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THE TOPIC OF THE DAY.

IT is many years since so much excitement was aroused in Masonic circles as is taking place in connection with the election of Secretary for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Throughout the country there is hardly a Province but is taking official action on behalf of one or other of the candidates, and the interest shown in the matter of selecting a new Secretary would seem to imply that more interest is being taken in the future of the Institution than has ever before been known. Within a few hours the voting papers for the election, with full particulars of the several candidates, will be in the hands of the supporters of the Charity, and then the real work of organization will commence. Even yet it is quite impossible to hazard a guess as to who will be the successor to Bro. Binckes, and we look forward to one of the closest and fiercest election contests ever known in connection with the Masonic Order.

We spoke last week of the "solid" vote Bro. McLeod will receive from the Province of West Yorkshire, and congratulated him on the thorough way in which the leaders of that district are organizing their forces—but they are always a model in election work. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, has sent out a special circular to his Lodges, in which he refers to the unanimous decision of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire to support Bro. McLeod, and personally asks for the votes and influence of the Masons of his Province.

We are very pleased to hear that Bro. Montague Guest, the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, has shown personal interest in Brother Baskett's candidature, in face of the omission of the Provisional Committee to recommend him. Brother Guest expresses himself strongly in regard to this omission, and concludes by telling his friends that Bro. Baskett will go to the poll in spite of what has taken place. He urges them, and those with whom they are associated, to support Bro. Baskett's candidature, and we believe that will be done to such an extent as to prove that he should have been one of the few recommended by the governing body.

The other candidates whom we have regarded as the most likely to succeed are each busy on the work of the election, and, as we said at the outset of our present remarks, the greatest excitement prevails; indeed we do not think so much interest has been shown on any Masonic subject since the Centenary celebration of the sister Institution. Let us hope that the work will be completed as successfully as was that gathering, and that its ultimate effect on the Institution will be equally gratifying. We must remember it is not so much a question of deciding who is the most deserving of support for the election on the 12th July next, as it is to discover who will make the best Secretary for the next few years.

NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

ON Wednesday next the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held, at Freemasons' Tavern, and the result of the present year so far as the Charities of the Craft is concerned will be made known. We hope the outcome of the Festival will be in every way satisfactory, and that the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, will be able to refer to his presidency on behalf of this Charity with pleasurable recollections, and with the satisfaction of knowing that the Masons of England nobly rallied to his appeal for funds to keep up the work of the Institution. We look forward to a fairly successful result from Wednesday's gathering, although indications are not wanting to lead to the fear that a considerable falling off will take place in the total as compared with that of many of the Festivals which have gone before. We can only hope for the best; and urge, even at this late hour, every Mason in the kingdom to do what lies in his power to advance and maintain the reputation of the Boys' School.

The prizes won by the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution at Wood Green will be distributed on Tuesday next, when the annual visitation of Stewards will also take place, and another opportunity will be afforded the members of the Craft of inspecting the capabilities of the School at Wood Green.

THE DUTIES OF THE TYLER.

THE officer of a Lodge that a member or visiting Brother first meets, in a Masonic Hall, is the Tyler. He is first in place, if not in importance. He is, in a certain sense, first also in importance, since he represents the Master at the outer door of the Lodge Room, receiving messages for delivery to him. The Master cannot be everywhere at once, except by deputy, and the Tyler is his deputy at the outer door.

The first idea that a Tyler should comprehend is that of the dignity of his office. He represents the W.M., acts for him in an official capacity at the outer door, and as he performs his duties well or ill, the Master will be correspondingly credited or blamed.

The office of a Tyler is no mean office. It is a dignified, a responsible one. He has been appointed to it by the members, and for the right performance of his duties he is answerable both to the Master and the Lodge.

The responsibility of the Tyler is increased by the fact, that, so far as all Brethren outside of the Lodge are concerned, he is Master at the outer door. No one may give an alarm but himself; hence no one can obtain an entrance without his permission and aid. While the Master is sovereign within, he, subject only to that Master, is sovereign without. In this case, as in every other of a similar character, great power has attached to it great responsibility. No one should *watch himself* so closely as a sovereign. He who controls others should always first control himself. Hence the importance of having a thoroughly capable Brother as Tyler, one who will act thoughtfully and intelligently, one who will remember that supreme power has incident to it great responsibility.

Having arrived at what should be the general characteristics of a Tyler, let us proceed to particulars.

A Tyler should be a civil, courteous man. Those whom he habitually meets are his Brethren—his equals in Freemasonry, and often in official distinction his superiors. He meets Past Masters of the Lodge he tyles, Masters and Past Masters of other Lodges, and others, strangers to him, who in the first place presumably are Brethren, and may be persons of considerable Masonic dignity. All who approach the Tyler, Masonically, should be treated by him with respect and courtesy. All proper questions should be properly answered. He occupies his place for the purpose of receiving the Brethren at the outer door, and passing their names within. Except under extraordinary circumstances, he should not presume to judge whether the applicant for admission is entitled to it or not. It is his duty to present the names of all proper parties, to the Lodge. It is not his business to surmise or presume that the name will not be received, or that the Lodge will soon close, and it is not worth while to send it in, or that the Lodge is too busy to consider it. All that is for the Lodge. He performs his duty when he sends in the name, and this he should do in a polite manner, and as promptly as possible. The applicant is entitled to this consideration, and he should always receive it. A surly Tyler is a bane to any Lodge, and injures it often more than it is aware; while a courteous Tyler is a credit to a Lodge, and performs the functions of his responsible office in a manner which will unfailingly reflect personal credit upon himself. His office is not an inferior one—there are no inferior offices in Freemasonry. All require to be performed skilfully, in order to render Masonic work and service what they are intended to be, ornaments to the Craft.

A Tyler should be a man of sound judgment. Sometimes it is necessary for him to say No, and he should know when to say it. We can conceive of an applicant to whom No would be the best possible answer to his request to have his name sent in to the Lodge. But the Tyler should be most careful never to err in this regard. When he says No, he says it for the Master, as well as for himself, and he should be sure that he is right.

A Tyler should be a man of promptitude, always having the Lodge ready to be opened "on time." He should be an orderly, tidy man, who understands the proprieties of life, and obeys them. He should keep the Lodge Room neat and clean, and *air it well before the Lodge opens*. This is of primary importance to the comfort of the members, and is too often neglected. Fresh air makes a live Lodge, while an illy ventilated Lodge room may make a dead one.

A Tyler is a sentinel, and therefore in peril. He may be "killed with kindness." His friends may invite him out too often for his welfare. The Tyler who is too popular is in danger. He, of all men, needs to say, "Save me from my friends."—*Keystone*.

THE NEBRASKA SQUABBLE.

THE following criticisms are a few, of the many received, from eminent Masons of this and foreign countries, on the Edict of Grand Master John J. Mercer and the Resolution of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1:—

H. H. Ingersoll, Past Grand Master of Masons, of the State of Tennessee, and one of the ablest lawyers in America (and not a member of any Scottish Rite Faction), says as follows:—

KNOXVILLE, TENN., 24th Feb. 1890.

Alexander Atchinson, Esq., Master Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, in abeyance, Omaha, Nebraska.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have yours of the 13th inst., with inclosures, inviting criticism of resolution for which your Lodge Charter has been arrested: and I take pleasure at my earliest leisure in answering your questions as to the tenour, legality and propriety of the resolution.

1. Is it based on Masonic law and usage and according to the teachings of ancient craft Masonry? A complete and sufficient answer is found to this question in the preamble and resolution of your own Grand Lodge, referred to in Edict No. 1, and the resolution of your Lodge. Therein is a correct statement of the authority and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge according to the teachings of ancient Craft Masonry:—1. The three symbolic degrees of Masonry are the only subjects of which the Grand Lodge has jurisdiction. 2. A Grand Lodge should not meddle with other subjects, nor interfere with the action of Masons in regard to degrees over which it has no control. These are fundamental truths in Masonry. They are part of our

organic law. They control and bind not only individual Masons and subordinate Lodges; but they set bounds to the powers of Grand Lodges and Grand Masters. Outside their proper jurisdiction all their acts are null and void. They have no force or effect on any one; they compel no obedience, and are entitled to no respect. Craft Masonry does not interfere with our freedom of thought or action beyond its obligation or teachings. We are free-masons, free to come or go, free to think or act, free to join or not to join any party, order, rite or company not unlawful or immoral, and any other Masonic organization not technically clandestine. When we enter the fraternity we give up none of our social liberty save only that which our obligation and the moral laws require. We do not expressly or impliedly agree or promise not to join any order or society, unless it is immoral. We may become Oddfellows, Grangers, Ancient Workmen, Knights of Honour, without let or hindrance; and the Edict or Decree of a Grand Lodge or Grand Master are as impotent to prevent as the Pope's Bull against the comet.

So too we may become Knights Templar or Scottish-Riters, and no one may forbid us. We are Freemasons and freemen. And as we may join these bodies or not so we may choose which ones we will or will not join. They are not Masonic. They have nought to do with Freemasonry, do not attempt to interfere with it, nor confer its degrees. They are, therefore, not clandestine, and it is a vain thing, an idle threat for a Grand Lodge or Grand Master to declare themselves so or to pronounce some lawful and others unlawful.

These are matters beyond the limits of their jurisdiction, over which they "have no control"; and their decrees and edicts in regard to Cerneanism and Pikeism, as abstract pronouncements, are absurd and harmless. But when they attempt to give these orders the force of law and to punish Masons for not obeying them, then what was absurd and harmless becomes usurpation and tyranny.

The history of this tyranny in some States during the past few years reminds us of the days of the Inquisition and the persecutions of the Stuarts. Loyal Lodges and blameless brethren have suffered the extreme penalty of Masonic law for refusing obedience to these lawless orders. "In abeyance" has to me a pathetic import for the parent Lodge of Nebraska.

2. Had your Lodge the right to pass the resolution and send it to sister Lodges?

Why not? Is it matter forbidden? Is it false? Or is freedom of speech denied to Nebraska Masons? Has the spirit of tyranny denied you the right to be heard in your own defence? In America that is conceded to the meanest criminal. Shall it be denied to a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons?

Self-preservation is the first law of nature, common to man and worm. The life of your Lodge was threatened. Might, not right, menaced its character. You uttered a hailing cry to your sister Lodges. Who says you might not appeal to brethren. Is it possible any Mason would deny this right? If that be Freemasonry, your charter is not worth preserving.

3. Is there any thing in the resolution to which loyal Craft Masons should not subscribe?

I have just finished a third and careful reading of the resolution that I might answer this question advisedly; and I am bound to say that I find nothing improper or un-Masonic in it. And as an earnest, manly protest against usurpation I think it should command the respect and approbation of every true Mason. "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God; and it matters not whether the tyrant is a Masonic or a Royal Master. Our fathers proved their title as freemen by giving their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honour, under the leadership of our brother George Washington, to the support of the immortal declaration of independence of the usurpations of George III.

