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MASONIC HALLS AND MASONIC CLUBS.

has just been erected by the Brethren of Northampton for the purposes of Freemasonry, and which akin to it; and no doubt exists in our mind that many members of the large company who assembled, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, to formally dedicate the Hall, must have gone away imbued with the desire that the number of such Masonic buildings the country. Without question the practice of Freelessons can be far more strongly impressed on those who witness them, amid such surroundings as are to be found in the new Hall at Northampton than is possible in the ordinary quarters of a country Lodge, or, for matter of that, of a metropolitan one either; and we cannot but express the wish that as years go have a recognised home for Freemasonry, where greater solemnity will be attainable, and where the ceremonies of the Order will be worked to greater advantage than is now possible in a large number of

In considering this matter, however, we must not be led too far away by our desire to possess handsome and commodious buildings, for in face of actual experience we fear the verdict to be given in the matter is that Masonic Halls do not succeed-except in exceptional cases; and the reason is to be found in to lessen the enthusiasm of those who establish a hall, and conduct it through its early existence.

elsewhere, and decide to construct a hall of their own. As soon as they have done this, the hotel proprietors see what they have lost, and, too late in the day, set THE inauguration of the handsome building which to work to remove the difficulties that forced their patrons to leave them. They, or one among them, succeeds, and when, in the natural course of events, was consecrated on Thursday, must have aroused the Masons get somewhat tired of their new quarters, feelings in the minds of many of those present that the superior accommodation available elsewhere is day, if not of actual envy, at least of something nearly pointed out, many advantages are discovered, and in some cases they make another change, apparently quite happy in doing so. But in the meantime what becomes of the Masonic Hall? If it had been mortgaged—and here, be it mentioned, lies the prime cause of disaster in most cases-foreclosure follows, would ere long be considerably increased throughout and dissatisfaction results all round, with the effect of producing an unfavourable impression in the town masonry can be made much more attractive, and its in regard to the business capabilities and general behaviour of the members of the Order primarily interested. Taking the matter into consideration under all its bearings, it must be conceded that those who promote a Masonic Hall in small towns accept a great responsibility, and from actual observation of the many failures that have taken place on it will be found possible for nearly every town to it would seem safe to advise the greatest caution; even to urge the abandonment of all idea of a separate building, unless three or more Lodges, with other bodies—high degrees, &c.—unite, and among them guarantee the success which is all but impossible with small numbers. Even then the Lodges should assume the financial responsibility in connection with the building, not leaving it to individual members or outside capitalists, for by the latter course they open the way for future complications, and perhaps ultimate failure.

Recognising that there is not always enough the fact that Masonic meetings in most provincial Masonry in a town to support a Masonic Hall, the towns are few and far between. A building which is attempt has been made in various quarters to unite a only used two or three times a month stands a poor | Masonic Club with the former, and we think it safe to chance of being maintained in proper order except at say that in most cases success has resulted. The excessive cost, and minor difficulties arise which tend action of the Northampton Brethren is the latest example in this respect, but of course it is far too early to say what will be the result of their efforts. Repairs are a fruitful source of trouble, and many It is certain they have splendid accommodation, both cases could be cited of Masonic Halls which had been for social and Masonic purposes, and we feel we are conducted for some years with moderate success, but echoing the wish of the Craft when we say we but which succumbed to the first serious need for hope that unqualified success will attend their operarepair, which, in the natural course of events, pre-tions, but it is well to point out that very much sented itself. Then again we may go further, depends on their own efforts, and the way in which and tracing the cause which led to the establish- they manage their affairs. This view of the matter ment of a local Masonic building, we shall seems to have supplied our esteemed Brother Dr. find that its erection created excitement, and led to Sanders, Past Grand Chaplain, who delivered the the removal of the actual reason for the change. In oration at the consecration on Thursday, with one of many cases Masonic Halls are promoted because the his principal themes. He discoursed fluently on the town in which they are proposed does not possess early history of Freemasonry, and its similarity to suitable accommodation for the purposes of Free-systems of mystery of ancient times; on the work of masonry. The principal hotels may be old-fashioned benevolence and charity its members were carrying buildings, with no rooms available for the holding of on, and concluded a splendid address by asking if the a Lodge at which forty or more brethren usually Club they were that day inaugurating should be looked attend, and as it seems impossible to adapt the old upon as a mere social Institution, or whether it buildings to modern requirements the brethren look should prove a grand medium for illustrating the

advantages of the true principles of Freemasonry? Would the wives and families of the founders and future members of the Club bless the day on which the Hall was opened, or would they point to it and its members as having thoroughly misunderstood the All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not true teaching of Freemasonry? These and other matters would require serious consideration, and not only at Northampton, but, we may add, at every Hall and Club established throughout the kingdom, will the same principles and the same ideas need attention.

There is more in these questions propounded by Bro. Sanders than appears after a cursory glance, and pages might easily be filled discussing the subject from the many points which present themselves as we go further into the question. Masonic Halls and Masonic Clubs can, as we have pointed out, prove beneficial to individual districts, and to the Craft at large; but on the other hand they may very easily prove anything but a blessing if they are mismanaged, or conducted on wrong lines. It may well be urged that the Masons who establish a Masonic Club assume a grave responsibility; but on the other hand they must not be saddled with all the disagreeables which may arise from their undertakings. A Masonic Club may supply a forcible illustration of how thoroughly the founders and future members misunderstand the true teachings of Freemasonry, but it does not follow that without the Masonic Club all would have been well. The Club may draw evil effects to a central point, but without this there may have been events equally regrettable, though in that case the blame would be laid in other quarters, and Freemasonry would be spared the unfavourable opinions the action of a few of its members bring down on the whole body. Looking at the case in its many bearings, it is perhaps best to dismiss the matter by saying that if Masonic Halls and Masonic Clubs are properly managed they are almost certain to prove beneficial, while if there is any laxity, or the slightest irregularity, they are all but certain to bring discredit on the Craft as a whole.

It is well the founders of Masonic Institutions should recognise what they do when they undertake extensions of the Order, either in the form of new Lodges or other combinations, and we think that in most cases they fully recognise their responsibility, and adopt efficient means to keep affairs in their right course. If this were not the case, Freemasonry could not possibly have kept on its career so many years as it has done without ill effects resulting, and happily the records of such ill effects are so few as to be almost undeserving of even passing notice. It speaks volumes for the basis on which Freemasonry is established, that so much should have been accomplished by its members in years gone by with such immunity from serious results, and we can only hope the Masons of the future will be as much alive to the necessity of maintaining the reputation of the Craft as has been the case with those who have raised it to its present position. If Masons combine for legitimate objects—and assuredly the provision of Masonic Halls for the better conduct of our ceremonies is legitimate—and if they work with each other, only actuated by the true principles of Freemasonry, nothing but good can result. Such we hope will be the outcome of the work brought to so successful a conclusion at Northampton on Thursday, and of similar undertakings which we expect to see arise in other parts of the country.

Our detailed Report of the meeting referred to above will appear next week.

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"A WORD TO THE WISE."-BRO. SPETH.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-It is well known that I am a conserva. tive, and naturally disapprove of changes unless for good reason, Now, fault was found here with Bro. Gould for changing the name of the old Masonic Pcem, and several reasons were given against the change. I, however pointed out that there is at least one advantage in the change. Thus, instead of having to write "Halliwell," com. posed of nine letters, the new name "Regius" saves me the trouble of writing three unnecessary letters. Besides which it will save the publisher the expense of printing the three extra letters, and the Masonic orator when he will have to refer to the Poem will in future utter two syllables instead of three. There is an old saying, "time is money," and who can calculate how much money will be saved in the long future to the Masonic fraternity by Bro. Gould's shortening the name of our Masonic Poem?

After some discussion the above reasoning was approved, and hence, when a Masonic MS. drifted into Boston, the authorities decided to name it, for brevity sake, "Hub MS." Boston has been all over the world known by the title of "Hub of the Universe," and it can certainly be no dishonour to Freemasonry if a Masonic MS. is to be distinguished by such a high title. My highly esteemed friend Bro. Speth, however, scems to imagine that to him, and him alone, belongs the right of naming Masonic MSS., and no sooner did the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE containing the Hub MS. reach Brother Speth in Scotland than off went a letter to FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, stating, that because in his imagination the name of Hub MS, is "angainly," he therefore, in defiance of the Hub authorities, ordered that the MS. shall be called "The Boston MS. Constitution." Now, no one appreciates Bro. Speth's Masonic abilities more than I do, but I cannot concede to his being infallible, or to his autocratic notion that he and he alone is empowered to give names to Masonic MSS. Indeed, I think that nature did not design him for such a purpose. Of this fact I became convinced on reading his Commentary on the Cooke MS. Bro. Cooke did not name the MS. "Cooke MS.," but somehow that name was conferred on the MS. by spontaneous public opinion, and it has been known as the "Matthew Cooke MS.," since 1861. I see, however, that the said name is distasteful to Bro. Speth, and so he introduces a new name for it, viz., "Add. MS., 23,198." A present orator, when he has to refer to the said MS., says "Cooke MS.," but the future orator will have to say "Add. MS., twenty-three thousand one hundred and ninety-eight." Now, I ask, of what use will it be to an audience to listen to such a long palaver when the name of Cooke MS." will answer the same purpose?

Suppose now, that Bro. Speth's name for the MS. was adopted, viz., "The Boston M.S. Constitution," but as there is a Boston in Lincolnshire, in England, we shall have to waste time, ink, paper, &c., by adding to Boston "United States of America." But even that will not suffice, for we have in the United States eighteen Bostons at least. Yes, as long as thirty-five years ago there were two Bostons in Kentucky, three in Indiana, and New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, and California were all blessed with Bostons. Hence, in order to define the Boston, it will be necessary to add a long name, which very few Englishmen's tongues are pliable enough to pronounce correctly, I mean the word "Massachusetts." But even that addition will not answer the purpose, for in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, there is another Boston. This, of course, would necessitate the adding of more words for the purpose of defining the Boston. Now, if the name "Hub MS." answers the required purpose, of what use is it to put writer, readers, orators, and printers to more trouble and expense than

is necessary?

The above reasons I hope will suffice to convince my esteemed Bro. Speth that he was a little too rash to defy the peremptory order of the authorities of the Hub, and as a good friend I advise him in future to "let well enough alone."

By order of the "Hub" authorities,

JACOB NORTON.

P.S.—To show that the the citizens of Boston are proud of the title "Hub," I enclose a printed document, which at a glance will convince all beholders that we have in Boston "Hub on the Side Walk," and "Hub Coffee Rooms."

12th September 1890.

