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LODGE DEBTS AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

A CASE of considerable importance to members of Masonic Lodges and Chapters was decided last week at the City of London Court, when a well known Masonic jeweller sued an individual member of a London Chapter for a sum of ten guineas—the price of two jewels supplied for presentation. In the course of the evidence it was admitted that an account had been sent in to the Chapter, and it was urged on behalf of the defendant that the Chapter was liable for the debt, and not he personally. This, it appears, is not the law of the land; Mr. Commissioner Kerr, whose judgments are invariably sound, remarking that a plaintiff in such a case had the right to sue any member of the Chapter he could get hold of, while if judgment were given against all the members of the Chapter as defendants, the plaintiff could then issue judgment against any one of them he chose. Under the circumstances, the solicitor for the defendant advised his client to consent to judgment, and seek his remedy elsewhere, and although in this particular instance the remedy may be easily forthcoming, the decision opens up a wide field for consideration, if not for actual alarm.

We think the general opinion enjoyed by Lodge or Chapter members is the same as that expressed on behalf of the defendant in this case. Most Masons recognise they are answerable for a share of their Lodge or Chapter debts, but few, we imagine, know they are individually liable to be sued, with no prospect of a victory by pleading they are one of many who owe the debt. This is not the first time we have had occasion to speak of the unsatisfactory basis on which the finances of Masonic bodies rest. It would be wrong to say that the majority of our Lodges and Chapters are in debt, but any one with experience on the subject will agree that a large number are financially involved, and now that so distinguished a judge has explained the law on the subject we may look for further developments, and, it may be, complications, in this respect. What with easy going Treasurers, obliging caterers, and enterprising jewellers, our Lodges and Chapters have every inducement afforded them for spending more than is actually in hand, and although subscriptions may be in arrear sufficient to cover the excess, they are not always a reliable asset, while the recent action in the City of London Court proves that liabilities stand, not only against the Lodge or Chapter as a body, but against individual members also. We cannot believe this discovery will be received with favour in many quarters, but if it will lead to improved financial practices it will not do any harm. One can imagine the feelings of a sensitive Mason when he sits down to an elaborate banquet at his Lodge—well knowing that credit will be taken for the account for a month or two—now that he understands the caterer has the

power of serving him with a writ for the whole amount the next day; and one can also picture the feelings of the proud Past Master retiring from the chair of his Lodge, and having the usual Past Master's jewel pinned on his breast—with all the fulsome flattery customary on such occasions—when he remembers that the jeweller may summon him next day in the local county court for the five or ten guineas charged for the bauble—as was done in the case already referred to. Really expensive entertainments and costly decorations will lose a large part of their charm when they bring with them such unpleasant considerations.

Looking at the matter from another point of view, we think the thanks of the Craft are due to the jeweller who figured in this case for having opened the eyes of Lodge and Chapter Members to the law on the point, and if ever a person was in the position of killing the goose that laid the golden eggs this is the one. Instances are by no means rare of jewels being ordered for presentation for which it was well known the Lodge or Chapter could not pay cash on delivery. In such cases individual members have been frightened to protest, lest they might be accused of disloyalty to the brother or companion to be testimonialised, but now they have such a good and sound excuse for personal protest as will, we imagine, be made use of when members of the mutual admiration society existing in Freemasonry desire to decorate each other at public expense, and on the credit of future income, Worshipful Masters and Principals will consider, too, the amount of risk they run in busying themselves with the ordering of their own presentations, even though they have the sanction of the Lodge or Chapter to pledge its credit. In the case more particularly referred to, the defendant had ordered the two jewels in dispute, and supplied the inscriptions to be engraved on them—one being for presentation to himself, the other for another member of the Chapter; and thus, by putting himself prominently forward, he was singled out for particular attention by the plaintiff. While we regret, then, that the case should have found its way into court, and should have been reported at length in outside papers, we look upon the matter as a blessing in disguise, so far as the Craft is concerned, but whether it will prove an unmixed advantage to those whose principal business with Freemasons is done on a credit basis yet remains to be seen. We predict otherwise, and we anticipate the day is not far distant when the plaintiff in this case will regret the action he took to recover his money, and so forcibly explained the law on the subject.

The Royal Kent of Antiquity Lodge, No. 20, has arranged with Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., for the delivery of his interesting Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic degrees in Freemasonry, at Chatham, on Wednesday, the 5th proximo.

ROME'S CONFLICT WITH FREEMASONRY.

BY BRO. H. J. WHYMPER, C.I.E.

"The greatest ambition of Freemasonry is the rooting out of Christianity: hence, there is continual war between it and the Papacy."—*M. di Gargano.*

IN the following article I propose to give merely a recitation of the most remarkable of the attacks of the Church of Rome on Freemasonry. The conflict will be found to have been very one-sided—the attack has been mainly by the church—the defence of Freemasonry has been more by the armour of good report than by any effort on its part. Individual Freemasons, it is true, have suffered much, but as an Institution Freemasonry has probably been beneficially advertised by Papal anathema.

Although I cannot believe there has ever been justification for the persistent manner in which the Church of Rome has belaboured our Order, on the other hand I cannot but think we first threw down the gauntlet by a declaration in one of our earliest printed Charges. Regarding this and other matters I will refrain as far as possible from expressing opinions of my own, but will confine myself very largely to stringing together bare facts, which constitute a part of Masonry's case against the government of this church, to which we must admit many of our most respected members belong. I was myself initiated into Freemasonry, passed and raised by a Roman Catholic Freemason, for whom, as well as for many other brethren of the same religious persuasion, I have a sincere respect. They, equally with other of our members, recognise there is a limit to the authority of any church in secular and social affairs, especially when such affairs are designed to support the State and to further morality.

The quotation at the head of this article is from a work entitled "Irish and English Freemasons and their Foreign Brothers," published in 1877, and affords some evidence that Rome continues to attack Freemasonry. The following are more of M. di Gargano's views:—

"English Freemasons live in a Christian country, Irish Freemasons live in a pre-eminently Catholic one, and in the midst of millions of the most religious Christians in the world; hence, leagued in a close brotherhood, guided and inspired by the worldly prudence of the serpent, they are obliged to mask and conceal, by sham and merely verbal changes in their Ritual, ceremonies, forms and expressions, that anti-Christian and anti-social spirit which is the very soul and essence of Freemasonry.

