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LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

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CHAPTER V. of Bro. Crossley's History of this Lodge embraces the period from 1780 to 1801, and, as we said at the conclusion of our last notice, the Lodge started at that time with a balance in hand of £20, a state of affairs far different to what was experienced during the preceding period, which was one of the most troublesome in the career of the Lodge. About the year 1780 the number of members was but seven or eight, so that the balance mentioned above was no inconsiderable sum for so small a company. During the preceding two years more than the average number of candidates had been initiated into the Lodge, but these do not appear to have permanently made the "Probity" their home. Some of these initiates came from Keighley and Huddersfield, so that, considering the trouble of travelling in those days, it could hardly be expected they would become settled members. There is a record in 1780 (September) that the brethren visited both Huddersfield and Keighley, by invitation of the Craftsmen of those towns, and in reference to these visits Brother Crossley remarks they could not have been made to Lodges, as there is no record of any being established at the time in either place. Possibly, says the historian, there may have been unattached Lodges there, but we should rather think not, else why need the local candidates journey to Halifax to be initiated, as we have just recorded they did do. The initiation fee was now £2 2s, and 2s 6d for registration, this increase having been ordered by Grand Lodge. The first payment to Provincial Grand Lodge is noted towards the close of 1782, while in the following year the Lodge purchased two books, the one the "Use and Abuse of Masonry," the other "Preston's Illustrations," both of which, however, have been lost to the Lodge.

About 1790 the fees for visiting were for those attending on St. John's Day 5s each, subsequently altered to 7s 6d if they remained the day, but if attending at supper then only 2s 6d was the fee. From this it would seem that our ancient brethren of Halifax used to honour their St. John's Festival in royal style, evidently devoting the whole day to their ceremonies and rejoicings. At the celebration in 1792, twenty-three members signed the roll, while the Treasurer had a balance in hand of £15 odd. Several references of interest occur about this time, which appears to have been a prosperous one for the Lodge. Members were received from various towns in the neighbourhood where Lodges were subsequently established, and it is but fair to give credit to the "Probity" for having been the means of extending Freemasonry in its district. We must not omit to mention, too, the establishment of a second Lodge in Halifax (the Lodge of Harmony, 12th November 1789) as evidence of the Masonic spirit prevailing there. These two Lodges worked most amicably together, some of the brethren belonging to both, and all appearing to strive to make the work of Masonry progress satisfactorily.

In October 1793 a Lodge of Emergency was held, at which it was decided to expel a Brother Wilson, who, it seems, had been guilty of "breathing disaffection towards

the Government" under which the country then "so happily lived." In January 1794 some brethren of "Probity," together with representatives of other Lodges in the neighbourhood, attended the funeral of the late Bro. Miles Rushworth, and the minutes contain full details as to the order of procession, ceremony, &c., the same being reproduced in the book before us. In 1795 a resolution was passed which has intimate association with matters lately referred to in these columns. It was to the following effect:—"That no landlord keeping the house at which the Lodge is kept be admitted a member." We suppose there must be some good and sufficient reason for this exclusiveness, which, as here shown, was practised in 1795, just as it is to-day. We, however, fail to see its necessity; in this particular case it appears to have resulted from a disagreement with the landlord of a house at which the Lodge met, and therefore we think its severity is self evident—all landlords are made to suffer because in one case a disagreement arose. Truly, the Craft has not changed much—it was just as arbitrary in the last century as it is now, when it suited the members to be so. How is it we have won the distinction of being wholly "Free" Masons? It certainly does not appear to be a right designation for a body which at all times has had the power—and has often exercised it—of making itself most "exclusive."

The next few entries refer to losses sustained by the Lodge, through the death of members, the Lodge being ordered into mourning, and Masonic funerals occurring from time to time. On such occasions it was ordered that the brethren appear "in black with clean white stockings and white gloves," while on another occasion the order was "white gloves, black stockings, and black buckles or shoe strings."

In 1797 the Lodge received an invitation from the Royal Brunswick Lodge, Sheffield, to attend a grand Masonic procession, on the occasion of the opening of the Sheffield Infirmary. Two members were appointed to attend, and the expenses (£2 0s 2d) were paid out of the Lodge funds. In the following year it is recorded that the Lodge "very liberally contributed towards the defence of the country in aid of the government," the sum of £64 2s being subscribed (in sums ranging from 2s 6d to £10), and regularly handed over. In January 1800 there were only three members and the Tyler present, so that the members can hardly be said to have started the new century with enthusiasm, unless perhaps their enthusiasm found vent outside the Lodge. Later on in the same year (April) we find the Master directing attention to the finances of the Lodge, there being a debit balance, which led to the abolition of "expenses" for a time, it being recorded on several occasions that "all present paid their own bill." This question of arrears was again reverted to in August, when it was agreed that "whenever the Treasurer is in advance, the Brothers pay their own expenses." The matter is not again referred to until January 1801, when it is recorded "the members present defrayed the expenses." The close of this year found the Lodge with a balance on the right side. In September 1800 Mr. Charles Whiteley was initiated, and he became a great acquisition to the Lodge. It is mentioned that it was through his advocacy that the idea of the division of the Province of Yorkshire was first promulgated. With the close of this period we are told another minute book of the Lodge is completed.

The death of the Tyler, Bro. Wilkinson Pool is recorded in 1802, his funeral being attended by the Lodge, and great respect paid to his memory. He was for 31 years Tyler of the Lodge. A fac-simile copy of an inscription on his tomb-stone is included in Bro. Crossley's book. About this time the Lodge suffered other losses through the death of members, among others being Bro. Samuel Lord, who had been a subscriber over thirty-nine years (1763-1802). In 1804 the members attended, with those of other Lodges, the funeral of Bro. Robert Sutcliffe, special services being arranged for the occasion. In 1807 various "lectures" are recorded, and from the minutes they appear to have been appreciated. Several emergency meetings are recorded about this time, at many of which members were "passed the chair," so as to qualify them for the Royal Arch Degree, which appears to have been in favour at the time. It is remarked that "the Lodge at this period was in a most flourishing condition; its members were constantly increasing; and the persons who were admitted were members of society held in high esteem by their fellow townsmen, and who to this day have left their mark in the town and neighbourhood."

As senior Lodge of the district "Probity" appears to have exercised a close supervision of the Lodges at a distance from the Provincial Grand Lodge centre, reporting to that authority on difficulties as they cropped up in the vicinity. A question of selling the warrant of the Loyal Halifax Lodge to some brethren of Heptonstall was one of the matters to which special reference is made under this heading. The members of Probity called an emergency meeting, and summoned the brethren interested in the transfer to attend, calling upon the members of the Loyal Halifax to refund the money paid for the transfer. The whole proceedings were duly reported to the Provincial Lodge, and a petition for the regular removal of the warrant was forwarded. There does not appear to be any record of the result of these proceedings, except that on 11th July 1809 a brother attended as a visitor from the Prince Frederick Lodge, Heptonstall, from which it is inferred the prayer of the petition was granted. An emergency meeting of Probity was held on the 17th July 1809, at Heptonstall, when it appears the local Lodge was regularly established. On this occasion there was an attendance of 113; 57 as Craft Masons, 23 as Royal Arch Masons, and 33 as Knights Templar. A procession was formed, and the whole company attended church, returning therefrom to a "plentiful dinner" at the Stag's Inn. A collection, which amounted to £4 5s 3d was made, 20s of which was given to a poor Mason's widow, while the balance was given to the Minister of Heptonstall, to distribute to such poor persons as he thought proper.

(To be continued).

MAN'S PRE-EMINENCE.

FREEMASONRY emphasizes the dignity of man. It inculcates respect for human nature. It enforces the lessons of Bible revelation that man was appointed to hold pre-eminent position, having both an original capacity and a natural power of development which indicate his masterful relation towards the rest of the animal creation, as well as to material forces and products. David asks the significant question: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that Thou visitest him?" The response comes at once and is most assuring: "Behold Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hand. Thou hast put all things under his feet."

Experience attests the truthfulness of this declaration. It shows man to be a masterful being, who grows more and more so with every passing age and generation. His supremacy over all material things and over all forms of the animate creation becomes more evident as the years go by. Already he has found out many of the secrets of Nature, has laid his strong hand on her laws and forces, to compel these to do his bidding, until he has well nigh conquered the world of matter. He has proven his power in various ways and given clear evidence of the fact that he was created to bear rule.

Much of man's pre-eminence, however, is acquired; he obtains power from a variety of sources—it is not all a birthright gift. His masterfulness depends upon numerous helps and ministries of which he must avail himself if he would take the foremost position to which he may of right aspire. Freemasonry affirms this proposition, while of itself it is a means of culture toward the desired end. It encourages man to strive to make his being robust and productive, and it points to special helps and agencies that are most potent in contributing to fullness of life.

Freemasonry recognises the value of Nature's teachings. It directs attention to the sun, moon, and stars, to the glory of the heavens above, and the order, the movements, the life, the beauty of the earth below, that so there may be both an enlargement and a quickening of human thought. Dull are we, indeed, if we are not constant learners of those material instructors that are all about us—if we do not realise that there are

"Tongues in trees,
Sermons in stones,
Books in the running brook,
And good in every thing."