We shall prove our titles as Freemasons by protesting against and resisting to the last the usurpations and tyranny of these titular Scottish dignitaries, who are fast establishing a new dynasty over Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in some of the States of the Union. In Tennessee we tolerate no such assumptions in our Grand Lodge. In our Blue Lodge we are Freemasons and Freemasons only, and strive to see therein who can best work and best agree.

Ohio has broken off fraternal relations with Tennessee because we do not recognise the Royal Highness of their puissant Scottish nobility. Believing in the sufficiency of Freemasonry for our Lodges, we have persisted, and shall continue to persist, in refraining from usurpation, and in confining the authority and action of our Grand Lodge to the three symbolic degrees of Masonry. Thus we have enjoyed and shall continue to maintain "peace and harmony" in all our borders. We have set our faces as flint against such heresies as we see in these Scottish Rite edicts, and are glad to have the co-operation of New York and Connecticut and other States in this struggle for liberty.

Thus only can we preserve the landmarks of the Fraternity and the freedom of the Craft. The course of your Grand Master will bring only sorrow and calamity to Freemasons and Freemasonry. The supremacy of the Scottish Rite is the subversion of symbolic Masonry.

Every loyal Ancient Craft Mason ought to stand by the faith of the fathers as expressed in your resolution, and protest against these innovations and usurpations that do now so much disturb our peace and harmony. And especially ought all such to resist the tyranny and persecutions of our brethren which are marring the beauty, sapping the strength and ignoring the wisdom of Freemasonry and degrading it to the low level of societies for gain and orders for profit.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY G. INGERSOLL.

Luke A. Lockwood, Past Grand Master of the State of Connecticut, and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and one of the ablest lawyers and most prominent Masonic Jurists in America, (and not a member of any Scottish Rite faction), says

There can be no sufficient or any substantial argument made in

opposition to the reasoning of the opinion, or of your resolution or circular. There is no other consistent ground to be taken by a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. The position taken by your Grand Master, if sustained by the Fraternity, would be suicidal. The only safety for a Grand Lodge is to mind its own business and keep within its legitimate duties and its Jurisdiction.

Dr. Edward A. Guilbert, Past Grand Master of Masons of the State of Iowa, and a 33° degree member of the Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite, and one of the best Masonic scholars in America, says, regarding the edict of Grand Master John J. Mercer and the resolution of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1:

I fully and unequivocally approve and adopt as my own, the conclusions so forcibly expressed by Eminent Brethren Lockwood and Ingersoll, which cover all the points in this lamentable controversy. Similar views were publicly expressed by me as early as 1885, as per the printed matter sent you by this mail.

Wishing you and all others who are in peril, by reason of false brethren, a happy issue out of your afflictions.

Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Ill. Grand Master and a 33° member of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and editor and publisher of the *Masonic Advocate*, of Indianapolis, Ind. (one of the best Masonic journals printed), and representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near that of Indiana, says:

That I fully endorse the resolution adopted by your Lodge as I also did those adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I hope the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at its next meeting, will set down on the Grand Master for his unwarranted action in the case of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1. It was an usurpation of power that ought to be rebuked.

Henry D. Moore, editor of the *Masonic Review*, the oldest and one of the best Masonic publications in America:

This "edict" of the Grand Master of Nebraska, among other remarkable statements, concerning which a Grand Master, as such, can have no knowledge, contains the following startling words:—

"Whereas: It has come to our knowledge that certain evilly disposed and designing members of the so-called 'Cernean Rite,' with the intention of deceiving the brethren of our obedience as to the action of our Grand Lodge, are circulating in our midst and among the brethren, garbled, inaccurate, false and forged reports of such action, in writing and printing, wherein the resolutions aforesaid are entirely, or in part, omitted, or their language changed or garbled; and that they and certain others, ill-informed brethren, have expressed the determination to propagate the error of 'Cerneanism,' and to establish bodies of an irregular and clandestine Rite, which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has unequivocally pronounced unlawful."

Had the above quoted paragraph of the "edict" been written by the Masonic Trust of Ohio we should not have been startled by the language used, but coming from the Grand Master of Nebraska it elicits our wonder. Or, can it be the case, that the staple of the Grand Master's Edict is furnished in bulk from the original office of the Trust, to be used—whether they will or no—by the Grand Masters, who, from any sort of solicitation or threats, are induced to lend their positions and their influence to carry forward the malignant conspiracy against Craft Masonry. Either the Grand Master of Nebraska conceived himself the idea that Masons of the Obedience of his Grand Lodge were "ill-disposed and designing men, engaged in circulating garbled, inaccurate, false and forged reports," or these infamous charges were made ready to his hand.

In this dilemma of alternatives, we do not care to make a decision. The "inherent powers of a Grand Master" must be restrained and crushed at the point at which he wills or is forced by others to denounce his fraters who honoured him with position and prerogatives, as "forgers," with the prefixes and adjectives which amplify and intensify the charge. The morale of the entire "Edict" rises no higher than the level of the paragraph quoted. It is completely negatived, as an official document, by its own inherent want of coherence, consistency and dignity. It is merely a blow in the face of Masonry, and an insult to the Fraternity at large.

He then calls attention to the resolution of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, in the following language:—

"It involves questions concerning the so-called 'inherent powers' of the Grand Master, and, on the other hand, concerns the dignity, freedom, and welfare of the Ancient Craft. The document is an intelligent and exemplary statement of doctrines and principles dear to every Mason, but which are now being set at naught by men who claim to be Masons, but whose purposes and schemes identify them as enemies to the Fraternity, and bent only on the achievement of their own ambitious designs.

The Nebraska Lodge brethren who were made Masons because they were men, have approved themselves, in the following document, as both Masons and men, who, knowing their rights and principles as Masons, have the manhood to assert them, and the intelligence to lay bare the sophistry and vanities of their would-be masters. We commend the document to a careful reading:—

John J. Gorman 33°, Grand Commander of the United States Jurisdiction Scottish Rite and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York, says:—

You observe in the Preamble that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska have decided that they have jurisdiction over no other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and by the Resolution, that they decline to discuss the history, use or legitimacy of the Scottish Rite degrees, or to be committed to the recognition of any body conferring degrees over which the Grand Lodge have no control, and make no distinction between the bodies claiming to be of the Scottish Rite.

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES B. GALLOWAY.

THE remains of Bro. James B. Galloway, were interred on Friday, the 20th inst., in the secluded churchyard of Roby. The deceased, who was cut off in the prime of life, was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends for his suavity of temper and uprightness of character. He held, as a Mason, the important position of I.P.M. in the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, the members of which have sustained a very serious loss in his death. The funeral cortege, which left his residence, St. James Street, consisted of his parents and other relatives, and was met on its arrival at the church by a large concourse of Masonic friends, who lined both sides of the pathway leading to the sacred edifice. As the coffin was being borne from the hearse to the church the Worshipful Master (Bro. John Edwards) stepped forward, and placed thereon, on behalf of the members of 1182, a magnificent floral tribute of respect for departed merit. Among those of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge who accompanied the W.M. to the grave were the following:—Bros. T. Davis, R. Martin, C. B. Kirkland, A. Barclay, J. Pittaway, J. H. Tyson, W. Rawsthorne, A. Morris, B. Tunnicliffe, H. B. Wright, J. H. Mills, Dr. George Johnston, R. L. Guest, Ramsay, M'Kay, A. H. Nicholas, T. Bowman, G. Edwards, F. Furness, J. Cliffe, Cooke, J. Savage, Oliver, T. Almond, &c. Other Lodges were represented by Bros. Birch 203, Woolrich 1356, Casey 1570, Lodge 1547, Moore 673, Gabriel Davis 1356, Smith 1177, W. Plumb 1675, and Mulloy 249.

We have been requested to state that, owing to the resignation of Bro. J. D. Langton, who has acted as Honorary Secretary to the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, since the election of that body, the duties of Honorary Secretary to the Committee are now undertaken by Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, of No. 10 New Inn, London, W.C., to whom all communications should be addressed.

On Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., the members of the Holmsdale Lodge, after their meeting at the Pump Room, Tanbridge Wells, drove in brakes to the High Rocks, where they spent a pleasant hour inspecting these marvellous natural wonders. The tour of inspection over, the brethren sat down to a *récherché* dinner, which Mr. J. F. White served, in the Cape of Good Hope Hotel. Dr. Vise Worshipful Master of the Lodge occupied the chair, and Bro. Gilbert S.W. was in the vice-chair. The *post prandial* proceedings included the Craft, and several complimentary toasts. The number at table was about forty, including visitors. During the evening songs were rendered, among others, by Bros. A. H. Tester, W. Rule, Oliver, Crundwell, and others.

"Little Folks" Magazine for July will contain the opening chapters of a new serial story of adventure, by Henry Frith, entitled "The Secret of the Silver Lake," also of a serial story by the author of "Claimed at Last," called "Her Wilful Way." The same number will include the first of a series of "True Tales of the Sea," "The Little Folks' Peep Show," "Travels in Curiosity Land," and full particulars will be given of the "New 'Little Folks' Painting Book" Competition, open to readers in all parts of the world—in connection with which a large number of prizes in Books and silver and bronze medals are offered. The number will contain as a frontispiece a picture in several colours, entitled "Secrets."

A new adventure story, entitled "The Merchant Prince," by John Berwick Harwood, will be commenced in the July number of Cassell's Magazine.

On Friday, 6th inst., Bro. Henry E. Gooch was installed W.M. of the Bramstone Beach Lodge, No. 2101. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M. 1319, whilst Bro. W. S. Penley admirably carried out the duties of D.C. A large number of visitors were present.

The Prince of Wales has fixed Thursday, 24th July, for laying the foundation stone of the new building for the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital.

The Hull Masonic Club Company, Limited, incorporated in February last, to provide at Kingston-upon-Hull a place of meeting for the Freemasons of that district, promises to be successful. Of the 2,000 shares of £1 each which form the nominal capital of the Company, 955 have been already subscribed for, by 103 members, and the Directors have not as yet found it necessary to make a call beyond ten shillings per share. This should encourage the formation of similar institutions in other towns where Masons "most do congregate."

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UNJUSTLY DEFAMED.

An Oration before the Grand Lodge of Florida, F. and A.M., 23rd January 1890, by Bro. R. H. Weller, Grand Orator.

IT will not be out of place, on an occasion such as this, to present to the brethren a brief glance at Masonry as from within, and the charges made against it from without. Every social organization owes a duty of proper respect to the general society in and through which it moves, and especially must this be true of this, the oldest and most powerful human association known to man.