"On corporations, and poor law or mendicity boards, grand juries, railway and bank companies and public offices, he will find that system equally uniform in army, constabulary, law courts, elections, &c., &c., everywhere justice forgotten and merit overlooked for Masonic fraternal love, and I think he will agree with me that the Freemason is a public and private enemy of God and man."

It will not be uninteresting to briefly trace the history of this hostility.

The earliest record with which I am acquainted, pointing to an opposition between the Church of Rome and Freemasonry, exists in the second part of the sixth Charge in Anderson's 1723 edition of the Constitutions. Here we read:—

BEHAVIOUR after the LODGE is over and the BRETHREN not gone.

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent Mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his Occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free Conversation; for that would blast our Harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the Lodge, far less any Quarrels about Religion, or Nations, or State Policy, we being only, as Masons of the Catholic Religion above-mention'd; we are also of all Nations, Tongues, Kindreds, and Languages, and are resolv'd against ALL POLITICKS, as what never yet conduc'd to the Welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This Charge has been always strictly enjoy'd and observ'd; but especially ever since the Reformation in BRITAIN, or the Dissent and Secession of these Nations from the Communion of ROME.

There was no re-issue of the Constitutions until 1738,

and in that year the first Bull launched against Freemasonry was published by Clement XII.

This document, with its supporting edict, was printed two or three times last century, and I believe has been reprinted in some Masonic Magazines in this century, but it is still so little known to the majority of brethren that it is worth publishing in full. I have followed the translation as given in two Masonic Pocket Companions of last century.

Bro. Woodford said of Papal Bulls:—"They issue from the apostolic chamber or chancery at Rome, signed by the Pope, and sealed with a leaden seal, attached to the parchment by a thin chord of silk or twine.

"The Bullarium containing these Bulls is an immense work of many folio volumes."

Here is the earliest Bull censuring Freemasonry:—

The condemnation of the Society or Conventicles De Liberi Muratori or of the Free-Masons, under the Penalty of ipso Facto Excommunication, the Absolution from which is reserved to the Pope alone, except at the Point of Death.

Clement Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, to all the faithful of Christ, Health, and Apostolical Benediction.

Placed (unworthy as we are) by the Disposal of the divine Clemency, in the eminent Watch-Tower of the Apostleship, we are ever solicitously intent, agreeable to the Trust of the Pastoral Providence reposed in us, by obstructing the passages of Error and Vice, to preserve more especially the Integrity of Orthodox Religion, and to repel, in these difficult Times, all dangers of Trouble from the whole Catholic world.

It has come to our knowledge, even from public Report that certain Societies, Companies, Meetings, Assemblies, Clubs, or Conventicles, commonly called *De Liberi Muratori*, or *Free Masons*, or by whatsoever other Name the same in different Languages are distinguished, spread far and wide and are every day increasing; in which Persons of whatever Religion or Sect, contented with a kind of an affected Shew of natural Honesty, confederate together in a close and inscrutable Bond, according to Laws and Orders agreed upon between them; which likewise, with private Ceremonies, they enjoin and bind themselves, as well by strict Oath taken on the Bible, as by the Imprecation of heavy Punishments, to preserve with inviolable Secrecy.

We therefore revolving in our Mind the great Mischiefs which generally accrue from this Kind of Societies or Conventicles, not only to the temporal Tranquillity of the State, but to the spiritual Health of Souls: And that therefore they are neither consistent with civil nor canonical Sanctions; since we are taught by the Divine Word to watch, like a faithful Servant, Night and Day; lest this Sort of Men break as Thieves into the House, and like Foxes endeavour to root up the Vineyard; lest they should pervert the Hearts of the Simple, and privily shoot at the Innocent: That we might stop up the Broad Way, which from thence would be laid open for the Perpetration of their Wickedness with Impunity, and for other just and reasonable causes to us known, have by the Advice of some of our venerable Brethren of the Roman Church, the Cardinals, and of our own mere Motion, and from our certain Knowledge and mature Deliberation, by the Plenitude of the Apostolical Power, appointed and decreed to be condemned and prohibited, and by this our present ever-valid Constitution, we do condemn and prohibit the same Societies, Companies, Meetings, Assemblies, Clubs, or Conventicles, *De Liberi Muratori* or *Freemasons*, or by whatever other Name they are distinguished.

Wherefore all and singular, the Faithful in Christ, of whatever State, Degree, Condition, Order, Dignity, and Pre-eminence, whether Laity or Clergy, as well Seculars as Regulars, worthy all of express Mention and Enumeration, we strictly, and in Virtue of holy Obedience, command that no one, under any Pretext or Colour dare or presume the aforesaid Societies *De Liberi*, *Muratori*, or *Freemasons*, or by whatever other manner distinguished, to enter into, promote, favour, admit, or conceal in his or their Houses, or elsewhere, or be admitted Members of, or be present with the same, or be any wise aiding and assisting towards their meeting in any place; or to administer any thing to them, or in any manner, publicly or privately, directly or indirectly, or by themselves or others, afford them Counsel, Help, or Favour; or advise, induce, provoke, or persuade others to be admitted into, joined, or be present with this Kind of Societies, or in any Manner aid and promote them. But that they ought by all means to abstain from the said Societies, Companies, Meetings, Assemblies, Clubs, or Con-

venticles, under the Penalty of all that act contrary thereto incurring Excommunication *ipso facto*, without any other Declaration; from which no one can obtain the Benefit of Absolution from any other but us, or the Roman Pontiff for the Time being, except at the Point of Death. We will moreover command, That as well Bishops and superior Prelates, and other Ordinaries of particular Places, as the Inquisitors of heretical Pravity universally deputed, of what State, Degree, Condition, Order, Dignity, or Pre-eminence soever, proceed and inquire, restrain and coerce the same as vehemently suspected of Heresy, with condign Punishment: For to them and Each of them, we hereby give and impart free Power of proceeding, inquiring against, and of correcting and restraining with condign Punishments the same Transgressors, and of calling in, if it shall be necessary, the Help of the Secular Arm: And we will that printed Copies of these Presents, signed by some Notary Publick, and confirmed by the Seal of some person of Ecclesiastical Dignity, shall be of the same authority as original Letters would be, if they were shewn and exhibited. Let no one therefore infringe, or by rash Attempt contradict this Page of our Declaration, Damnation, Command, Prohibition, and Interdict: But if any one shall presume to attempt this, let him know that he will incur the Indignation of Almighty God, and of the blessed Apostles *Peter and Paul*.