Imagination, the poetic feeling, moral sensibility, reverence toward God, faith and kindred qualities, are awakened and strengthened by communion with the outward world, by study of the things that are over our heads and beneath our feet—by contact with the "sweetness and light" of Nature. To learn to see is one of the chief objects of education and life. A man that is insensible to the beauty of the world about him—who hears not its voices of wise suggestion, of delightful harmony and of sweet consolation—will most likely be blind to great facts, and will lack power to reason and to do. Natural scenery and forces—the miracle of beauty that so often repeats itself on this fair earth—hills and mountains, lands and seas, forests and rivers—all are serviceable in educating and in enriching human nature, thus helping man to a noble and more productive existence than else he would have.

Freemasonry appreciates the worth of books, schools, and all the well defined appliances of instruction, in helping man to that larger life which she commends. The liberal arts and sciences find recognition in the Masonic system. Knowledge is recommended to every Mason, not only as being a means of power, but for its own sake. Members of the Fraternity are exhorted to think and study, making use of the best helps that may be within their reach. All this is well. Books and institutions are conducive to that culture of mind which helps a man to assert the masterfulness for which he is designed, and to be useful on the earth. There is a training essential to the largest honour and usefulness, and a part of this culture comes from books, schools, and institutional ministries. The really strong man is grateful for the helps thus afforded.

But this is not all of education or power. The broadest culture of life does not come from books and schools. Men must be instructed in other ways to have the best training, and to gather in their hands the elements of largest power and usefulness. They must touch the pulses of humanity and be quickened thereby; they must open their hearts to the inflowing of generous sentiments, and be sympathetic with the world of life about them, in order to get the best education and acquire that regal power which is most grand and blessed. It is by close fellowship with other hearts and lives that the most of individual strength is developed, that the character becomes symmetrical and attractive, and the life charged with usefulness. It is in the same way, by mixing in the world, bearing a hand in its work, entering into human joys and sorrows with a sympathetic feeling, that the zest of present living is augmented, while the best that is in human nature comes into expression. Blessed is the mission of Freemasonry that it makes some provision for this higher, better life, of the affections and the soul! It recognises man's pre-eminence, and seeks to help him to live nobly and well, according to what are the prerogatives of his being and the trend of his most exalted thought.

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FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

Obituary.

BRO. GERARD FORD.

SOME few weeks back we published particulars of an accident that had befallen this worthy brother, and it is with deep regret we have now to record his death, which occurred at his residence, 58 Marine Parade, Brighton, on Saturday last. Bro. Gerard Ford was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, in succession to Bro. John Henderson Scott, who died in the year 1886, and during the absence of the Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught may be said to have controlled the destinies of the Province of Sussex. Bro. Ford entered the Masonic Order in 1870, he was initiated in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton, and therein he served the office of Worshipful Master. He afterwards joined the Bayons Lodge and the St. Matthew's Lodge in Lincolnshire, and for services rendered to that Province the Provincial Grand Master conferred on him, in the year 1878, the office of Prov. G.S.D. Two years later Bro. Sir Walter Burrell, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, conferred on Bro. Ford the office of Grand Registrar of the Province, a post which he held until the death of the late Bro. John Henderson Scott, when the Duke of Connaught appointed him his Deputy in the ruling of the Province. Bro. Ford was also associated with several other Craft Lodges. In 1887 he had conferred on him the honour of a Past Grand Deaconship of the Grand Lodge of England. In the Royal Arch Bro. Ford was a member and Past Officer of the Lennox and the Hova Villa Chapters, in Brighton, and the St. Matthew's Chapter, in Lincolnshire. He filled the office of Grand Registrar of Sussex until, on the death of Sir Walter Burrell, he received the appointment of Grand Superintendent of the Province. In the Mark Degree Bro. Ford was a member and Past Master of the Hova Lodge, in Brighton, and was, for some time, Grand Registrar of the Province. On the expiration of Lord Arthur Hill's term of office, Bro. Ford received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the appointment of Provincial Grand Master.

His mortal remains were consigned to their last resting place in the Extra-Mural Cemetery, Brighton, on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral cortège, consisting of a car, five mourning coaches, and several private carriages, left the residence of the deceased at a quarter-past three. At the gates of the Cemetery, which were reached shortly before a quarter to four, a large assembly of Freemasons fell in and headed the funeral procession. The chief mourners were Mrs. Gerard Ford and sister, General Ford and Mr. Wharton Ford (brothers), Rev. Gerard J. Ford, Mr. Thomas Ford, Mr. Letchworth, Mr. C. C. Bailey, Mr. Willoughby Farner, Mr. Cooper, and the Reverend Canon Waugh (Vicar of Saint Mary's, Brighton). The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Waugh. The Psalms were chanted by the choir of St. Peter's Church, under the direction of the organist, Mr. Stanley Cooke, who presided at the harmonium. Previous to the Lesson, the hymn "Gracious spirit, Holy Ghost," was sung; and, after the Lesson, "God moves in a mysterious way." While proceeding to the family mausoleum, which is situated near the church, and contains the remains of the deceased gentleman's first wife, the choir sang the hymn, "For thee, O dear, dear country," and terminated the service with "Lead, kindly light." The coffin, which was of polished mahogany with gilt fittings, was covered with choice wreaths of flowers, and bore the following inscription: "Gerard Ford, born 20th May 1830, died 28th September 1889." Wreaths were sent by the following Masonic bodies: Mark Master Masons of Sussex, Royal Clarence Lodge, Pelham Lodge, South Saxon Chapter, Hever Mark Lodge, Stanford Lodge, Hova Villa Chapter, Earl of Sussex Lodge, St. Cecilia Lodge, Royal Brunswick Lodge, Ockenden Lodge, South Saxon Lodge, and Jerusalem Lodge. Wreaths were also sent by relatives and personal friends. Passing the mausoleum the Freemasons dropped sprigs of acacia on the coffin.

The Lord Mayor elect, Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, is a distinguished Freemason, and Past Master of several Lodges. He now fills the chair of Senior Warden in the Drury Lane Lodge.

MARK MASONRY.

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ELLIOTT LODGE, No. 169.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic-rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, to instal Bro. G. Wilson S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. J. J. Facey the retiring W.M., and H. Langmead P.M. 16. Among the board of installed Masters were Bros. R. Dickson P.M. 76, T. J. R. Challice P.M. 169, James Gidley P.M. 383, A. Trout P.M. 76, J. Holland P.M. 76, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 35 P.G. Chaplain Eng., S. Jew P.M. 50, J. B. Gover P.M. 50, J. R. Lord P.M. 50, E. J. Knight P.M. 16, W. Allsford P.M. 16, W. Coath P.M. 91, E. Aitken Davies P.M. 96, and Thomas Worledge W.M. 48. The board of installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested, as follow: Bros. J. J. Facey I.P.M., George Gwiney S.W., A. W. King J.W., H. T. C. Tucker M.O., John Williams S.O., A. E. Maddock J.O., Thomas Reynolds Chaplain, D. Cross Treasurer, J. Phillips Rog. of Marks, James Gedley Secretary, C. Holmes S.D., W. Powell J.D., N. Page I.G., J. H. Swanton D.C., H. M. C. W. Graham A.D.C., W. H. Bowman Organist, W. H. Chanter, F. Sharpe, John Maunder Stewards, and J. Gidley Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W. G.M.M.M., 1st July 1886, also a tracing board of the Mark Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Dickson, seconded by Bro. J. J. Facey, that Bro. Lemon's presents be accepted. At the close of the Lodge, the brethren—about thirty—adjourned to the refreshment room to an excellent supper, prepared by Bro. Dickson, and under the presidency of the W.M. a very pleasant and enjoyable hour was passed. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to.

DOVE VALLEY LODGE, No. 353.

A VERY interesting ceremony in connection with the above Lodge took place on Monday, the 16th ult., when Bro. Stone W.M. of the Hartington Lodge, Derby, was advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason. The Lodge having been opened in due form by Brother G. M. Bond W.M., the ceremony of advancement was very impressively performed by Bro. A. Woodiwiss. The following Officers assisted in the ceremony:—Bros. W. Prince I.P.M., P. Wallis S.W., J. H. Cooke J.W., W. Davenport M.O., J. T. Marple S.O., W. J. Piper J.O., A. Stubbs S.D., H. Brambles J.D., Wheeldon I.G., and Brown Tyler. In addition to the above, the following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Howell Secretary, T. O. Farmer Treasurer, T. Roe, M.P., G. Fletcher, B. Webster, and Walker. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Green Man, where an excellent supper was provided, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent in connection with Masonry in Ashborne.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275. — On Friday, 27th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Captain R. J. Vincent P.Z. H. 1329 M.E.Z., G. L. Moore M.E.Z. 169 H., Schadler J., Stone S.E., C. H. Stone S.N., T. Grumant P.Z. P.S., Wingham A.S., Addington M.E.Z. 1275, Warren M.E.Z. Ebury Chapter, H. Martin, Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1369 Treasurer. The Chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of J. was rehearsed by Comp. Grumant, with his usual excellence. The Companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, when Comp. Vincent was heartily congratulated for the able way in which he rehearsed the work of M.E.Z. for the first time in this Chapter. Comp. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor announced that he would rehearse the ceremony of installation of Z. (by request) at the next meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE motion for an injunction in the action of Lord Leigh and others v. the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea, to restrain the Defendants from erecting the bridge over the railway at St. John's Hill in such a way as to interfere with the access of the Plaintiffs to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, came on again before Mr. Justice Denman, in the Vacation Court, on Wednesday, but as the parties had not come to terms, as it had been suggested on the former Wednesday they probably would, Mr. Justice Denman refused to fully hear the case, as it would interfere with the other business before the Court, and he, therefore, adjourned the arguments of counsel till Friday.

