du Toit's Pan-road, to the roadway running parallel at the south end, in rear, and covers an area of 7000 superficial feet, exclusive of the Tyler's house, which will be detached from the temple. The facade is from the Roman-Corinthian order of architecture, and the details of the window, dressings, entrance, doorway, portico (which is a very handsome feature of the structure), and the entablatures and pediment of the front and side facades are elaborately and effectively designed. The stained-glass window, which is noticeable as soon as the visitor enters the building, is a splendid piece of artistic workmanship, appropriate in design, and showing a most tasteful combination of delicate colouring. The hall measures thirty feet in length by twenty in breadth, having at one end two spacious semi-circular-headed doorways opening into an inner vestibule to be occupied by the Tyler in guarding the Temple and degree-rooms on each side. Two sets of preparation and degree-rooms flank the main building, and at first storey height there are four additional degree-rooms for conducting ceremonies in the higher degrees of Freemasonry. The lighting, ventilating, and sanitary arrangements are all that could be desired, and the work reflects great credit on the architect, Mr. H. A. Reid, of Port Elizabeth; the contractors, Messrs. Beckett and Morgan; Mr. Mills, the clerk of works; as well as upon Mr. Coombes, of De Beer's-road, for the exceedingly creditable manner in which he has turned out the ornamental iron railings in front of the building. The building, the foundation-stone of which was laid in October last, will probably cost about £7000. The members of the Committee, who have indefatigably worked on behalf of this important project, some of whom are at present absent from the Diamond Fields, are the following:—Bros. D. J. Haarhoff (Chairman), George Richards (Honorary Treasurer), John Hampton (Honorary Secretary), H. F. E. Pistorius, C. A. Aburrow, J. Lawrence, A. Bayne, H. W. Peters, A. Yockmonitz, B. Klisser, W. M. Willis, and W. H. Craven. The dedicatory ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. D. J. Haarhoff, in the presence of about 400 brethren from all parts of the colony, including Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Barkly West, King William's Town, East London, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form in the three degrees by Bro. Richards, Bro. Haarhoff took the chair of K.S. The Ven. Archdeacon Gaul having offered up prayer, the dedicatory ceremonial was proceeded with, the Ven. Archdeacon Gaul S.W. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge ably assisting in the impressive service. The hymns sung were "Behold, how good a thing it is," "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," and "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah!" The solemn procession round the interior of the Grand Hall, accompanied by music, vocal and instrumental, was witnessed in awe-inspiring silence. The brethren taking part in the procession were Bros. Yockmonitz, Beaton, Lawrence, Peters, Gaul, and the dedicating Officer, Bro. D. J. Haarhoff. The appropriate gifts of corn, wine, and oil were supplemented by the parading of a censor containing incense three or four times round the hall, by Bro. Archdeacon Gaul, Bro. Tregarthen meanwhile playing a ceremonial march specially composed by him for the occasion. Bro. D. J. Haarhoff then addressed the brethren, giving a sketch of the negotiations connected with the Temple since the first inception in August 1887, the difficulties which those engaged in its promotion had to contend with, and the pleasing, though arduous, work of the Building Committee since its formation up till the previous evening, when their labours were so grandly consummated. Bro. Richards was then presented with an address, handsomely engrossed and framed, expressing the profound regret of the brethren at his intention shortly to take his departure from Kimberley, and adding, "We deem this important occasion in the history of Freemasonry on the Diamond Fields a fitting opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of your qualities as a citizen, friend, and brother, and our deep sense of the manifold services you have rendered to our beloved Craft." Brother Richards, in responding to the remarks of Bro. Lawrence, delivered an eloquent and telling oration, and his words of gratitude and farewell were characterised by a ring of genuine sincerity and depth of feeling which went to the heart of every brother present. It was announced by Bro. Richards that telegrams of congratulation and apology for unavoidable absence had been received from District Grand Masters in various parts of South Africa, and from other leading brethren who had from the first taken a warm interest in the progress of the work, so that, as Bro. Richards expressed it, "We have now ended as we began, with the hearty good wishes of the whole of the Craft in South Africa." Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and refreshments were partaken of in the side-rooms, the health of Bros. Richards and Haarhoff being cordially toasted in brimming bumpers.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE members of this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Brixham, on Monday evening, the 16th inst., on a very interesting occasion. Bro. John Wheaton W.M., in the course of a few appropriate remarks, alluded to the departure of Bro. the Rev. Elrington, whose acceptance he asked, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, of a P.M.'s jewel and address. The latter, which was illuminated, read as follows:—

“Presented to W. Bro. the Rev. R. B. F. Elrington P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain of Devon, by the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the True Love and Unity Lodge of Freemasons, No. 248, Brixham, on the occasion of his leaving the town, as a mark of esteem and fraternal regard for his valuable services to the Lodge and to Freemasonry generally, heartily wishing him health, long life, continued prosperity, and happiness. Signed, on behalf of the Lodge, by W. Bro. John Wheaton W.M., Bros. John T. James S.W., James Spark J.W., and the Officers and Brethren.”

The jewel was a very pretty design, and bore an appropriate inscription besides the crest of the recipient, a stork, in gold, on the ribbon. Bro. Elrington cordially thanked the brethren for their expression of good feeling and interest in his welfare, and spoke of the sincere regret with which he left Brixham after residing in it for so many years. Bro. Rev. Elrington leaves Lower Brixham, of which he has been the vicar for 35 years, this week for Leamington, on his retirement from active service. He was W.M. of True Love and Unity for two years, in 1886-7, when the new hall was consecrated, and was initiated into Masonry 42 years ago, at the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 143, Dublin, the Chaplain of which at that time was Dr. Magee, now the Bishop of Peterborough. Bro. Elrington is also a M.M.M. and third Principal of Torbay Chapter, No. 1358, Paignton. During the evening Bro. J. W. Matthews was raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being most efficiently performed in a very excellent manner by Bro. N. Hopson, P.G.J.W. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who was afterwards accorded a vote of thanks. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. T. J. Crossman S.D., West S.S., and E. J. Pratt, all of 1402.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 323.