Dated from *Rome at St. Mary's the Greater*, in the Year of the Incarnation of our Lord 1738, the 4th of the Calends of *May* (28th of *April*, N.S.), in the 8th of our Pontificate.

A. Card, Vice-Datary.
C. Amatus, Vice-Secretary.
Visa de Curia N. Antonellus.
The Place + of the Leadon-Seal
I. B. Eugenius.

Registered in the Secretary of the Briefs Office, &c.

In the above-mentioned Day, Month, and Year, the said Condemnation was fixed and published at the Gates of the Palace of the Sacred Office of the Prince of the Apostles, and in other usual and accustomed Places of the City, by me Peter Romolatus Cursitor of the most Holy Inquisition.

(To be continued.)

SCOTLAND.

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MEETING AT STRICHEN.

THE annual meeting of the Aberdeenshire East Province was held at Strichen, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Brother Boyd presiding. Bros. Colonel Skene of Lethenty Depute P.G.M., and C. J. Gordon of Cairness Substitute P.G.M., were also present, as were Bros. Lord Saltoun P.G. Master Aberdeen City Province and P.M. of Solomon Lodge, Crombie Depute P.G.M. Aberdeen Province, Byres Bazaar Secretary, and Palmer St. Machar. There were over 70 brethren from the various Lodges in the Province present. The R.W. Provincial Master, in the course of his opening remarks, congratulated the Fraser Lodge on the acquisition of such a spacious hall on so favourable terms, thanks to the generosity of the Secretary of the Lodge, Brother G. M. Chalmers. He referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of one of the Chaplains—Rev. Thomas Rogers, Fraserburgh, and intimated that he had issued a commission in favour of Brother the Rev. R. Goodwillie. He also issued commissions in favour of Brother Davidson R.W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, New Pitsligo, as S.W., and John Stewart R.W.M. Fraser Lodge, Strichen, as J.W. The meeting was addressed by Bro. Lord Saltoun and Bros. Crombie and Byres, Aberdeen, on behalf of the forthcoming bazaar to be held in Aberdeen, and reports were given in as to the progress of the work within the Province. By the vote of about three-fourths of the meeting it was agreed to accept the offer of the Aberdeen committee to assign a stall for Aberdeenshire East, and it was left with each Lodge to nominate one lady and assistants to take charge of the stall. A petition was read from the Office-Bearers of Fraser Lodge, to have their new Lodge-Room consecrated. The room is 33 feet long by 20 feet wide, and the ante-room 20½ feet by 14½ feet. Both rooms are elegantly furnished, and will provide a very suitable "abode" for the Fraser Lodge in future. The prayer of the petition was granted, and the consecration ceremony proceeded with. Bro. Rev. R. Goodwillie discharged the duties of P.G. Chaplain, Bro. H. Dimmer acting as Organist. Bro. Goodwillie delivered an address on the nature and objects of Masonry. At the close of the ceremony, the Prov. G.M. wished the Fraser Lodge every prosperity in their new rooms. The following elective Office-bearers were then appointed and obligated so far as they were present:—Bros. J. Hird (Peterhead) Treasurer, W. Park (Strichen) Senior Deacon, G. M. Chalmers (Strichen) Junior Deacon, W. Stuart (Peterhead) Architect, W. B. Wyness (Strichen) Jeweller, Jas. Gauld (New Pitsligo) Bible Bearer, John Stuart (Peterhead) Director of Ceremonies, W. Rennie (Fraserburgh) Sword Bearer, H. Dimmer (Peterhead) Director of Music, Thomas Auld (Strichen) Standard Bearer, Thomas Woodman (Strichen) Steward, Dryden (Peterhead)

I.G., R. Christie (Peterhead) Tyler. The R.W. the P.G.M. proposed the following motion:—"That it be remitted to the R.W. the Substitute P.G. Master, with the assistance of the R.W. the Masters of the Lodges in the Province, to inquire and report whether the benefits provided by the Friendly Society called 'The Keith Lodge, Peterhead,' can be made available to brethren in the Province who may apply for admission as members of it, and if so, on what terms, with power to enter into communication with the members or Office-Bearers of the Society on the subject, and with all other necessary powers." He stated that he, as one of the three remaining trustees of the fund, was perfectly willing that the charter and the whole of the documents connected with the constitution of the Society should be examined with a view to seeing whether the benefits inherent in the membership of the Society could not be extended to all Freemasons in Aberdeenshire East. After considerable discussion, the Worshipful Substitute Master undertook the office, suggesting, however, that in an intricate question, such as the charter of the Society apparently was, it would be advisable to have the best legal advice before any definite step was taken in the direction of altering the destiny of the funds. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments in the Town-Hall, which were purveyed by Brother Morrice, of the Freemasons' Inn.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE TEMPLE, IN SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of the Temple in Scotland, to celebrate the festival of the Holy Cross, and elect Officers for the ensuing year, was held in the Star Mason Hall, 12 Trongate, Glasgow, on Saturday, the 20th ult., attended by a full representation of the subordinate Encampments. The Grand Encampment was opened in ample form by Major John Crombie M.E.G.M. The minutes of last Grand Encampment having been read and approved, the M.E.G.M. delivered his annual address, which was received with hearty approbation, and ordered to be printed and distributed in the subordinate Encampments. The reports of the various Grand Committees were received and accepted, and a Subcommittee, consisting of Fraters M. M'B. Thomson, of Ayr; Samuel Ross, Newmilns; John R. Jarvie, Cambuslang; and John Liddell, Glasgow, was appointed to meet and confer with the committee appointed by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as to the union of the two bodies upon the Royal Arch degrees, and report at next Grand Encampment. Fraters Major Peter Spence, Adam Nish, James Douglas, and John Gibson, of Airdrie Encampment, were elected Knights Grand Cross. The Grand Encampment expressed their sorrow and regret for the death of Frater David Kay, of the Ayr Encampment, and ordered that an extract of the minute be sent by the Grand Recorder to the family of the deceased Frater. The following Fraters were then elected Officers of Grand Encampment for the ensuing year:—Major John Crombie Most Eminent Grand Master, Matthew M'B. Thomson Grand Representative, Samuel Ross Depute Grand Master, Thomas Y. Leitch Grand Marshal, John R. Jarvie Captain-General, Adam Nish Central Captain, Robert M'Kelvie Grand Recorder, William Young Grand Treasurer, John Jamieson Prelate, Robert M'Jay Captain of Blue, Charles M'Andrew Captain of Red, James Gold Captain of Black, James Andrew Grand Jeweller, Alexander H. Martin Bearer of Vexillum Belli, John Gibson Sword Bearer, James Jack Standard Bearer, James Douglas Conductor, John Liddell Receiver, William Kay and Philip Murray Ushers, John Ferguson Herald, Andrew M'Lelland Sentinel. After the transaction of routine business, the Grand Encampment was closed in ample form by the M.E.G.M.