On Friday, before Mr. Justice Denman, Mr. Wilkinson informed his Lordship that both parties in the action of Lord Leigh v. the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea, had come to terms as to the Bridge and Road to be made adjacent to the Institution, and that the Defendants would pay the Plaintiffs fifty pounds and costs.

BRO. GOULD IN SCOTLAND.

WE must congratulate Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, on the enterprise shown by its esteemed M.E.Z. Comp. Edward Macbean, in carrying on the series of Lectures, now in its third year of unbroken continuity. For the address which inaugurated the cause the Chapter was indebted to no external aid, as it was delivered by the Third Principal; nor, indeed, has it been found necessary to call in outside assistance, for there is still an ample supply of available material for at least the remainder of this session.

Our highly respected Bro. W. J. Hughan (who was exalted in this Chapter, 1865) while on a visit to Bro. Macbean, last summer, was requested to put himself more fully *en evidence* with the Masons of Glasgow, which he most obligingly complied with, and spoke on "Five Centuries of Freemasonry" to an appreciative audience, which completely filled the spacious room secured for the occasion. This Lecture acted as an incentive to Bro. Edward Macbean, who had already done good suit and service on many points of independent Masonic inquiry—notably with regard to our ancient symbolism, a subject on which his colleagues of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge consider he has clearly established a right to figure as an authority—and was thereby encouraged to still greater efforts than those by which he had already been locally distinguished. Among the several subjects treated by Bro. Macbean in his various addresses are the following:—"Notes on the History of Freemasonry;" "Explanations of Masonic Ceremonials;" "Mark Degree versus Mark Custom;" "Early Symbols;" "Students' Addresses;" "Instructions on the Royal Arch," &c., and numerous discourses at installation and other special meetings.

Following in the footsteps of Bro. Hughan, our equally well-known Bro. R. F. Gould has also paid a visit to the north, as the guest of Bro. Macbean, and in a like manner yielding to the persuasive eloquence of his host, delivered, on the 30th September, an address, of which the following is a brief epitome.

Bro. Gould said, that the period of time, 1717-23, had been termed "the epoch of transition," because in the opinion of many leading authorities, the system of Masonry now possessed (or, in other words, the three degrees of the Craft as they were commonly styled), was then manufactured or concocted. Against this, however, was arrayed the conviction of another set of authorities, who were firm believers in the antiquity of Masonic degrees, and discredited the notion that any alteration had been made by the Grand Lodge of England in the secrets of Masonry, except in what might be termed non-essentials—or, to use words of greater precision, in the method adopted of imparting them.

Thus there were two theories, or schools of thought with regard to the degrees, or as he preferred to call it, the Symbolism of Freemasonry, a wider term, and one which would cover everything done or practised in the Lodges from 1723 onwards, for which (it was alleged) no equivalent was to be found in the doings and practices of the Lodges in existence prior to 1717.

Each of those views or theories had its supporters, and to whichever side the argument might for the moment seem to preponderate, he (Bro. Gould) thought they could not be too careful in recollecting that there was evidence to the contrary.

The time at their disposal would only admit of one side of the question being discussed at that sitting, and he could therefore merely put before them one branch of the case, viz., the arguments that might be adduced in favour of the antiquity of Masonic Symbolism.

The point for their consideration was the following one:—

Was the Symbolism of Masonry an inheritance derived from the old Masons who flourished before the era of Grand Lodges, or had it been borrowed from the Rosicrucians, or others, after 1717?

Or to illustrate still more clearly the line of argument he should pursue:—

Was there ground for supposing that the Symbolism of our present Freemasonry existed in Mediæval times, and that it had decayed, *pari passu*, with the operative Masonry of that period, and come down to them divested of much of its real significance, as a legacy or inheritance from the working Masons of those early times?

The period of origin assigned by common repute to the institution of Freemasonry was the 13th century, which synchronized with that of the rise of Gothic architecture. The latter, indeed, was for a long time considered as being under the exclusive charge of the Freemasons, though latterly the tide had turned, and the old and popular belief, in any connection between the two, was regarded as the high water mark of credulity.

But a paper by Professor Hayter Lewis—"Scottish Masons' Marks compared with those of other countries,"—read before the British Archaeological Association, at its recent session in Glasgow, would be deemed by many persons to have gone a long way towards reinstating the old belief or tradition.

Among the conclusions formulated by the Professor were the following:—

1st. "That certain definite methods of marking the general surfaces of the stones, characterised the Masonry of the style which we call Norman, and that this had apparently a Western origin.

2nd. That in the 13th century there was introduced with the Early Pointed Style [a phase of Gothic], an entirely different method of finishing the surface, and that the source of this method was apparently from the East.

3rd. That Masons' marks do not appear to have been commonly used in Europe until late in the 12th century.

4th. That some of the most prominent of these marks appear to have been used continuously, from very early times, in Eastern Countries."

It was not too much to say that Masons' Marks which had long been regarded by advanced students as possessing a sentimental value, out of all proportion to their serviceable worth, were now, owing to the research of Bro. Hayter Lewis, shown to be a very important factor in the complicated problem of Masonic history.

After the Early Pointed, came the Middle, or Perfect Pointed Style, known in England by the name of Decorated. After this the finest age of Gothic Architecture was at an end, and it might be said to have gone out in a blaze of glory under the Tudors.

Here was, he thought, a greater probability of the present Masonic Symbolism having existed during the splendour of mediæval operative Masonry than of its having been introduced at any period after its decline.

This was borne out to some extent by the written traditions of the Society, the earliest of which—Regius MS.—dating from about 1425, contained inculcations which were very far removed from the mental range of the operative brethren to whom the Manuscript Constitutions were rehearsed at a later era.

Between the Regius MS. and the earliest of the MS. Constitutions there was a gap of a century and a-half, and both before and during this period there were influences at work which left their mark on the civilisation of the era.

In England, down to the War of the Roses, the hand of the English sculptor had grown still, and the arts had lost their vigour and beauty. But in Scotland, the relapse into comparative anarchy was even greater, owing to the War of Independence.

It was, therefore, a plausible conjecture, and might account to some extent for the simplicity of the Scottish ceremonial, that while in the one instance—Scotland—the ancient symbolism of Masonry had descended to the level of the ordinary artisan; in the other instance—England—more of the old framework still existed?

It was contended by those writers who opposed the view, for which he (Bro. Gould) was supporting, that virtually the symbolism of Masonry as they then had it, was the invention of the "new-comers" into Masonry, circa 1721-30. But it was a curious fact that not only did the actual ceremonial of those early days bear witness to its own antiquity, but the fact in question was so accepted by all contemporary critics of the Society.

That point, indeed, he would not favour, but left each brother to determine for himself. It was clear, however, that if the symbolism which prevailed during the first decade of the Grand Lodge of England could be carried back beyond or behind the so-called revival of 1717, an important point—to those who believed in its great antiquity—would have been attained.

Upon the whole, he thought it was very far removed from being an arbitrary hypothesis that the existing symbolism of Masonry had come down, in all its main features, from very ancient times; and that it originated during the shadows of mediæval operative Masonry and not in its decline. Also

That at a period of time, now very remote from our own, much knowledge of all kinds was embodied in mystical figures and schemes, such as were deemed appropriate emblems for its preservation, and that many of these figures and schemes are preserved in Masonry, though their meaning is no longer understood by the fraternity.

At the conclusion of Bro. Gould's address, which was listened to with marked attention, occasionally interrupted by outbursts of applause, the M.E.Z. Bro. Macbean invited a discussion on the many new points advanced by the able lecturer in the thesis which he presented as the result of his most recent contemplations. Among those who responded to the invitation of the M.E.Z. may be noticed more particularly, as space forbids us entering into the minutiae of inquiries which were abundantly presented and as fully disposed of by the lecturer, were Bro. James Crichton Grand Sword Bearer and M.E.Z. No. 1 (Edinburgh), and R. S. Brown Grand Scribe E.

A vote of thanks was warmly acclaimed by the meeting, to which a suitable response was made by Bro. Gould. The proceedings terminated by conferring honorary affiliation on Bro. Gould, as a token of the estimation in which his labours were regarded by the Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter, No. 50, the oldest in the Province. When retiring from the Temple the brethren had an opportunity of contributing to the Benevolent Fund of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, an appeal which was liberally responded to.