The Masonic body is pre-eminently one which "minds its own business." Two of its leading characteristics are "peace and harmony." It does not advertise or search for recruits. It makes no public appeal to, nor does it flaunt its virtues before, the public; and yet, out of the silence in which it persistently keeps its own counsel, and does its own appropriate work, originates, mainly, the misunderstanding and misrepresentation of its real character, on the part of those outside its fold. But it is manly and courageous in all its attributes, and so should ever be ready to give an answer to proper inquiry, and also to unjust defamation and abuse. This, if for no other reason, that its members may be reminded of its principles, and know where danger lies in their pathway.

Every intelligent Mason knows that under the influence of the Jesuits our Order was condemned, and its members anathemized and deprived of sacrament, and the rites of burial, by Pope Clement XII. in 1738, Benedict XIV. in 1751, Pius VII. in 1821, and Leo XII. in 1826. But we are apt to think that these acts were growing out of the strong prejudices, darkness and turbulence of an era long past, and that they have been swept aside and demolished by the light, intelligence, freedom and cultivation of these later days, when despotisms are in the dust of death, the shackles upon mind and conscience have been broken, and every avenue of manly action, mental research and social enterprise is thrown freely open to every seeker.

It seems, therefore, rather strange, that in such times as these the condemnation and anathemas against Freemasonry should be renewed, and the public press of a certain, and more or less influential class, should devote itself to our detraction and unjust abuse. But these are facts worthy of your consideration. For, so recently as the year of grace 1864, Pius IX., and within a few months Leo XIII., have repeated, in the strongest terms, the denunciations uttered by their predecessors, and the publications under their control have renewed the unrelenting onslaught upon Freemasonry, with increased violence.

I propose, therefore, to present to you a few quotations from some of these published documents, and then set forth, in brief outline, and from its own authorized standards, the challenge of Freemasonry to the world, for its regard, esteem and admiration.

A (Roman) *Catholic Dictionary* says: "Freemasons are a secret society and pantheistic sect. . . . Freemasonry is essentially opposed to the belief of the personality of God, whose name in the Masonic rituals veils the doctrine of blind force only, governing the universe. It is also essentially subversive of legitimate authority. They have usually been accustomed to regard the pantheism of their rituals as an amusing mummery."

The *Catholic Citizen* says: "The Masons are accomplished tuft-hunters. This fact was recalled when the Washington Monument was dedicated in the nation's capital. After the orators of the day had spoken, and the formal ceremonies had been concluded, the rest was left to the Masons. They proceeded to enact some of their ancient antics on the structure, finding it to be plumb, and otherwise pronouncing a perfunctory judgment on the contractor's job. The performance was, throughout, a concatenation of meaningless mummery, not having even the sincerity of being superstitious. That such puerile and silly proceedings should wind up a great nation's dedicatory ceremonies is truly a matter of regret. The proceeding is, however, only a 'specimen brick' of like impudent intrusions of the Masonic sect upon many other occasions . . . the caperings and antics of a lot of aproned harlequins."

The *Freeman's Journal*, of Dublin says: "The oath and ritual of Freemasonry may awe while they fascinate the common herd of dupes and instruments. They may

supply a useful screen for the baser intrigues of cunning and bigotry, by which men plot against the commercial prosperity or professional advancement of their fellow citizens, by utilizing, for private ends, the obligations of a sworn membership."

The *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, of Dublin says: "Can we not trace the hand of Freemasonry in all the events which disturb the social order, and undermine the holiest and most salutary institutions?"

Pope Pius IX., in 1884, said, in reply to some who maintained that Freemasonry was not condemned in countries where the civil government tolerated it: "Lest unwary persons should be led astray, that our silence should, in any way, help the spread of error, we have resolved to lift up our voice, and hereby confirming in your presence the constitutions of our predecessors, we reject and condemn the Masonic society." Pope Leo XIII. repeats the condemnation of Masonry by the preceding popes, and adds: "The ultimate purpose of the Masonic sect is the utter overthrow of the whole religious and political order of the world, which the Christian teacher has produced." By the declaration of the papal court, 21st August 1850, the excommunication (*lente sententia*) in force without sentence, is inflicted on "all who give their names to the Masonic sect." This excludes from sacraments and all the rites of the church, including Christian burial, and an exclusion, so far as the papal order can exclude, from admission to heaven after death. In addition to all this, the charge is made, from the same source, in the struggle of the papal authorities to get control of the public school funds in the United States, for their own use, that Masonry favours and works for a godless education of our children.

Here, in these few quotations, which could be largely increased in number, is a strong, even violent, arraignment of Freemasonry at the bar of public opinion. If the charges are true, our Order is a moral leprosy, a disturber of the public peace, and a Jesuitical antagonist of all right authorities, moral, religious and political, for which it ought to be prohibited by the laws of the land, and its members placed under the surveillance of the police. In this, their true position, every Mason should and must look upon them. There is no escape. We are either the true, intelligent, and working friends of humanity, or we are the servants of the devil, doing the devil's work. The issue is openly made before the whole world. It ought to be fairly met. How shall we meet it? is a question of vital importance to each and all of us. If we answer by reference to the long list, running through centuries, of the great, pure, noble, and even saintly men, who are on our rolls, the answer is made that these men were what they were in despite of their affiliations. If we say they were what they were, in part at least, as the result of their orderly teaching in Masonry, we are answered that we are playing on the popular credulity.

We meet the issue squarely, when we say that Masonry is founded upon the brotherhood of man; that brotherhood presupposes a fatherhood, and the Father is God. This relation is actual, not imaginary. The first could not exist without the latter. Without God, the Father, brotherhood could not exist; and so when the Grand Orient, in France, repudiated this Fatherhood of God, and the absolute duty of service to Him, Masonry, throughout the world, denounced the statement, and cut off all recognition of and affiliation with it. This is expressed as voicing all by the Grand Lodge of New York, when it says, by unanimous resolution: "We refuse to recognize as a Freemason any person initiated, passed or raised in a Lodge where the existence of a Supreme Being is denied or ignored." Oliver says: "It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbolism." The Monitor says: "The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man who believes in a Supreme Being, and in a future existence." In the prayer prescribed for the opening of a Lodge are the words, addressed to God, "In Thy name we have assembled, and in Thy name we desire to proceed in all our doings." In the prayer for the initiation of an Entered Apprentice, we have: "Vouchsafe, Almighty Father, that this candidate for Freemasonry may dedicate and devote his life to Thy service." The degree of Fellow Craft typifies "the struggle of the mind after truth, in promoting the glory of God and the good of man;" and the degree of Master Mason is but a type of the communion of man with God, and a symbolism of the Incarnation and Resurrection into life everlasting. The Master of each

Lodge is, at his installation, required to answer, in the affirmative, these questions :

"You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law?"

"You agree to be a peaceful citizen, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside?"

"You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the Government, but patiently to submit to the law and to the constituted authorities?"

"You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, to live creditably, and act honestly by all men?"

"You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess?"

Herein, then, is our answer to our assailants and traducers, and with reasonable and intelligent men it ought to be sufficient. We do not ignore the fact that men do not always live up to their accepted principles, for this is true in the relation of men to any and every association to which they may belong; but, like all other associations, we claim that we are to be judged by established principles, rather than by the failure of individual members to maintain them.

Yet this fact certainly makes it more obligatory upon each one of us to look to our individual habits and walk in life, lest we bring our ancient and honourable Order into disrepute. As to the papacy, it can justly condemn us only when it has asserted its controlling and healing power over its own secret order of Jesuits, who have blackened the pages of history by their political conspiracies, streaking the fair fame of religion with the charred bones and blood of its innocent and helpless victims.

Your orator presents these thoughts to your consideration, not from any controversial attitude, or any feeling of bitterness or reproach, but as a son's tribute to the honour of his mother, and a filial vindication of her fair fame.

Let us each and all, as in honour bound, see to it that the cause of Freemasonry takes on no reproach from our individual failure of duty, and so speed the blessed cause of brotherly love, relief and truth—everywhere, at all times, and to all men.—*Voice of Masonry.*

PRESENTATION TO BROTHER W. J. SMITHSON.

OUR readers will hear with pleasure that the long-sustained and invaluable work of this popular and eminent brother on behalf of our Charitable Institutions, and his more recent services as a member of the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School, have met with gratifying recognition by the brethren of his Province of West Yorkshire. The members of the Charity Committee of that Province, of which organization he has been Chairman (and previously Vice-Chairman) for some years, and other friends, at a special meeting, on Monday evening last, in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, presented Bro. W. F. Smithson with the full regalia of office as Grand Deacon, and also that of Standard Bearer in Grand Chapter. The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by the Provincial Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., who, conjointly with the D.P.G.M. Bro. Henry Smith, afterwards entertained the brethren, over 80 in number, to a substantial tea.

Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. have just published, in volume form, the extraordinary narrative, entitled "A Dead Man's Diary," which has already attracted such wide attention as a serial in "Lippincott's Magazine." The volume contains additional chapters of striking interest which were withheld from the magazine issue. Dishonest claims have been put in for the authorship, and a book having been already widely advertised as being by the author of "A Dead Man's Diary," Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. wish to state that the author has written no other book of the sort, and that the announcement of any similar work as from his pen is absolutely untrue.

Mr. Oscar Wilde will contribute to the July number of "Lippincott's Magazine" a complete novel, entitled "The Picture of Dorian Grey," which, as the first venture in fiction of one of the most prominent personalities and artistic influences of the day, will be everywhere read with wide interest and curiosity. But the story is, in itself, so strong and strange, and so picturesque and powerful in style, that it must inevitably have created a sensation in the literary world, even if published without Mr. Wilde's name on the title-page. Viewed merely as a romance, it is—from the opening paragraph down to the tragic and ghastly climax—full of strong and sustained interest; as a study in psychology it is phenomenal, and judged even purely as a piece of literary workmanship it is one of the most brilliant and remarkable productions of the year.

HOT WATER instantly, night or day. Entire safety. Revised prices include fixing in bath-room with proper vent pipe, ensuring safety in use. Ewart's "Lightning" Geyser, 316 Euston Road, London, N.W. Any one possessing a Geyser of our manufacture, fixed without vent pipe, may have proper vent pipe fixed for 5s, by applying to us before 30th June 1890. After that date the value will be charged.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the Provincial Grand Master, who has held that office since the formation of the Prov. Grand Lodge in 1871.