Overtures have been made by a body styling itself the Early Grand Chapter of Scotland, proposing a basis of union between that body and the Supreme Grand Chapter. A committee having been appointed to confer, there may thereafter be some report on the subject. St. John (3 bis) was the first Lodge which wrought the Mark degree as a part of St. John's Masonry. They were interdicted by the P.G.L., and an appeal having been made to the Grand Lodge, St. John (3 bis) proved that the Mark was the completing part of the second degree. The Mark thus came to be wrought in Lodge as well as Chapter, and an agreement was made between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Scotland that these Grand bodies "shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the degree." Is then, the motion to be brought up at the meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter competent without the Grand Lodge being first consulted?—"That certain words be deleted from Mark instructions." The Mark degree was introduced into England with a charter granted by a subordinate Chapter meeting in Aberdeen, named Bon Accord, and from that small beginning has developed the present Grand Mark Lodge of England. The following communication, dated 1877, and emanating from the office of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, London, may be of interest. The letter is addressed to Bro. Thomas M. Campbell P.M. 408 (his son is the present R.W.M. of 408), and signed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, the then Grand Secretary:—"Our Lodges receive as visitors all brethren duly advanced as Mark Master Masons under any legal and recognised jurisdiction holding rule over the Mark degree. The Grand Lodge of Scotland is a body which recognises the Mark degree as a portion of ancient and universal Masonry. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland does the same. Therefore, in our Lodges, brethren or companions hailing from either, and producing the regular diploma, and proving themselves to be Mark Master Masons, are, as a matter of courtesy, received as visitors under our jurisdiction."—*Glasgow Evening News*.

BIRTH.

EVERITT.—At Church End Finchley, on the 25th ult., the wife of Bro. Frank C. EVERITT, of a Daughter.

THE DECADENCE OF LODGES.

THE heading of this article designates a process which is unfortunately constantly going on in our midst, more frequently perhaps in this and other colonies than at Home, owing doubtless to the changeful conditions of colonial life. It is a process which is sometimes inexplicable, and, we venture to say, always or nearly always avoidable, by proper means, but it goes on all the same, not only in little villages in which one can easily understand that some social revolution, or perchance the cessation of some personal influence, may have dire effect, but in large towns where there are large numbers of brethren, old and well established Lodges, and a large reserve of likely material in the quarries. We have in our mind's eye just now two Lodges having old numbers, situated in flourishing commercial towns, and possessing a record of good corporate and individual effort in Masonry, Lodges which have had at one time muster rolls running into the three figures, and have turned out some of the best Masons of the day, but which are nevertheless in that state of suspended animation which, but for the fact that it preserves the germ of a possible future revival, is of little more avail than total annihilation. One has not had a quorum for business for several months, and both have had to depend on outside help on the very occasions upon which they have had any work to do. No one attempts to stay the process of decay; old Past Masters, of whom there are many in both Lodges, quietly stand aloof, keep away from Lodge, and take refuge in the selfish plea that younger hands must do the work—a plea which means, when correctly translated, "that having obtained all the available honours, they care nothing for anything else." Now this process of decadence is one not only opposed to all the traditions of the Craft, but guarded against by the Constitutions as carefully as human wit can devise. Every provision is made to ensure permanency in our institution by a wise mixture of both the personal and popular element in government, and by a graduated chain of executive responsibility regularly graded from the Grand Master himself downwards to the humblest Tyler of the smallest Lodge. We have,—and in this connection we refer especially to the English Constitution,—just enough of the personal element to guard us from undue risk of having our equilibrium disturbed by the evanescent gusts of popular feeling; whilst, on the other hand, there is sufficient of the democratic in our laws to establish our institution on a broader basis than the personal ability or influence of one man. A Grand Master, one of his Deputies, or the W.M. of a private Lodge may die or retire, and yet every provision is made for carrying on the chain of power unbroken. "The king is dead, long live the king," marks the Masonic polity everywhere, and the Masonic institution, whether as a whole or in any of its component parts, is meant to for ever continue its course as one unbroken entity. And there should be surely sufficient enthusiasm amongst us to provide the motive power for our very excellent machinery, sufficient of Masonic feeling to ensure that Masons having once enrolled themselves in the Order should continue to march under its banner until it pleases the Great Architect of the Universe to call them hence; sufficient of *esprit de corps* to bring forth an endless succession of Craftsmen ready to take their place, at those working benches which death, sickness, or removal have left without occupants. If a Lodge has once been started in a town, it should be a point of honour with every one concerned to keep it going. No Craftsman, old or young, has any right to shirk his duty, and the surrendering of a charter, or the perfunctory retention of one, ought to be regarded with a feeling akin to that which swells up in the breast of a soldier when he surrenders the colours of his regiment to the hands of the enemy. Now and then, in very exceptional instances, it may happen that so great a social and commercial revolution may sweep over a town as to reduce it from the position of a fairly populous commercial centre to that of an insignificant village, and in such a case we may fairly condone the passing away of a Lodge with the verdict of death from natural causes, without casting blame upon any individual members. But such events are, even in Colonial life, very few and far between. Towns experience vicissitudes certainly, such as may fairly be taken as excuses for a manifest decrease in the prosperity of Lodges, but they are very, very rarely so sweeping as to furnish an explanation of the complete decadence of one flourishing