LIGHT FROM DARKNESS.

THE REV. HERBERT BOTT, Provincial Grand Chaplain of Northumberland, delivered the following oration at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, held at Hexham, on the 9th ultimo, selecting as his text the words:—"And God said, let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."—Genesis i. 3, 4.

"Without form and void," are the elements of the natural world. They sleep as yet without motion, silent and in disorder.

"Chaos umpire sits
And by decision more embroils the fray
By which he reigns. Next him, high arbiter,
Chance governs all. Into this wild abyss
The womb of nature and perhaps her grave,"

—the spirit of God moved—the fiat of the Divine word went forth, and lo! sudden light burst in mid-day splendour o'er the void and formless infinite. Fit and striking emblem of man's spiritual darkness before illumined and quickened by the grace of God. The preacher proceeded to impress upon his hearers the high value they ought to set on that more ineffably glorious and eternal light which comes from the bright and morning Star of redemption, which only could expel the darkness from our souls in which sin and corruption had marked them. To them, as members of their ancient and honourable fraternity, whose predominant wish must ever be for light, and whose eyes must be ever lifted to that bright morning star, whose rising should bring peace and salvation to the faithful

and obedient of the human race, this their subject was of peculiar interest. For from what they were taught and instructed in the valued tenets of their Order they saw that Masonry in the most sacred sense was a science of light—a bright beam, a noble and holy system of practical religion which derived its excellence from and would ever direct its children to the first grand lesson of all light—the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. What then, he would ask, was the attitude which they, as Masons, assumed towards their society? Did they embrace and did they estimate it as a mere bond of brotherly union without concern about its internal excellencies, which, if duly practised and studied according to their time and abilities, must help them to be better men? Did they unite themselves with it, or did they behave as if they united themselves with it as a mere society to be desired and followed solely for its exclusive Charity and peculiar mysteries? God forbid! At their initiation they professed to believe, and in the course of their regular advancement they had been subsequently taught and made to know that the principles of their Order were founded upon the never-failing base of revealed light of true religion. And they could not moreover forget how imperatively it insisted upon and prized the daily practice of every moral, social and religious virtue. It was consequently their most serious duty, as professors of this light, to endeavour undeviatingly to comply with its important and solemn obligations. The more indeed they considered and entered into the true spirit of the Craft which had, let him most emphatically repeat it, for its aim the glory of God and the good of mankind, the more will their minds be illumined and their hearts improved by the holy wisdom and virtue which it delighted to cherish and diffuse throughout its members. Nor was it over-colouring the moral beauties of the Order, nor raising it on too elevated a pedestal of superiority, to say of it, in relation to those who enrolled themselves under its banner, that Christianity and infidelity were not more incapable of union than a good Mason and a bad man. The combination of such contradictory characters was as impossible as the agreement of light with darkness. It might be said by the scoffer in the outside world that in claiming so exalted a position for Freemasonry they made it almost a religion, or sought to put it in the place of one. Not so, they made it what the brotherhood who had preceded them in the long vista of ages gone by had made it—the handmaid of religion and the guardian of civilization, and that only. At one time perhaps religion, when persecuted, might have found shelter beneath her handmaid's robe, as false faiths had made themselves identical with the spurious imitations of the science but he would fain wish that the distinction was as carefully drawn by the outer world as it was fully understood and preserved by the brotherhood. And, on the other hand, did they hear the cry that Masonry was subversive to a certain extent of all true religion. How fallacious, when they knew that its object had been from of old to lead men to look to the one great Architect of the Universe—the Author and Giver of all good things. When they could point to the fact that men whose piety and sound faith had been without question, had been found within its ranks, when the good and the holy, the pious and learned bishop, the loved and God-fearing pastor had declared themselves honoured by being addressed as brother. Ages had rolled away after ages, and still the ancient landmarks had never been removed. Persecution in almost every land and every era had been visited, aye, brothers, even as against Christianity itself, upon the brotherhood, and its members had borne the storm bravely,—yes, even to the death by axe and fire. Calamity had been permitted to shoot her many barbed and poisonous shafts against it, but they had fallen blunted before the only weapon presented to their flight—the shield of integrity and truth; and it stood before the world acquitted by universal acclamation of all the grosser charges that had been hurled against it. True it was they were enshrined in an atmosphere of secrecy and mystery, but these were sanctioned by the divine author of all light in the religion of their most holy faith. They embraced in the laudable objects of Masonry the promotion of virtue and the increase of human happiness. They rested on the broad altar of Christian principles and devoted loyalty. Masonry, around the reputation of her children, cast a consecrated robe which she forbade her followers to touch, much less tear off with ruthless violence, and when compelled by honour and justice to do so she bade them with a tear of pity, and not a smile of malice, to be merciful, and was not that echoing back the very voice of the Gospel which taught them to speak evil of no man. So the immortal poet and greatest moralist this world beheld instructed mankind—"The quality of mercy is not strained." And no one who was not dead to the nobleness of the human character or insensible to the finest feeling of his nature could hear of or see without just anger and indignation the Christian command and Masonic obligation of unspeakable consequence so wantonly violated as was often witnessed. For the sake, therefore, of all that was lovely and of good report let them as much as laid in them have a conscience void of offence toward man and God. In conclusion, the preacher said:—"Thus walking in the light as 'children of the light,' let us not forget the Mason's moral to go unto perfection; o'er the tessellated pavement of this fleeting and chequered existence, we are fast hastening to the common end of all men, and along the downward track of time we are descending, some more smoothly than others, but all with no less sure and quick transition. Let us, therefore, be not unmindful of the merciful ends of our creation and redemption, to shine as the stars for ever and ever, when raised in glorified bodies from the darkness of the tomb of transgression, we shall be presented by our all-sufficient Conductor before the throne of the Almighty Eternal Master of the Grand Lodge above. If heretofore irresolute and wavering, begin we at once to strive for the mastery and in earnest to ascend the ladder of hope, by the regular and progressive steps of obedience, faith, and love, our Christian as our Masonic course must be steady, gradual, and measured, or an advancement in virtue and godliness will be irregular, uncertain and unsuccessful. Thus we have been already taught in the creation of light and the perfecting of the visible works of God, and even so it is in the spiritual

creation of the soul anew. Our increase in holiness if we would grow 'in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,' unto the perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, is step by step, higher and higher, as we are enlightened, strengthened, and improved, until the door of the Grand Lodge of everlasting life opens to receive us in the glorious abodes of immortal light. Oh, that we may all of us, my Masonic brethren, be the blessed partakers of that unspeakable and never-fading glory, and to this end may we remember that we are not our own but bought with a price, and thus mindful that our duty is to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits, and let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE 104th anniversary of the above Lodge (the mother Lodge of the Province of Derbyshire) was held on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and was attended by seventy brethren of the town and neighbourhood. The W.M. elect Bro. J. H. Clarke was duly installed by Bros. R. L. H. Mole (the outgoing Master) and T. Carter Wigg, M.D. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. R. L. Horner Mole I.P.M., A. J. Flint S.W., Rev. H. Price J.W., Rev. T. B. Munday Chaplain, W. Naylor Treasurer, E. M'Innes Secretary, H. V. Edmunds S.D., E. H. Claye J.D., M. F. Smith Dir. of Cers., W. H. Marsden Organist, F. E. Taylor I.G., W. H. Wheeldon and J. T. H. Richardson Stewards, W. Stone Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, in the lower hall.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 272.

ON Thursday evening, the 19th ultimo, the brethren partook of a dinner, at Bro. Eloy's, Red Cow Hotel, Boston, to celebrate in an informal manner the granting of the charter by the Grand Lodge of England in August 1779. Bro. C. Lucas W.M. presided, and Bro. W. Appleton occupied the vice chair. The usual Loyal Masonic and complimentary toasts were honoured.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 324.

ON Thursday, 12th ult., at the Wellington Hotel, Stalybridge, a most pleasing ceremony took place after the usual business of the Lodge had been completed. This was the presentation of an illuminated address, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Brother Wm. Robert Batchelor. Bro. Henry Hall, who is now the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, made the presentation, and in doing so spoke of Bro. Batchelor's sterling worth, of his past labours for the Lodge, and of his strict devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, for a period of more than 25 years. After having spoken at some length Bro. Hall concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour done him in asking him to make the presentation. Bro. Batchelor, who had received no hint of what was to take place, thanked the members for their goodwill towards him.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 345.

ON Thursday, 19th instant, at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, Mr. W. H. Burnett was formally initiated a member. Bro. T. W. Gregson is the W.M. of the Lodge, and Mr. Burnett was elected on the proposal of Bro. Scott P.M., seconded by Bro. Holt P.M.