Madame Worrell's next Annual Evening Concert will take place on Wednesday, the 22nd October, at the Brixton Hall. Madame Worrell will be assisted by the following artistes:-Madame Clara Samuell, Miss Ada Wallis, Miss Rosa Leo; Bro. Henry Guy; Bro. Frederick Bevan; Part Songs by Madame Worrell's choir of ladies; Accompanist Miss Alice M. Crosbie; Violin Miss May Worrell and Mr. T. E. Gatehouse; Recitations—Miss Alice Mackness and Mr. Frederick Upton; Conductors—Bro. Walter Hedgeock and Mr. C. H. Kempling. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 69 Wiltshire Road, Brixton; Mr. John Fenton, 304 Brixton Road; and of Mr. H. Cox, Hall Keeper, Brixton Hall.

EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

ON Friday afternoon, the 19th instant, a meeting of the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of East Lancashire was held in the Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Bro. E. G. Harwood P.P.G.J.W., Chairman of the Committee, presided over a good attendance of ex-officio members and representatives of Lodges. Bro. J. Chadwick Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, held in March, and afterwards the brethren considered a petition on behalf of a boy, seven years of age, the son of a deceased brother, formerly a Manchester merchant, who, after a long period of ill health, had succumbed to pneumonia, leaving a wife and three children in necessitous circumstances. It was resolved that the Province should support the boy's case in the October election of candidates to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. At the close of the foregoing business, a meeting was held of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, Bro. Harwood again presiding. Reports were received from the Education Board, the Visiting Sub-committee, and the Relief Board. The Visiting Sub-committee had considered the subject of bringing the claims of the Institution more definitely before the Lodges, and suggested the appointment of a number of brethren of experience to assist the Provincial Grand Officers in visiting Lodges, and addressing the members upon the work of the Institution, and the desirableness of an increase of its funds and an extension of its operations. They had also drawn up a form of circular to issue to Secretaries of Lodges, informing them of intended visits under the scheme. Four petitions were received, praying for educational grants for four boys and one girl, the children of deceased Masons of the Province, and for a boy and a girl, the children of a brother who has suffered reverses of fortune. Each case was voted to be worthy of support, and was referred to the Education Board to fix the amount of grant. The usual vote of thanks to the proprietors for the gratuitous use of the hall closed the proceedings.

We frequently come across, in the daily press, such announcements as the following:

"Colonel Harding P.A.G.D.C. is back in town, thoroughly renovated by a course of the tonic Waters of Spa, and a sojourn in the Ardennes."

We are of a Conservative turn of mind, and are apt to regret our own Spas and Mineral Springs are not more sought after. Those who are in the "know" in these matters tell us that Continental waters are not to be compared as regards curative powers with the mineral springs of "Welsh Wales," but then so few know of their virtues. We have long thought our knowledge of these things might be increased if a little more was written on the subject.

A correspondent in the Glasgow Evening News writes as follows :-

"Masonicus" has forestalled me. It is rather disappointing, after the publication of such Masonic histories as Murray-Lyon and Gould's, to have the Roslyn fable resuscitated. The latter, in noticing Sir David Brewster's statement in Lawrie's "History of Freemasonry" (so-called) anent the Roslyn hereditary Grand Mastership, says:—"We look in vain for any corroboration of this assertion, for it is simply untrue." The former, in his "History of Freemasonry," says:-"We regard this statement as altogether apocryphal," and in Chapter VIII. gives the remarks of Mr. Maidment, the "learned editor" of the "Genealogie of the Saint Claires of Roslyn," &c., on the subject, viz.:—"The high antiquity assigned to the 'alleged heritable' conveyance of the office of Grand Master in favour of the ancestor of the last Roslyn appears somewhat questionable, and there is certainly nothing like 'legal' or even 'moral' evidence to warrant a belief that any grant ever was conferred by King James II." Again:—"But this is not all. The last Roslyn, who, as before noticed, resigned his office of patron, was entirely ignorant of the existence of any Crown grant in favour of his ancestor, the Earl of Orkney." "Indeed, had there been even probable grounds for believing in the existence of such a Crown grant, the character of the last patron affords pretty strong proof that it would not have been overlooked." Much more to the same effect could be adduced.

A Double Wedding .- On Wednesday, the 17th inst., Bro. Hillier of 82 Elgin Avenue, Harrow Road, celebrated the double event of his daughter's marriage to Mr. F. Tuffley, and his own silver wedding, and entertained at his residence a large number of friends of both families. Nearly all present were superintendents and agents for the Prudential Life Assurance Co. and their wives. The ceremony was performed, at Westbourne-grove Chapel, by the Rev. John Tuckwell, in an impressive manner. The Chapel was more than half filled by friends of the young couple, both of whom have taken great interest in the schools and various improvement societies and Evangelical work, carried on for many years. At the banqueting table, the health and prosperity of the newly married couple, and that of the host and his wife was received in an enthusiastic manner. During the evening an illuminated address was presented to Bro. Hillier, congratulating him and Mrs. Hillier on their silver wedding.

Monday, the 6th October, has been appointed for the reception of works of art intended for the Autumn Exhibition (the Twenty-second) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

Obituary.

ROBERT BRADLEY.

THE late Brother Bradley passed away, after a comparatively brief, but most painful illness, at his residence, in Western Elms Azenue, Reading, on Monday, 15th inst., shortly before midnight. Bro. Bradley began to all some three months since, but it was not until six weeks had passed, when failing strength compelled it, that he gave up active work. The cause of death was cancer of the liver, accelerated by dropsy. Singular enough, the deceased, all through his private career, had been remarkably free from ailment of even the most trivial character; and yet even this fact, combined with his great energy and activity, may in a large measure account for his speedy collapse when illness did come. The very large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances left by the deceased is alone a tribute to the sterling quality of his character, while the confidence which was reposed in him by the public generally is proved by the number of official appointments which he filled—and filled with ability and uprightness. To begin with, he had been Borough Accountant for the past forty years; he filled the office of Secretary to the Reading Gas Company for about thirty years; both of which offices are now vacant by his death; whilst he also held a number of minor appointments—Secretary to the Reading and County Permanent Benefit Building Society, Treasurer to the Reading General Charities, Auditor to the Reading Savings Bank, and he was also one of the committee of the Reading Philharmonic Society, of which he was one of the earliest members. Amongst Freemasons, too, his name was always held in the greatest respect and esteem, he being at the time of his death Provincial Grand Secretary of the Province. The obsequies of the deceased took place on the 19th instant, and were attended by a large gathering of sympathising relatives and friends. The solemn cortège left the deceased's residence shortly after one o'clock, and slowly wended its way to All Saints' Church, where the first part of the Burial Service was rendered. As a mark of respect to the deceased the Freemasons took part in the proceedings, the following Officials of the Order acting as pallbearers:—Bros. E. Margrett P.G.S.W., J. W. Honnslow P.M., J. T. Dodd W.M. (Union), W. Hickie W.M. (Greyfriars), B. W. Bennett W.M. (Kendrick), F. J. Ferguson P.G.S.W., S. Wheeler (representing the Union Chapter), and J. W. Martin. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Garry, assisted by the Revs. D. M. Gardner and F. Cahusac. Hymn-"Now the labourer's task is o'er," was first sung, following which the losson was read by the Rev. D. M. Gardner. After the opening sentences, the hymn, "O Rest in the Lord," was played, and the "Dead March" in Saul terminated the service in the church, as the procession passed out. At the Cemetery, where a large number of the sympathising public, in additiouto those given above, were present, the remainder of the service was read by the Revs. Canon Garry and F. II. Cahusac. About seventy representatives of the local Lodges of Freemasons were present, and joined the procession on its arrival at the Cemetery.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. MACLEOD MOORE.

THE remains of the late Lieut.-Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, Supreme Grand Master of the Order of Knights Templar of Canada, whose death at Prescott was recently announced, were brought to Montreal for interment in Mount Royal Cemetery. body, which was enclosed in a casket draped with black covered with floral wreaths, and the breast plate of which bore the inscription, William J. B. Macleod Moore, Lieut.-Col. H.M. 69th G.C.T.: born 1810, died 1890," and which had been accompanied from Prescott by the widow, daughter, son, and Mr. Galway, grandson of the deceased, as well as Mr. G. F. Graham, a Masonic brother, was met at Bonaventure depot by the following Freemasons:—Bros. Stearns, Cooper, Martin, Isaacson, Dr. Lovejoy, Adams, H. Dunn, J. Guest, Scott, W. Hill, Smillie, Weldon, &c. The body was conveyed to the Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame Street, from which place the funeral took place.

Bro. Augustus Harris takes up the office of Sheriff of London next week. His co-Sheriff has been presented with a gold chain and badge of office by his friends and neighbours in Cripplegate Ward. Bro. Harris is to be the subject of a similar presentation at the hands of the Freemasons.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the South Saxon Chapter, No. 311, took place on the 24th inst., the new M.E.Z. being Companion George Holman. The usual banquet was afterwards held, at the Bear Hotel, nearly 30 being present.

It has just transpired that Mr. Arthur Goddard intends calling the much talked of work that he has for some time been engaged upon respecting the contemporary stage, and which is about to be published by Messrs. Dean and Son, "Players of the Period." It will include anecdotal, biographical, and critical monograms of Messrs. Irving, Wilson Barrett, Beerbohm Tree, Bancroft, Willard, and fifteen more actors of the day. The work will contain photographs of the subjects, and numerous character portraits by Messrs. F. Barnard, J. Bernard Partridge, Townsend, Pilotel, and other wellknown artists.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