A LARGE meeting was held at the Florist Hotel, Shaw Heath, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., to celebrate the fact that this Lodge had become a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. The following Officers and members attended:—Bros. John Smith W.M., James Breen I.P.M., W. Merrison S.W., J. O. Wylde J. W., W. Pritchard Treasurer, Thomas Brookes Secretary, E. Stevens S.D., A. Horton J.D., Henry Newton I.G., John Scott Tyler, with Past Masters Bros. Samuel Lowe, Thomas Whalley, John Knott, Christopher Atkinson, Joseph Slack, George Boothby, and John Slack; also Bros. Charles J. Cheetham, Joseph Wood, E. Edmondson, William Walmsley, Joseph Broadhurst, W. Johnson, Thomas Roberts, William Wood, E. Taylor, James E. Penny, and Joseph D. Kain. The W.M. was also supported by the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Thomas W. Weathered 365 (New York), Charles Clarkson W.M. 104, George Gaskill S.W. 104, Joseph Hollingworth W.M. 758, J. Beresford P.M. 104 and P.P.G.S.D., Geo. McClelland I.P.M. 287, Alfred Taylor P.M. 287, H. H. Royle W.M. 322, William Loose 645, James Paget 314, G. W. Cookson 1030, George Sam Smith P.M. 1134, Charles Booth 287, James Cookson I.P.M. 287 and 1030, and William Booth P.M. 104. After the Lodge had been duly opened and the ordinary business concluded, the announcement was made that there had been paid to the Aged Freemasons' Fund a further sum of 100 guineas in addition to the fifty guineas within six months to the same Institution, and thus the Lodge became a “Patron” in perpetuity. The Lodge was previously a “Vice-Patron,” and subsequently, after the usual duties of “Masons” and “citizens” had been performed, a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Thomas Brookes P.M. for his able services in having, by his action, put the Lodge in so honourable a position, and which was very heartily supported, particularly by the respective visiting brethren. Bro. Brookes, in reply, deprecated so very much honour being showered upon him personally. It was quite true that he had originated the idea, but had he not had the very generous band of brethren in the Lodge to work with, and without their noble and spontaneous responses he himself could not have done it. The credit was due to all the members of the Lodge, as 41 out of a total of 44 had subscribed to this fund, and when it was remembered that only six months ago there were voluntary contributions to a considerable amount to make up the previous 50 guineas, he was sure the visitors would see that it was the members of the Lodge, and not he, who had accomplished the object with which he had set out. This was true “Masonic Charity,” nothing done for personal laudation, but large and small subscriptions were blended in the one object, in the united name of the Lodge. The Lodge now possesses 154 votes for this Charity, nor had the members confined its benevolence to this alone, but stood high in the other, both local and general, Masonic Charities, and though the Lodge was not numerous, he believed the position it now had attained was unique, and the Lodge remembered it was only fulfilling the principles at the very foundation of Masonry. The evening was enjoyed by every brother, and was enlivened by songs from Bros. Smith, Thomas Whalley, William Booth, James Breen, &c.

STAR LODGE, No. 1275.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Friday, 6th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. F. Crook W.M., who was supported by Bro. R. Pringle S.W. elect, J. Long,

Major Williams Treasurer, Major C. W. Williams Secretary, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bros. Moyes and Dorey were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Reid and Kipps, who being duly elected were initiated as E.A.'s by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Pringle S.W. was then presented by Bro. Kipps to the W.M., and duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, for the ensuing year. The Officers were then appointed and invested, and the Installing Master delivered the usual addresses. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. W. F. Crook. Bro. Pringle had, he said, advanced step by step through the various offices until he reached his present high position. He asked the brethren to cordially join him in drinking the health of their Master, wishing him prosperity throughout his year of office. Bro. Pringle, in replying, said he could assure them that during his year of office he should do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and he should leave no stone unturned to carry out the work properly. All he desired was the support of the brethren, which he was sure he should have. The I.P.M. was then complimented by the W.M., who said that Bro. W. F. Crook had to be congratulated upon a successful year of office. Whatever he had done he had done well, and there was no doubt he would use the same endeavours in the future to benefit the Lodge as he had in the past. The members had signified their appreciation of his services by voting him a jewel, which he had placed upon the breast of Bro. Crook with much pleasure. He had thoroughly deserved that mark of their favour, and the brethren would heartily drink his health and wish him success in the future. Bro. W. F. Crook briefly returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the beautiful jewel, which he should wear, he hoped, for many years to come. The health of the Initiates, the Visitors, Past Masters, Officers, &c., were given and duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to a close. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Briggs, Blanchard, Williamson, &c., Bro. Kipps, R.A.M., organist, presiding at the pianoforte.

CATOR LODGE, No. 2266.

THE second installation meeting of the above Lodge took place at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Amongst those present at the installation ceremony, or at the banquet, were the following:—Bros. James Hill W.M., J. E. Fox S.W., R. C. Davis J.W., Edward Carpenter Treasurer, G. B. Carlton Secretary, C. W. Gribble S.D., J. C. Osterstock J.D., S. V. Duren Anley D.C., J. W. Newell Steward, W. Lovelock Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. L. A. Pearce, E. E. Miderston, E. Van Patten, A. Thompson, W. Cooper, R. Voisey, G. Powell, J. L. Lewis, G. Church, M. J. Dickens, D. Grinstead, J. H. Francis, H. J. Lansbury, H. Cooper Willis, H. Kobble, G. Wining Organist 1963, A. E. Scorer, R. Elgar Secretary 1329, G. T. Rait Secretary 2047, W. Briant, T. Reed, T. L. Nye, &c. The Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonial the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. J. E. Fox, was duly installed by the W.M., Bro. James Hill P.G.S.B., the first W.M. of the Cator Lodge, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner. Bro. Fox then proceeded to invest the following Officers:—Bros. R. C. Davis S.W., C. W. Gribble J.W., Dr. Carpenter Treasurer, G. B. Carlton Secretary, J. C. Ostercock S.D., R. C. Scrivner J.D., L. V. D. Anley I.G., J. W. Newell S., R. C. Kline A.S., W. J. Hewett D.C., Wm. Lovelock A.D.C. In the course of the ceremony jewels were presented to Bro. Dr. Carpenter and Bro. G. B. Carlton for the valuable service rendered in their respective offices during the past year. The banquet was well served in the large room of the Railway Hotel, and reflects great credit on the host, Bro. Cakebread. After the cloth had been removed the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft, he warmly eulogised the virtues of Her Majesty, and said the Craft was spread over the entire surface of the globe, and if they acted up to its principles it would extend still more. As its principles and practice extended, the world at large would see that to be a Freemason was to be a better man, a better citizen, a better father, and a better son. If they saw anything wrong in Freemasonry it was no fault of the Craft, but of the individual members themselves. He was quite sure that he spoke their sentiments when he said that to be a good Freemason was to be a good man. The toast was received with honours, and the National Anthem was sung. Next came the toast of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers Past and Present, followed by God bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Hill I.P.M. responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, giving an account of how he had risen in the Craft, and how he had become Provincial Grand Standard Bearer—a small office which he was thankful to receive and hold until he got a better one by and bye. If those present wanted to rise in the Craft, they must put their shoulder to the wheel. They must do something extraordinary, when they would sure to be noticed and rewarded; but if they jogged slowly along in a quiet pleasant sort of way they would end pretty much as they began. Bro. Grinstead responded on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, tendering his heartfelt thanks for having his name coupled with the toast. He alluded in a facetious way to the hard work of the Provincial Grand Officers, remarking that since he had been in office he had gone to three dinners, attempted to make one speech, and now he was attempting to make another. However, whatever duties he had to perform, he would perform them to the best of his ability. Bro. Hill proposed the health of the W.M., which he characterised as the principal toast of the evening. The brethren had seen a little of their Worshipful