DE OGLE LODGE, No. 636.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, when Bro. Jacob Barker was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Ralph Crawford. After the installation the following were invested by the W.M. as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Crawford I.P.M., T. W. Middlemiss S.W., C. H. M. Robson J.W., Rev. G. Robinson Chap., A. M. Loades P.M. Treas., R. H. Dickenson P.M., Secretary, T. Appleby S.D., J. R. Turner J.D., W. Davidson P.M., Director of Ceremonies, J. R. Barker Organist, J. Wormald I.G., Thomas Dick and A. Foster Stewards, E. Ashton Tyler. In the evening the brethren celebrated their annual festival at the Queen's Head Hotel (Mrs. Bowman's), the W.M. Bro. J. Barker presiding. Bros. Barker, Whitehead, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

ON Tuesday, 24th ult., in the presence of a numerous assembly of members of the Lodge and visitors, Bro. W. W. Sandbrook was, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The retiring Master of this flourishing Lodge, which ranks fifth amongst the whole of the 95 Lodges of the Province of West Lancashire in the amount contributed to the cause of charity, is Bro. H. Round, who has discharged his duties with ability and tact, and was on Tuesday presented by his brethren with a Past Master's jewel and two diamond rings—one for himself and one for Mrs. Round—as a token of their esteem and regard. His successor in the chair should have been the late Bro. E. H. Allen, who fulfilled the duties of Senior Warden with marked success, and whose accession to the chair was looked forward to as an event which would ensure as efficient a discharge of the duties as could be desired by the most exacting. However, Dr. Allen was removed by death, in May last, and the appointment of a successor became necessary. Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, who is a Past Master of the Lodge, was at the last assembly of the brethren nominated and duly elected to the chair, and the ceremony of installation was performed

by Bro. H. Round I.P.M., the presenting Officers being Bro. J. B. M'Kenz'e and Bro. Lindo Courtenay. The visiting brethren present included Bros. Footo P.P.G. Treasurer, H. H. Smith P.P.A.G.D.C., T. H. W. Walker P.P.G. Treasurer, J. I. Callow P.P.G. Treasurer, B. W. Rowson P.P.G.S.W., T. Clarke P.G.R., J. Gordon P.M. 413 S.C., S. Mattinson P.P.G.S., Lawton W.M. 220, Edward R. Latham W.M. 594, F. A. Withey P.M. 1299, H. Hatch P.M. 220, F. F. Foulkes P.M. 292, J. Humphreys P.M. 724, J. Ashley P.M. 1356, W. Lamb P.M. 579, B. M. Bannatyne S.W. 216, T. Lowton J.W. 2042, and H. H. Smith S.D. 1730. After his installation the Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. H. Round I.P.M., J. Fineberg S.W., J. H. Light J.W., H. Heard Secretary, J. L. Shrapnell Treasurer, A. Mein S.D., A. E. Workman J.D., Eaton Batty I.G., Josef Cantor Organist, Percy Stuart S.S., J. Heginbotham J.S., George Clarence A.S., E. Graham A.S., W. Savage P.M. Director of Ceremonies, and W. H. Ball Tyler. The ceremony of installation and investiture concluded, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. Vines. The usual toast list was gone through, but an especial feature was made of that pledging the health of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, on account of the fact that the Dramatic Lodge was on Wednesday of last week honoured by the appointment of one of its Past Masters for Provincial Grand honours at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Barrow-in-Furness, and presided over by the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. In proposing the toast and coupling with it the name of Bro. Josef Cantor, the brother so signally honoured, the W.M. referred to Bro. Cantor in felicitous terms, dwelling upon his ability alike as a Mason and as a musician. He was sure that his appointment as Provincial Grand Organist would be amply justified, and that Bro. Cantor, who had acquitted himself so well as Master of that Lodge, would discharge his new duties with equal tact and efficiency. Bro. Josef Cantor suitably responded, remarking that he looked upon the appointment more as an honour to his mother Lodge than to himself personally. An excellent miscellaneous programme was contributed to by Bros. E. Edwards, N. F. Burt, J. Heginbotham, T. Shaw, L. Courtenay, R. Baxter, H. G. Round, H. Randall, and Josef Cantor, by whom the accompaniments were ably supplied. Bro. T. Shaw delighted all present with his charming violin solos, and a very interesting and pleasing musical selection, which constituted the chief feature of the programme, was contributed by Bros. Josef Cantor (piano), T. Shaw (violin), F. G. Ford (cornet), and R. Baxter (clarinet).

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A VERY successful gathering of the brethren of the above Lodge was held at Ladbroke-hall, on Saturday, the 21st ult. Present Bros. Barclay W.M., Norman S.W., Oliver J.W., Barker Treasurer, Read Secretary, Wiggins S.D., Freeman J.D., Mackay I.G., Walter, Williams, Taylor, Wakeham Steward, Turner, J. G. Taylor, W. Taylor, W. Neville, J. H. Neville, Davies, Fitzpatrick, &c., &c. Visitors: Bros. Snelling, Jubal Webb, Cama Past Grand Treasurer, Sparrowhawk, Hobbs W.M. 858, Sims, Heath, Mayne, and Giffin. Bro. Norman was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Oliver S.W., Wiggins J.W., Freeman S.D., Mackay J.D., Kirk I.G., Wakeham and Fitzpatrick Stewards. Bro. Norman afterwards initiated his son, Mr. Francis Norman, into Freemasonry. A banquet followed, when the usual toasts incident to the Craft were duly honoured, Bros. Cama, Snelling, Jubal Webb, Sparrowhawk, Hobbs, and Trait responding on behalf of the visiting brethren. The musical arrangements were admirably carried out, under the direction of Brother Oliver.

GRAYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday, the 12th ult., when Bro. T. W. Porter was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Sibert Saunders, the retiring W.M. The new W.M. invested Bro. S. Saunders as I.P.M., and appointed and invested the Officers, as follows:—Brothers E. G. Walthew S.W., F. Browning J.W., the Rev. H. M. Maughan Chaplain, A. Anderson Treasurer, J. Wood Secretary, W. London S.D., A. W. Southwell J.D., F. A. Johnson Organist, Bruce Lightfoot D.C., A. Heaton I.G., M. Kemp and C. M. Driffield Stewards. The usual banquet was held, after Lodge, at the Assembly Rooms, and was attended by a large number of home and visiting members.

PROFICIENCY BEFORE ADVANCEMENT.

IT has always been wisely provided by the Craft, that except under such extraordinary circumstances as justify a Dispensation, the three degrees of Freemasonry should not be conferred on one and the same evening. At least one month must intervene between the conferring of the several degrees. The reasons for this regulation are numerous, but we purpose referring now to but one, and that is: the Craft designs that every Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, before he is advanced, shall become reasonably familiar with that portion of the mystery which was taught him in the preceding degree. To accomplish this, time and instruction are necessary. Freemasonry is both a science and an art, and it requires attention and study to master it. If it did not, it would be empty of meaning, and unworthy of any intelligent person's regard. But it is because it includes instruction of the highest

importance to the initiate, that the Fraternity provides, in its organic law, that he shall show proficiency in the preceding degree before he receives advancement to a higher one.

The "Ahiman Rezon" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provides as follows upon this subject:

"It is recommended to all Lodges to require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft, by examination in the Lodge, before he be advanced."

While some of the Lodges in this jurisdiction to our own knowledge have heeded this recommendation, we have reason to fear that the majority have not. Because it was "recommended," but not absolutely required, they appear to have regarded it as a matter in which they had an option, and the result is, that every year an army of initiates is introduced into the Masonic world without any qualification for constituting an intelligent portion of our ancient and honourable Craft, which is thus dishonoured by its own members.

How many Masons cannot visit a Lodge unless they are vouched for? How many can barely enter, when in a foreign jurisdiction, and thus reflect discredit upon their mother jurisdiction? Pennsylvania creditably leads, in most respects, the jurisdictions of the globe; none are truer to the all-important Ancient Landmarks, and the time-honoured usages and customs of the Craft; but in this matter of examination in open Lodge of a candidate before advancement, we have been sadly deficient, and it is time to turn over a new leaf, and comply with the plainly-expressed recommendation of the "Ahiman Rezon."

Consider what is the ground of this recommendation, it is of primary importance, because it refers to the very A, B, C, of Masonry. If the groundwork be not learned, it will be vain to expect any superstructure to arise thereon. A merely nominal Master Mason, who is not proficient in the preceding degrees, is not fit to be a member of the Lodge, nor to perform any of its duties. He is a profane in everything except the name. For all the advantage his initiation and advancement can be to him he might as well have saved his money. He is a drone in the Masonic hive, an ignoramus in our school of knowledge, unskilled in the mystery and unfitted for visiting abroad or holding office at home. Until he supplies this radical defect in his Masonic education he is a cipher in the Lodge. If he remain a cipher he soon necessarily loses his interest in Masonry, he becomes a rare attendant at Lodge, careless with regard to the payment of his dues, and ultimately is either suspended or becomes a non-affiliate.