STOCKPORT, in a very strict sense, was en fete on Wednesday the 17th start m Wednesday, the 17th inst. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, and the good old borough by outward and visible signs. laid out itself to give the Craft a right hearty and enthusiastic welcome. It is now Il years since the annual meeting of the Province was held here, but the inhabitants will have a vivid recollection of the visit of the Cheshire Masons on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the now completed Technical School by the then Lord Mayor of London. The scene on that occasion was one which will be long remembered. Each and all did their best to make it a complete success, and for once the Masonic body seemed to soize and ensure the sympathy of the great mass of the outside world. On that occasion the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, was not present, but his place was ably taken by Bro. Polydore de Keyser, Lord Mayor of London, Grand Steward of England, and his Lordship was supported by the Fraternity in a manner worthy the great cause the public generally had met to promote. At Hyde, last year, a very hearty invitation was extended by the Stockport brethren to meet in that town, and although there were other claimants for the honour, the Provincial Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Stockport, and by nearly 100 others, members of Lodges Provincial Grand Lodge, unanimously assented. The and Provincial Officers. Bro. Herbert Finch P.P.G.D.C. place of meeting was the Mechanics' Institution, in in seconding the nomination, said that distinction was what Wellington-road, and the different Lodges in the town he might call "the blue ribbon" of Craft honours. No made every provision for the comfort of the brethren from various parts of Cheshire, who assembled in great force. Flags floated from the Parish Church and other public buildings, and there was also a profuse display of bunting in every direction. The brethren began to arrive between 11 and 12, and about a quarter to one the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, entered, and he and the Provincial Officers were received with the honour due to their rank. In the absence of his honour Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, Bro. J. H. Bellyse acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There was a large attendance. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers and also of Lodges was called. The accounts, of which a copy had been sent to each Lodge, were submitted by Bro. T. E. Mason and approved. In his address, the Provincial Grand Master said he was happy to see that in the old town of Stockport the Provincial Grand Lodge had received so cordial a welcome. Eleven years had elapsed since the Provincial Grand Lodge visited Stockport. During that time, though he had no actual statistics, he was aware that Masonry had made considerable progress in the Province, and he congratulated the brethren upon the large attendance, and the interest they had shown in the gathering. He was happy to know that during the past year there had been two new Lodges, one consecrated and the other shortly to be consecrated, namely, one at Alderley Edge and the other at Hoylake. There had also been a large increase in the number of members, from 1683 to 1737. He was glad to see that there was a gradual and steady increase, and he hoped that increase might be maintained. He had not been in the enjoyment of sufficiently good health to go about the Province very much, but he had had the pleasure of consecrating one Lodge at Alderley, and he was happy to hear from the Prov. Grand Secretary that that Officer had visited all the Lodges in the Province, and could present a good report of them, both of their working and general prosperity. There was one Lodge which seemed to be in a declining state, and it might be desirable perhaps if the Secretary, the Wardens, and the Registrar should visit the Lodge, and ascertain what were the causes to produce that decline. He thought they would agree with him that the Treasurer's accounts were fairly satisfactory. The report they had just heard as to the Fund of Benevolence was also satisfactory. In order that this fund should receive due recognition, the recommendation had been made that charity representatives should be elected in every Lodge in October of each year. They would represent each Lodge at the meetings of the committee, and he hoped by that means greater zeal and interest would be shown in promoting the interests of the funds in that Province. He must remind them that Masons were judged by the outside world, and the reason of their existence should be shown by the maintenance of their splendid Charities, and they must remember that The brethren then joined in procession, and at three o'clock, those Institutions should be maintained by the unanimous headed by the splendid band of the 4th V.B.C. Regiment, support of the brethren in each Province of England. conducted by Bandmaster M. Fletcher, they proceeded

After referring to various matters, of interest only to Masons, his lordship thanked them for the support he had received during the past year. He again regretted that his services during the past year had not been all that he could wish, but if his health permitted he would do all that he could in the coming year to promote the spread of Masonry in that Province, and he trusted next year, if spared to address them, he would have still further cause to congratulate the brethren on the spread of Masonry. The Provincial Grand Lodge had on several occasions visited the large towns of Stockport, Crewe, &c., but another large town, Runcorn, had only been visited once. It was a good centre, and one very suitable for the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge, and he should wish Runcorn to be selected as the meeting place of the next Lodge. Bro. George Moss and other Officers extended a warm invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to visit Runcorn in 1891. Bro. E. G. Parker P.G.P. expressed a hope that in the following year Lymm would receive every consideration. This was supported by Bro. I. H. Evans P.G. Standard Bearer. Brother Dawson I.P.M. Unanimity, Stockport, said he had the pleasure to propose Bro. James Cookson as Provincial Grand Treasurer. They had received a circular in support of his candidature, and in addition to his numerous qualifications they would see that he was a generous supporter of the different Charities. He was supported by every P.M. in man could have better credentials, and his goodness as a Mason was only exceeded by his qualities as a citizen. Bro. Lees P.P.G.S. supported the nomination. They could not have a better representative, nor one who would do his duties more efficiently. Bro. Cookson, who was received with a hearty round of applause, duly acknowledged the high compliment, and hoped that they would have no cause to regret having elected him Grand Treasurer of the Province. Bro. H. Finch P.P.G.D.C. proposed as auditors Bros. Captain Gilbody P.G.J.W., Ramsay P.P.G.D., Major Preston P.P.S.W., Wildgoose P.P.G.T., and T. E. Gibson Bro. Hammond Danby seconded, and Brother Howard supported, and the motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Salmon proposed, and Captain Gilbody seconded, the appointment of Bro. the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., Bro. John Clayton, and Bro. J. H. Bellyse as trustees of the Fund of Benevolence. A Charity jewel was conferred on Bro. Joseph H. Wild W.M. Zetland Lodge, No. 587. The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers, as follow:-

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Senior Warden
Bro. James Salmon 429
                                      Junior Warden
    John Clayton
    Rev. R. Hodgson
                                      Chaplains
    Rev. Arthur Symonds ...
                                      Treasurer
    James Cookson 287
   Herbert Finch 104
                                      Registrar
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                                      Secretary
   R. Newhouse
                         ...
    James Hepworth
                                      Senior Deacons
    Thomas Ward 428
    George McClelland 257
                                      Junior Deacons
    John Smith 323
                                      Sup. of Works
    William Dunn 979
   H. Browne
                                      Dir. of Cers.
                                      Dep. Dir. of Cors.
    Samuel N. Brooks 361 ...
    Thomas Knowles 721
                                      Assist. Dir. of Cers.
   John Gleave Adams 477
                                      Sword Bearer
    Henry Edward Heywood
                                      Standard Bearers
    John Peter Bardsley
                                      Organist
    Robert W. Baker 1136 ...
    Arthur Lawley 2368
                                      Assist. Secretary
    William Astle 257
                                      Pursuivant
    George Bowen W.M. 2144
                                      Assist. Pursuivant
    Jervis Hudson 287
    Sidney May 322
    N. Dumville Fairbrother 322
                                      .Stewards
    Edward Taylor 323
    Joseph Fox 104
    George Roberts 257
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Prior to closing the Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master referred to the loss which Masonry had sustained in the death of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, who for many years had been so useful to his country and a great ornament to Masonry. He hoped that Masons would set up some memorial to place on record the services he had rendered to Masonry for so many years.

along St. Petersgate, through the Market-place, to the must be made known to the outside world. In other the members of the Craft, and the gallery and side aisles were set apart for the public, of which there was a large attendance. The ordinary Evensong service was gone through, and, in addition, an anthem was efficiently given by the Parish Church choir, conducted by Mr. C. Swain, Organist at the Church. Bro. the Rev. Arthur Symonds, Rector of S. Thomas's, Stockport, preached the sermon, basing his discourse on the 37th verse of the 37th Psalm, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." In the course of his sermon, the rev. gentleman reminded those present that their alms that day would be divided between the Benevolent Fund of assembled, he observed, was a remarkable one. its origin lost in the dim record of the past, its system extending and reaching from one end of the world to the other, its objects the mutual welfare and improvement of its members, they could not but be impressed by the very fact of its existence. They could not fail to recognise what an important part the Society must of necessity play in the Alcock, and W. Dumville P.M. P.P.G.D.C. welding together of mankind in general, and English people in particular, in one common bond of brotherhood. He said of English people in particular, because here in our own realm and in all English speaking realms the Society had rooted itself more deeply, perhaps, than in other countries. Must they not recognise the immense value of such a Society as theirs in softening the differences which always must exist between men even of the same nation? How was it that men did not understand one another-why did not men of the same country, of the same town, understand another personally? Was it not a fact that the meeting together of men of the most different phases of politics and religion, men holding diverging objects in life, men of different classes in society, on neutral ground, showed a tendency to exchange the harshness and bad feeling which so often existed into mutual respect and good feeling. Men might still continue to differ as to the means and ways in which the end they were both intent upon were to be maintained, but why should they fail to recognise that those from whom they differed might be honest and consciencious, which is so common in public and private life? That was one way in which Masonry was valuable, to say nothing of the great work of charity that was carried out by the Society, and by which the Society was chiefly known to the world, and from which the Society chiefly received its character from the world. Might they not also recognise the correspondence which existed between the aims and objects of the Society and the aims and objects of the Church of Christ? It was the duty of the Church to interest itself in the religious and moral welfare, in the advancement of mankind, and that could not be efficiently done unless the Church interested itself in the whole life of man. The object of the Masonic Order is to make right the whole of man's life. The moral and religious life could read first. He had received invitations from St. Austell consisted of the mere outward observance of worship, and make any promise at present, but brethren might be assured the keeping of certain rules, then Ruskin would have been the usual course would be followed to hold the next annual Unless our religion was real, and unless we tried to make superintend it. Bro. T. Gill, Penryn, had kindly consented our religion the real thing in our life, we could only look to undertake the labour part of that office. There were forward to such a state of things as Ruskin spoke of. The 144 lights in the windows of the Girls' School, and it was influence of religion must make itself felt over man by the proposed to glaze them with tinted glass containing coats of will, and while each did much good in their own sphere allowed to contribute the rest of the money required. of action, yet it was only through the medium of the That proposition was unanimously adopted. A letter was

Parish Church. There was a large crowd of spectators words, the whole life of man must be guided by the Spirit along the route, and the procession was of an interesting if it was to bring forth any fruit at all. Here then the character, the whole of the brethren wearing their hand-! Church found in Masonry an ally of her work. The Society some regalia. The body of the Church was reserved for was sometimes merely regarded as a social institution, excellent in its way, but nothing more. Could anything be more contracted, not to say false, than that? It was true that the social side of life was not disregarded by the Society, and would that the Church itself paid more attention to the social side of man's life, for they must not believe it was owing to the fact that the Church had neglected the social side of man's life that religion was lost to so great an extent. What could be more important, more valuable, than that high standard of morality based upon the sanction of God's Word? What could be more valuable than the high standard which was set before a Mason as the rule of his life-truth, honesty, purity of the Masonic Order and the Stockport Infirmary, both life, temperance, charity, courtesy, and all the other moral deserving objects. The occasion upon which they were virtues? Were not these the very life of Masonry? Did Some they not clearly recognise that without these no man could people might ask why was the visit a remarkable one, and be a good Mason? Truly then the Church must welcome in reply he would ask if the very existence of the Society that great Society as a living power in a world none too itself was not a fact sufficiently remarkable to make every moral, in a nation none too observant of any of those virtues. general gathering of its members an event worthy of notice The banquet was held in the Pendlebury Orphanage, and and record. If they considered the antiquity of the Society, was presided over by Bro. Salmon P.G.S.W. The catering of Mrs. Firth, of the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, gave the highest satisfaction. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Robert Baker F.G. Organist, and the vocalists were Bros. Mark Stafford P.M., William