Master's work that night, but when they came next time they would see how well he would perform the duties devolving upon him. They had seen how well and hospitably the W.M. had laid out the table, and they as Masons, prided themselves upon having such an excellent fourth degree. Sometimes the first, second and third came very quietly, but the fourth degree was a great success. If what they had witnessed that night was a specimen of the Master's work, he thought they might look forward to a very happy year. Knowing what their W.M. was and what he would be, he asked them to drink to his very good health. The W.M., in responding, begged to return his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt it a great privilege to be installed into the chair of King Solomon in the Cator Lodge, and he would endeavour as far as possible to imitate all that was good in the example of the I.P.M., who had had a very heavy year and gone through his work remarkably well. During the whole time it had been their pleasure and privilege to serve under their I.P.M. they had found that he had acted from the best motives and used the best possible efforts for the welfare and success of the Cator Lodge. He was sure that the Immediate Past Master's effort had been fully appreciated by one and all, and during the coming year he (the W.M.) would do his best to imitate his good example, and if at the end of the year they were as well satisfied with his poor efforts as those of their I.P.M. he should feel himself well recompensed. The W.M. then proposed the Installing Master—Brother Jas. Hill, remarking upon the impressive manner in which he had performed his duties that day. His virtues were so well known that it was quite unnecessary for him (the W.M.) to say more upon the subject. He had also to carry out one of the greatest pleasures of the day in presenting Bro. Hill with an Immediate Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge as some slight mark of the appreciation in which they held his services during the past year, and the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. Jas. Hill thanked them very much for the jewel and the way they had received the toast of his health. It was true the work had been arduous during the past year, and they had had many difficulties to overcome, but he had endeavoured to meet them with all the love, harmony and charity he could possibly use. There would be difficulties in all new Lodges, and the W.M. had to consider what was best to be done. He was glad to say that they had as good a set of men in their Lodge as any Master could possibly wish for. He was sorry to hear of the resignation of Bro. Adams, who promised to be as enthusiastic a worker as almost any man in the Lodge. They had grown enormously in the course of the year, having now 39 members as against 19 initiates and ten founders last year. He hoped it would long continue to grow at the same pace, and in after years, when younger members took their place, let them hope that the Cator Lodge would be noted for the good it had done in the cause of charity and love. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. If there was one thing more than another upon which a Mason prided himself it was that he was always ready to give a hearty welcome to the Visitors. Instead of looking upon them as being the obliged party, they were always looked upon as conferring an obligation on the Lodge they visited. There were several Past Masters present, several visiting brethren, several personal friends of his own, and several whom he hoped would become personal friends. As they would not all respond he coupled the toast with the names of Brothers Martin, J. Dickins W.M., F. Cooper Willis, G. T. Rait and Scorer. Brother Dickens, in responding, warmly complimented the W.M. upon the way in which the work had been done that night. Bro. G. T. Rait said it afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present that night. As Secretary of the Beckenham Lodge he need scarcely say that every member of that Lodge took a warm interest in the progress of the Cator Lodge. He could not but remark the wonderful strength, not only numerically, but in the working of the Lodge, which they possessed. It proved to him and to every other member in Beckenham that there was ample room for two Lodges, and he only hoped that the same good feeling which existed at present should exist to all time. He hoped that many members of the Cator Lodge would favour the Beckenham Lodge with their company, and he could not say how much pleasure it would give him and all the other members to extend their brotherly love not only to the Cator Lodge but to all other Lodges throughout the world. Their W.M. had been a personal friend of his own and it was to him that he (Bro. Rait) was indebted for witnessing the ceremonial and being present that night. He thanked them very cordially for the way in which they had received the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Cooper Willis said when he entered that hospitable banquet he looked around and saw so many brethren holding high rank that he flattered himself he should not be called upon to make a speech. But he had laid a flattering unction to his soul, to which he was not entitled. He thought all had been said that could be said by the Visitors who had already replied. It afforded him great pleasure to be able to state that he had known their W.M. for a considerable time, and he fully appreciated not only his ability but his true manliness and kindly disposition. To those who knew their W.M. but slightly he would say, "the more you know him the more you will like him." It was always a great pleasure to himself, and must be to every Mason, to have an opportunity of attending on an occasion of that kind, because it was by such occasions as those that one saw what was meant by a true Mason. He appreciated the admirable manner in which the work had been done by the I.P.M., and he was sure they would have equal pleasure next year when their worthy W.M. installed his successor. Brother Scorer also responded. The next toast was the Past Masters, proposed from the chair, to which Bros. Rose, Hilton, Poysey, and Powell replied. The W.M. next proposed the Treasurer and Secretary of the Cator Lodge. Bro. Carpenter, in responding for himself, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, occupying the position of Treasurer. He could only say that he would carefully take care of any funds which might be placed in his hands, and he

hoped that at the close of the ensuing year they would have even a better balance at the banker's than they had at present. During the past year they had had to incur many expenses which would not be incurred again. It would give him much pleasure to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. As they knew he was connected with the other Lodge in Beckenham, and anything he could do in the future to bring the two Lodges closer together he should be pleased to do it. Bro. G. P. Carlton said he felt it a great honour to occupy the position of Secretary, and the work during the past twelve months had been a source of pleasure to him. He believed the Cator Lodge would be a great success. At the beginning of the year they started with a deficiency of £50; this year they started with a balance in hand of £33, and had paid for their furniture and other sundry expenses. He hoped during the coming year there would be a considerable influx of new blood, and that their present balance would be considerably increased. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast, which were duly honoured.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE annual installation meeting of this young but successful Lodge took place on Thursday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the interesting ceremony. Bro. G. T. Edwards W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Marcus S.W., J. J. Judge J.W., Saxelby Treasurer, J. A. Dewsnap Secretary, C. Mussared S.D., W. H. Tomsett J.D., W. J. Noad D.C., E. Piggott I.G., Turle Lee Organist, and Bros. Dr. Lennox Browne P.G.S.W., Rev. W. H. Casely P.P.G.C., Dr. Cook P.G.S., W. J. Crump P.G.S., and Past Masters Walter Martin, J. M. Smith, A. Watson, A. H. Jakins, W. H. Hook, Dr. Richardson, W. Heagerty P.G.S., F. Bevan, C. Sturgeon, W. Price, also the following brethren:—W. C. Smith, W. F. Jules, G. Scott Miller, A. Haynes, J. W. Breeze, T. W. Noad, John Almond, Charles Curtis, E. S. Miller, A. Strugnell, Branley, F. Williams, E. Banfield, W. J. Baker, H. J. Sturgeon, C. H. Cox, A. Thompson, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the installation ceremony was immediately proceeded with, the W.M., Bro. G. T. Edwards, acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Henry Massey as Director of the Ceremonies. Bro. John Almond P.P.G.D.C. temporarily acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Walter Martin P.M. occupied the chair of Junior Warden. Bro. Walter B. Marcus having answered the usual questions and signified his adherence to the obligations of the Craft, was duly installed into the chair. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. J. J. Judge S.W., Charles Mussared J.W., W. H. Tomsett S.D., E. Piggott J.D., W. J. Noad I.G., Turle Lee Organist, T. W. Noad and S. Scherer Stewards, E. T. Edwards, the first initiate of the Lodge, being appointed D.C. Bros. H. Saxelby and J. W. Dewsnap were invested as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Bro. Coles was unanimously accepted as a joining member. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large room of the hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Edwards, rose, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and called attention to the installation ceremony of twelve months ago, when he, the speaker, was elected the first Master. He trusted that he had upheld the high standard of Masonic work, whereby great results may be obtained. The office had now passed into worthier hands. He was quite sure the interests of the Lodge were perfectly safe. He now gave way to a worthy Mason and esteemed Brother, and he heartily wished him health, wealth, and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, said that if he could only follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and do as well as he had done during the past year, he would do very well indeed. He had the honour of being one of the founders, and might well be supposed to have the interests of the Lodge at heart, and it would not be his fault if he did not add somewhat to its popularity, and he thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. Marcus then gave the Installing Master, and said that it was necessary that the Officer who performed this duty should be a worthy Mason, and after the manner in which Bro. Edwards had worked the ceremony no one could doubt but that he had been most successful. He had much pleasure in investing Bro. Edwards with the first Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which on account of the valuable services rendered was of exceptional value, and he trusted the Chough Lodge would soon make its way in the Craft. Bro. Edwards modestly responded, and attributed his success to the great assistance he had received from the whole of the brethren. The thought of his year of office would linger long in his memory, bright as the jewel with which he had been adorned. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, who would be always welcome guests to the Chough Lodge, and their best talent would always be forthcoming for their delectation. Bros. Dr. Richardson, Dr. Coch, and W. Martin responded. The Past Master's of the Lodge were then honoured, to which Bro. Saxelby, the acting I.P.M., and Bro. Edwards replied. The next toast was the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Dewsnap stating the great pleasure it was for him to lend assistance; it was a labour of love, and he was deeply gratified to find that his work had given satisfaction. The Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The musical entertainment, for which the Chough Lodge is so celebrated, was undertaken by Bros. A. Thompson, Albert James, A. Strugnell, F. Bevan, H. Lester-Brown, and Turle Lee, who very ably presided at the piano.