Present—Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, Charles Hammerton Deputy Grand Master, Henry Lovegrove S.W., Dr. J. T. Griffith J.W., J. Hugh Thompson and Nelson Prower Overseers, Rev. J. Cater Chaplain, L. G. Gordon Robbins Treasurer, W. G. Brighton Secretary, W. T. Heath S.D., J. H. Clare J.D., T. C. Edmonds Dir. of Cers., Walter Potter Sword Bearer, R. J. Chisom Standard Bearer, Charles Lea Organist, Henry Burgess, John Barnett jun. and J. T. Briggs Stewards, and the following Grand Officers:—Bros. Charles F. Matier Grand Secretary, D. P. Cama P.G.O., Frederick Lawrence P.G.O., F. Driver P.G.I.W., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, O. H. Pearson P.G.O., G. H. Newington Bridges P.G.W., E. J. Hoare P.G. Organist, John Cates Collier Prov. Grand Steward, Edwin Storr P.G. Steward, Reginald J. Mure P.G. Overseer, A. B. Cook P.G. Overseer President General Board, J. W. Byford P.M. 350, Geo. Gardner P.G.D.C., T. Clark P.P.G.D., W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.R., H. R. Cooper Smith P.P.G.O., W. Balfour Clarke, John Larkin P.M. 315, C. Wood W.M. 173, J. S. Tamburini J.O. 104, Thos. Hood 331, J. B. Lancaster 139, Ernest C. Bliss 234, Geo. Gregory P.M. 355, A. Tremearne and H. M. Hobbs 198, Rev. Henry P. Oliver J.O. 197, W. F. Hawes and John Rhodes 198, J. N. Frye 211, Joseph Clever 176; H. Dickey, A. H. Scurrah, Captain C. J. Knightley, H. Longman, W. M. Stiles, W. J. Ferguson, all of 355; besides very many other Brethren and Officers of the various Mark Lodges in the Province, and the following visitors:—Andrew Oliver 376, Colonel Vansittart 226, and others.

The brethren assembled in the Large Hall, and the attendance was the most numerous of any Lodge yet held in the Province. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the Grand Master saluted. The minutes were read and confirmed. The report of the Committee of General Purposes showed that the number of Lodges in the Province was 37, and the members 760, an increase of 41 during the year. The Treasurer's account was read, and shewed a satisfactory balance. The sum of £10 10s was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Deputy Grand Master Bro. Hammerton undertook the Stewardship this year. The Secretary announced that the Bisley Lodge would be consecrated on Friday next, and the Ubique Lodge shortly afterwards. The Roll of Lodges was called over, and every Lodge satisfactorily represented except one, which was excused on the ground that this date was their own installation meeting. The Bye-laws of the Province were ordered to be amended and reprinted. The Treasurer, Bro. L. G. Gordon Robbins, Grand Overseer, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and was awarded a vote of thanks for his services. The appointment and investiture of Officers was then made, as follows:—

Bro. Chas. Hammerton 114	...	Deputy P.G.M.
Col. Ambrose H. Bircham 361	...	Senior Warden
John Cates Collier 114	...	Junior Warden
John Barnett jun. 315	...	M.O.
Capt. C. J. Knightley 284 & 355	...	S.O.
Arthur H. Bowles 361	...	J.O.
Rev. Joseph Cater, M.A., 407	...	Chaplains
Rev. Henry F. Oliver 197	...	
L. G. Gordon Robbins 361	...	Treasurer
J. T. Briggs 181	...	Registrar
W. G. Brighton 4	...	Secretary
Harry Tipper 385	...	Senior Deacon
Henry Burgess 198	...	Junior Deacon
J. T. Norman Callaway 333	...	Inspector of Works
T. C. Edmonds 139	...	Dir. of Cers.
John Byford 350	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Frederick Mead 399	...	Sword Bearer
William Clowes 357	...	Standard Bearer
Edwin Wilding 244	...	Organist
Murray Haynes	...	Assistant Secretary
Thomas Hood 331	...	I.G.
Lewis P. Coubro 236	...	Stewards
John T. Skinner 211	...	
Arthur J. Hone-Goldney 239	...	
John T. R. Cresswell 224	...	
J. B. L. Lancaster 407	...	

A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Organ Testimonial, to the memory of the late Canon Portal, late Grand Mark Master. A brother of the Kintore Lodge offered £5 5s more as his own contribution. The four following Lodges were selected and approved on the rota to nominate Stewards to Grand Lodge, viz., Chiswick, Onslow, King Solomon and Sir Francis Burdett. The Committee of General Purposes was elected, as follows:—

Bros. Lovegrove, Newington Bridges, Scurrah and Stiles, in addition to the ex-officio members. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 319.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 18th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. T. Prust, who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Lane, who installed the W.M. elect Bro. W. Taylor, in ancient form, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. J. Crossman S.W., T. H. Wills J.W., A. W. Searley M.O., John Taylor S.O., J. Chapman J.O., A. J. Gwynn Chaplain, T. Taylor Treasurer, J. Lane Secretary, T. Buckett R. of M., G. E. Guy S.D., T. D. Cook J.D., W. Hersey D.C., E. J. Peat Organist, S. Wills I.G., G. West S.S., W. H. Rowland J.S., and J. E. Newton Tyler. The Treasurer's account, which was considered very satisfactory, was read and adopted. After the business was concluded, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, under the presidency of W.M. Bro. W. Taylor, when the usual Loyal and fraternal toasts were duly honoured.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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BUCKINGHAM LODGE, No. 591.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and there was a large attendance, both of members and visitors. The W.M. Brother L. N. Simms was in the chair. The new Master, Bro. Alfred Mayne, was installed in his office by Bro. Martin P.M., and the new Secretary and Officers for the ensuing year were appointed, as follows:—Bros. F. J. Brown S.W., E. T. Palmer J.W., H. Jowett P.M. Treasurer, H. Martin P.M. Secretary, W. H. Sherman S.D., W. K. Gurney J.D., J. K. H. Fowler P.M. Dir. of Cers., W. H. Rowe Organist, E. T. M. McKrill I.G., J. Reader and H. Callon Stewards, F. Payne Tyler, and J. N. Hodgkinson Assistant Tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Bull's Head Hotel, and was served by Bro. Simms, in the most satisfactory manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings passed off with great éclat. After the banquet, a concert of high class was given between the toasts, under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, whose singing, with that of Miss Emily Davies (soprano), and Bro. Selwyn Davies (tenor) greatly delighted the audience. During the evening Bro. A. Watson gave, in his usual effective style, two recitations, viz., "Dow's Flat," and "My First and Last Appearance." Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 1011.

THE brethren met in their Lodge Room, at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Hyde's Cross, Manchester, on the 19th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Mark Watson S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Robert Caldwell acted as Installing Master. The following were invested with the symbols of office, under Bro. Watson:—Bros. J. Wilson S.W., S. Bamford J.W., G. Kinder P.M. Treasurer, H. C. Miller Secretary, R. S. Dawson S.D., James Standing J.D., R. Caldwell P.M. Dir. of C., Harrison Organist, H. Jones Assistant Organist, G. Crighton I.G., S. Lambert, W. J. Thompson and J. Ingle Stewards. In the afternoon the brethren went by train to Warburton, and had a substantial tea at the Saracen's Head. They returned to the Lodge House soon after eight o'clock, and before separating honoured a number of toasts sacred to the Order.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1125.

THE above Lodge had a most enjoyable summer excursion on the 19th inst., to Dulverton, Winsford, and various places of interest on Exmoor. The party numbered 22. A visit was paid to the Kennels of the Devon and Somerset Stag-hounds, over which the party was shown by Huxtable, the huntsman. The Devil's Punch Bowl was another point of interest visited. Luncheon was partaken of, at the Royal Oak Hotel, Winsford, where Mr. D. Evans catered greatly to the satisfaction of his guests. The return journey to Dulverton was by another picturesque route, down the Exe Valley. Shortly after 5 p.m. an excellent banquet was partaken of, at Brother Moyle's Lion Hotel. The Mayor of Tiverton and several other members of the Town Council were of the party.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

ON Thursday, the 19th ult., the annual installation ceremony took place. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The outgoing W.M. (Bro. R. T. Davison, M.D.) installed his successor (Bro. William Augustus Raper), and the addresses were delivered by Bro. W. T. Jordan I.P.M. The following were appointed and invested Officers:—Bros. R. T. Davison I.P.M., J. B. Foster S.W., J. W. Pepper J.W., Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.G.C. P.M. Chaplain, H. G. F. Wells Treasurer, R. Hughes Secretary, D. White S.D., T. W. Avis J.D., J. Felder Organist, F. W. Hotham I.G., W. Nowman Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Star Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

THE annual installation meeting of this important and well-known Lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, in the presence of a numerous and influential assemblage of members and visiting brethren. The Lodge was