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Free-masons of Cornwall was held on the 23rd instant of masons of Cornwall was held on the 23rd instant, at the Godolphin Hotel, Helston. The town was gaily decorated in recognition of the event. Helston contained a Freemasons' Lodge over a century and a half since, but one another better? Why did they so often think evil of a Provincial Grand Lodge had not been held there since one another, think badly of one another's opinions? Was 1869. Then it also had not any railway. On the present it not because—very often because—they did not know one occasion there was, therefore, an unusually large influx of strangers. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by nearly all the Provincial Officers of the year. On the roll of Lodges being called, all were found to be represented. Before proceeding to discuss the agenda of the business, the P.G.M. said the Grand Lodge of Cornwall had, with the other Provincial Grand Lodges, received an intimation of the decease of the M.W. Bro. the Right Hop. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon had been an intimate friend of his at college, and under the auspices of that nobleman he had been initiated into Masonry, and subsequently installed W.M. of Sincerity Lodge 189, Stonehouse, Devon. For nine years the Earl of Carnarvon had filled the high office of Pro Grand Master, and during a long career had been a zealous and highlyesteemed Mason. He felt sure that the Lodge, along with himself, regretted much his decease, and he proposed that a letter of condolence and sympathy should be sent by the Lodge to Lady Carnarvon. That he thought would be a better course than that of Lodges sending separate letters. His Lordship's proposition was adopted. The P.G.M. said he had received several letters, which he proposed to not be separated from the daily or social life. If such a and Saltash for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge at divorce took place, and the existence of the religious life either place next year. He thought it was best not to right when he said that "England is superficially religious meeting in East Cornwall. Bro. Hughan, he regretted to and at heart entirely intidel, cowardly and dishonest." God say, through ill-health was unable to continue editing the forbid that those words should ever come true of our land. Provincial Directory as hitherto, but would continue to threefold aspect—body, soul, and spirit. One could not be arms. Each light would cost £13, and Cornwall was asked separated from the other. The physical, intellectual, and spiritual parts of man must all be subjected to the Divine Lodge should contribute ten guineas, and himself be physical and intellectual powers that the spiritual life received from Peterborough asking for a contribution

contributed towards Truro Cathedral. The sums given by other Provinces towards Peterborough varied from two to twenty-five guineas each. On the proposition of Brother Rowe, Bodmin, seconded by Bro. Simpson, Penzance, five guineas was voted by the Lodge towards Peterborough Cathedral. The Truro Lodge, at which the Provincial Grand Lodge regalia was kept, had applied to have the three guineas contributed by the P.G. Lodge continued. Unanimously adopted. A Lodge had given a brother his third degree within thirty days after the second, and Grand Lodge had consequently refused his certificate. His Lord ship would call the attention of Lodges to the avoidance of such an irregularity. The brethren of a Lodge had taken upon themselves to exclude one of its members because he had not fulfilled some promise in a business That the P.G.M. ruled to be irregular, as that was Lo. an offence which could be taken notice of Masonically.

The Prov. G. Treasurer reported that the receipts for the year had been £401; balance in hand remaining at the Cornish Bank, £190.

The Provincial G. Secretary reported that there had, during the year been 108 initiations, against 115 in the previous year; 36 joining members, against 17; and at present 1406 subscribing members, against 1374; total, 1550, against 1506, an increase during the year of 44. With pleasure he acknowledged a very great improvement in the sending in of the Lodge returns. During the year the petitions he had reported to the Board of Benevolenco in London for relief had resulted in the following grants: £20, £60, £30, £20, £10—total £140, against £110 the previous year.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund announced that during the year the subscriptions and donations received had amounted to £202 16s, against £172 15s received the previous year, an increase of £30. To that was to be added £185 interest, and a railway debenture trust bond of £100, total £502. There had been expended £185, balance at Cornish Bank £8,317. Present capital £4,712, against capital at last meeting £4,514, increase £208. Under the rules in force nothing at present could granted either for annuities or education. Two educational grants of £15 a year each would expire next year. From the commencement of the fund, in 1864, to the present date £7,631 had been received and £2,908 paid in annuities, relief, educational grants and management.

The Committee of Relief reported that three petitions had been received, and, it appearing that the By-laws had been complied with, they recommend that grants should be made as follows:—To the widow of a late brother of 967 Lodge, Three Grand Principles, Penryn, and the widow of a late brother of Lodge 330, One and All, Bodmin, £10 each; to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 75, Love and Honour, Falmouth, £5.

W. Bro. G. B. Pearce reported that the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association would require greater aid, as the brethren who had agreed to pay up certain sums had completed their payments. It was very desirable to obtain new members, and he should be glad if the old subscribers would continue their subscriptions.

Bro. C. Truscott gave his annual statement as manager of the votes for the great Masonic Charities. It stated that during the year the votes received from the Province had been :—In October 1889, 353 Girls', 351 Boys'; in April 1890, 363 Girls', 357 Boys'; in May 1890, 387 Men's, 509 Widows'; total 2,320, or 115 short. The increase on the year had been: -Girls', 89; Boys', 23; Benevolent, 61; total 173. So far as at present could be estimated the voting power of the Province was about 760 Girls', 750 Boys', 960 Benevolent, total 2,470. The adopted candidate of the Province, the son of a late brother of the Lodge at Fowey, was elected fourteenth on the poll, with 2,661 votes. There were 70 candidates for the 16 vacancies; the highest polled 3,198, the lowest successful 2,601.

The whole of these reports were adopted. The following votes were made to Charities:-Fifty guineas to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, ten guineas each to the Aged Masons' and Widows' Institution in London, twenty guineas each to the Boys' The Officers of the Cornand Girls' London Schools. and Bros. Grant and J. B. Smith were elected Auditors Albans.

towards the erection of that Cathedral. Peterborough had for the year. W. Bro. T. Taylor was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

In the afternoon the brethren proceeded to church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Fraser. Frizell. The collection amounted to nine guineas, which was awarded, two-fifths to the Helston Hospital, two-fifths Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and one-fifth to the

The committee were considered re-elected. The P.G. Officers for the ensuing year are R.W. Bros.-

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At the close of the Lodge about 200 of the brethren dined together at the Angel Hotel. The Provincial Grand Master presided; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and some vocal music furnished by brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the County Palatine of Lancaster will be held on Friday, 10th October, in the Masonic Buildings, at Southport. It is expected that the Earl of Lathom R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master will conduct the proceedings, assisted by Colonel Le Gendre Starkie the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held in the Borough Hall, Stockton, on the 30th inst.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex Freemasons (his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught R.W. Provincial Grand Master., and the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G. Steward, Deputy Provincial Grand Master) will be held on Friday, 24th October, at the Town Hall, Eastbourne, at half-past three o'clock. This, it is believed, will be the first occasion of the holding of this meeting outside Brighton. A large gathering of brethren is anticipated, and the meeting will be followed by a banquet at the Town Hall, at five o'clock. It will, doubtless, be interesting to members of the Craft visiting Eastbourne to learn that on the afternoon of the same day-at two o'clock-the installation meeting of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, will be held at the Town Hall, and that Bro. W. E. Morrison P.M. 916 Prov. G. Steward (Mayor of Eastbourne) will be installed W.M. The ceremony of installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, will resume work, on Thursday, the 9th October, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5:30 p.m.

The jury of the Edinburgh Exhibition have awarded the diploma of honour and gold medal for malt and ales of wall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, Messrs. Bingham-Cox and Co., Kingsbury Brewery, St.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 341, RYE.

THE members have just taken possession of a new Room. Bro. Lieutenant Colonel Brookfield, M.P., W.M. presided over the opening meeting, and round him were gathered among others the Very Rev. and V.W. Bro. Carrie, D.D., P.G.C. and G.C. England, the Rev. V.W. Bro. T. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D. England, and the Rev. Bro. Cross P.P.G.D. Sussex, No. 881. The W.M. in welcoming the visitors sketched the history of the Wellington Lodge from 1814 to the present time. Then the Grand Chaplain (the Very Rev. E. R. Carrie) delivered an earnest address on the three Masonic characteristics, Obedience, Devotion, and Charity. When the ceremony was concluded, the votes of thanks having been passed, the company exchanged their devotional mien for one of conviviality, and sat down to dinner in the George Hotel Assembly Room.

LODGE OF MERIT, No. 466.

THE annual festival was held on Monday, 15th inst., at the George Hotel, St. Martin's, Stamford. Bro. E. P. Monckton, Recorder of Northampton, was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. D. Bloodworth P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Royce P.M. Secretary, T. A. Watford S.W., F. Pinney J.W., J. Holmes S.D., G. Spademan J.D., G. Snodin Organist, J. S. Loweth I.G., J. W. Sellers Dir. of Cers., W. R. Ennals Steward, A. Coulson Tyler. Bro. D. Bloodworth acted as Installing Master. The banquet was subsequently held in the banqueting-hall, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, at which a large company was present, including the Deputy Past Grand Master of Cambridgeshire and brethren from Peterboro', London, and South African and South American Lodges.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Albany Hall, Kingston-on-Thames. The hall was very prettily decorated for the occasion with palms and flowers. The brethren assembled at 3 p.m., when the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Drewett. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors presented their report, which After the minutes of the last meeting had was accepted. This showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £100. A letter was read from the D.P.G.M. in charge, expressing his regret at not being able to be present, owing to a previous engage-The W.M. proceeded to pass two brethren to the second degree, and then to initiate two candidates. After a brief interval the W.M. proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. T. Montague; this he did in a very able manner. The new W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. W. Willis S.W., J. H. Taylor J.W., C. E. Oldridge P.M. Treasurer, Abel Laurence P.M. Secretary, Rumbelow S.D. Bulty J.D., Treverton D.C., Pennington I.G., Gibbons and Sumner Stewards, Lane Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was ended the brethren adjourned to the Sun Hotel, when about 80 members and visitors sat down to the banquet, which was admirably served, in Mrs. Frayling's usual liberal manner. Among the visitors were the Master and Wardens of the neighbouring Lodges, the Dobie, Arnold, Surbiton and Frederick West; Bros. J. B. Stevens P.M. and Treasurer 1627, J. Rowe Anglo-American 2191, G. T. Salmon P.M. 1260, T. Higg P.M. 106, Plimsaul P.M., Henning, F. Dangerfield W.M. 1260, R. T. Elsam P.M. 201, 889, 2222, P.P.G.D. Surrey, and a great many others. After the banquet the usual toasts were given; they were received in a very hearty manner. Bro. E. J. W. Williams P.M. 1539 presided over the musical arrangements, which gave great satisfaction.

LENNOX BROWNE LODGE, No. 2318.