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THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an admirer of Bro. Binckes, and one who desires to show appreciation of the valuable services rendered by that Brother in the cause of Masonic Benevolence, I am delighted to hear that a meeting of his friends is proposed, in order to arrange that the course of events shall be watched on his behalf. I have long felt it to be very unfair that Bro. Binckes should be left single handed to cope with the numerous committees and organizations springing up all over the country for the one object of attacking him, or at least attacking the principles of which he has long been the responsible head. It appears to me, Bro. Binckes is expected to discharge the duties of his office as efficiently as he has hitherto done, to show the same amount of interest in the affairs of the Institution of which he is Secretary as in years gone by, and all in face of severe opposition, personal insults, and a lack of sympathy which is far from creditable on the part of the Masonic Order.

It is not for me, perhaps, to cast the first stone, but I think that a protest should be offered, even if something stronger is not attempted, to put an end, for the present, to the canvass which is going on on behalf of one or other of the brethren who have decided to offer themselves as candidates for the office now held by Bro. Binckes. I consider it most unbecoming, even indecent, to canvass for an appointment still held by a Mason who, although, perhaps, misunderstood by a few, has won, and still retains, the esteem and regard of the English Craft; and I would suggest that the Committee of the Institution, who, it must be remembered, are availing themselves of Bro. Binckes's services and experience, should spare him the annoyance he must feel in hearing of the "vultures" eager for his post, by announcing that any one canvassing for the appointment before the office is declared vacant shall be ineligible to compete for it. This would not be an illegal proceeding, for in many Charities canvass at any time is a disqualification, and surely this little consideration for the feelings of an old and tried servant is not much to ask. Besides this, there are the interests of the Institution to be considered, and is it reasonable to expect that its present Secretary can properly discharge his duties, in face of the annoyance and worry these premature attacks must occasion him? Is it fair to ask a man to make his own coffin, or dig his own grave, when he is yet in the enjoyment of health, strength and energy? and yet this is what the Craft is forcing upon Bro. Binckes. He is retained in his position as Secretary, expected to put every thing in order and make all easy and comfortable for a successor; and it must indeed gall him to hear on every side the claims or the qualifications of this or that candidate for his office. Surely there is enough of decency and love of fairness left in the ranks of the Craft to check the unnecessary, ill-advised, and ill-timed proceedings of these reformers (?)

I am afraid I am digressing from my original intention in writing to you, but while I was thinking what I should say in this letter I read what may be described as the "electioneering address" of one of these candidates, and I felt considerably annoyed at the bad taste such an early publication displayed. But to return, I am informed a preliminary meeting is proposed to be held at the Holborn Restaurant next Thursday, to settle what steps are necessary to be taken by the friends of Bro. Binckes to "watch the case on his behalf." The action of these "friends" need not, nor is it at all likely, to in any way affect the interests of the Institution; on the contrary, it is likely to strengthen it, by putting a check on some of the unseemly riot now indulged in. At the present time the wildest statements may be put forth as truth, and they usually go unanswered, simply because there is no organisation to reply on behalf of the brother principally interested. This, I imagine will be one of the questions to be considered, but beyond it there is another field open for labour—I consider that some steps should be taken to meet the legal and regular resolutions passed in various quarters, in regard to the retiring allowance to be given to Bro. Binckes, if his removal is decided upon. For instance, at a numerous attended meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province of West Lancashire, recently held, it was unanimously agreed, so says the *Liverpool Mercury*, "that a sum not exceeding £200 should be suggested to the brethren at the approaching P.G. Lodge meeting, as the retiring allowance of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' Institution."

I do not know on what basis these West Lancashire brethren fix £200 as an adequate pension, but I think that such valuable services as have been rendered by Bro. Binckes should be fairly and properly recognised, and, personally, I do not consider the sum here decided upon is enough. Perhaps a committee of Bro. Binckes's friends might be able to correspond with the West Lancashire representatives, as well as other Provinces where the matter has been officially noticed, and arrange an amicable and unanimous understanding, which would be far better than a severe and stormy discussion when the matter comes forward for actual settlement. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Binckes has many supporters, and if he is not treated properly they will resent it, just as some of the opposition threaten to do if his services are, in their estimation, overvalued. In either case, if disagreement is carried to extremes, the Institution will suffer; but if an amicable settlement, in which both

sides concede something, is arrived at, all may be well, and the future prosperity of the Charity assured.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

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We have been asked to insert the following circular notice:—

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AN ASSOCIATION OF EX-PUPILS OF THE
ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to enclose you our Third Annual Report and Financial Statement, and at the same time desire to draw your attention more particularly to the objects we have in view.

The Committee cannot but feel that were these objects more fully known among the general body of Freemasons, assistance in furthering the main purpose of the Association would not be wanting, and they would therefore solicit your kindness in submitting these matters to the members of your Lodge.

It is the aim of the Association to extend the works of those whose energies have hitherto been devoted to the efficient maintenance of the School. The education provided being of a sound and practical character, we are naturally solicitous of seeing that education rightly directed and applied.

As there are several lads who, from time to time, leave the Institution without friends to counsel and aid them, we, as an Association, are desirous of assisting in placing them in good and permanent situations, for which by their education they are eminently fitted, and in furtherance of this object, the Committee feel that they cannot do better than to apply to their first friends, and ask them to remember the lads they have assisted to educate, should any opportunity occur, or any vacancy in their respective businesses arise.

I have confidence that this appeal will not be made in vain, and I shall be pleased to correspond with any gentleman on the matter.

On Saturday, 2nd November, a dramatic performance will be given by the members, at St. George's Hall, Regent Street, W., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the formation of a "Benevolent and Grant Fund." The object of this Fund will be (firstly) to assist any Old Boy, who, through no fault of his own, may be in temporary distress; (secondly) to make grants, returnable or otherwise as the Council may determine, to members situated in such circumstances as it is felt would warrant such a course and be deemed advisable and (thirdly) it is hoped in time to realize such an amount as will enable the Association to set apart a sum for an annual Scholarship to a pupil of the R.M.I.B., which sum could be used either as a means of further education or for purposes of apprenticeship.