Now look on the other side of the picture. The Lodge in which a candidate is made, heeds the recommendation of the "Ahiman Rezon," to "require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft by examination in the Lodge before he is advanced," and the result is, that the Brother becomes at once interested in Freemasonry. He is given something to learn, and he learns it. And then he desires to learn more, and to fully understand all that he has learned. He soon comprehends *how much* there is in Freemasonry. It broadens out like a sea before him. He realises that it is indeed a mystery, and that it will repay a life-long study. What is it that attaches the affections of a Brother to Freemasonry through three-score years? It is not the mere fact that he has been initiated in the Craft, but it is his progress in Masonic knowledge, his apprehension of the entire scope of the Fraternity—its interesting history, its connection with the science of architecture, its lofty symbolism, and its stimulating knowledge in many directions. These are some of the charms which inseparably and visibly connect the enlightened, the educated, those honoured by the world in its several stations, with our Fraternity, and without these we should lack the long continued support and countenance of our most reputable members. The Lodge which absolutely requires proficiency in its candidates before advancement, takes a long look ahead, and provides for the making of Masons that are Masons, and members that never forsake the Craft. It secures Brethren competent to fill, at a moment's notice, any place or station in the Lodge; and it and it alone performs its duty at once to the Grand Lodge and to its own members. We invite the earnest attention of Masters of Lodges in this jurisdiction to this subject, and their cordial co-operation in fulfilling the recommendation of the "Ahiman Rezon."—*Keystone*.

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HENRY J. GROFT, Secretary and Registrar.

N.B.—A Tent is provided for Mourners, if desired.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE
OLD MASONIANS
HAVE THE HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE A
DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE,
TO BE GIVEN BY THE MEMBERS, AT
ST. GEORGE'S HALL, LANGHAM PLACE, W.
On **SATURDAY EVENING, 2nd NOVEMBER 1889,**
IN AID OF THE
BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND
Of the Association.

The Piece to be represented will be the original Comedy, by J. H. BRON, Esq., in Five Acts, entitled

"CYRIL'S SUCCESS."

Produced under the direction of Mr. Fred. Garlside.

Prices of admission—Private Boxes, £3 3s; Stalls, 10s 6d and 7s 6d; Balcony Stalls, 6s and 4s; Area (Unreserved), 2s 6d; Gallery, 1s.

Tickets can be obtained of the Hon. Secretary, ALFRED WATKINS, 21 Belgrave Road, St. John's Wood, N.W., and of all the members of the Association.

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. BESSBY, 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. G. F. PARSONS, P.M. 1928, 119 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. R. J. ALBERRY, 1362, S.D. 1928, 21 Stockwell Park Crescent, S.W.

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

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

Bro. H. MASSEY, 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. PERRINS, 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.

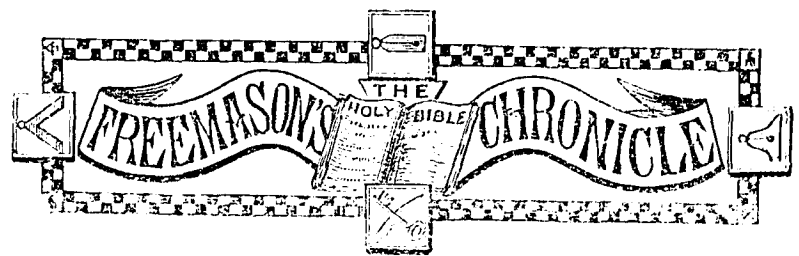
Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.

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

Bro. JAMES WILLING JUN., V.P., P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1927, and 1319, P.Z. 1000, 1507, 2048, P.A.S. Middlesex, &c.

Bro. R. STACEY, P.M. and P.Z. 180, 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.



SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER 1889.

PROV. G. LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire held its autumn meeting on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Lodge of Rectitude, Rugby. Lord Leigh Provincial Grand Master presided. There was a good attendance of Officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and brethren of the Province. Lord Leigh invested his Officers for the ensuing twelve months. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting next year at Leamington. The members marched in procession to the School Chapel, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand

Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Boughton Leigh. The collection for the Charities realised £12. The procession was re-formed and returned to the Lodge, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Eagle Rooms, Lord Leigh presiding, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

PROV. G. LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

FOR the second time since its foundation, in 1867, the Tenby Lodge had the honour on Wednesday, the 25th ult., of welcoming the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of South Wales under its banner. In consequence of the large number of the brethren that assemble on such occasions the Masonic room in South Parade was deemed too small for the carrying out of the business, and consequently the Grand Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms of the Royal Gate House, Tenby, which were properly fitted up for the occasion. The members of the Tenby Lodge assembled at eleven o'clock, and the Lodge being tyled, was soon afterwards opened by Bro. A. H. Brookman W.M. and his Officers. Preparations were speedily proceeded with for the due reception of the Right Worshipful Brother Lord Kensington Provincial Grand Master, and his Officers. At noon precisely they were announced, and received by the brethren in the manner customary on all such occasions. Among those present were:—

Rev. W. Lyte Stradling P.G.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Richards P.P.G.S.W., J. G. Lock P.P.G.S.D., R. Lock P.P.G.P., C. W. R. Stokes P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Rowlands P.P.G.O., J. A. Jenkins P.P.G.A.D.C., J. H. Thomas P.P.G.O., A. T. Lewis P.P.D.C., F. E. Remfrey P.G.P., J. Marsden Prov. G.S.W., Charles F. Harrison P.G.C., W. Lowes P.P.G.P., C. S. Allen P.P.G.A.P., J. W. Coram P.P.G.D.C., S. Allen P.P.D.C., Aaron Stone P.P.G.S.W., Rev. C. B. Brown P.P.G.C., R. W. Genese Prov. G.S.W., A. Trayler P.P.G.J.D.; Bros. A. H. Brookman, John Leach, F. E. Wade, Lionel R. Wood, J. B. Hughes, George James, O. W. Rowland, G. Rowe, John Evans, H. Williams, T. Gibbon, W. Lewes, M. Matthias Thomas, James Truscott, all of 1177; Bros. Edward Ellis 474, W. F. Adams 40, A. F. M. Custance 357, John May 467, W. Durnford 1295, W. C. Harries 1748, W. R. Edmonds, J. Henderson 990, H. A. Jones-Lloyd 378, P. H. Treweaks 1748, G. B. Sketch 378, and nearly 40 other brethren from the Lodges in the Province.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer was unanimously re-elected, after which the Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. R. W. Genese 1072 ...	... Senior Warden
A. H. Brookman 1177 ...	... Junior Warden
Rev. C. F. Harrison 464 ...	... } Chaplains
Rev. J. M. Griffith 1072 }
Geo. J. Hearder 476 ...	... Treasurer
Thomas Walters 476 ...	... Registrar
John James 464 ...	... Secretary
Arthur Trayler 378 ...	... Senior Deacon
W. B. Roderick 671 ...	... Junior Deacon
George Jones 1748 ...	... Supt. of Works
Samuel J. Allen 990 ...	... D.C.
James Williams 366 ...	... A.D.C.
William Robinson 1748 ...	... Sword Bearer
George Edwards 378 ...	... } Standard Bearers
Edward Hicks 990 }
W. H. Sales 1177 ...	... Organist
J. A. Davies 2001 ...	... Pursuivant
D. Williams Rees 671 ...	... Assist. Pursuivant
Geo. Bowen 464 ...	... Tyler
Lionel Wood 1177 }
Charles Jones 476 }
J. B. Gaskell 366 ...	... } Stewards
William Milne 378 }
R. Geddes Smith 1072 }

A cordial and hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. J. Beavan Phillips, Llanelly, P.M. 671, Charity Commissioner, and Bro. Aaron Stone P.M. 671, Assistant Charity Commissioner, for their valuable services and zeal on behalf of Masonry in the Province, and Bro. Aaron Stone was unanimously elected Charity Commissioner. The Committee recommended that the thanks of the Province be given to Bro. F. E. Remfrey 1177, in recognition of his services as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the past year, and that Bro. F. E. Remfrey 1177 be elected to represent the Province as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the year 1890. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted. The brethren then proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, when evensong was

sung, at 1.15, by the Rev. Noel Hunt. A banquet followed in the Public Hall, provided by Bro. J. B. Hughes.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the National School-rooms, Wareham, under the banner of the Lodge of Unity, No. 386, Wareham. The R.W. Montague J. Guest Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by

Bros. W. E. Brymer D.P.G.M., W. J. Fletcher P.S.G.W., W. H. Bond P.P.S.G.W. acting as P.J.G.W., Rev. W. C. Browne P.G. Chaplain, S. R. Baskett P.P.G.Reg. acting as P.G.Reg., R. Case P.G.Sec., F. Budden P.P.G.D.C. acting as P.G.D.C., E. Tinsley P.G. Sword Bearer, R. Toleman P.G. Pursuivant and F. Long P.G. Tyler. Among the Past Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. L. H. Ruegg, G. J. G. Gregory and J. W. Luff P.P.S.G. Wardens, J. S. Webb, C. W. Parkinson, G. J. T. Brady and J. Whitehead Smith P.P.J.G. Wardens, Rev. T. Russell Wright P.P.G. Chap., Polly Hooper P.P.G. Reg., H. A. Lawton P.P.S.G.D., C. Yearsley and J. Lowe P.P.J.G. Deacons, T. Giles and W. H. Kirby P.P.G. Supt. Works, Zillwood Milledge and J. E. Stroud P.P.G. Dirs. of Cers., R. Cox, T. S. Farnell and J. W. Tribbett P.P. Assist. Dir. of Cers., with a large assemblage of brethren, all the Lodges in the Province being represented.