THE second installation meeting of this young but prosperous Lodge took place last Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, when a large number of the members and other brethren assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony The Worshipful Master, Dr. T. Scoresby-Jackson P.G.S.D. presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Ffrench Bromhead S.W., D. H. McGovern acting J.W., Lennox Browne P.P.G.S.W., J. Mason P.P.G.S.W., J. Mason B.P.G.G. M. J. Mason B.P.G. R. M. J. Mason B.P.G. R. M. J. Mason B.P. G. R. M. J. M. P.P.G.S.D., J. M. McLeod P.P.G. Standard Bearer, G. H. Westfield P.P.G.J.W., T. Rymer Jarvis P.G.S.D., A. Eade P.G.A.D.C., E. C. Barnes P.G.C., Jas. Pinder P.M. Treasurer, T. Garland Wrighton Secretary, Dr. W. E. Dring S.D., Henry J. Drane J.W., W. M. Butcher acting D.C., A. Schneider I.G., Henry Prenton Organist, W. E. Gomportz P.M., M. J. Mumford P.M., Jas. A. Reed P.M., J. H. Wildash P.M., Arthur Weston P.M., C. J. Edwards P.M., W. J. Jones, W. Alcock, J. Suowdon, Jesse Nimkey, H. Hamblock, H. Love, J. J. Brigenshaw, E. Gray, Geo. Ashton, G. L. Gramspacht, Allen, Herbert Smith, W. J. Shadrake, E. G. Cherry, G. W. Brooking, F. Jameson, R. Ker-Shaw, Mechi, Anbrey, Bailey, Orlton Cooper, and many others. The hodge being daly opened, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the auditors' report was received. Brother Henry Prenton Kraushaer was then balloted for and accepted as a joining member of the Lodge. Bro. H. Ffrench Brombead, having been elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was brought before the Lodge and answered the usual questions. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Scoresby-Jackson, in a highly impressive manner, the charges being especially well delivered. The newly elected Master then appointed the following Officers: -Bros. William Shurmur S.W., W. E. Dring J.W., James Pinder Treasurer, T. G. Wrighton Secretary, Henry J. Drane S.D., A. Schneider J.D., W. M.

Butcher I.G., W. J. Jones and H. Love Stewards, and A. G. Young Tyler. The W.M. next proceeded to initiate Mr. Sidney Switzer, and proved his capacity for filling the chair by the admirable manner in which he conducted the ceremony. This concluding the business, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was served by Bro. A. C. Smith. At the termination of the meal the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially received. Bro. Lennox Browne, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, expressed the pleasure he felt at the satisfactory progress of the Lodge. Nobody was more surprised than himself when the Lodge was named after him; it was the highest compliment that could be paid to him, and he valued the distinction very greatly. He would always endeavour to look after its interests, and was much gratified that the Prov. Grand Master had offered Provincial honour to the newly elected Master. Bros. Westfield and Jarvis also acknowledged the toast. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., and said that he congratulated the Lodge on having such a Master, as he was highly proficient in the Ritual and an ardent worker for the cause. The work of starting the Lodge had fallen upon him, and the success that had attended his efforts was the best compliment that could be paid to him. He was also the instigator of the United Charities Association for Essex, and as Steward for the Lennox Browne Lodge he had taken up last year the good sum of 120 guineas. The W.M. in reply said that while thanking Bro. Jackson for his eulogistic remarks he might say that he had done nothing more than was his bounden duty as a Mason, and so long as the Great Architect preserved him he should devote himself to the interests of the Craft. Nothing in life succeeds without difficulties, and the more obstacles he encountered the greater was his determination in overcoming them. He considered the first duty of a Muson was to look after the great and glorious Charities in connection with the Craft, and he hoped in this direction he would be well supported. As Master of the Lodge he would endeavour to do his duty faithfully, zealously and impartially, and trusted his Officers would assist him to confer greater honour upon the Lodge. Brother Sidney Switzer suitably replied to the toast of the Initiate, and assured the brethren that the impressive ceremony and its lessons would ever be remembered by him. The W.M. in proposing the Installing Master said it was not necessary that the retiring W.M. should instal his successor, but it should be so. In Bro. Jackson they had a Master who excelled in the Ritual, and who had justly been rewarded by the Prov. Grand Master on account of his services to the Craft. In spite of the pressing engagements in connection with his profession he was always present at his duties in the Lodge. He then proceeded to decorate Bro. Jackson with the I.P.M.'s jewel, and a similar honour was conferred upon Bro. Lennox Browne, who had been appointed acting I.P.M. of the Lodge at its foundation. These two gentlemen having duly returned thanks for the honour, the W.M. interpolated the toast of the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. M. McLeod, the recently elected Secretary of the Boys' School, responded, and said he was much pleased to visit the Lodge, and he hoped to be able to visit several Lodges before their next Festival, to appeal for funds, as they were in great straits, and were really in a worse position than they were two years ago. There were 260 boys receiving a good education, and the new head master was working exceedingly well, but there were several necessary alterations required which entailed unavoidable expenditure. £3500 had been authorised by the Committee to be spent, but if they did not have the money the requisite work could not be done. Every possible economy was exercised, but they would require fully £25,000 for their next Festival. Bro. J. Mason, Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, said that he hoped the "old people" would not be forgotten, as they required £15,000 per annum for annuities alone, and they were now quite unable to take in another candidate. The Visitors and the Officers were duly complimented, and the Tyler's toast brought an agreeable evening to a pleasant termination.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.—Meeting held at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116 High Street, Lewisham, Thursday, 11th inst., at 8. Many of the members being on holiday, pleasure intent, the attendance was not so large as is customary in this Lodge. Work was, however, carried on in the second degree, Bro. J. La Feuillade presiding as W.M. in the absence of Bro. C. G. Sheppard, and supported by Bros. Walter Robin S.W., S. Lancaster P.M. J.W., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Charles S.D., Thomas J.D., S. C. Bedford I.G. The ceremony in F.C. was rehearsed, and part of the lecture in that degree was worked by the brethren. Bro. Robin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and on the 25th Bro. Stevens will preside. A vote of thanks was passed in favour of Bro. La Feuillade for his

The Daily Telegraph says: It has already been amply demonstrated that there was an understanding between the Boulangists and the Royalists, nor is any further evidence necessary. The Freemasons are now up in arms, and at a meeting of leading members of the Craft a resolution was adopted almost unanimously that the Council of the Order should be invited to take steps with a view to the expulsion of the brothren who had co-operated in the direction of the Boulangist movement, and especially of M. Languerre and his parliamentary friends. In short, the Boulangist liquidation is accompanied by a good many episodes which were scarcely foreseen when the first instalment of the Coulisses appeared.

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HISTORY OF TASMANIAN FREE-MASONRY.

THE history of Freemasonry in Tasmania, so far as traceable, for the records are not of an entirely unbroken character, show that it owes its parentage to Military Lodges. First to that attached to the 21st Regiment, and which was held under charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, granted in 1763, and known as the Royal Fusiliers Lodge, No. 33. There was also attached to the regiment a Chapter H.R.A., and a Tent Knights Templar and Malta, but it is not necessary in an article like the present to deal with other than the Craft Lodges' history. There was also a Lodge, No. 404 E.C., attached to the 51st Regiment during its stay in this colony. From these, in 1828, there grew up a Civilian Lodge, and a charter was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland during that year for the establishment of the Tasmanian Lodge, No. 313. The names of the first W.M. and chief Officers are not known, but in 1833 the W.M. was Bro. T. J. Lempriere, who had as S.W. Bro. W. T. Macmicheal, and as J.W. Bro. J. H. Westbrook. In the interim also there had been established another Civilian Lodge, known as Union Lodge, No. 326, but the exact date of its erection is not traceable, its W.M. in the year in question being Bro. R. L. Murray, with S.W. Bro. James Lyon, and J.W. Bro. W. Hanse. The Military Lodges, of course, met in the Barracks, and the Tasmanian occupied a Lodge Room at the Macquarie Hotel, the Union meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Harrington Street. In 1834 a further development took place, and what is now the oldest existent Lodge in the colony was established, ODD VOLUMES of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE and MAGAZINE and MAGAZINE and MASONIC MIRROR. The Volumes for 1863 especially wanted. Address, stating price asked, W., Office of the Freemason's Chronicle, Betvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

this being Tasmanian Operative Lodge, 345 I.C., and of which Bro. Thomas Horne (late Judge Horne) was the first W.M., and Bros. J. Edington and Frederic Paterson this being Tasmanian Operative Lodge, 345 I.C., and of

the Bird-in-Hand Hotel, Argyle Street, kept by Jno. -Tasmanian, Bro. J. L. Archer; Union, Bro. R. L. Murray; and Tasmanian Operative, Bro. Edington. In 1836 Bro. Wilkinson was elected W.M. of the Tasmanian Lodge, and the Union Lodge changed quarters to Mezger's room. The removal of the 21st Regiment occasioned the establishment of another Civilian Lodge, for the W.M. and S.W. having retired, and settled in the colony, applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a stationary warrant, which was granted in 1842, the old title and number being allowed to be retained. This Lodge took up quarters at the Macquarie Hotel, its first Master being Bro. McGregor. Union Lodge during this period appears to have given signs of waning, and no meetings were held for some time -the Lodge ultimately lapsing. On 26th Oct. of this year the first step in the direction of establishing a Lodge in Launceston was taken. A meeting of M.M.'s was held in the Kangaroo Inn, and Bro. James Henry appointed Secretary, it being first decided to apply for dispensation to work under charter No. 404 (Military Lodge, the regiment having left Tasmania), but this being found to be contrary to the Constitutions, application was made for the warrant of 326, Union Lodge, but it could not be granted by 345 I.C., to whom it was made, as the direct sanction of the G.L. was necessary in relation to any transference from one town to another. The difficulty and delay were obviated by the obtaining of a dispensation from 345 I.C., to work pending the arrival of the warrant. The Lodge was named the St. John's, and received warrant No. 346. The first Officers included the following:—W.M., Bro. Randin (a P.M. of No. 281 E.C.); S.W., Bro. Neale (a P.M. of No. 71 E.C.); J.W., Bro. Roberts, and Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Henry (both members of 345 I.C.) The Lodge was formally opened on 19th January 1843, the Lodge Room being at the Caledonian Hotel, Launceston. During this year the Masonic Benevolent Fund was started, its first President being Bro. Lempriere, A.C.G., with Bro. W. A. McKay Vice-president, and Bro. Toby Secretary. In 1844 a portion of the brethren of 345 I.C. considering there was room for the revivifying of the fourth Lodge in Hobart, applied for a warrant under the English Constitution, and called this the Tasmanian Union, working under dispensation from Bro. G. R. Nicols D.P.G.M. of Australasia, and receiving Charter No. 781. The Lodge elected to meet in the Freemasons' Hotel. This formed the introduction of English Freemasonry. During the years 1845 and '46 the Tasmanian Lodge gave evidence of weakening, and it finally passed out of existence in 1847, during which year it may be noted Chapter H.R.C. was added to No. 345. In 1849 the Tasmanian Union changed its location to the Waterloo Hotel, and the following year occupied the upstairs rooms in the building which subsequently became the Oddfellows' Hall, in Collins-street. 1852 witnessed a secession from St. John's, Launceston, a portion of the brethren forming a Lodge, under the English Constitution, called Hope; it was erected on the 7th September, Brother G. S. Swan being the first elected to the Worshipful Master's chair. This Lodge also had to act under dispensation from the P.G.M. of Australasia. 1854 brought with it the demise of the mother of Tasmanian Freemasonry—Royal Fusilier Lodge, No. 33. The last principal officers inscribed on its roll were—W.M. Brother J. A. Thomson; S.W. Bro. D. Oscroft; J.W. Bro. W. Edwards. 1855 saw the establishment of a H.R.A. Chapter attached to the Hope Lodge in Launceston, but in 1856 the ambition of the Hope Lodge brought about the separation of its members into three Lodges, Faith, No. 992 E.C., erected in March, and whose first W.M. was Bro. J. year these three Lodges petitioned for and obtained a Peace Lodge, No. 1021, was established at Longford, and in 1859 the Tasmanian Union Lodge at Hobart returned its warrant to England, but was subsequently reinstated, whilst 1860 saw the demise of the Prov. Grand Lodge. In the same year a second English Lodge was formed in Hobart—Pacific, No. 1103. The Peace Lodge was removed to Circular Head in 1862, its first W.M. in the new