Several members of the Craft have expressed a desire to be more closely connected with the Association, and as the office of Vice-President is open to all Freemasons on payment of a donation of £3 3s, and any Freemason may be elected as Hon. Associate on payment of an annual subscription of 10s 6d, it is hoped that many of our well-wishers will show by practical sympathy their interest in the affairs of the Association.

Trusting we shall receive the support of your Lodge, and feeling sure that our aims will be considered worthy of your encouragement,

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED WATKINS, Hon. Sec.

21 Belgrave Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.
September 1889.

GLEANINGS.

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Ambition, restrained within due limits, may seem to be a wholesome property of life. A desire to excel, to be foremost in the race for earthly honours and rewards, may stimulate exertion and lead to large enterprises. Ambition is a passion, however, which is very likely to break away from control and get the mastery. It is very apt to unite the elements of envy, pride, vanity, covetousness, and other base qualities, so developing a character by no means worthy of commendation, and leading to results that are most repulsive. Well has it been said:—"The nature of ambition is to make men liars and cheats, and hide the truth in their breasts, and show, like jugglers, another thing in their mouths; to cut all friendships and enmities to the measure of their interest, and to make a good countenance without the help of a good will or an honest heart." When this sort of ambition is let loose in the community, and when men thus influenced become prominent in the affairs of any organization, only the worst results can ensue. The root principle of an unhallowed ambition is selfishness.

There is a growing feeling in Toronto that it is about time to call a halt in decorating the walls of the Toronto-street hall with portraits, life-size, of Past Grand Masters. In this democratic country, and in such a democratic Institution as Freemasonry should be, men are often the idols of a passing hour, and then drop into obscurity. There are, however, men of such noble qualities that their names will long be revered, but such men would prefer being remembered for their sterling qualities than by being portrayed on canvas. The portraits may be historical in a way, but when the honest Masonic historian of the future does his duty more than one of the illuminated scraps of history will be objects of contempt.

The length of a Mason's cable-tow is measured by his own standard, and he alone is responsible for that test of judgment.

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

GENTLEMEN,

As a candidate for the post of Medical Officer to the above Institution, I take this opportunity to inform you that the Election will take place at the ensuing meeting of the Quarterly Court, on 25th October.

During the past month I have had the pleasure to publish in the Masonic journals copies of some of my testimonials. Should any member of the Quarterly Court desire to see the full account of my professional career I shall be glad to forward same on receipt of request.

As a Life Subscriber to the Institution, and as a Craftsman, I shall be glad to receive your support; promising that if elected it will be my greatest endeavour to guard the health of the pupils, and to work in harmony with those who may have the conduct of the Institution.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.
Ewell Lodge, No. 151.

Wood Green, N., 10th Sept. 1889.

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DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE,

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ST. GEORGE'S HALL, LANGHAM PLACE, W.
On SATURDAY EVENING, 2nd NOVEMBER 1889,

IN AID OF THE
BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND
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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
ELECTION, 25TH OCTOBER 1889.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,
AGED 7 YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79; P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.

The Rev. S. A. SELWYN, Past Chaplain 210, St. James's Vicarage, Hatcham, S.E.

Bro. H. E. F. BUSSEY, P.M. 1928, 123 Brixton Hill, S.W.

Bro. Alderman FARNCOMBE, Prov. G.J.W. Sussex, *East Sussex News* Office, Lewes.

Bro. R. J. GRIFFITHS, W.M. 1928, 4 Inner Temple Lane, E.C.

Bro. C. F. PARDON, P.M. 1928, 119 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. R. J. ALBERY, 1362, S.D. 1928, 24 Stockwell Park Crescent, S.W.

Bro. THOS. C. SUMNER, *Yorkshire Post* Office, Leeds, No. 1211.

Bro. THOMAS MINSRELL, P.M. 87, P.M. and Secretary 1923, 16 Ann Street, Union Square, Islington, N.

Bro. H. MASSY, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1928, 93 Chancery Lane, W.C.

Bro. J. G. DUCKWORTH, P.M. 1928, *Liverpool Courier* Office, 81 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. W. T. PERKINS, J.W. 1928, *Manchester Courier* Office, 27 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. A. F. ASHER, P.M. 1395, *Surrey Advertiser* Office, Guildford.

Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 38, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.

Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.

Bro. W. E. PITT, 1928, *Press Association*, Wine Office Court, E.C.

Bro. JAMES WILKING JUN., V.P., P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1977, and 1319, P.Z. 1000, 1507, 2049, P.A.S. Middlesex, &c.

Bro. R. STACKY, P.M. and P.Z. 190, 431 Brixton Road, S.W.

Any of the above Brethren will thankfully receive votes, or they may be sent to Mrs. GOLDSMITH, 71 Manor Road, Brockley, S.E.

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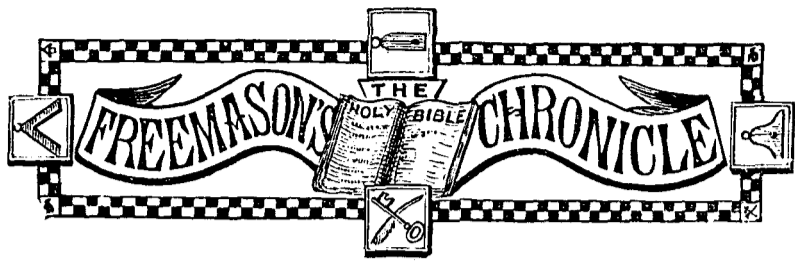
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SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Province was held on the 18th inst. in the Drill Hall, Barrow-in-Furness, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master. The meeting, which was held under the banner of Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, was largely attended by brethren, all the Lodges in the Province being represented, with the exception of Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, Liverpool. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the accounts of the Provincial G. Grand Treasurer were presented. Bro. J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182 objected to the confirmation of these minutes, on the ground that the fund of the Lodge of Benevolence had not been applied according to the bye-laws. He stated that half of the printing charges, and half of the Grand Secretary's salary, amounting to £125, had been appropriated from the Benevolent fund, whereas he argued, these payments ought to have come out of the Provincial Lodge Fund. He objected to the passing of the minutes, because latter on he had a resolution to the same effect to submit, and he could not, therefore, allow the Treasurer's report to pass without entering his protest. It was agreed, however, after some conversation, that the account be passed, and that Bro. Tyson's motion be heard latter on. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Goodacre) submitted his report, and said that a great increase had taken place in the number of new candidates, and six new Lodges had been added to the roll of the Province. The actually initiated numbered 619, as against 556 during the past year, and warrants had been granted for three new Lodges, these being at Horwick, Southport, and Wigan. The appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers was then proceeded with, the following being the list:—

B. o. the Right Hon. Earl of Crawford	Deputy Master
Edward Cookson ...	Senior Warden
W. B. Richardson ...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Kirby Turner ...	Chaplain
J. R. Jollie P.M. 113 ...	Treasurer
T. Clarke ...	Registrar
W. Goodacre ...	Secretary
T. Adams 613 ...	Senior Deacon
Richard Walker ...	Junior Deacons
Geo. S. Willings ...	
J. Brindle ...	Superintendent of Works
Edwards George ...	D. of C.
J. N. Patterson ...	Depnty D. of C.
John Robinson ...	A.D. of C.
Joseph Queen ...	Sword Bearer
James Pilling ...	Standard Bearers
Joseph Turnbull ...	
Joseph Cantor ...	Organist
Ralph Betley ...	Assist. Secretary
Peter Yates ...	Pursnivant
Thomas Westwood ...	Assist. Pursnivant
J. E. Boden ...	Stewards
Herbert Kidson ...	
John M. King ...	
J. Chadderton ...	
George Nelson ...	
W. Turvey ...	Tyler
Peter Ball ...	