institution. No, the causes must be sought elsewhere. In the first place Lodges are too frequently warranted in communities too small to ensure their permanency under difficulties which may arise; and in the second the members of Lodges, both those on the dais and those on the floor, too often fail utterly in their duty, and desert their posts at the first stress of bad weather. And from what directions may these signs of bad weather come? From every point of the compass. Past Masters go through the Chair, sport the level, or perchance the purple, and the Lodge knows them no more; financial burdens are rashly incurred, and when creditors begin to press, the weakened of the generation, like rats, desert the sinking ship; Lodges are worked in one miserable routine, offering no inducement to the young and aspiring to take any interest in the meetings, and the most promising Craftsmen drop out of the ranks: dissensions arise, and the "cranks" straightway forget all the lessons of brotherly love they are supposed to have learnt, and at once take their names and influence off the books; bad material is let in and good material squeezed out; and last but not least each Lodge is left to struggle along in its own isolated course without that moral and material support from headquarters which it has a right to expect but never gets. These are some of the breakers upon which the good ship Masonry so often wrecks, and into their incidence and the best modes of avoiding them we shall, according to our lights, make it our business to enter in our next leading article. Until then we part in peace, love, and harmony.—*South African Freemason.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE "HUB" (or BOSTON) MS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our friend Jacob Norton is such an inveterate joker that I hardly know whether to take his effusion in your last number seriously or not. Rightly or wrongly, I have always understood that the title "Hub of the Universe" was first applied to the city of Boston, U.S., by some 4th of July orator in an unusually "spread-eagle" speech, and that the epithet has since stuck to it in genial derision. Certain I am that no Englishman ever uses the term without metaphorically placing his tongue in his cheek. I was under the impression, when I protested against the name, that its use would rather grate on the ears of a Bostonian. Bro. Norton says not. Are we to accept his assurance, or is he poking some more fun at us? If not, then let it be "Hub," by all means! Only I can assure all whom it may concern that the title will always raise a smile, and a rather broad one too, on this side of the water. Will some member of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge say if the title is really approved by them?

But when Bro. Norton charges me with arbitrarily changing the name of the Cooke MS., he brings an absurdly false accusation. In the index of Vol. II. of our Reprints it is entered as the "Matthew Cooke MS.," and the same title is preserved in the heading to my Commentary, and in both cases the words "Add. MS. 23,198," are added in italics, that being the only name by which it would be recognised at the British Museum should any reader wish to view it. Perhaps Bro. Norton was not aware of this little fact. It is a pity, because otherwise he would hardly have written his absurd diatribe. In my Commentary I usually speak of the MS. by its well known name, but I occasionally do use the official number in order to avoid tautology.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH.

Freemasonry is a growing power in Australia. Many of the leading men, Governors like Lord Carrington, and Judges like Chief-Justice Way, of South Australia, are prominent Masons; but I have just heard of two neophytes of the Craft who will certainly be welcomed, but whose reason for being initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry is not a common one. These are Dr. Keunion, Bishop of Adelaide, and Captain Anstruther Thompson, aide-de-camp to the Earl of Kintore.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE hundred and fifth anniversary of this, the mother Lodge of the Province of Derbyshire, was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, when there was a large and influential attendance from all parts of the county. Amongst those who accepted invitations were the following Worshipful Masters:—Bros. J. Fisher (Royal Sussex), H. Salisbury (Peveril of the Peak), J. T. Windle (Scarsdale), G. S. Smith (Lodge of Repose), Baxter W. Pike (Hartington), John Dawes (Arkwright), T. Stacey (Carnarvon), C. H. Glossop (Dorothy Vernon); and the following Past Masters, viz., Brothers T. Hall, J. P. Hall (P.P.G.A.D.C., Staffs), J. H. Orme (Buxton), W. Naylor, Severn Taylor, E. Horne, P. Wallis, J. O. Manton, H. B. Boag (Matlock), R. B. Orme (Bakewell), A. Woodiwiss, W. J. Piper, T. Cox, W. H. Marsden, J. Cutting, J. W. Brigg, F. Stone, J. H. Richardson, J. Copestick, C. Webster, James Worsnop, &c. The W.M. elect was Brother Abram J. Flint, and the installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Brother J. H. Clarke P.G. Assistant Secretary the I.P.M. Subsequently the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Brothers the Rev. Herbert Price S.W., the Most Hon. the Marquis of Granby J.W., William Naylor Treasurer, E. M'Innes Secretary, the Rev. T. B. Mundy Chaplain, Edgar Claye S.D., F. E. Taylor J.D., W. H. Marsden Organist, E. R. Ward D. of C., W. H. Wheeldon Inner Guard, H. T. George and H. Litherland Stewards, W. Stone Tyler. On the motion of Brother the Rev. H. Price, seconded by Brother T. Cox, a subscription was voted towards the fund for the restoration of Peterborough Cathedral. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet. The usual toasts were afterwards drunk, the health of the Worshipful Master and of the Immediate Past Master being heartily received. The proceedings were marked by an interesting speech on Masonry by Brother the Rev. T. B. Mundy. The musical arrangements of the evening were excellent, a well arranged programme being carried out by a party of brethren, vocalists and instrumentalists, under the conductorship of Brother W. L. Dodd.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 507.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 25th September, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. H. E. Cockell. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. H. G. Bowles was passed to the second degree. Mr. John Alexander Laing and Mr. George Beste were candidates for initiation, and having been unanimously elected, they were initiated by the W.M. At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and the toast of the Queen and the Craft having been accorded proper Masonic honours, the W.M. proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, observing that His Royal Highness was one of the most worthy Officers in Masonry, and he showed more interest in its work than any other personage in so exalted a position had ever done before. It was very gratifying to them to have the future King of England at the head of Freemasonry. The next toast was that of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, in introducing which the W.M. said that at this time a special but melancholy interest attached to this toast of the Grand Officers. The Craft had recently lost a Pro Grand Master who had filled the position in the most eminent way, and who had proved himself an illustrious Englishman and a splendid Mason. He referred, of course, to the late Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and he suggested that under the circumstances the toast should on this occasion be drunk in silence. Bro. Terry I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, not only did his duty most thoroughly, and presided over their meetings in the most happy and genial manner, but had also introduced his wife and her friends to give them further pleasure by their sweet music. He trusted that after a successful year of office Bro. Cockell would long remain with the Lodge as one of its most honoured Past Masters, and they all wished him and his wife a long life of happiness. Brother Cockell W.M. expressed himself deeply sensible of the kind things that had been said of him and of the hearty way in which the toast had been received. He had only done what he always endeavoured to do, and that was to throw himself earnestly into any matter that he took in hand. He held that if a person took any office he should discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability; and he could ask them with great confidence to pardon his shortcomings, because he could assure them that he did his best. He thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which they had recognised his efforts. The Initiates was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said that they always had very great pleasure in welcoming new comers on joining the Craft, and in the gentlemen who had joined that day he thought the Lodge fortunate in having two most promising initiates. Bros. Laing and Beste briefly responded. The Worshipful Master then gave the Visitors, to whom, on behalf of the Lodge, he tendered a hearty and cordial welcome. It delighted the United Pilgrims to have visitors at their table. Bro. John Seex, J.P. (Mayor of Reigate), and each of the visitors present said a few kindly words in response, Bro. B. Martell adding, that it had afforded him very much pleasure to witness the regular and perfect manner in which the work of the Lodge was carried out. In submitting the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master expressed his great indebtedness to the Past Masters of the United Pilgrims, and said that everything he knew he owed to them. Certainly no Lodge could be better favoured in its Past Masters, and they were all splendid Masons. Bro. Cooper P.M., in returning thanks, took occasion to express his very sincere appreciation of the sympathy expressed by the Lodge on his recent domestic troubles. Bro. H. E. Joyce P.M. also thanked the brethren for the way in which they had