S. and J.W.'s respectively. Its place of meeting was in roll of the Grand Lodge of all Lodges which had ceased what was then known as "Mezger's room," attached to working, and from this date the Tasmanian Lodges bore working, and from this date the Tasmanian Lodges bore the following numbers:—Tasmanian Unicorn, 536; Hope, Mezger. In 1835 we find the three W.M.'s in office were 618; Forth, 691. The Benevolent Fund waned during 1865. Three years later St. John's Lodge, Launceston, ceased working, its then W.M. being Bro. H. Conway. Faith also lapsed, Bro. W. Ling being the last W.M. From this date to 1873 there is nothing to record, but in that year was erected a third Irish Lodge, the Midland Pastoral, No. 347 I.C., at Oatlands, its first W.M., Bro. S. Smith, being installed on 9th December, and having as his immediate supporters in government Bros. A. Burbury as S.W., and E. Currie as J.W. In 1875 Bro. H. Conway successfully revived Lodge St. John in Launceston, which had been dormant for a number of years. The two Southern Lodges under the E.C. petitioned for and obtained D.G. Lodge. The Northern Lodge under the constition having entered a formal protest against not having been consulted, cordially gave its adherence. Bro. Hammond was installed first Grand Master. 1877 brought with it the establishment of representation of the third Constitution, a portion of St. John's Lodge, numbering fourteen members, obtaining a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and opening St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 59-12, in November. In 1878 Pembroke Lodge, No. 1517, was opened at George Town, meeting in the Parsonage-house, under W.M. Bro. L. Johnson. The warrant of Peace Lodge was also revived at Hamilton-on-Forth. In 1880 the death of the W.D.G.M. took place, and Bro. G.W. Bro. J. H. Daymond. W.G.D. Rev. Poulett-Harris, a prominent member of the Pacific Lodge, was appointed to fill the vacancy. 1881 saw the Warrant of Faith Lodge utilised at Campbell Town, Bro. H. Conway being the W.M. appointed. The S.C. followed suit by establishing a second Lodge in Launceston. In 1882 the Tasmanian Freemasons' Hall was erected and opened, and another Scotch Lodge created-Concord, No. 687 S.C., Latrobe. During 1884 the South Esk Lodge, 800 E.C., was erected at Evandale, with Bro. H. B. Davies as its first W.M. A petition for a Provincial Grand Lodge by the Irish Lodges resulted in its being granted, and on 14th October Bro. Harry Conway was installed first Provincial Grand Master, whilst towards the end of the year the St. George's Lodge, 353, was established at Beaconsfield. Next year was a busy one for Irish Masonry, and three new Lodges sprang into existence, the Meander, No. 354, at Deloraine; the Lord Wolseley (Temperance), No. 358, at Launceston; and the Mersey, No. 360, at Formby. Scotch Masons made a move in the direction of a District Grand Lodge in 1885, and this being successful, in August Bro. P. Barrett was installed first R.W. D.G.M. This year also saw the erection of the Dorset Lodge, No. 736 S.C., at Scottsdale; and the Lake, No. 361 I.C., at Longford; 1886 witnessed the erection of the Robert Burns S.C. and Eastern Star (at Ringarooma), and Rechab (at Hobart) I.C. In 1887 the Powlett Lodge was erected at Circular Head, and in 1888 the last Lodge to be erected was the United Service Lodge in Launceston, the members of which must belong to the Defence Force. This may be said to be a brief résumé of past history of Masonry in Tasmania.

TASMANIAN FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.

T the annual meeting, held in August last, M.W. P.D.G.M. Bro. Susman in the chair, the directors presented the following report: -- "Complying with the rules of the company, your directors have convened this annual meeting of shareholders, notice of which has been given as usual by advertisement and circular. The balancesheet your directors have the pleasure to submit shows 184 shares still unallotted; of these, however, 100 are bespoken by one of the Lodges and the Chapter (50 each), leaving 84 still for disposal, Cohen, and Charity 989 E.C. In November of the same a larger number than your directors anticipated, owing to some of the brethren failing to fulfil their promise to take up shares. It is now Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Rev. R. K. Ewing being elected its first and only P.G.M. Differences with the Tasmanian Union arose, and were continued. In 1857 the Posser I was also little or no expense is expected during the ensuing also, little or no expense is expected during the ensuing year; therefore, in view of this fact, coupled with having less interest to pay, your directors feel themselves justified in believing the debt can be liquidated before the date of next annual meeting. Referring to the matter of revenue, your directors would remark that although this year's income has slightly exceeded the last, the amount is by no means adequate to requirements, there. fore it becomes the interest of brethren holding shares, and of the district being Bro. H. Duniam. 1863 saw a re-numbering the rooms of the building for meetings and other purposes in which of the English Lodges, occasioned by the removal from the they may have an individual influence, thus assisting to make the

company what it should be, namely, dividend paying. You are called upon to elect five directors in place of Bros. Lee Susman, Bryant Webb, W. H. Burgess, John Clark, and Edward Chancellor, who retire by effluxion of time, but are eligible for re-election, auditors for the ensuing year have also to be appointed." Chairman, in moving its adoption, congratulated the brethren on the position now occupied. The building was not quite free from debt, but much had been done in the past fifteen years, and the allotment of the remaining shares would enable the directors to look to a day in the near future when there would be a dividend payable. Everything was in first-class order, and but few expenses could arise in the ensning year. Bro. W. H. Burgess seconded the motion, and said he considered that it was the duty of young Craftsmen to come forward and take a portion-their just share-of what had hitherto been borne by their elders. They could congratulate themselves that practically the cost of the building was paid off, whilst they had a property which if placed in the market would realise more than its original cost. The motion was agreed to. The retiring directors were re-elected, on the motion of Bro. Thos. Lewis, seconded by Bro. Chisholm. Bro. C. E. Davies in supporting the motion urged on the new directorate the desirability of carrying out the long promised enlargement of the hall. He hoped before the next meeting they would hear of something being done in the direction of giving effect to the wish of a large number of the brethren. Bro. Burgess said the directors were aware of the desire, but they considered the young Craftsmen who had joined during recent years should come forward and take up the unallotted shares. When this was done he was quite certain the directorate would be most willing to entertain this proposal. Speaking personally, he could only say he would strongly oppose any extension of the building until these shares were taken up. The Chairman, speaking for the other directors, endorsed the remarks made by Bro. Burgess. Bros. Chisholm and McGrath were re-elected auditors. It was resolved :- "That the Secretary write to the Secretaries of the different Lodges arging on the brethren the necessity for taking up the unallotted shares."

A MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR NATAL.

WE are glad to notice that our energetic Natal brethren have moved in the direction of establishing an Educational Fund, A meeting of delegates from all the Maritzburg Masonic bodies, Scotch as well as English, was held on the 7th of July, and it was resolved that as an essential preliminary a scheme should be prepared, and a sub-committee was appointed for this purpose. This sub-committee reported to another meeting, held on the 4th of August, and as a result a scheme was formulated which we regard as founded upon very sound lines. We cannot do better than quote the report of the delegates as far as the general basis of the scheme is concerned. The clauses dealing with the constitution of the scheme run

1. "The Natal Masonic Educational Fund" is formed for the purpose of providing higher education for the children and orphans of reduced or deceased Masons only.

2. It was also unanimously considered desirable that all the Lodges and Chapters in the Colony should be asked to co-operate with the

City Lodges in establishing the Fund.
3. The delegates recommend that for the purpose of raising money for the Fund each Lodge be invited to contribute annual subscriptions (guaranteed for a period of not less than seven years) of a sum not less than say £10 10s; that the Royal Arch Chapters, as comprising members of all the Lodges, be requested to contribute a larger sum, and that the other Chapters be asked to subscribe such sums as their funds will allow of; and that Masons individually be asked for annual subscriptions, guaranteed if possible for three years, that being the minimum period for which it is intended to give education to each

4. It is also recommended that life governorships entitling to one vote at each election may be secured by a donation of £5 5s, and that perpetual votes may be secured to Lodges or Chapters by the by a public company. The tower directors had made preparations payment of £10 10s, and that annual subscribers of 10s 6d shall be entitled to one vote at each election.

5. The delegates deem it advisable that Masons' wives or widows he permitted to contribute to the Fund with the same privilege in voting as brethren.

6. In order to secure an Endowment Fund the delegates recommend that all monies received for life governorships and perpetual votes, and 25 per cent. of Lodge and Chapter subscriptions, shall be invested and the interest only used for annual expenditure, and further that each Lodge and Chapter be invited to make a special collection at the annual installation or other suitable occasion, and that the proceeds be devoted to the Eudowment Fund.

7. That there shall be no diversion of the capital of the Endowment Fund except by a majority of four-fifths of the total voting power of the subscribers.

8. That every Lodge and Chapter in the Colony be requested to appoint Stewards to specially advocate the scheme, collect subscriptions, and generally to forward the interests of the Natal Masonic Educational Fund.