On the motion of Bro. Wylie a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Prov. G. Senior Warden, Bro. Shuttleworth. Charity jewels were presented to Bros. A. Shirley, A. Henochbergs, E. Segar, J. de Bell-Adams, S. Sock, T. Banuer-Newton, T. Whitehead, and J. Brindle. On the motion of Bro. Wylie it was agreed that the sum of 25 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the West Lancashire A'pass Benevolent Institution, also the sum of 25 guineas to the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund. On the motion of Bro. Broadbridge it was agreed that the sum of 50 guineas

be voted from the Charity Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute. Bro. J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182 moved: "That the following clause be added to bye-law 7—'A printed copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to the W.M. of each Lodge seven days at least before each annual meeting, in addition to the general distribution of the accounts at the Provincial Grand Lodge;' that the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge having for a number of years been made up in a manner not in accordance with bye-laws, by reason of various sums being wrongly charged to the funds of benevolence, the accounts in future to be kept in accordance with the bye-laws, so as to show the true position of each fund; and that a committee be appointed to take into consideration forthwith the financial position, and to report as to what may be necessary in order to reduce the expenditure, and to keep the expenditure of the Provincial Grand Lodge within the limits of its income." It was ruled that this notice of motion could not be heard at the present meeting, and accordingly it was deferred till the next meeting of the Province. It was stated that the legacy left by the late Bro. Crossfield of 2000 guineas had been appropriated, 1100 guineas being given to the West Lancashire Charities, and the other to the Cosmopolitan Charities belonging to the Order.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held on the 24th instant, at the Victoria Hall, Sunderland. There was a large attendance of brethren. The Fund Committee of the Charities Committee met prior to the Lodge meeting to transact the usual business at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir H. Williamson, Bart., presided over the Provincial Grand Lodge, and was supported by Bro. Victor Williamson, acting in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Thomas Bradley P.P.G.S.W. acting as P.G.S.W., Alderman J. Potts P.G.J.W., Rev. James Haworth P.G. Chaplain, John Stonehouse P.G. Treasurer, W. M. Pybus P.G.R., R. Hudson P.G. Secretary, D. P. Huntley P.G.S.D., W. Mayson P.G.J.D., R. Singleton P.G.J.D., W. Logan P.G.D.C., J. Heppell P.G.D. D. of C., S. Chadwick P.G.S.B., J. G. Greener and G. Rutherford P.G. Standard Bearers, Jos. Lax P.G.O., J. Robson Pattison P.G.A.S., John Reed P.G.P., T. Hartig P.G.P., Thomas Potler P.G. Tyler. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the following brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland were received as visitors:—Bros. R. H. Holmes D.P.G.M., Addison Potter, C.B., P.G. Superintendent, Rev. T. B. Nicholls P.P.G.S.W., Faraday Spence P.G.S.W., John Strachan P.P.G.R., H. S. Bird P.P.G.R., T. Gillespie P.P.G.R., J. Straker Wilson P.G.S.W., G. F. Charlton P.P.G.J., W. A. Hepburn P.G.S.D., W. Mures Lyon P.P.G.S.D., R. H. Dickinson P.P.G.S. of Works, J. W. Lambton P.P. Standard Bearer, J. Carmichael P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Richard Seaton P.G.O., G. Elphick and T. Waters P.P.G. Stewards. Bro. J. Stonehouse Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £251. The report was adopted. Bro. Victor Williamson P.G.W. read the report of the Fund Committee, which made several recommendations respecting grants in response to applications for relief. These in the aggregate amounted to £75; in addition to which it was proposed that the sum of £25 be given to the Durham Education Fund, besides the fees of honour; that the sum of 25 guineas be given to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; that 50 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and that £62 13s 7d be donated to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother R. Luck moved that the last named sum be 50 guineas. Brother Babington Bulton seconded the motion, which was agreed to. Bro. G. Bradley P.P.G.S.W., Secretary of the Durham Masonic Education Committee, read the report of the Charities Committee of the Province. It showed that the cost of the Boys' School of the Order, of the Girls' School, and of the Men's Benevolent Institution was £553 6s 4d per annum. Seventeen children were now being educated and provided for out of the Durham Education Fund. The

invested capital of the Fund was £971 16s 7d. Subscriptions during the year amounted to £95 7s 2d, and donations to £140 1s 7d. The balance in hand on the 30th June was £160 12s 6d. Bro. C. S. Lane P.P.G.J.D., Chairman of the Charities Committee, moved the adoption of the Report, and had pleasure in announcing that the Durham Masonic Education Fund would have, with the grant of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day, a capital fund of £1000. Bro. D. P. Huntley P.G.S.D. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The roll of Lodges was then called, when the Worshipful Masters of the respective Lodges responded. The Provincial Grand Master said, after hearing the very satisfactory record of the Lodges of the Province, it became his duty to offer a few observations to them with respect to the Province of Durham during the past year. But before doing so, he was sure he would be expressing the opinion of all brethren of the Durham Prov. G. Lodge when he called attention, with the utmost satisfaction, to the presence on that occasion of the Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Lodge of Northumberland and Officers of the Northumberland Provincial Grand Lodge. He had received a letter from their old friend, Sir Matthew White Ridley, who was unable to be present with them. He had to thank once more Bro. Holmes very warmly for the kind way in which he had visited them that day. He was glad to find that Brother had been paying due attention to what had taken place in the Lodge, especially to the satisfactory report of the Charities Committee, for he heard him express his opinion on the very good report which had been presented. It would be a satisfaction to the brethren of the Province of Durham that their report had met with the approval of so expert a Mason as Brother Holmes. He thought that was not the first or only time that Bro. Holmes had visited one of their Lodges, because he believed in November last he visited St. Hilda's Lodge, and he was quite certain if they had the opportunity they would reciprocate the kindness of their Northumberland brethren. He felt sure that nothing was so encouraging as these visitations to various Lodges, and it was particularly desirable to meet together in that way in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He then proceeded to allude with very deep regret to the losses they had suffered both in the Province and in the Craft during the past year. He specially alluded to the lamented death of Bro. J. J. Clay, who for some time had acted as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies of Durham, and who was present at their last annual meeting. He was quite sure everybody would miss Bro. Clay. He also regretted the death of Bro. Lazenby, of Stockton, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. Another hard-working Mason at Stockton, Bro. Knowles P.G.D., who was appointed many years ago by Bro. Fawcett, who never appointed a man unless he was perfectly worthy, had also passed away. Masonry in general had also suffered a severe loss in the death of Bro. Aeneas MacIntyre, Queen's Counsel, who rendered valuable services to the Grand Master for some time as Grand Registrar of England. He begged to pay that simple tribute to his memory. He referred to the fact that during his absence the Province had been under the direction of their most esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Canon Tristram), who attended Monkwearmouth at the foundation stone laying of their Hall there. On that day Canon Tristram caught a very severe cold, and was obliged to go abroad. During his absence, his excellent and good friend the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, was left in charge, and under his able guidance everything had been going on well. When he (Sir Hedworth) came back to England in due course, one of the first things he did was to go and attend the ceremony of installing his brethren of the Williamson Lodge in their new habitation—a convenient and excellent Lodge room. There had been no new Lodges formed, but two Lodges had got in their own premises during the year, the Williamson Lodge at Monkwearmouth, and the Crook Lodge. He also found that they were keeping up their numbers in spite of deaths and resignations. Their numbers were in 1886, 2,127; in 1887, 2,188; and in 1888, 2,181. He congratulated his Province on having had, though not a very eventful year, yet a year of steady prosperity. If they only continued such years as that, he would be able to congratulate the Grand Lodge on having to rule over a contented, happy, and prosperous Province. Bro. R. W. Halfnight, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. J. Sedcole P.M. 1119, W. A. Priestly W.M. 2039 were