After the roll of the Lodges had been called, and the minutes of the last meeting duly confirmed, Bro. W. C. Browne W.M. 386 Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered a short but very impressive oration, which was listened to with great attention, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him. The Provincial Grand Master, according to his usual custom, then addressed the brethren on the state and progress of the Craft, and the general business of the Province. He commenced by alluding to the annual return furnished by each Lodge of the work done, and was glad to find how much had been done by the W.M.'s themselves. He had recently obtained a picture of R. W. H. R. Willett, formerly Provincial Grand Master, and had had a number of copies prepared and framed, and hoped each Lodge would accept a copy from him. Alluding to the general state of the Craft, he commented at some length upon the inquiry into the state of the Boys' School, and gave a résumé of the report of the Committee of Investigation, reading extracts from the report, and expressed his opinion that the Provincial Grand Lodge should pass some resolution, showing their feeling on the subject. After a discussion, it was unanimously resolved:—

“That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to express its complete confidence in the ability and absolute impartiality of the members of the Committee of Investigation appointed to inquire into the management, &c., of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and is strongly of opinion that the recommendations made by that Committee should be carried out.”

The Provincial Grand Master then moved:—

“That the hearty thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to W. Bro. Zillwood Milledge P.P.G.D.C. and Bro. Sidney Spark Milledge for their generous gift of a Fire Proof Safe for the use of Provincial Grand Lodge.”

This was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his address, and for his generous gift of the copies of R. W. Bro. Willett's portrait was also carried unanimously. The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. D. Thornton, who was unavoidably absent, were then passed, showing a balance of £134 1s 6d in hand. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Brymer D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Rev. T. Russell Wright, Bro. R. D. Thornton was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The report of the Provincial Charity Organization Committee was then received and adopted. Bro. S. R. Baskett P.P.G. Registrar announced that in addition to his list as Steward for the Province at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. N. Howard had gone up as Steward for the Rutland Lodge, and Bro. C. J. Freeman had also been collecting for the same Institution, with a total result that some £240 had been collected, and he asked to be appointed as Steward to represent the Province at the next Festival of the Boys' School, which, on the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master, was unanimously done. The report of the General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity was then presented by the Hon. Sec., Bro. S. R. Baskett, and showed that the Charity was still gaining ground, the number of subscribers in 1888 having increased to 251 from 167 in 1887. He also announced the amounts received from each Lodge to date for the current year. The Provincial Grand

Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bro. Pelly Hooper 170	...	...	Senior Warden
C. Yearsley 386	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Edward G. Austen 1367	...	...	Chaplain
R. D. Thornton (re-elected)	...	...	Treasurer
Freeland Filliter 386	...	...	Registrar
R. Case (re-appointed)	...	...	Secretary
J. G. C. Best 386	...	...	Senior Deacon
F. A. Sharp 137	...	...	Junior Deacon
J. S. Stroud 417	...	...	Superintendent of Works
W. J. Ingram 1168	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
James Pope 1146	...	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
B. A. Hogg 417	...	...	Sword Bearer
Alfred Reynolds 170	...	...	Organist
A. Wilkins 1266	...	...	Pursuivant
R. Smith 137	...	...	Stewards
G. C. Filliter 386	...	...
G. A. Samson 707	...	...
W. Smith 170	...	...
H. C. B. Frampton 622	...	...	Tyler
C. J. Freeman 1037	...	...
F. Long 707	...	...

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the brethren of 386 for their labours in arranging for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; to Mrs Rodgett and the managers of the Wareham National Schools for their kindness in giving the use of the School Buildings; and to the Visitors, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to a capital banquet, at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge for Shropshire was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry, at which Sir Osley Wakeman Provincial Grand Master presided, and amongst the brethren present were

Bros. R. Veuables D.P.G.M., J. T. W. Claridge P.G. Chaplain, C. L. Crump P.G. Treasurer, E. A. Hicks P.G. Registrar, W. H. Spaul P.G. Secretary, H. Roberts P.G.J.D., F. Whitefoot jun. P.G.D.C., C. A. Manning P.G.S.B., W. Belton P.G.O., A. S. Townsend P.G.A. Secretary, J. Avery P.G.A.P., George Bonner Tyler, T. Bonniou P.G.S., W. Westcott P.G.S., T. C. Bird P.G.S., W. Major P.G.S., Colonel George Gordon Warron P.P.G.S.W., J. H. Redman P.P.G.J.W., H. C. Clarke P.P.G.R., Rev. J. P. Meredith P.P.G.C., George Owen P.P.G.S.W., J. Brayn P.P.G.S., J. Mac-lardy P.P.G.S.W., T. Roberts P.P.S.D., N. Patman P.P.G.D., R. Lewis P.P.G.R., J. England P.P.G.S., J. H. Parsons P.P. Assist. G.S., R. Lewis P.P.G.R., C. K. Benson P.P.G.D.S. North Wales, J. H. Cooksey P.P.G.R., E. J. Webb A.D.D.C., H. Millington P.P.G.D., R. N. King P.P. Superintendent of Works, W. Lascelles Southwell P.P.G.W., W. E. Harding P.P.J.W. North Wales.

After the transaction of the formal business, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Roff King	...	...	Senior Warden
John Avery	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Lucas, I.L.D.	...	...	Chaplains
Rev. R. Trevor Owen	...	...
V. C. C. Crump	...	...	Treasurer
H. G. U. Elliott	...	...	Registrar
W. H. Spaul	...	...	Secretary
William Belton	...	...	Senior Deacon
S. Bennion	...	...	Junior Deacon
A. S. Townsend	...	...	Superintendent of Works
Thomas Whitefoot jun.	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
H. Major	...	...	Assistant Director of Cers.
F. Chubb	...	...	Sword Bearer
W. Westcott	...	...	Standard Bearers
Major T. C. Bird	...	...
Horace Southwell	...	...	Organist
Walter J. Ogg	...	...	Assist. Secretary

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Wynnstay Hotel, where a first-class banquet had been provided. Sir Osley Wakeman presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially honoured.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, will resume work on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5:30 p.m.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Prevision.—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alterative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in these noted Pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these Pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—Notwithstanding the splendid reception given to Mr. Irving's latest revival—*The Dead Heart*—we do not anticipate the work will secure a long run. Mr. Irving has undoubtedly brought to bear the full measure of his vast experience, and the stage pictures he has set before his patrons will bear favourable comparison with any of his previous productions. Still there appears to be a something wanting in the conception of the play that will assuredly assert itself, and after a while the desire to see the favoured actor in an essentially new character will exhaust itself, and a change of programme will be the result. We can well understand Mr. Irving's motive in selecting "*The Dead Heart*" for revival. The part of Robert Landry is associated with the name of one of the most emotional actors the English stage has ever produced, but the tastes of the playgoers have materially changed since the days when the late Benjamin Webster was in high favour with habitués of the theatre. Moreover, the play is stilted in its character; there is a lack of motif throughout; and we can scarcely realise how even so crafty and ingenious a scoundrel as the Abbé Latour could for so many years sway the destinies of those whom he has made his dupes. His boasted love for Catherine Duval counts for nought when we find him ready to transfer her to the arms of his rival, the Count de St. Valéry, and however much we may be inclined to favour Catherine, we cannot dismiss from our minds the fact that she is something of a flirt, and is readily consoled for the loss of Robert by her acceptance of the hand of St. Valéry. Still, it is almost too late in the day to be captious as to the plot of a piece that has retained its admirers for a period of thirty years. Mr. Irving has revived the play, and it is of this revival we have now to write upon. As many of our readers may remember, "*The Dead Heart*" was written by the late Mr. Watts Phillips, but it has been revised by Mr. Walter H. Pollock, and is now produced with that strict regard to detail that characterises all Mr. Henry Irving undertakes. This gentleman's presentment of the crushed and heart-broken sculptor will long be remembered by those who may have the opportunity of witnessing it. To Mr. Bancroft has been entrusted the part of the Abbé Latour, but finished actor as that gentleman unquestionably is, we noticed a certain "ponderosity" about his assumption that left a regret that the light and airy David Fisher was not still with us. The staunch-hearted friend Legrand is manfully portrayed by Mr. Arthur Stirling, and Mr. Haviland does the best he can as the St. Count de Valéry. The male parts, however, when we except Landry and Latour, are not strong ones, and we are willing to concede that it is not possible to make more of them; while the eccentricities of Poupet (Mr. E. Righton) smack too much of what used to be called "carpenter's scenes" for an era when mechanical scenery is all the rage. As Catherine Duval Miss Ellen Terry has but few opportunities, but when opportunity does serve this lady never loses it. Messrs. W. Telbin, Hawes Craven and J. Harker are responsible for the scenery, which is of the highest order. The incidental music reflects great credit on Mons. Jacobi, the composer; while Mr. W. H. Margetson and Mrs. Comyns Carr have done all that they could in fashioning the dresses to the instructions of Mr. Joseph Grego.