opened punctually at three o'clock, by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. R. Hankey, assisted by his Officers and several Past Masters. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. William Goodacre P.G. Stand.B. of England, J. J. Ramsay 1299, Arthur H. Morecroft 2335, John N. Hounsell 203, S. Haden-Jones 1299, Samuel Fraser 1264, Thomas Wood 203, W. Maddox 823, Eli Brooks 2294, William M'Lachlan 241, A. Kirkpatrick 1502, C. Johnson 1756, John Scott 2294, James Greenlees 1505, Captain J. McNab 241, F. E. Sharpe 1276, and J. W. Page 292. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Brookes, was presented for the benefit of installation by Bros. J. McCarthy and F. A. Rainbow. He was most efficiently installed, according to ancient custom, by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. R. Hankey. The newly made W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. Hankey I.P.M., J. A. Hignett S.W., G. W. Baron J.W., R. J. L. Kynaston P.M. Treasurer, R. B. B. Nisbet Secretary, T. A. Laidlaw S.D., Dr. J. Pinkerton J.D., W. T. Oversby P.M. D.C., E. A. Fugh Organist, J. O. Jones I.G., N. Christensen S., Dr. J. McMurray S., and A. E. McDougall S. The brethren afterwards dined together, being excellently catered for by Bro. James Casey, the courteous house steward. In the course of the evening the retiring Master, Bro. J. R. Hankey, was the recipient of a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, together with a diamond brooch, earrings and bracelet for Mrs. Hankey, as a mark of the respect in which he was held by the brethren generally. The post-prandial proceedings were most agreeably enlivened by Bros. E. Batty, Hudson, Greenlees, E. B. Ironside, G. Smith, Pierrepont, W. Irwin, Molloy, Latham and others.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE Lodge met for the St. John's Festival, at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Tuesday, 24th June, at 5 p.m. Present:—Full members: Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D. in the chair, W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. S.W., Prof. T. Hayter Lewis J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Dr. W. W. Westcott S.D., W. M. Williams Steward, W. H. Rylands P.G.St., S. T. Klein, J. Finlay Finlayson, and Dr. B. W. Richardson. Correspondence members: Bros. H. Chintamon, E. W. Carus-Wilson, Col. M. Petrie, Col. M. Ramsay Dist. Grand Master Malta; Z. Mill-edge, R. P. Couch, Col. J. Mead, B. Lightfoot, S. R. Baskett, H. M. Hobbs, C. W. Mapleton, R. Greenwood, and R. A. Gowan. Visitor: Bro. J. M. Clapp P.M. Temple Lodge, No. 412, Pennsylvania. One Dist. G. Lodge, seven Lodges and 40 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, as follows:—The District Grand Lodge of Burma, and Lodges Star of Burma 614, Rangoon 1268, Victoria in Burma 832, all of Rangoon; Star of the South 1025, Buenos Ayres; Acacia 876, Montevideo; Combermere 752, Victoria; and Balduin zur Linde, Leipsic. Bros. Rev. J. Fairclough, District Grand Master of Burma; C. Preston, District Grand Secretary of Burma; A. S. Ally Akbar P.M. 614; Nasarwanji N. Parakh W.M. 614, all of Rangoon; Capt. D. Mackenzie 1043, Sangei Ujong, Straits Settlements; A. Levyno, J. W. Cooper 1574, Capt. A. B. Hay 389, J. Fairbairn 762 (S.C.), Dr. T. P. O. Mathew P.M. 989, C. M. de Wet 608, W. J. Blake P.M. 918, J. Ratzer 744 (S.C.), H. F. Head 1824, and D. Finestone 744 (S.C.), all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; H. P. Brown 1417, Barkley West, Cape Colony; W. Bromhead W.M. 2220 District G.D., J. Roberts 2220, both of Cape Town; J. Leichar 2232, Tanngs, Br. Bochuanaaland; T. H. Chaffey, Ridgway, Pennsylvania; W. Falconer 69, Glasgow; D. R. Clark O, Pollockshields; T. S. Brogden 236, Heworth Hall, York; Hamon le Strange 10, P.G. Treasurer Norfolk, Hunstanton Hall, Norfolk; G. W. G. Barnard P.G. Secretary Norfolk, Norwich; C. Schuster 357, Oxford; J. Bruton P.M. 839, Gloucester; Rev. E. G. Austen P.M. 976, P.G. Chaplain Dorset, Bath; G. C. Foot 2189, Ashburton, Devon; W. S. Gates 13, Worthing; R. T. Webster 1608, Margate; W. H. Vint 140, Deptford; A. Escott P.M. 1593, Greenwich; C. W. Mapleton 256, Putney; R. W. Bourne W.M. 32, G. P. Gilbert P.M. 257, and Col. Martin Petrie P.M. 844, all of Kensington; J. R. Reep 1260, City; R. Greenwood 2369, Borough; and C. P. Dyke P.M. 665, P.P.G.D. Dorset, Haverstock Hill. This raises the number of intrants to 956. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Simpson, his paper on "Brahminical Initiation" was read by the Secretary, and discussed by Bros. Westcott, Speth, Rylands, Finlayson, and Chintamon. It is needless to state that it was intensely interesting, and threw a new light on a well-known Masonic symbol.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

WHATEVER may be said as to whether or no this new Lodge has realized the expectations of its promoters, it will readily be conceded the founders have spared neither money nor energy to make their venture a success. The hospitality extended to visitors has been of a most bountiful character, and notwithstanding a few knobs and excrescences have had to be cleared on the road, the course of the Lodge hitherto has been a satisfactory one. The annual gathering, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, was graced with the presence of several Grand Officers and prominent Masons, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Brackstone Baker P.G.D. P.M., Theodore H. Tilton (P.O.G.M. 7th Masonic District, New York City) S.W. W.M. elect, J. J. Woolley J.W., W. Hancock S.D., G. H. Reynolds J.D., J. B. Cumming Treasurer, George Reynolds Secretary, J. Skinner I.G., Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, Richard T. Walker G.M. Canada, Col. A. Savanders P.D.G.M. Madras, Dr. E. E. Wendt Grand Secretary German Correspondence, Richard Eyo P.G. Treas., D. P. Dana P.G. Treas., G. Cooper P.G.D., B. Baker P.M. P.G.D., Sir J. R. Somers Vint S.G.D., Col. S. W. Ray D.D.G.M. Ontario, Turtle Pigott P.D.G.D.C., Chas. Beltou P.D.G.D.C., J. Lewis Thomas P.P.G.D.C., Frederick Blackes P.G.S.B., Col. J. Peters P.G.S.B., James Terry P.G.S.B., C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, W. G. Lemon Grand Standard Bearer, J. S. Cumberland P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, and Dr. I. Zacharie. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. F. Kedge soon after 4.30 p.m., when he was supported by his I.P.M. Bro. Adolphus Clark and the brethren we have already named. After the minutes of last meeting had been read

and confirmed, some letters of regret for non-attendance were read. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton was then presented as the W.M. elect, and installed by Bro. F. Kedge the outgoing W.M. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Jas. J. Woolley S.W., W. Hancock J.W., Rev. J. S. Browning P.G.C. Chaplain, J. B. Cumming Treas., Geo. Reynolds Secretary, G. Herbert Reynolds S.D., J. Skinner J.D., Dr. J. J. Wedgwood I.G., A. Harris D.C., H. W. Schartau P.P.G.O. Middlesex Organist, F. Jackson, J. B. Grievie, and Major F. W. Frigout Stewards, and R. F. Potter Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses, and was complimented on the satisfactory completion of his year's work. A Past Master's jewel was then presented by the Worshipful Master to Bro. Kedge, on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. Tilton remarked he could scarcely find words in which to express his gratification at being enabled to make the presentation. The I.P.M.'s services during the past year; the fidelity with which he had ruled the Lodge and discharged his duties; the pleasure he had afforded them of witnessing and hearing his splendid rendering of the installation ceremony, all increased the pleasure it afforded him to present the jewel. He would express the hope that Bro. Kedge would live long to wear it, and support the Lodge. The gift was briefly acknowledged. A jewel was also presented to Bro. J. B. Cumming, whose services since the foundation of the Lodge had warranted the brethren in offering such a souvenir to him. Bro. Tilton said that without an able financier, he did not know how they should have proceeded; he trusted Bro. Cumming would long retain the position of Treasurer. The sum of £15 was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the widow of a late member. Bro. A. Clark P.M. said they had heard with sorrow that evening of the resignation of Bro. Major George Lambert; he thought they ought to make an exception in that case, and pass a resolution of regret. He therefore proposed, "That the brethren had received with sincere regret the resignation of Bro. Major George Lambert P.G.S.B., one of the founders, and one of the most ardent supporters of the Lodge." Bro. Brackstone Baker P.M. seconded the resolution, a copy of which was ordered to be sent to Bro. Major Lambert. Bro. R. T. Walkem, G.M. Canada, said he should like to say a word of congratulation to the W.M. on being installed, and wish him a happy year of office. He had closely observed the work, and noticed a difference in matters of minor importance, but there was no difference in the spirit of the ritual as practised amongst English and Canadian Masons. They appeared to have a great deal more money to deal with than in Canada; but there they did not require so much, although they had a Benevolent Fund of 60,000 or 70,000 dollars. He once saw a plate passed round, first to collect dues, and secondly for Charity. He had to express the pleasure it afforded him to be present at the Anglo-American Lodge. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hall, where the banquet was shortly afterwards served, under the superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini. After the Loyal toasts had been fully honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers;" all did their duties well, and took an interest in subordinate Lodges. He held in his hand letters of regret from a number of Grand Officers, whom they would have been pleased to have seen. With the toast he would associate the names of Bros. Col. A. Saunders, W. G. Lemon, and D. P. Cama. Bro. Col. A. Saunders, in replying, said he felt somewhat embarrassed; the brethren would sympathise with him, that one or other of the absent brethren was not in attendance. He begged on behalf of the Present and Past Grand Officers to thank them for the reception given the toast. They all knew how famed the Anglo-American Lodge was for its hospitality, and for the fraternal and hospitable gatherings held month after month since its formation, but there was one circumstance in connection with the present meeting, which was that they had for the first time—he spoke under correction—an American brother Master of the Lodge. It might not be known to all present that the new W.M. had held high and responsible rank in New York. Bro. Tilton had also been W.M. of one or two Lodges, and in such capacities he had given all and every satisfaction. The future might, therefore, be looked forward to with confidence, and he trusted that, should it be his good fortune to occupy a similar position again, he might be enabled to say how thoroughly his words had been verified. Bro. W. G. Lemon, G. Stand. Br., said the Grand Officers had their duties to perform; they performed them, not for their own benefit, but for the benefit of the Craft, and it was because they desired to see the Craft prosper in all its developments that they came amongst the brethren and threw themselves heartily into their duties. Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treas. also replied. His countryman, Bro. Col. Saunders, had taken the wind from his sails, and Bro. Lemon in his kindly remarks had over estimated his services. If he had done anything for their society, the chief thing that interested him was that it was the only society that made no distinction of colour or creed. As the guest of the W.M. he thanked Bro. Tilton for remembering him. This was a graceful act, and such graceful acts from Englishmen would be most beneficial in establishing good feeling between the East and West. By his presence the cosmopolitan character of Freemasons had been proved, and the Craft would prosper if they only took true and trusty men into it. If they practised Charity, cherished hope, and walked in faith, their Society was sure to prosper. He wished the Lodge a long life and prosperity. The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada was proposed by Bro. Brackstone Baker P.M. P.G.D., who said the object of the Anglo-American Lodge was to give a Masonic home to those travelling through England or resident here. Having addressed themselves to that object, nothing was more natural but that they should look to the focus from which emanated the Masonic glory of every State. He read a few days ago of a Masonic meeting in London, in which the W.M. said, because he had some American grandee barqueting with him, that he had to apologise for departing from and infringing the usual practice by proposing the toast of the Grand Lodge of America. What they thought an exception and unusual, the Anglo-American Lodge had made a practice of ever since their establish-