elected auditors for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the following Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Canon Tristram 124 ...	Deputy Master
J. G. Wilson 375 ...	Senior Warden
J. M. White 1379 ...	Junior Warden
Rev. Harry Becher 2039 ...	} Chaplains
Rev. H. Jennings 1230 ...	
R. W. Halfnight 949 ...	Treasurer
G. W. Bain 949 ...	Registrar
R. Hudson 2039 ...	Secretary
G. Renton 2135 ...	} Senior Deacons
M. Harrison 531 ...	
H. H. Piukney 1389 ...	} Junior Deacons
H. B. Olsen 764 ...	
C. M. Wake 97 ...	Superintendent of Works
W. Logan 124 ...	D.C.
M. J. Wheatley 1970 ...	D.D.C.
T. Atkinson 80 ...	A.D.C.
R. Hawxwell 1334 ...	Sword Bearer
J. Ro'inson 1650 ...	} Standard Bearers
A. E. Cowling 240 ...	
J. E. Hurworth 764 ...	Organist
J. Robson Pattison 97 ...	Assist. Secretary
John Todd 1374 ...	Pursuivant
Wm. Dawson 94 ...	Assistant Pursuivant
B. R. Smith 940 ...	Tyler
G. Craven 94 ...	} Stewards
F. Toogood 651 ...	
W. Hodge 764 ...	
J. Fowler 940 ...	
J. Chisholm 1643 ...	
A. M. White 1862 ...	

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, after which a large number of the brethren proceeded to the Palatine Hotel, where they partook of dinner.

Devon Freemasons will hold this year's Provincial Grand Lodge at Seaton, on 6th November. The annual report of the London representative for the Province, Rev. William Whittle P.G.D. of England and P.P.G.S.W. of Devon has been forwarded to the members of the Committee of Petitions. Two candidates from the Province have during the year been elected on the London Masonic Charities—Mrs. Godtschalk to the Institution for Widows, and Fanny Clarke Campbell to the Girls' School. The votes polled from the Province were 4105, those polled at the elections 4957—an excess of 852, which was received from other sources. The representative was, however, able to inform the brethren that the Province was quite free from debt. As a member of the Provincial Committee for the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, he also could assure the brethren that everything possible was being done to render that Institution worthy of their continued and increased support.

We regret to hear that complications have arisen in the state of Bro. Gerard Ford's health, and that he is still lying ill at Berne. His condition caused grave anxiety last week, but he is now out of danger, and will be removed so soon as is possible, for it is thought the air of Brighton will do more than anything else towards restoring him to health. All Bro. Gerard Ford's Masonic engagements must of course be foregone, and he was unable to attend the Provincial meeting of Mark Master Masons on the 27th instant, at which meeting he was to have been installed Provincial Grand Master.

It will interest Freemasons to hear that Dr. Kynaston has been appointed by the Bishop of Durham to succeed the late Canon Evans in the Greek Professorship at Durham University, to which a Canonry is attached. The new Canon will find a Deputy Provincial Grand Master in one of his brother Canons, Canon Tristram.

Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. has consented to deliver a lecture "On the Antiquity of Masonic Symbolism," before the Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter, No. 50, at St. Mark's Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 30th September, at 8 p.m. At the conclusion of the lecture, a collection will be made on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Drury Lane.—That romantic period of English History which is embraced by the middle of the seventeenth century has frequently been presented both on the dramatic and operatic stage, and it is seldom that the adventures of King Charles the Second fail to enlist the sympathies of an audience. This knowledge has probably induced Messrs. Henry Hamilton and Augustus Harris to select the subject for their autumn attraction at the National Theatre, and in "The Royal Oak" the authors have presented a series of stirring scenes, illustrating the hair breadth escapes of the unfortunate Prince following Cromwell's "crowning mercy" at Worcester. It cannot be said that Charles is represented as a very gracious or dignified personage, though it hardly matters as the character is subservient to the charming love story of Mildred Clavering and Dorian Cholmondeley. The disturbing element emanates from Colonel Aucketoll, a Puritan officer, also in love with Mildred, who uses his power in order to force her to marry him, but of course in the end the lovers are united, though not until Mildred rescues Derian from the shadow of the block. A strong company has been brought together for its representation, chief of whom is Miss Winifred Emery, who brings all the resources of her talent to portray the unfortunate heroine. Mr. Arthur Dacre makes a picturesque cavalier and quickly enlisted the sympathies of the audience on his behalf. It was not Mr. Henry Neville's fault that he failed in this respect, though he rendered the "merry monarch" as rollicking as possible, and obtained an excellent reception. Mr. Harry Nicholls affords considerable amusement as Walk-in-the-Way-Dear love—a Roundhead, whose conversion to Royalism is due to the vivacious Patty Woodroffe, capably played by Miss Fauny Brough. These two throw a pleasant contrast on their gloomy surroundings, and meet with corresponding appreciation. Mr. Luigi Lablache gives an admirable sketch as the passionate Puritan, and Miss Ada Neilson represents the aristocratic Lady Cholmondeley with much dignity. The play will doubtless be greatly compressed and some of the scenes eliminated—on the first representation it was too long. No praise could be too great as regards the stage management, which reflects the highest credit on Mr. Harris—the exterior and interior of the old hall, the grand scene of Boscobel Wood, with its "royal oak," its horsemen and soldiers passing through the leafy glades, and the final tableau of the execution on Tower Hill are most artistic pictures. The theatre itself, newly redecorated, presents a brilliant appearance, and the lobbies and refreshment rooms are now enriched by some finely executed frescoes by Mr. J. M. Boekbinder. The entrance hall has been converted into a magnificent crush room with stained glass doors, and in a short time the whole theatre will be lighted by electricity.

Comedy.—The good old farce of "The Area Belle" has been set to music by Mr. Edward Solomon, and re-christened "Penelope," after the heroine, and on Tuesday evening the little operetta was favourably welcomed by a critical audience. The lyrics by Mr. Geo. P. Hawtrey admirably narrate the story in humorous verse, while the music itself is brimful of fun, and causes unbounded merriment. The faint suggestion of well-known songs with which some of the *morceaux* commence is exceedingly droll, and provokes the composer an apt pupil of Sir Arthur Sullivan's school. The songs contain some sweetly pretty airs, and the orchestration is altogether of an high order. Mr. W. S. Penley is irresistibly funny as the Policeman Pitcher, and is ably assisted by Mr. W. Sugg as the military Tossler. Miss Alma Stanley develops considerable humour as Penelope, and the smaller parts of Mrs. Croker, "the Misses," and Chalks the milkman were agreeably rendered by Miss Zerbin and Mr. R. Stockton. Mr. Edward Solomon, who conducted, was called before the curtain at the termination, and was assured of the success of his composition. The trifle is likely to have a long run and will prove a capital addition to the lively farce "Æsop's Fables."