With these recommendations we have but little fault to find, Clause 1, however, is treading on dangerous ground in stating that children of "reduced" Masons are to be eligible. We should strongly recommend our Natal friends, for the sake of avoiding future trouble, to more strictly define the conditions of eligibility. The word

or actually incapacitated from earning a living. We admit, however that there is something to be said for the wider view, but in any case the position taken up should be clearly defined. Clause 4 we think places the amount required for Life Governorships and Perpetua Votes far too low. The Life Governorships should not be less than £10 10s, and the Perpetual Governorships should be at least fifty guineas. It must be borne in mind that a Lodge is a perennial body, and may exist for hundreds of years. In the interests of a fund it is therefore hardly desirable that Lodges should have any inducement to commute their subscriptions on easy terms. We imagine, indeed, that there must be some error in the drafted report, for as it stands it fixes the Perpetual Vote for Lodges at the same figure as the annual subscription. This certainly requires looking into. Clauses 6 and 7 make extremely wise provision for an Endowment Fund, a point about which the Eastern Division strangely missed its way. It is the very height of imprudence in a country like this to live from hand to mouth. A strong reserve, which under ordinary circumstances cannot be touched, and yet is available in the presence of some special emergency, is an absolute necessity, and we are glad to see that our Natal brethren realise this. Clause 7 adopts perhaps the most effective way of safeguarding the Endowment Fund. The rules drafted for the administration scheme call for no special comment. They are, for the most part, conceived on the lines adopted in the Eastern Division. We congratulate our Natal brethren, foremost as they always are in Masonic progress, on having initiated a most praiseworty departure in a thoroughly businesslike manner .- S. African Freemason.

THE ABERDEEN AUXILIARY MASONIC BAZAAR.—A meeting of the ladies who are taking an interest in the bazaar which is to be held two months hence, in aid of the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund, took place in the Round Room, Music Hall Buildings, on Wednesday afternoon. There were about 80 ladies present, and Bro. Crombie, Chairman of the Committee, introduced Lord Saltoun the R.W.M. of the City Province. Colonel Lumsden, of Pitcaple, was present as representing the Province of Aberdeenshire West, and Aberdeenshire East was represented—in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Boyd P.G.M. -by Bro. William Ogston P.G. Secretary. Lord Saltoun apologised for his inability, through various causes, to meet the committee earlier, and said that his efforts on behalf of the bazaar would in future be proportionately redoubled. He feelingly spoke of the objects of the bazaar, and pointed out that, although none of them were likely to be in a position to require aid from the fund, yet there were many thousands of widows and orphans who, but for the operation of Masonic benevolence would be in absolute destitution. He intimated that Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, had consented to open the bazaar. The details of the arrangements were then talked over, and it was agreed to have eight stalls for the City Province and one each for East and West Aberdeenshire. On the motion of Colonel Lumsden, a vote of thanks was accorded to Lord Saltonn, and his lordship proposed a similar compliment to the ladies for their attendance.

The Provincial Grand Secretary of the Manx Freemasons, almost at the last moment, received a telegram from the Earl of Lathou, Deputy Grand Master of all English Freemasons, stating that the laying of the foundation stone of the Eiffel Tower at Douglas, with Masonic honours and ceremony, was indefinitely postponed. According to Masonic law and custom, certain defluite notice must be given before Masons as a body can adopt even initial steps to enable them to take part in a ceremonial of this kind. Under the laws and regulations of the Province of the Isle of Man at least ten days' notice must be given. The Earl of Lathom seems to have consented to perform the ceremony about a month ago, but the first official intimation to the Manx brethren was received on Tuesday, five days only before the day on which the ceremony was to have taken place. Hence the delay. In Douglas many prominent Masons think it quite out of place that, as a body, they should be called upon to take part in furthering what is, after all, only a business undertaking, promoted for an imposing ceremony.

FREEMASONS' ANNUITY FUND BAZAAR.—On the 11th instant the Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire addressed a circular to the office-bearers and members of the twenty-five different Lodges in the county, reminding them that the time fixed by Grand Lodge of Scotland for the bazaar to be held in Edinburgh was fast approaching. The object of the bazaar is to raise at least £10,000, which will be added to the Annuity Fund. This Fund is devoted to the relief, by way of anunities, of indigent Scottish Masons, their widows or childen, and several of such annuities have already been County. It is intended granted to persons in this that the Province of Forfarshire should provide one stall in the bazaar. Referring to this the Provincial Grand Grand Master says: I attended a meeting to-day (Wednesday), in Edinburgh, of the Bazuar Executive, presided over by Sir Archibald Campbell, but beyond the acts of one or two of the Lodges I could not render any favourable account of the work deng-far less could I say there was enthusiastic working-for the success of the Forfarshire Stall. Moreover, so few ladies have agreed to render any ssistance during the week of the bazaar in Edinburgh that really, unless a decided stand is at once made by one and all, "Our Stall" will be a failure."

Homeway's Obsticer and Phase Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breather "reduced" is a very elastic one. Is it intended to mean a condition of permanent incapacity, such as would follow insanity, paralysis, blindness, or the like, or is it designed to cover the far wider ground vulgarly but expressively designated as "hard uppishness?" If the latter, we fancy that the changing conditions of colonial life will render the task of the Board a very difficult and invidious one. Even at the risk of being considered somewhat harsh it would be better to limit the benefits of the Fand to children whose fatines are extent or contact and thus cares all diseased action, whether internal or external facilities are contact and thus cares all diseased action, whether internal or external facilities are contact and thus cares all diseased action, whether internal or external facilities are contact. limit the benefits of the Fand to children whose fathers are either acad human body, and thus cares all diseased action, whether internal or external

THE LATE EARL OF CARNARVON. MOURNING LODGE IN CAPE TOWN.

(Western Division), a "Mourning Lodge," in memory of the Rt. Hon. and M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master of England, was held at the Commercial Exchange. The proceedings were of a solemn and impressive character, and a remarkable feature about them was that they were graced by the presence of non-Masonic visitors, including a very large number of ladies. Mourning in some form or other was universally worn, the ladies appearing principally in black and white, whilst the Masons had their regalia swathed in crape. The building itself had been specially prepared for the occasion. The walls were draped with black and bore the "emblems of mortality" peculiar to the Craft; whilst in front of the platform a catafalque had been erected, the coffin being covered with a black velvet pall edged with white, an Earl's coronet being also placed at the head.

Shortly after eight o'clock, the Officers of the District Grand Lodge entered by the east door and marched in procession, headed by the District Grand Master (the Very Rev. Bro. C. W. Barnett-Clarke, Dean of Cape Town) to the daïs, the crowded audience uprising as they appeared. Amongst the Officers were Bros. A. B. Wright W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge, J. Gardner W.M. Lorne Lodge, Dr. R. H. Hazell W.M. British Lodge, J. F. Ornstien W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, C. J. Muller W.M. Lodge de Goede Hoop, O'D. Douallier representing the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, J.Q. Riddelsdell District Grand Secretary, &c. The general Masonic gathering was composed of members of all the Lodges in the district, besides visitors from Lodges in other parts of the world. At the organ was Bro. T. Barrow Dowling District Grand Organist, who had organised a choir from the Cathedral and from outside sources, Miss Rutherford kindly acting as soloist in the anthems. Mrs. Barrow Dowling presided at the piano-

forte.

The audience having been directed to be seated, the District Grand Master delivered an explanatory address, in which he re-called to memory the four previous occasions in which Mourning Lodges had been held in the Province, and said that they were of unusual occurrence, and were only held when the circumstances were, like those in the present case, of an exceptional character. Referring to Lord Carnarvon, he said his Lordship, as an undergraduate, was a model of a nobleman and a gentleman, and he maintained that character up to his death. He was a man of good repute, exemplary in conduct, courteous in manner, easy of address, a good man, a true man, a gentleman, and a nobleman. As a Freemason he was a bright example to the Brotherhood, and they had assembled to do him honour. In concluding, the District Grand Master offered his thanks to the Brethren under the Dutch Constitution and the Netherlands Constitution for the ready manner in which they had offered their sympathy to their English brethren in their sad loss by putting their Lodges into mourning. He had forwarded the letter received from the District Grand Lodge of the Netherlands to the Grand Secretary of England, who would lay it before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master. The Dean concluded by reading from the volume of the Sacred Law, which, he said, Freemasons revered and treated with the highest honour, Ecclesiastes xi. and xii. This was followed by the hymn "Days and moments quickly flying, blend the living with the dead," a service with responses (intoned by W. Bro. the Rev. R. R. Vyvyan), and the anthem "Praise his awful name" (Spohr) followed, after which the Grand Master descended from the daïs and placed upon the coffin a wreath, an example followed by several other brethren, one of whom placed in the centre of a white wreath, "the red rose of England." Psalm xc. was then read by the District Grand Chaplain (the Rev. Dr. Hewitt, of Worcester), after which W. Bro. O'D. Douallier, on behalf of the Dutch Lodges, delivered a brief but excellent address, in the course of which he recalled the fact that they had a few years ago welcomed in their midst the noble brother who had now died, or rather who had been born into immortality; and how impressed they all were with his modest, simple, courteous, and genial bearing. It was Lord Carnarvon's earnest exhortation to establish a common Masonic fund for South Africa that had resulted in the establishment of the Masonic Education Fund, and he pointed out to those present that perhaps the best memorial to their departed brother would be the enhancing of that Fund. At the present time, and in the presence of the great calamity that had fallen upon the district by the stoppage of the Union Bank, it was quite possible this Fund might be put to valuable use in relieving some poor widow or some suffering brother suddenly bereft of the necessary means to educate their children. He concluded by saying that he earnestly believed their dear brother now departed had taken his place in the Great Grand Lodge above, and if they followed in his footsteps they also might partake of the same exceeding great reward.