received this toast, and said that that night would be a red letter night with him. It had given him intense pleasure that one of his own chicks had been in the chair that night, and had occupied it in a manner that was a credit to the Lodge. It was to him a source of great pride that a gentleman whom he had introduced to the Lodge, and whom he had initiated when he occupied the chair, had attained the position of Worshipful Master and had acquitted himself in a way that was a credit to Masonry. Referring to a vote passed by the Lodge to support the candidature of a grand daughter of Brother Cooper for the Girls' School, her father, who was also a Mason, having been suddenly called to his rest while yet a young man, Bro. Joyce said that the young members did not know how much the Lodge was indebted to Bro. Cooper. It was really he who resuscitated the Lodge, and sorry indeed was he (Bro. Joyce) to know that their worthy brother now needed their assistance. He was certain, however, that that assistance would be given by the members of the Lodge to the utmost of their power. It did them good to be kept up to work of this kind, thus carrying out the true Masonic feeling of brotherly love, relief and truth. Alluding again, in conclusion, to the happy success of the W.M., he said he should be much mistaken if this year did not prove one of the brightest in the annals of the United Pilgrims Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and said he had to congratulate himself on having the most zealous body of Officers that any Master could possess. Bro. Joyce acting S.W. and other Officers replied. A special feature of the evening's proceedings was a very choice selection of music, rendered by the W.M., Mrs. Cockell, Miss Kathleen Grant, Bro. C. M. Ohren, and Bro. Bishop Organist. Bro. Thornbury contributed two humorous recitations, in excellent form, and the success of the gathering was also greatly enhanced by the labours of Bro. Joyce P.M., who, combining the offices of S.W. and Steward, was unceasing in his efforts to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 551.

AN interesting gathering took place on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ventnor, when Bro. J. J. Williams, who is leaving for Queensland, was presented with an album, containing between 30 and 40 cabinet portraits of the members of the above Lodge; also with a picture copy of the Lodge banner. The portraits and album were supplied by Bro. Porter.

HINDPOOL LODGE, No. 1225.

ON Tuesday, the 16th ult., Bro. T. Pollitt was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The Installing Officers were Bro. G. Cornfield P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. W. Turvey Prov. G.S., and they went through the ceremony with marked efficiency. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. J. B. Tonge S.W., E. C. Caton J.W., E. H. Barnett P.M. Treasurer, T. L. Philipps Secretary, A. Naylor P.M. D.C., J. Warbrick S.D., R. Mason J.D., S. S. Lord Organist, E. Kendall I.G., H. A. Stamper S.S., Plato Harrison J.S., James Artis Tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the Strawberry Hotel, where Bro. F. Bell provided in a way which even exceeded his past very successful efforts at catering. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several of the brethren sang excellent songs during the evening.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 16th ult., when there were present:—Bros. Theodore H. Tilton W.M., Fred Kedge I.P.M., A. Clark P.M. acting as S.W., J. B. Grievie acting as J.W., J. B. Cumming Treasurer, G. Reynolds Secretary, G. H. Reynolds S.D., J. Rowe acting as J.D., G. A. Bergholz acting as I.G., H. Schartau P.G. Organist Middlesex, Brackstone Baker P.G.D. P.M., G. T. A. Atkinson, A. H. P. Snow, B. R. Paul, F. J. Hansen, C. O. Burgess, E. Jessurem, H. Bagge, Victor L. Huray, A. Barie, H. Daniell, W. G. L. Harvey, Stanley Spooner, W. J. Thrassell and G. A. M. Bowles. Visitor, Bro. J. T. Laing 452. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Letters and telegrams were read from many brethren regretting their absence from the Lodge on account of being away in the country. On the motion of Bro. Brackstone Baker P.M. the report of the Committee on the revision of the Bye-laws was postponed till the next meeting. At the request of the W.M. (who was unwell) the chair was taken by the I.P.M. Bro. Fred Kedge. Bro. W. G. L. Harvey, B.A., was passed to the second degree, and Bros. A. H. Snow, A. Barie, G. A. M. Bowles and Frantz J. Hansen were raised to the degree of Master Masons. The whole of the work of the two degrees was impressively rendered by the I.P.M. Bro. F. Kedge. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton W.M. resumed the chair of K.S. Bro. Brackstone Baker P.M. read a letter from the R.W. Bro. McCalla of Philadelphia, regretting that he was unable to be present at the Lodge meeting. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the third Tuesday in October.

AVON LODGE, No. 1633.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 22nd September, at the Wheat Shoaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester. Present—Bros. Charles Sweinn W.M., W. T. Farrington S.W., J. T. Kenworthy J.W., A. B. Whettaker P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Brown P.M. Secretary, W. Battersby S.D., W. T. Allist P.M. acting J.D., George Macfarlane P.M. Director of Ceremonies, A. Jacobson I.G., C. Harwood Organist, Wm. Bostock P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer; P.M.'s Wm. Craven, A. T. Forrest, Thos. Cavanah, J. C. Curtis, Jno. C. Walker, W. Padget and others. Visitors—Bros. J. Aldred P.M. 1140, Nathan Denham (Fidelity), Blackburn, R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c. The brethren met at 6.15 for tea, and shortly after 7 the Lodge was opened in due

form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Robert W. Aitchison formerly of the Dunbar Castle Lodge, Scotland, as a joining member, and announced favourable. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Phillip Fitz Simon, professionally known as Mr. Phil Hermann, and being announced in his favour, he was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master in a highly satisfactory manner. The S.W. Bro. Farrington delivered the E.A. Charge to Bros. Fitz Simon and Walker. Bros. Smidt and John Charles Walker, being candidates for passing, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the first degree, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. Bro. W. T. Allitt P.M. passed Bro. Smidt to the degree of Fellow Craft, and a similar honour was conferred upon Bro. John Charles Walker by the Worshipful Master. The whole of the work was well done and gave universal satisfaction. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.20. At the social board, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, the health of the initiated and newly passed brethren were proposed and responded to.