Monday, the 7th October, has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Autumn Exhibition (the Nineteenth), of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

In Bengal there is a Masonic Educational Association doing good service. Since it was started 61 children have been, or are being, educated, and its progress is reported to be satisfactory and steady, the contributions in aid being most liberal, and amounting for the half-year, up to the end of December last, to 3920 rupees. The invested funds amount to 65,000 rupees, the interest annually derivable thereon being some 2700 rupees, and the expenses of management are extremely moderate.

It appears from an extract from a private letter from a prominent Mason at Johnstown, which appears in the *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio, for July, that the Masonic Hall at Johnstown witnessed the floods which destroyed that city, and was the means of saving about 150 people of all classes, and religions, &c. Among the incidents which occurred is one, which, even under the terrible circumstances of the moment, must have been somewhat ludicrous. One Denny Mitchell, a Roman Catholic and a tough citizen, floated into the hall, clad only in the wristband of his shirt, nearly every one else being in apparently the same plight. He and the others obtained from the chests and wardrobes in the hall whatever they could find in the way of garments, and on the Sunday following the catastrophe, when these people were rescued, Denny Mitchell turned out in the High Priest's robe, remarking, as he went out, that he was the "only Mick initiated into the Masonic Lodge during the flood." It is added that the various Lodges in Johnstown have held no meetings since the flood, but that they have not lost heart, and will recommence shortly.—*Leeds Times*.

MARK MASONRY.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales was held at Carnarvon Castle, on the 25th instant, when Colonel Hunter Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by his Deputy, Brother Colonel Gordon Warren. There was a good attendance of brethren from the northern part of the Principality. The Elphin Mark Lodge was opened at half-past two, when Bro. Hardman, the College, Carnarvon, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master and his Provincial Grand Officers were received at four o'clock. Colonel Hunter, after going through the matter of business of Provincial Grand Lodge, alluded in feeling terms to the great loss the Province had sustained in the death of their much valued friend and brother, Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D., who was formerly Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but who resigned on account of declining health. A vote of thanks was passed by the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. G. L. Woodley, Llandudno, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, for his unremitting attention to the duties of the office, which he has held for many years. The Officers for the Provincial Grand Lodge were appointed, as follow:—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gordon Warren	...	Deputy Master
H. Hardman	...	Senior Warden
D. Wynn Williams	...	Junior Warden
N. Bunnell	...	M.O.
R. H. Pritchard	...	S.O.
J. W. Poole	...	J.O.
Rev. Hugh Thomas, M.A.	...	} Chaplains
Rev. Lt. Lt. Nicholas, M.A.	...	
R. S. Chamberlain	...	Treasurer
G. Challinor	...	Registrar of Marks
W. D. Henderson	...	Secretary
S. Hargreaves	...	Senior Deacon
Owen Evans	...	Junior Deacon
T. T. Sarsou	...	Supt. of Works
Owen Thomas	...	D.C.
A. M. Dunlop	...	A.D.C.
H. Evans	...	Sword Bearer
J. Williams	...	Organist
A. L. Cleur	...	Standard Bearer
W. A. Nott	...	I.G.
W. Farren	...	Senior Steward
Allan Sunner	...	Junior Steward
Vincent	...	Tyler

The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Hunter, presiding, Bro. Hardman W.M. St. Elphin being the Vice President. A splendid *carte* was provided by Bro. E. Humphreys.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE action by Lord Leigh and others, Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, against the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, was again in the Vacation Court paper of Mr. Justice Denman on Wednesday, to which day it had been adjourned by the consent of the defendants from that day week. Mr. Wilkinson, who with Mr. Lionel Monckton appeared for the plaintiffs, informed his lordship that his friend, Mr. Chubb, who appeared for the defendants, asked that the motion might again stand for a week, the injunction being continued, and the defendants to give their affidavits to the plaintiffs on Monday if they could. Mr. Justice Denman acceded to the request, and the motion was postponed till next Wednesday.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sincere Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penitons
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

- 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)
170—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marques of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleonor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lions, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 9. (Instruction)
51—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-terrace, at 7 (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jupiter, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Spoutay (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maid's Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Lions, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1321—Emblematic, Moss Hotel, Horse-la-street, W.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1416—Lion and Unicorn, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1472—Islington, Charapion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-road, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In)
1940—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Charter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1535—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 104—Earl of Carnarvon, Lutbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
106—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladium, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elver, Durham
158—Aquila, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Princes-road, Sycroassa
209—Etman, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
290—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
310—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
311—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
333—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
365—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croyden, at 7.15. (Inst.)
393—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
400—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
675—Northumberland, Assembly Room, Westgate-road, Newcastle

- 702—Shorborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Day.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sideup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Gt. London Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Durlay Street, Bradford
995—Furress, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Rotherham
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wexham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Northampton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, 31 Essex Street, Ely
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveley.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2134—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Cornwall, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, U. & C. at 11. S.W
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mary Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1539—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Cheham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Cambridge. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, E.C.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Mall, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, 11, bridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, 11, Essex-street, London
1285—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigton
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hall-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Southall
1444—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stoneham.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Broom, Liverpool
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1756—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Huddersfield
1812—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's, Devon
1903—Prince Edward of Exe Warrant, 11, Cannon-street, London
2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool
R.A. 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham St., Rochdale
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Farnborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Farnborough
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial-street, Brighton
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Burton
R.A. 1218—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Harrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Konnington, at 8. (In.)
- 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
- 1278—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
- 107—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).

- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Eastons Road. (Instruction)
- 1291—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Bulls Pond Road
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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- 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anorley
- 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
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- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Morgate, Finsbury Pavement, W.C., at 7.30. (In)
- 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cannon-street, London
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Telford, Shropshire
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham
- 412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eccleson, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1919—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Aero Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Ham near Smith, at 7.30. (In)
- R.A. —Smith, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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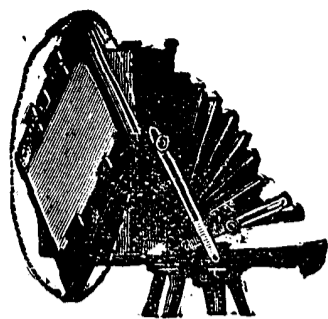
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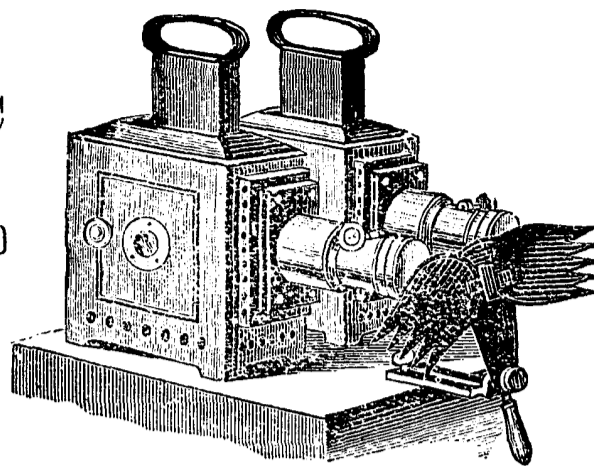
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