ment. He was made a Mason in Canada, in 1854, and in 1855 certain irregularities arose at the London Grand Secretary's office, and they established their independence, and started an organisation such as existed now in this country. They had present a successor of the early Grand Masters in their worthy guest, Bro. Walkem, who was now Grand Master of Canada, who would tell them how many Lodges he had under his control. At the time of the separation there were 15 English and a few Scotch and Irish Lodges, but Bro. Walkem would tell them there were now between 300 and 400. Bro. Walkem was not the only Grand Master they had entertained; they had received Bro. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, and he hoped American brethren would always find in their Lodge a Masonic welcome. Brother R. T. Walkem, G.M. Canada, said he appeared before them under somewhat peculiar circumstances; in the first place, being Grand Master of Canada, he was asked to respond for the toast of the United States as well as Canada. There might be a certain amount of fitness in that fact. They had heard a great deal of the annexation of Canada, but he wanted to bring a different idea, and that was—the annexation of the United States to Canada, and the fact that he was called upon to reply for the United States was a suggestion in that way, which he would ask them to bear in mind. It was a graceful act that the Worshipful Master of the Anglo-American Lodge should ask the Grand Master of Canada to respond for the United States, and he could assure the W.M. that if he went amongst them in Canada he would receive a hearty welcome. In another way; he came before them as a visitor for the first time in England, because, as he said at the Grand Lodge meeting, he was taken out of England in his nurse's arms, and had been a stranger since. He had determined, before he resigned his office as Grand Master, that he would come over here and see the cradle of Masonry, his brethren here, and the Grand Lodge in England. It was with extraordinary feelings that he visited that country from a land of gigantic size and difference in every respect from England, so far as physical features were concerned, but they were the same people. He came back feeling he was a son of England, although a thorough Canadian, and although he found much to astonish him, yet he found that when he came and sat in their Lodge he was not different from what he was in his own country, and he could stretch his hands across the Lodge, and feel he had brethren to greet him. In a population of 60 millions in the United States, there were one million Masons, and from the former number was to be deducted a large proportion of those not eligible for Masonry, and that would give them some idea of the extraordinary influence of Masonry. In Ontario the Masons averaged 1 to every 100 of the population. It had been said that Masonry was overt in its aim, but it acted quietly, and there could not be that amount of leaven in the population without good result. He did not represent the Dominion of Canada, but one of the most influential provinces—Ontario; there they practised their Masonry in the way the early Christians practised their Christianity. During the past two years he had travelled between 7000 and 8000 miles in discharge of his duties. He believed they had the most perfect administrative policy possible in his own Grand Lodge. He should have great pleasure in conveying the assurance to Canadian Masons that their Grand Master was received, not only with respect, but with affection. Bro. F. Kedge next proposed the Health of the W.M. Bro. Tilton, who was the first American-made Mason installed in the chair of their Lodge. They were all pleased to see Bro. Tilton in that position. During his year he would doubtless prove a good Master and maintain the prestige of the Craft in every respect. Bro. Tilton assured the brethren he felt the responsibility of the position he had taken that night. He had occupied the position of W.M. of a Lodge in America, but to occupy that post in an English Lodge was quite a different matter. The ceremonies and the ritual were so different. He thanked them for the courtesy and cordiality with which they had received him in the Lodge and at the festive board. The W.M. then gave the I.P.M. and Past Masters; Bro. Brackstone Baker was a very efficient and able Master, then followed Bro. Clark and Bro. Kedge. They all knew how beautifully the I.P.M. had rendered the ceremonies. In the foundation of the Lodge they needed a spirit as Bro. Baker's, and he scarcely thought it would have been successful if they had not had the representative of 22 out of 28 Grand Lodges at their head. Bro. F. Kedge said that if the small services he had been able to render to the Lodge had met with their approbation he was perfectly satisfied. He had never before had an opportunity of rendering the installation ceremony, but he had striven to the best of his ability, and he hoped to their satisfaction. Bro. Adolphus Clark P.M. also replied; he could claim but little consideration at their hands, as he simply endeavoured to do the work entrusted to him in the best manner possible. He regretted that Bro. Baker P.M. had left, as he was one of those natural orators they seldom came across. He (Bro. Clark) could simply express his thanks for the cordial manner they had received the toast. Several other toasts followed. A selection of music was carried out by Bro. H. Schartau, who was assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, F. Cozens, F. Bevan, A. Weston, Bowles, A. South, and Bro. R. Mackway's choir of boys.

The extra summer number of Cassell's Magazine will be published on the 26th inst., under the title of "The Crown of the Year."

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MONTEUUIS, P.M. 11, 2060, 2213, P.G.S., G. Sword B. Eng., &c., &c., Hon. Sec. to
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11th April 1890.

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To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents,
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tution for Boys.

Evershot, Dorchester,

24th June 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—I regret to inform you that, although
the Provisional Management Committee stated to me that my "qualifications
were so strong that they could not be well strengthened," yet a majority of that
Committee did not see their way to recommend me to your suffrages.

This places me at a great disadvantage, but supported as I am by such a
numerous and distinguished body of influential Brethren, both in London and
the Provinces, including amongst others the Provincial Grand Masters and
other heads of the Provinces of Cambridge, Cornwall, Cumberland and West-
moreland, Dorset, Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Jersey, Norfolk,
Oxford, Suffolk, North and East Yorkshire, North Wales, and South Wales
(West), I cannot but feel that it is due to my supporters, no less than to my-
self, that I should proceed with my Candidature, and at once announce my
firm intention of going to the Poll.

While it is not for me to judge of the reasons which actuated the ultimate
decision arrived at by a majority of the Provisional Management Committee,
yet my committee feel most strongly that a candidate who has the active
support of so many Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life-Governors
of the Institution, including no less than thirteen Provincial Grand Masters,
should at least have been allowed to go to the poll as eligible without being
handicapped for want of a certificate of eligibility accorded to four other
candidates.

I feel I can rely on the large number of votes already promised, and I trust
that the voters as yet unpledged, especially in those Provinces whose rulers
have accorded me their support, will evince their approval of the course
which I have felt bound to adopt by recording their votes in my favour.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. R. BASKETT.

The voting will be by Proxy, on Ballot Papers (which each
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PROVINCE OF KENT.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Ashford, on Thursday, 10th July, at One o'clock precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers, and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend.

By Order of the R.W. Prov. G.M., EARL AMHERST,

ALFRED SPENCER.

Prov. G. Sec.

Maidstone, 16th June 1890.

The arrangements of the Committee, at Ashford, for the Festival, are:—

Lodge at the Assembly Rooms 1.0 p.m.

Service at the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Rev.

P. F. Tindall, Vicar 2.30 "

Banquet at the Corn Exchange 4.0 "

The S.E.R. and L.C. & D. Railways will grant Single Tickets for the Return Journey on production of this Circular from Stations 10 miles distant from Ashford.

Tickets for banquet, 12s 6d inclusive, to be obtained at the Lodge Room.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHT COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Friday, the 4th July 1890, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 30th inst.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., at 7 precisely.

By order,

FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.

28 Golden Square, W.
16th June 1890.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE COUNTIES PALATINE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL at the Victoria Hotel, Victoria Street, Manchester, on Friday, the 11th July 1890, at Four o'clock precisely.

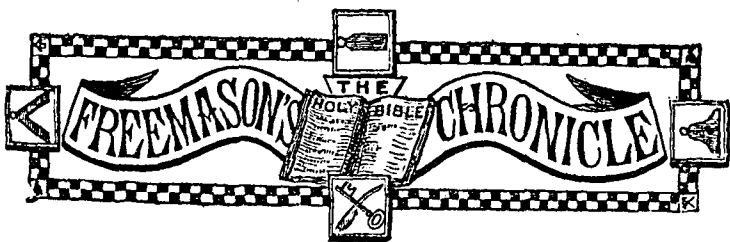
The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requests the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren, as he will on this occasion be honoured by the presence of several members of Grand Lodge from Edinburgh.

By order,

JOHN CHADWICK,

Prov. G. Secretary.

2 Cooper Street, Manchester,
25th June 1890.



SATURDAY, 28th JUNE 1890.

SPECIAL PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE Berks and Bucks Freemasons, as a combined Provincial Grand Lodge, representing the two counties, met together for the last time on Saturday afternoon, the 21st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales) having ordered the division of the existing Province of Berks and Bucks into two separate Provinces, to consist respectively of the counties of Berks and of Buckingham. The occasion of the gathering, therefore, was an interesting and memorable one, and the brethren of the Province attended in considerable numbers, from different Lodges in the two counties. The Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, who has been Deputy Provincial Grand Master for many years, presided, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge shortly after two o'clock. The past and present Provincial Grand Officers also in attendance included Bros. Edward Margrett G.S.W., E. H. Cox G.J.W., and Bros. J. E. Sydenham, M. Wheeler, G. F. Slade, G. H. Stubington, W. Hemmings, J. E. Bowen, J. T. Morland, John Tomkins, E. L. Shepherd, S. Knight, G. Boyer, G. J. Cosburn, R. C. Mount, F. J. Ferguson, B. T. Fountaine, J. W. Martin, A. Welch, W. S. Cantrell, J. C. B. Tirbutt, T. Page, B. W. Bennett, A. Turner, J. O. Carter,

C. D. Hume, H. Poynter, J. McCubbin, W. Ravenscroft, G. Dixon, W. King, J. Greenaway, &c. There were also present Bros. T. J. Pulley, Hickey, Milward, Ball, Steward, Crowhurst, Yeatman, Hattersley, E. M. Mullin, Bliss, Rees, Miller, Deacon, Rawlings, Baker, Gardner, Ridley, Wilder, Sim, Brydges, &c. The acting Provincial Grand Master, in opening the proceedings, explained the exact Masonic and legal position in which they stood. By the fiat of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Province of Berks and Bucks would cease to exist on the 1st of July next, after which there would be two separate and distinct Provinces, one for Berks and one for Bucks, each acting independently of the other. To facilitate matters a scheme had been sketched out for the disposal of the property belonging to the Province, in order that the brethren who had assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge might have something to discuss, but there was no reason why the proposals should be adopted in the form they had been made if any alteration or improvement should be considered necessary. In the unavoidable absence of Brother Robert Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary, the minutes of the last Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Reading, on 11th July 1889, were read, and the same were confirmed and signed. The proposals submitted for the disposal of the property were then put seriatim, and discussed. They were eventually adopted, and a Committee, consisting of Bros. J. S. Brownrigg, C. Stephens P.G. Treasurer, Robert Bradley P.G. Secretary, J. E. Bowen P.G. Secretary designate for the Province of Bucks, S. Knight, F. J. Ferguson, J. Lawson and Taylor was appointed, with power to do all such acts, matters, and things as may be necessary connected with carrying the scheme and the separation of the Province into effect. The place of meeting for this Committee having been debated, Slough was agreed upon, as being the most convenient point for the brethren of the two counties, and it was arranged that the Committee should meet early in July. Bro. John Tomkins, of Abingdon, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, said this was the last time they would meet as a combined Province, and he felt sure that he was acting in accordance with the feelings of the Berkshire brethren, when he expressed a few words of cordial farewell to their Buckinghamshire brethren. They had been united in Provincial Grand Lodge for a good many years, but unfortunately, through the distance that divided some towns in Buckinghamshire from some parts of Berkshire, they had not been able to associate with each other so much as they could have wished; at the same time, whenever they had met one another it had been in that kind and fraternal manner that not only distinguished Masons, but particularly those of the same Province. As Berkshire Masons, they felt that they had a bright future before them, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master having graciously appointed an illustrious Prince, his own son, to rule over them. At the same time he hoped that the new Province of Buckinghamshire had also a promising future. There was, however, one bitter drop in the cup, which was that they had to part with their Buckinghamshire friends, and also with Brother Brownrigg, who had so ably filled the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and who had given them the advantage of his guidance and assistance in the management of the affairs of the Province for a considerable number of years. The Berkshire brethren felt very sorry to have to part with Brother Brownrigg as their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but they hoped they would occasionally have the pleasure of meeting him in this Province, and that he would enjoy a happy and prosperous career in the Province of Buckingham. The acting Provincial Grand Master, in reply, expressed his thanks on behalf of the Buckinghamshire brethren to Brother Tomkins for the kind sentiments he had uttered, and which the Buckinghamshire brethren heartily reciprocated. He had always felt that it would be to the advantage of Freemasonry to separate the two counties, and constitute them distinct Provinces, the configuration of the combined Province making it quite impossible to get meetings of a thoroughly representative and satisfactory character. Under the new arrangement it would be quite convenient for the brethren of each county to attend Provincial Grand Lodges. He assured them that he should look back with the greatest possible pleasure to his connection with the Province of Berks and Bucks, and being an honorary member of several Lodges in Berkshire, he would look forward to the pleasure of attending their Provincial Grand Lodges in this county,