CLAPTON LODGE, No. 1365.

ON Thursday, the 25th ult., the members held their installation meeting at the Great Eastern Hotel, when Bro. W. D. Church was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Several joining members were admitted, and proposals were received for five other joining members and six candidates for initiation. The members of the Lodge and a large array of visitors sat down subsequently to an excellent banquet. The only drawback to the enjoyment of the evening was the absence of Bro. Blackburne, the Treasurer of the Lodge, who had suffered a heavy bereavement by the loss of his wife, who died the day before the meeting. A vote of condolence was passed in open Lodge, and forwarded to him with the sympathies of all present. The banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. J. A. Grew, the manager.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE October meeting of this Lodge was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Wednesday evening. Bro. H. J. Thrower W.M. presided, and the Lodge was in double mourning, viz., for the late Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and Bro. E. Walker, a Founder and Past Master of the Lodge. The business included the passing of Bros. W. R. B. Dellar, L. Nehm, and O. W. Braine; and the initiation of Mr. J. L. Nurcombe. On the motion of Bro. L. Stean P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Funston P.M., it was unanimously resolved as follows:—"That this meeting desires to express to the widow and children of the late Enoch Walker, Esq., a Founder and Past Master of this Lodge, its sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement and great loss. The deceased had with sage advice, generously and cheerfully rendered at all times, assisted the Past Masters and Brethren in promoting the prosperity of the Lodge, and maintaining a spirit of charity and fellowship. The Brethren will long mourn the loss of their deceased Past Master and Brother, who had deserved and gained their love and esteem." It was further resolved that a copy of this resolution, neatly written and framed, be presented to the family of the deceased. The Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.—Held at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116 High Street, Lewisham, on Thursdays, at 8 p.m. On the 18th inst., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. elect Bro. Walter Robin, the Preceptor Bro. James Stevens occupied the chair of K.S., and the Lodge was worked in the third degree, the brethren remaining beyond the usual hour of closing to discuss several important points in connection with the ceremony, to the advantage of all present. On the 25th Bro. Robin presided, and sections and ceremonial of the first degree were very effectively worked. There were present Bros. J. La Feuillade S.W., C. G. Sheppard J.W., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, J. Gleaves S.D., T. White J.D., S. Lancaster P.M. I.G., James, Clarke and others. Bro. La Feuillade was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after the election of a new member, the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—The drama of modern life that Messrs. Robert Buchanan and Fred Horner have evolved from M. Daudot's "La Lutte pour la Vie" is a powerful and interesting composition, and being admirably acted as regards its principal characters, and magnificently mounted, it bids fair to become a very popular performance. The triumphs of the piece are fairly divided between Mr. George Alexander and Miss Genevieve Ward, who, as M. and Madame Paul Astier, are the central personages of the piece. Mr. Alexander's rendering of the heartless man of the world, who sacrifices everybody to his ambition and pleasures, is in the highest form of art, while his enunciation of what may be termed up-to-date philosophy is remarkably clever and consistent. Miss Ward represents the forgiving wife with a noble and touching dignity that is highly effective, the scene between husband and wife in the third act being tragic in its intensity. The part of Lydie Vaillant is prettily and pathetically played by Miss Laura Graves, and a clever sketch is given by Mr. A. Chevalier as Chemineau. Miss Alma Stanley is a stately Esther de Sélony, and Miss Kate Phillips brightens up the somewhat sombre story as the lachrymose Maréchal. Mr. Nutcombe Gould as Vaillant, Mr. Frederick Kerr as Caussade, Mr. Bucklaw as Védrine and Mr. Geo. Capel as Hourtebrise must also be mentioned for the per-

fect manner in which they present the subordinate characters. The applause with which the performers were received at the termination of each act abundantly testified to the appreciation of the audience.

It is now finally arranged that Mrs. Langtry, who has secured a lease of the Princess's theatre, will present a highly elaborate revival of Shakespeare's tragedy "Antony and Cleopatra" early in November, when the fair managress will sustain the part of "The Serpent of Old Nile." It is about seventeen years ago since the piece was last performed in London, when it was played at Drury Lane, under Mr. F. B. Chatterton's management, with Mr. James Anderson as the love-lorn Antony and Miss Wallis as Cleopatra.

Terry's.—Mr. Edward Terry returned to his popular little Theatre in the Strand on Monday night. Pending the putting his house in order, and taking the measure of the new members of his company, we are inclined to think he has done wisely in reviving Mr. Pinero's "Sweet Lavender." There have been important changes in the cast. Mr. W. H. Vernon is Mr. Geoffrey Wedderburn; Mr. H. Reeves Smith appears as Clement Hale; Mr. Julian Cross is Dr. Delaney; Mr. Henry Dana takes the good natured American, Horace Bream; Miss Dolores Drummond is Mrs. Gillillian; and Mrs. F. H. Macklin, Ruth Rolt. Minnie Gillillian and Sweet Lavender now fall to Miss Marie Linden, a most sympathetic actress, and to Miss Elinore Leyshon, whose modest and gentle style and sweet voice are exactly suited to the pretty landlady's daughter. Still Mr. Terry must not be sluggish; we want to see more of his imitable creations, such as we love "Sweet Lavender."

Strand Theatre.—"The Mohawks," Islington's Minstrel Band, visited this Theatre on Monday afternoon. Under "interlocutor" Harry Hunter the first part of the programme was well sustained; the efforts of Mr. Frank Elsworth, Mr. A. Fowles, Master F. Bentley, and Mr. W. Lawson being especially well recognised. Later on, the beautiful glee, "By Celia's Arbour" was given by Messrs. Russon, Lawson, Gordon, and Oliver, in an admirable manner. Nor were the instrumentalists behind the singers in point of merit, for, while the accompaniments were well played, Mr. E. Knott highly distinguished himself in the performance of an elaborate horn solo, Compositions, especially written, were given with power by the company's "Band of Banjos," while the comic business was well sustained throughout. "Little Thomas" and Walter Howard are never at a loss to amuse. Messrs. G. D'Albert and Johnny Schofield are clever dancers; Messrs. Drew and Alders are novel in acrobatic feats. "Musical Madness," and the burlesque "Prof. Eddie Ken," by Edmund Forman, complete the programme.