The hymn, "Our soul shall magnify the Lord," the anthem, "Blest are the departed" (Spohr), and another hymn, "Brief life is here our portion," were then sung, and were followed by a funeral oration, the orator being the D. Grand Chaplain. Taking as a text the words, "In the midst of life we are in death," Bro. Hewitt said:—When last this District Grand Lodge met, and it was my privilege to address you, it was an occasion of rejoicing, and all our ceremonies spoke of joy, of exultation, and of life. To-day we are surrounded by the emblems of sorrow, of mourning, and of mortality, and we are in the presence of death. Yet even on that festal day, could we but have seen it, the shadow of death was hovering over our Order; that 24th of June was the fifty-ninth anniversary of the birthday of our Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; on that day he was already laid low upon his bed of illness; and four days later came the closing scene of his earthly life—the day of his death—his birthday into life immortal. At the moment when we at our festive banquets were heartily wishing him health and presperity, the fiat had already gone

forth, "Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live." After dilating on the universality of death, the orator continued :-Here, indeed, meet on the level the prince and the peasant, high and low, rich and poor; the wise men also die and perish together as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches to others; for he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth, neither shall his pomp follow him. Virtue is the only true nobility, and does not bor ow, but sheds lastre upon the external advantages of rank and wealth, which shine with a loftier dignity in the persons of the virtuous and the honourable. And such was our departed Brother and Pro Grand Master the Right Honourable M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon. Right honourable indeed, not only in title but in character and in life, a "selfless man and stainless gentleman." Of illustrious descent, of the noble family of Herbert, a name as distinguished in literature in the persons of Lord Herbert, of Cherburg, and of the gentle George Herbert, the ideal "Country Parson," as in arms and in statesmanship, and numbering among its connections Sir Philip Sydney, Henry fourth Earl of Carnarvon was himself distinguished as an accomplished scholar, as an honourable and upright statesman, as a genial and courteous gentleman, and as an earnest and devont Churchman. As a scholar he was an author of no mean repute, and had filled the high offices of High Steward of the University of Oxford, as well as Chancellor of the University at the Cape; as a statesman he had served his Queen and country in the lofty position of Lord Lientenant of Ireland, and Secretary of State for the Colonies. But it is in his character as a Mason that we are specially met to deplore his loss. Here, too, his career was bright and distinguished. Initiated into Masonry in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, in 1852, he soon rose to prominence in the Order, and was appointed Deputy Grand Master by the Marquis of Ripon, and in this capacity installed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1875, in the presence of 8,000 Masons from almost all parts of the Empire. By the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales) he was himself appointed Pro Grand Master of England—an office which is only called into exercise when a Prince of the blood royal accepts the office of Grand Master. In this capacity he also presided during his visit to the Cape in 1887, at the consecration of the new temple of the British Lodge, and all who were privileged to meet him on that occasion will long remember his kindly words and genial courtesy. Long may his memory be cherished among Masons. His body is buried in peace, but his name liveth evermore. What are the lessons of his life to us? His death this Mourning Lodge has brought before us; the memento mori, which Masons should never forget, have reminded us afresh of the truth, so true yet so unwelcome, that in the midst of life we are in death. But has his life no lessons for us, who are as yet in the midst of life? My beloved brethren, is it fanciful to see in the motto of the noble house of Herbert the war cry of the family, which records, in quaint, chivalrous old Norman-French-Unje Serviraione will I serve—the unity of purpose which (I venture to think) was the guiding principle of Lord Carnarvon's life, the lesson which we as men and Masons may well learn from his distinguished career. This is not the place nor is this the time for political allusions, but may not we South Africans see in his unsuccessful scheme for the confederation of the South African Colonies and States another instance of his desire for conciliation and unification. It is not given to many of us to occupy positions of rank and influence such as his, but every one of us, each in his vocation and according to his opportunities, may learn to do what in him lies for the unity, and the softening of the asperities of life—social, political, and, may I add, religious. And for this end there must be a unity of purpose and of mind in ourselves—one must we serve, one must we fear. "Fear our God and know no other fear." Friend of our hearts, rest in peace, until, raised by the Great Master's word, mayest thou share with us the blessing of immortal life and unfading glory.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," some responses and a concluding prayer by the District Grand Chaplain; after which the District Grand Lodge retired, the audience again standing whilst the procession moved

down the Hall.

The collection in aid of the Masonic Education Fund amounted to about £17.—Cape Argus.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of this body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 17th inst., Companion James Crichton, Edinburgh, presiding. Charters were ordered to be issued to a new Chapter at Klerksdorp, to be named "The Hartley" Chapter, and another at Johannesburg, to be named "The John Saunders" Chapter—both in South Africa. The Chairman made suitable reference to the demise of Lord Rosslyn, Past First Grand Principal of the Order; and a resolution was adopted expressive of regret at the loss of this esteemed Companion, and of sympathy with his relatives; and the Grand Scribes were directed to transmit an excerpt thereof to the Dowager Countess.

IMPROVED CONTINENTAL SERVICE.—The General Steam Navigation Company have decided to run three passenger vessels every week between Hamburg and Harwich, in connection with the Great Eastern Railway Company, in place of two, as heretofore. Commencing on Tuesday, 7th October, the steamers will leave Harwich after arrival of the Continental trains from London, the Midland Counties, and the North of England, at 10 p.m. on Thesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and Hamburg after the arrival of the express train from Berlin and the North of Germany, at 10:45 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 27th September.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct

1679 Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. 1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1462 Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell

Monday, 29th September.

79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich 1745 Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
143 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 557 Valletort, M.H., Callingt n, Cornwall
M.M. 9 Forte cue, Masonic Hall, South Molton
M.M. 146 Moore, Atheneum, Lancaster M.M. 146 Moore, Atheuseum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 30th September.

141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleat Street 1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square

1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square

126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, B rnley
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310 Unio s, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
449 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M. H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1666 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1666 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
R.A. 645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H, Manchester
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chumbers, Chester

Wednesday, 1st October.

Grand Mark Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. 511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street 511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1298 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenaum, Athenaum, Camden Roat, N.
1585 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, S.W.
1842 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's
R.A. 55 Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 1328 Granta, Freemasons' Hall, W.G.
R.A. 1599 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
K.T. 129 Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

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137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274 Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hal, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, F.M.H., Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
606 Segontium, The Castle, Chrimivon
611 Lodge of the Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
6:5 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

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1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon 1091 Erme, Erme House, Tyyoridge, Devoit 1167 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick 1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandw.ci 1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street 1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea 1335 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan 1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh 136 Tynoall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodoury, Glos.

136. Tynoall, Town Hall, Choping Sodoury, Glos 1403 West Lancasnire, Commercial Hot, Oranskirk 131 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Soliculi 1549 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stammore 1620 Mariborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool 1615 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shitmwate 1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh 1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax 1797 Southdown, Hustpierpoint, Sussex Leonards, Concert Rouns, St. Leonards

1842 St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards 1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth-

2012 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

B.A. 3t) Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne

R.A. 51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, thoendale R.A. 86 Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton

R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds R.A. 342 Royal Sussex, 79 Commercial Rd., Portsea R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford R.A. 477 Fidelity, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead R.A. 1125 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Tiverton R.A. 1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Thursday, 2nd October.

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27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavorn, E.C.
192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
538 La Telerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1351 St. Clement Danes, 205 S rand
1539 Surrey Masor'e Hall, Masonie Hall, S.E.
1765 Trin'ty College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772 Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavorn, Milbank
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
R.A. 174 Sincerity, Ches. Cheese, Crutched Friars
24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle

24 Newenstle-on-Tyne, F.M. H., Newenstle
31 Un.tod Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Co.arcil Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
50 Knights of Mal a, George Hotel, Hinckley
123 Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorks
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249 Marinors, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
251 Trin ty, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Na thali, Masonic Hall, Hoywood
269 Fi eliby, Whi. 2 Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Whi. 2 Bull Hotel, Blackburn
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295 Combernere Union, Arms, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Pitt & Melson, Ashton-under-Lyne
310 Harmony, Red Lion, Farcham
317 Affability, Fi. oma 2023 Hall, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Abington Sweet, Northampton
425 Cestrian, Grossenor Hotel, Chester
443 Benevolent, To in Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
971 Tafalga; Commercial Street, Batley
776 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerses

639 St. Matthew, Dragon notes, witsain
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
971 T. Afalga.; Commercial Street, Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Barry
1074 Underley, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lons Iale
1088 Reyal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231 Sevile, Royal Hotel, Filland
1282 Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304 Olive Un on, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1304 Beaminster Manor, White Hart, Beaminster
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1334 Equity, Alforde Chambers, Wi ines
1473 Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1807 Loyal Wys, Builth, Breconsh re
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoeburyness
1829 Burroll, George Hotel, Shoreham
2943 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parade, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley
R.A. 116 Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Chartty, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 303 Chartty, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 304 Charty, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 518 Rectitude, Corpo at on Hotel, Ardwick
R.A. 758 Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Birningham
R.A. 1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birningham
R.A. 1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birningham
R.A. 1074 Beet ve, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Shodiold
M.M. 158 Rose and Thistle, 20 King Street, Wig in

Friday, 3rd October.

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746 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich 890 Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1489 M. of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, N. 1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar 1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Ancrey 2076 Quataor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. M.M. 8 Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester 21 Priendship, Freehasons Hatt, Matchester SI Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk 219 Prudence, Vasonic Hall, Todmorden 242 St. George, Guildtall, Doncaster 306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, K. Isall Street, Leeds

506 AHTCA, Assorte trait, K. Satt Street, needs 575 Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-ie-street 442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough 521 Truth, Freemasous' Hall, Huddersfield 574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Newbury CH St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellingson, Salop 650 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool 709 Juvicta, Runk Street Hall Ashford 837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon 839 Royal Gloucestershare, Belt Hotel, Gloucester 839 Royal Gloucestershire, Beli Horel, Gloucester 998 Welchpool, dailway Station, Welchpool 1096 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal 1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield 1333 Atheistan, Town Hall, Amerstone, Warwick 1387 Chorlton, Maso ic Rooms, Chorlton-c. m-Hardy 1528 Fort, M.H., Newqa vy Cornwall 1557 Afbert Edward, bush Hotel, Hexham 1561 Morecambe, Masome Hall, Morecambe 1618 Prince of Wales, Freemasors' Hall, Bradford R.A. 559 Pence, Freemasons' Ha'l, Southampton R.A. 712 St. James's, Jasonic Hall, Louth R.A. 1466 Hova V. a, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Saturday, 4th October.

General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4 1559 New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross 1572 Carne von, Alb on Tavera, Aldersgate-street 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camoerwell 1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton R.A. 173 Phonix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead 1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester 1567 Flliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham M.M. 14 Pirnce Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 27th September.

87 Vitruvian, Dake 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, Dovor Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Dake 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

Monday, 29th September.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
218 True Lovo & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
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
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 20/2 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
189 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1557 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1558 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1608 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 Porseverance, Deacon's 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 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30

Tuesday, 30th September.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.

177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30

141 Faith, Vieteria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Emphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cam on Town 8
241 Merchants, Misonic Hall, Leverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greybound Hotel,
Croydon, 8.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. W Hiam, Eagle Tay., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greybound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sideup, 7
860 Dalhonsie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Hearietta St., W.C., 8
1323 St. John, Misonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgeunder, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
173 Gootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1639 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tay, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
1463 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Mitropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Clapton, 8
18.A, 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
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Wednesday, 1st October.

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3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubileo, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inu, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadonhall St., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Telerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balhum, 7
751 Merchaut Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Joily 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 1972 St. Augustine, ansame man Cameroury, 5 of 1937 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hourds, Putney 1356 Toxteth, 149 N rth Hill Street, Liverpool, 730 1475 Peckham, 513 Old Kent Road, 8

1511 Alexandra, Horusea, Hull 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, 1604 Wanderers, S.W., 7:30

S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1664 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May F.dr, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2192 Warner, Bridge Chumbers, 16:2 Street, Walthamstow

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New Road
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1258 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
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1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45

1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1623 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
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1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 730
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
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R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
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M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30
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87 Vitruvian, Duko of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7-30

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
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