whenever he could so arrange it. He had always felt it to be a great privilege and honour to serve under their late Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, and, in conclusion, Bro. Brownrigg said it would give the Buckinghamshire brethren sincere pleasure to meet the Berkshire Masons whenever they could attend the Buckinghamshire Provincial Grand Lodge. The acting P.G. Secretary read a letter from Sir H. D. Gooch P.M., offering to the Province, as a gift, the handsome and valuable Provincial Grand Master's regalia presented to his father, the late Sir Daniel Gooch, by the brethren of Wiltshire, on Sir Daniel leaving that Province many years since, to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks. On the motion of the acting Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the Senior Grand Warden, it was unanimously resolved that the offer should be gratefully accepted, and that the thanks of the brethren should be conveyed to Sir Henry Gooch. In reply to an inquiry, the acting Provincial Grand Master said that at present no definite arrangements had been made with regard to the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Provincial Grand Master of Berks, but in all probability the ceremony would take place at Reading. The business on the agenda having been disposed of, the acting Provincial Grand Master was saluted with the highest honours, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated.

PROV. G. LODGE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THURSDAY, the 19th inst., was a day of special interest to the Masons of the Province of Notts. The summer meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, by kind permission of the Bishop Suffragan of Nottingham, in the Old Palace, at Southwell, and a new Lodge was consecrated, which will hold its meetings at Southwell, and be known as the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 2302. To participate in these proceedings, so important to the Masonic community, there was a very large and influential attendance, the number of Masons present exceeding 200. A special train conveyed the brethren from Nottingham, while many residing in Newark, Mansfield, and other localities travelled by road in coaches, brakes, and other conveyances. Such an influx of visitors to the quiet and picturesque Minster town aroused considerable interest, and attracted a large concourse of spectators to witness the arrival of the brethren, and to participate in the service at the Cathedral. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2 p.m., in the largest room at the Palace, the walls of which were adorned with portraits of eminent ecclesiastics, who have been connected with the Cathedral, or have been visitors to it, in days gone by. The present and past Provincial Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and present Wardens of Lodges, having answered to their names, the minutes of the last Provincial Lodge were approved, and other Masonic business transacted. At 2.45 p.m. a procession was formed, and the brethren proceeded to the Cathedral to Evensong. There was a large congregation, the central aisle of the choir being reserved for and entirely occupied by the Freemasons, dressed in Masonic Craft clothing, and with the banners of their Lodges carried before them. The scene, when all had assembled, was very imposing. The service was intoned by the Rev. R. F. Smith, minor Canon, and the anthem was "Zadok, the Priest," from Handel's Coronation Anthem, delightfully sung by the Minster choir. The hymn was "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," set to the familiar tune in Hymus A. and M., and was heartily rendered. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain. Dr. Cust took for his text Genesis xi. 9, "Therefore is the name of it called Babel, that is, confusion." In the course of an eloquent sermon, the Dean pointed out that the builders of the tower relied entirely on the soundness of their materials, and ignored the blessing and guidance of God, hence those mutual misunderstandings which ended in the breaking up of the community and the abandonment of the enterprise. It was a story full of interest with the archaeologist and full of edification to all who were spiritually minded, and not otherwise than germane to the purpose for which they had met that afternoon. For the object of Freemasonry was lawful and reasonable. They realised the importance of promoting the cohesion of humanity, and they

endeavoured to draw men together in a world in which there was much to promote discord and dissension. Walls of brick and mortar, of bitumen, as used on Babel, would be out of place, but their method was the mutual recognition and cultivation of those principles of integrity and morality, the abuse or neglect of which sapped and ruined the prospects of the children of men. They as Freemasons promoted the mutual cultivation of social intercourse on a basis so broad that the distinctions and differences which alienated men from their fellows disappeared. They were banded together for co-operation, and works of practical philanthropy and charity provided a unity of purpose which was most efficacious in drawing out and holding together the best interests and sympathies of the heart. If they met in secret it was not from any mere love of mystery, but because it had been wisely judged that unless men were disposed to cast in their lot with them, they preferred to pursue their own ends in their own way. For those who understood and appreciated what their way was, their works spoke for themselves. They did not court approval by a publication of the results achieved, but their schools and other institutions showed to even the most casual observer that they were not mere professors of philanthropy. They did not profess to be a religious body or sect, but they did not fall into the error of the builders of old by being indifferent to God. They believed that Christianity would make them better Freemasons, and that Masonry would help them to become better Christians. At the close of the service the brethren returned to the Lodge-room, and at 4 p.m. the St. Mary's Lodge was consecrated, the Consecrating Officials being Bro. the Rev. F. Vernon Russell D.P.G.M. P.G.C., assisted by Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Russell gave an interesting historical sketch of the Old Palace in which the brethren were assembled, and the service was then proceeded with. Among the first Officers of the St. Mary's Lodge are Bros. J. Townrow W.M., J. H. Bradwell S.W., R. J. Ingram J.W., G. Kirkland Treasurer, F. Carey Secretary. The W.M. designate was installed, Bro. H. R. Hatherley officiating, and on the close of the Lodge the brethren dined together, at the Concert Hall, where an excellent cold collation was provided.

CONSECRATION OF THE DORIC LODGE, No. 2359.

THE Doric Lodge, No. 2359 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, was solemnly consecrated on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Conservative Club, Barlow Moor-road, Didsbury. Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. England, Prov. Grand Secretary West Lancashire, was the Consecrating Officer, and he had the assistance of Bros. T. Forrester, J. J. Lambert, G. D. Pochin, Rev. J. Kirby Turner, R. Betley, J. D. Murray, and Major H. M. Ormsby. The Tyler's book was signed by nearly seventy brethren. The musical portion of the elaborate service was under the direction of Bro. A. Lewtas P.M., and the choir included Bros. N. Damville, S. E. Jupp P.M. and Kershaw P.M. The Lodge having been duly formed, dedicated and consecrated, Bro. Goodacre installed Bro. G. S. Smith its first Worshipful Master. The W.M. appointed and invested as his Officers the six brethren whose names, together with his own, appear on the Charter as founders of the Lodge, viz.:—Bros. Edward Clare Towell S.W., John Fletcher J.W., A. H. Jefferis Treasurer, E. L. Littler Secretary, George A. Myers S.D., Fred Stretch Dir. of Cers. The charges to the Officers were delivered by Bro. Betley. Bro. Fletcher was appointed Charity Representative, and all the founders were constituted a Committee for the framing of bye-laws. In the evening there was a banquet at Bro. Stretch's, the Didsbury Hotel, where the future meetings of the Lodge will be held. The new Lodge is not the first introduction of Masonry to Didsbury. The Architect Lodge, No. 1375, was consecrated in the parish in 1871, but was subsequently removed to the Town Hall at Withington, where it now flourishes. Since that date nearly 1,000 Lodges have been consecrated under the English Constitution of the Order. The Doric is the 102nd Lodge now embraced within the province of West Lancashire. It has already a satisfactory list of propositions of candidates for joining and initiation. The next addition to the roll of the Province will be made shortly at Southport.

A monthly meeting of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, was held at the Bugle Hotel, Lymington, on Tuesday afternoon, when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The ceremonies of the day were performed by the W.M. Bro. H. Pearse. After the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Master Dore, and spent a pleasant evening.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never failing medicine. A lady long a martyr to dyspeptic torments, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.

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EMULATION CHAPTER, No. 40.

THE installation meeting was held at the Castle Hotel Assembly Room, Hastings, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively rendered by Comp. Dr. Trollope. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Markwick Z., the Very Rev. E. R. Carrie, D.D., H., R. Hughes J., Pearce S., Allen S.N., Jordan P.S., Bottey 1st A.S., Edmed 2nd A.S., Rossiter Treasurer. The usual banquet followed.

UNITY CHAPTER, No. 1151.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, for the purpose of installing Principals and appointing other Officers. The ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively performed by Comp. W. Tonkin, assisted by a Board of P.Z.'s. The Officers for the ensuing year are the Rev. A. H. Ferris Z., W. Tonkin H., T. W. Perry J., J. T. Baker S.E., Sambell S.N., N. Couch P.S., J. A. Collins A.S.S., J. Mitchell A.J.S., and Elliott Janitor. After the business of the Chapter had been completed, the Companions adjourned to Morcom's Royal Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided. Subsequently, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a very pleasant evening spent.

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INVERNESS-SHIRE.