Opera Comique.—Major George Cockle, a distinguished amateur who has taken the degree of Bachelor of Music at Oxford, presented last Wednesday his romantic opera, in three acts, entitled "*The Castle of Como*." It is our old friend "*The Lady of Lyons*" set to music, and, after the manner of serious opera, the dialogue is carried on in recitative. The libretto, by Mr. Charles Scarle, is arranged with considerable ability so as to embrace the principal details of the story, and commences with the marriage of Pauline and the "Prince of Como;" then follows the scene in Widow Melnotte's cottage, while the third act of the opera closely portrays the fifth act of the play. The music throughout is melodious and attractive, though it would be difficult to fix the particular school adopted, and reflects great credit upon the composer. The orchestration is rather noisy, and the "soul-stirring drum" somewhat over emphasised in parts, while the orchestra itself is too large for so small a house. The second act is decidedly the strongest, the principal morceaux in which are the Widow's cheery song, the confession of Claude, the villagers' chorus, which dies away in the distance, and final quartette for soprano, tenor, baritone and bass. Melnotte's song in the last act should become popular, and the dance music is appropriately light and pretty. Most of the artistes engaged have made a reputation in the concert room, and in time will become more at ease in their respective characters. The Pauline, who is here of a more affectionate nature than Bulwer Lytton's disdainful beauty, is Madle. Rosina Isidor. Mr. Cadwalader has a capital voice, but requires stage training. Mr. Leo Stormont is satisfactory as Beauseant, and Mr. Donnell Balfe achieved a distinct success as Damas, while Miss Amy Martin makes a charming Widow Melnotte, and Mr. Henry Pope adequately fills the part of Deschappelles. The stage arrangements are well designed, but the actual realization of the Castle of Como that takes place in the first act should be omitted; it is certainly not required, and tends unnecessarily to delay the action of the piece at an important moment. Major Cockle was called for at the termination of the opera, but it was stated he was not present, and the manager said he would communicate to him the success of his work as soon as possible.

A new farcical comedy, in three acts, entitled "*The Bungalow*," by Mr. Fred Horner, will be produced at Toole's, on Monday. The following are in the cast:—Messrs. Chas. Glenny, Yorke Stephens, Compton Connts, Fred Kaye, the Misses Sallie Turner, Helen Forsyth, Cissy Grahame, Vane Featherstone, Cicely Richards, and M. A. Gifford.

"Caste" will be revived at the Criterion to-night (Saturday), when a capital presentment is anticipated.

BISHOP BAGSHAWE AND FREEMASONRY.

CARDINAL MANNING, on Sunday the 29th ult., reminded his flocks in London and throughout the extensive Roman Catholic diocese of Westminster that certain days of the current week are to be given up for special devotions for the intentions of his Holiness the Pope. The Holy Father has himself ordered the reading in the vernacular of an allocution against what is called the "sacrilegious outrage" on the Christian faith by the erection in Rome of a statue to Giordano Bruno, the Pantheist, whom Leo XIII. describes as "a man of a depraved heart and perverted abilities." Dr. Bagshawe, Bishop of Nottingham, has forestalled Cardinal Manning in exhorting those in his diocese to make reparation for "the awful outrages lately committed at Rome against Almighty God, when the statue of an impious and impure Atheist was publicly set up and honoured there by delegates from all parts of the world, when hymns were sung in honour of Satan, and the banner of the arch fiend, represented as triumphing over the church of God, was openly displayed." "This was," says the bishop, "a public proclamation of the audacious attempt, inspired by the powers of hell, and long secretly intended, utterly to destroy Christianity, and the Holy Catholic Church. The Holy See itself assures us that 'the dark society of Masons is striving to overthrow the Kingdom of Christ on earth by various and manifold schemes, plots, and arts,' and that 'to prepare the way for that overthrow, the design was begun and perfected to obtain possession of the City of Rome'; and lastly, that 'the leaders of the hostile sect have now declared by word and deed what was their ultimate object in taking the City; by deed, when they wished the Holy City to witness the honours by which they extolled the crimes and obstinacy of an impure apostate; by word, when by the voice of their leaders they declared openly that they were inaugurating by those solemnities a new religion, in which setting aside the dominion of the immortal God a divine worship is given to the reason of man.'" Dr Bagshawe says the assault that is thus being carried on against the Church is so urgent and terrible that the Pope assured them that his liberty and dignity in the discharge of his apostolic office have already been grievously diminished, and that his person was not exempt from fear and danger. Catholics were bound to open their eyes "and those of others to the danger to which religion and faith are exposed because of that sect of Freemasonry, which, assailing the unwary with craft and insidiousness, exerts all its powers against the Roman Pontiff. We are bound to remember, and to warn all those who depend upon us, of the obligation we are all under, to oppose that sect, to avoid these conspiracies, and to defend and strenuously bear witness to the Catholic faith both by word and work."—*Nottingham Daily Express.*

By the fire that occurred last week at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, two Lodges, viz, Freedom, No. 77, and Sympathy, No. 483, are rendered temporarily homeless. The greater part of the Lodge furniture was destroyed, and the remainder was much damaged by smoke and water. The loss is the more unfortunate on account of the ancient character of some of the articles, notably a very fine set of tracing boards, some oil paintings of former Officers of the Lodge, and several photographs. The Warrant of the Sympathy Lodge, which was in the Instruction room, was completely consumed, as well as the Centenary Warrant issued to the Lodge of Freedom; but Police Superintendent Berry, who is also captain of the local fire brigade, fortunately succeeded in rescuing the original Warrant of this Lodge. At a meeting of the Gravesend Town Council it was proposed, by Bro. Councillor T. R. S. Champion, Secretary of Lodge of Sympathy, that the brethren of the two Lodges might be permitted to assemble in the Town Hall until they were re-installed in their old quarters, and the proposition was accepted.

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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, 5th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 193—Porey, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- R.A. Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverbank, near Southwark
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1486—Holy Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
- 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
- 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
- 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
- 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
- 1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington (Instruction)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
- M.M. 224—Monatschein, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-to-Moors
- 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
- 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
- 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Collogo-st., Whitehaven
- 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
- 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
- 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
- 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
- 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
- 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
- 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Houlton Bridge
- 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
- 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
- 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
- 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
- 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
- 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
- 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Potty Curry, Cambridge
- 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
- 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
- 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
- 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
- 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
- 622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
- 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
- 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
- 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
- 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
- 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
- 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
- 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
- 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
- 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
- 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
- 1390—Skolmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-to-Moors, near Acerrington
- 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
- 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
- 1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
- 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
- 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
- 1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 248—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 254—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1106—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1200—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgimbe, The Stag, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1608—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horseshoe Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1830—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1948—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 121—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 181—United Chatham of Benevolence, Association Rooms, Old Broad Street, City
 241—Merchants Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Inst.)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 578—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Caerleon
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Capheaton
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walsbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 820—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sileby
 867—Loyalty, Fleeca Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1120—St. Milburga, Pontino Hotel, Ironbridge
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Calodonia-row, Batley
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1545—Baidon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baidon
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1778—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1783—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 2009—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herno Bay, Kent
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
 R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford

193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1903—Duke of Albany, 153 Balfour Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R.A. 935—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M.—Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cucktham Street, Rochdale
 125—Prince Edward, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atholium, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 300—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 507—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 616—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 677—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 756—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ruacorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
 857—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Cantons-ry, Bradford
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford
 1031—Flutcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Croy Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Roy Hotel, Ringgate
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Fife and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assonby Rooms, Old Brompton Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Ancient Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1647—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—John Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Skatwate
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
 2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 405—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
 R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
 R.A. 1445—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, Fing's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
 436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chancery St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarter, 1st Surrey Road, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Strand & on Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road Paddington
 1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—D. Connaught, Paternoster Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)

1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, N.C.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1701—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1701—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
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 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
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 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
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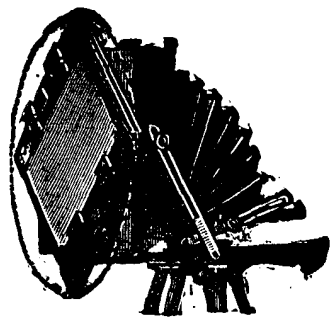
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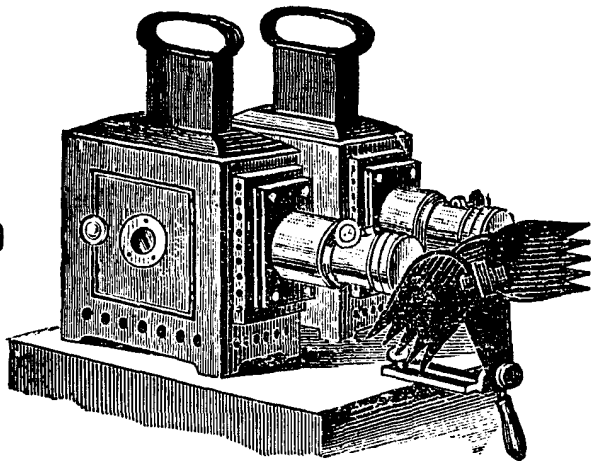
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