ON the 19th inst., a Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland held a conference in the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness, for the purpose of appointing a Provincial Grand Master for Inverness-shire. The members of the deputation were Bros. James Berry Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, Dr. John Falconer Proxy Provincial Grand Master for New Zealand, and Bro. J. MacGregor Malloch, No. 437, Evandale, Glasgow. Bro. Major F. W. Allan also accompanied the Commission. The office-bearers of the various Lodges in Inverness-shire met, and unanimously resolved to elect Sir Henry Cockburn Macandrew to the office of Provincial Grand Master for Inverness-shire. We understand it has been arranged that the installation shall take place early in October, when the Grand Master for Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., of Blythwood, will officiate. A full deputation from the Grand Lodge will be present on the occasion, and a most imposing and effective ceremony will be carried through. The Grand Lodge is at present arranging for the general resuscitation of the old order of Provincial Grand Master, and the effect will be to increase the interest and usefulness of Freemasonry. In the evening the members of the deputation were entertained to dinner, at the Caledonian Hotel, the Provost of Inverness, Bro. Alexander Ross P.M. St. John's Kilwinning, No. 6, in the chair, supported by Brothers Sir Henry Cockburn Macandrew P.M. St. John's (ex-Provost), Ellis P.M. St. Mary's, No. 339, whom the Chairman alluded to as the oldest P.M. and the Father of Masonry in Inverness, Palmer W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, Fort George, which, if not a military Lodge, is composed principally of military men. The three Lodges were fairly represented by their members. Altogether the meeting was of a most fraternal and enjoyable character, the deputation expressing their pleasure in visiting and the members in receiving them, and both sides wishing for an early opportunity of renewing the acquaintance. During the evening each member of the Commission was asked to accept a handsomely bound volume of the History of Freemasonry, in Inverness, and St. John's Lodge, from 1677 to 1886, by Brother Alexander Ross P.M., and also six Lectures on Freemasonry by Bro. John Ellis P.M., published in 1886. Bro. Dr. Falconer, in accepting the gift, mentioned the fact that Grand Lodge was forming a Library of Masonic works, and suggested to the authors the desirability of sending copies of their books. The suggestion was adopted by both. Bro. Major F. W. Allan gave an interesting account of the progress made by Grand Committee in their scheme of Benevolence, and pointed out the necessity of all Lodges contributing to that Fund, and expressed the pleasure of Grand Committee in considering and receiving all deserving and properly vouched for cases from any of the Lodges.

The members of the Lodges in West Ham are to have an outing next month, Broxbourne being the place selected. The lead in the matter has been taken by the West Ham Abbey Lodge, but the excursion will not be confined to members of that Lodge, or, indeed, to members of the Order. It is anticipated that a number of ladies will be present, and no effort will be spared to make the trip enjoyable.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., the monthly meeting of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1337, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Northallerton, Bro. Chas. Waistell W.M. presiding. On the motion of Bro. G. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Christopher Pulliser, a vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Joseph Fairbairn, whose death took place lately with such painful suddenness.

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

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Alhambra.—Salandra, a Gipsy Queen, captivates the fancy of Giafar, a Roumanian Lord, who so far forgets his duty to his wife Griseldis that he elopes with the fair beauty. He proposes to take her in his yacht for a long voyage; but Griseldis, evidently a strong minded lady, appears on the scene, and Giafar, who is but a sorry villain after all, returns to his lawful love. But Salandra is loved by the Gipsy Chief, Spitz, who revenges himself on Giafar by attacking his castle, setting it on fire, and robbing him of his child Azel. Giafar and Griseldis search for their child, and succeed in finding him, with Spitz and Salandra, at a seaport in Tartary. Salandra promises to marry Spitz if he will restore the child to the parents. With some reluctance he does this, and all ends happily. Such in skeleton is the plot of the new ballet "Salandra." M. Casati, who has invented and arranged it, does not tell us the source of his plot. But, if we are not mistaken, a novel based on the above lines appeared in the columns of a French paper. And a careful examination of the ballet as a whole leads to the conclusion that origination is not M. Casati's strongest point, although the final tableaux is a marvel of picturesque arrangement, and deservedly won the applause of the audience. The action of the plot takes place in Roumania, Bulgaria, the Caucasus and Tartary, and gives full force to Mr. Ryan, the scenic artist, and M. Alias, the costumer. The result is a triumph for both these gentlemen. If we except the black dresses worn by the clowns, which might with advantage have been designed differently, it would be difficult to find a fault. Mr. Ryan is at his best, but some of the properties are poor. The stove ornaments which the coryphées are compelled to unfold in one scene serve one useful purpose, they emphasise the beauty of these ladies by their exceeding ugliness. But the coryphées hardly require these adventitious aids, and the management would be well advised to discard these ornaments—we would in fact humbly suggest that they should burn them. The performers must be congratulated on the success of their efforts. It would be impossible to praise M. Vincenti (who takes the part of Spitz) too highly. He is a marvel of grace, agility and strength, and his pantomime is perfect. Signorina Legnani and Mlle. Marie are always excellent. Mlles. Zimmerman and Rescalli, and Mlle. Raffey work well, and Master Ethardo must not be forgotten. M. Vincenti's dance when he pretends to be intoxicated is a *tour de force*. The snake dance of the Coryphées in the last scene is very beautiful, but the accessories make it too complicated to be properly appreciated. But, however lavish may be the expenditure on costumes and on scenery, and the management have been lavish, we were going to say to a fault, the main burden of the ballet is that borne by the composer of the music. And it is well for the management that M. Jacobi never fails them. We will make a confession. On the first night we experienced a slight disappointment in the matter of the music. But, as Burke has said somewhere, that the man who fails to appreciate Homer or Shakespeare must look for the fault in himself, we came to the very proper conclusion to hear M. Jacobi's music again—and disappointment disappeared. M. Jacobi's music is delightful, not transiently striking, but a permanent pleasure, and the music alone should ensure the success of "Salandra." The first night audience was particularly enthusiastic, and everybody concerned appeared before the curtain, though we regret that the modesty of Mr. Ryan apparently prevented him from sharing the applause which he had right well earned.

On Wednesday, 18th June, at the concert rooms of Messrs. Collard and Collard, Miss Caroline Jannings, a new claimant to public recognition, gave a morning concert. Miss Jannings has a sweet, sympathetic voice, and sang Gluck's Cavatina, "Vieri che poi sereno" (Semiramis), and Smart's song "The Lady of the Sea," with charming effect. Her reception should encourage her to persevere in the profession she has chosen.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the new Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116 High Street, Lawisham (near the Lewisham Junction Railway Station), on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. George A. Pickering presided as W.M., and there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. W. G. Kentish, Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, who, in the absence of the appointed S.W., kindly undertook the duties of that Officer, R. W. Cartwright J.W., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, Walter Robin Secretary, J. E. Axford S.D., R. Tilling J.D., F. V. Catt I.G., H. R. T. aat, C. Thomas, G. Browne, C. G. Sheppard, C. Robson P.M., J. Clarke, Livermore, &c. The Lodge was opened, and passed to the second degree, and Bro. Trant proved proficiency. The W.M. raised the Lodge into the third degree, and, in most perfect manner, rehearsed the ceremony thereof. The M.M. and F.C. Lodges were respectively closed, and in the proper degree for that purpose called "off and on." On resumption of business, the election of new members and thanks to visitors were severally made and expressed. Bro. Kentish took occasion to impart the satisfaction which the work of the evening had afforded him, more particularly as he found it to be in accord with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, with the addition of certain details and explanations of a most instructive character, in respect of many of which he should find opportunity for further consideration. Bro. Stevens (Preceptor) expressed his gratification at receiving such testimony, in regard to his teaching, from such a qualified and experienced brother. The next weekly meeting (26th inst.) being Preceptor's night, the election of W.M. for the first Thursday in July was taken, and Bro. R. W. Trant was duly elected. A cordial vote of thanks was passed in favour of Bro. Pickering for his services on this occasion, and after the customary salute in due form, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the meeting adjourned.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 28th June.

- 1511 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 1041 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
308 Prince George, Rooms, Botoms, Eastwood
1462 Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1461 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.C. Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

Monday, 30th June.

- 81 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
284 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brigholingssea
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1977 Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 1st July.

- Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, R.M.I. for Boys, Wood Green
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
265 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav, E.C.
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
100 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
228 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
361 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
731 Lonsborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
801 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
87 Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, Lan ashire
918 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
940 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentalfa, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Cratton
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skidlaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
130 Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322 Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1870 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham

Wednesday, 2nd July.

- Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, Freemasons' Tav.
1707 Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel Fleet Street, E.C.
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 55 Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 129 Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.
71 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Lythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274 Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, F.M.H., Newcastle
417 Faith and Unity, M.H., Drighlington
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
65 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Elmsmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth
67 United, George Hotel, Colchester
88 Franklin, Peacecock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hartington, Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107 Corawallia, Lullingstone Castle, Swanley
1167 Alwrick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alwrick

- 1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1271 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 29 King Street, Wigan
1351 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1519 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1615 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwa to
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1903 Pr Edward of Saxo Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 312 Royal Sussex, 79 Commercial Rd., Portsea
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 1125 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Tiverton
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C. Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

Thursday, 3rd July.

- 10 Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall
1155 Excelsior, Sidney Arms, Lewisham Road
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1361 United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1721 Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
1950 Scutthgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
M.M. 197 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
21 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle
123 Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorks
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
251 Trin ty, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
299 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
214 Constitutio al, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Arms, Macclesfield
303 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
314 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
360 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
443 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
509 Tees, Freer sons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
637 Portland, T n Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1688 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231 Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282 Anchoise, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1281 Brent, Globe Hotel, Topham, Devonshire
1367 Beaminster Manor, White Hart, Beaminster
1341 Equity, Alford Chambers, Wines
1590 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1594 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley
1597 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheddle
1591 Cedewain, Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1817 Loyal Wye, Bath, Breconshire
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shobury, Essex
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shroham
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parale, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hildley
R.A. 116 Cana, S an Hotel, Culno
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 307 Good Intent, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 758 Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
R.A. 1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1074 Beeve, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby
R.A. 1393 Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10 Cheltenham and Keystone, M.H., Chelt.
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 4th July.

- 1915 Penze, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
223 Old Westminsters, 68 Regent Street, W.
44 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, To amorden
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, K Isall Street, Leeds
375 Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street
401 Royal Forest, Park to Bantyn Inn, Slaitburn
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Halmfirth
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1044 Ecclehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclehill
1095 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1524 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hesham
1561 Mrecambe, Masonic Hall, Mrecambe
1688 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1684 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
R.A. 179 All Saints, Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271 Lennor, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 712 St. James's, Masonic Hall, South

Saturday, 5th July.

- General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4
119 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chigwell
1224 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1567 F. Hot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Weydon
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
2205 Pegazus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet
M.M. 11 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

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Saturday, 28th June.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
1233 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1521 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 E-clestone, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 30th June.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
171 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Forebester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1597 Metropolitan, The Morgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 1st July.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.,
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
198 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, 7
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Moun Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1448 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Boothe, 145 Berry Street, Boote, 6
1519 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Brough High St., 8
1631 Brownrigg, Alexa ara Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Horseay Court Tav, N., 8
1939 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 S arbiton, Maple Hill, S arbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 701 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1042 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 2nd July.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Loadenall St., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gr. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Bulam Hotel, Bulam, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 110 North Hall Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 514 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Horses, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 9
1604 Wanders, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creation, Wheat sheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gander, E.C., 7
R.A. 923 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. G and Masters, 81 Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 3rd July.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
335 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road

1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
 1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7'30
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8

R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
 M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Dalston, 8

Friday, 4th July.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7'30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 786 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 831 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
 1233 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7'30
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8

1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30
 R.A. General Chapter, M.H., Birmingham, 5 30
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 R.A. 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7'30

Saturday, 5th July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
 R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

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