Mr. Harry Hunter announces his Annual Benefit for Thursday next, when we are sure his many friends and supporters will assemble at the Agricultural Hall to do him honour. A splendid programme has been issued.

The Royal Aquarium.—To find an exhibition of the "side-show" order which is really worth the money charged for admission is a refreshing novelty, but that the Westminster Aquarium now possesses such a rarity all who have had the good fortune to see the Mystic Muriel fairly admit. Muriel herself is sufficiently attractive to draw large audiences even with a poor programme, but when we say that she is very rapid and accurate in the usual clairvoyance business, only performed by her to show by contrast the science of true "thought-reading," of which even Stuart Cumberland admits that she is a mistress, and that in addition to these she performs all the cabinet manifestations of the Davenport Brothers *without getting untied*, we think it will be granted that the entertainment is well worth the modest sixpence charged for admission. In her cabinet manifestations Muriel is tied up by members of the audience, using any knots they please, with strips of unbleached calico torn from the original piece in their presence; her wrists are bound separately then lashed together behind her and tied back to a firmly-fixed upright stake, her feet tied together and the bandage nailed to the floor: she is also tied tightly round the throat and shoulders to the stake, and round the knees to her chair. Whilst thus securely fastened she manages to ring a large bell, blow a penny trumpet, and rattle a tambourine at the same time; write on a slate any sentence dictated by the audience; drink a glass of water placed on her lap (in spite of the surgical bandage tightly tied round the throat); and finally to dress up one or more members of the audience placed blindfolded in the cabinet with her, and borrow their watches if they have any. The audience are allowed to examine the knots as often as they please, and go around or even under the cabinet whilst the manifestations are in progress. We are informed that Muriel will shortly add a new item to her programme, thought-reading *without contact*, the specialité of Omofroff, the Russian.

The autumn dramatic season has now set in, and in another few days all the theatres will be in full swing. This (Saturday) evening the brilliant Gaiety, appropriate name, opens its doors with a new burlesque by Messrs. George R. Sims and Henry Pettitt, entitled "Carmen up to Date," in which Miss Florence St. John, Mr. Arthur Williams, and a specially selected company will appear. Mr. Beerbohm Tree returns with "A Village Priest" to the Haymarket; and the same evening will witness the transfer of "Sweet Nancy" to the Royalty. On the 5th instant another new play by Mr. Robert Buchanan—a regular busy B lately—will be produced: the title decided is "The Sixth Commandment," and Miss Wallis will again return to the scene of her former successes. Next Saturday, Mrs. John Wood will revive "The Cabinet Minister," and surely so important a personage should be well received at the Court. Mr. Charles Wyndham has postponed his appearance at the Criterion, on account of a special performance in Manchester, so that Tom Taylor's delightful comedy, "Still waters run deep," will not be presented until the 13th inst.

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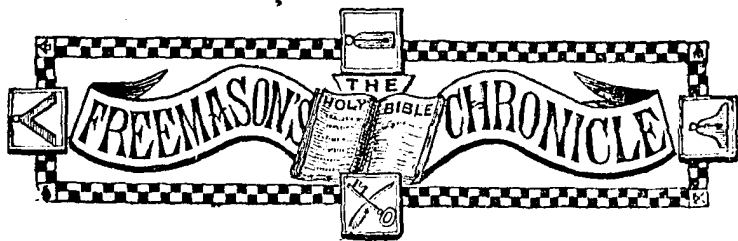
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PROV. G. LODGE NORTHS AND HUNTS.

IF any evidence were needed of the greater enthusiasm in Freemasonry in this district, now that its Masonic affairs are under the control of a brother who takes a public interest in its affairs, the annual gathering of the Province, which took place on Thursday, at Northampton, would supply it. We can remember in years gone by attending annual gatherings of the district when it had for its head a brother who was really no head, or who at least showed no public interest in the office he filled, and we can

also remember remarks made on some of those occasions which were happily unnecessary at this year's gathering. A Provincial Grand Master may have an excellent Deputy—and no one will question the fact that in Bro. Butler Wilkins the late Duke of Manchester had an exceptionally capable one—but the fact remains that the Deputy is not the head, and his position as repeated president of gatherings, in the absence of his leader, must of necessity be one needing continued expressions of regret and apology; regret at the absence of the chief, regret that the brethren have not got their proper leader to lead them, and regret lest his absence may cause false impressions or tend to discontent; apologies must be neatly expressed, although they may be the most hollow attempts at deceit, and altogether the position is a most unsatisfactory and unpleasant one, leading to inactivity, and even worse, in the district where it long exists. Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire has proved this, and other examples might be found, but it is not necessary on the present occasion, when it is much more justifiable to congratulate the Masons of our Midland county on the beneficial change that has taken place, and the improved aspect of its affairs. The Earl of Euston, who has been at the head of the Province since 1887, makes a point of attending all the principal Masonic gatherings in his district, and presided on Thursday, when he was supported by a large number of Grand Officers and a full assembly of members of the several Lodges under his rule. Provincial Grand Lodge having been regularly opened and the Masons of distinction formally saluted, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Huntingdon on 13th June 1889, were read and confirmed. The roll of Lodges of the Province was next called over, and representatives of each proved to be present. Then commenced the special ceremony of the day—the dedication and consecration of the new Masonic Hall, in which the meeting was being held. Bro. Butler Wilkins Deputy of the Province fraternally invited the Provincial chief, on behalf of the Northampton brethren, to perform the ceremony. He explained that when the old Masonic Hall was formed there was but one Lodge in the town of Northampton. Since its establishment two others had been added, and other Lodges—side degrees of Freemasonry—had sprung up, with the result that the old building had proved inadequate for their requirements, and a new hall was considered necessary. He hoped that in years to come the larger building they were that day assembled in would in turn prove too small for the requirements of Freemasonry in the town, and that as much success might attend the Order while meeting under its roof as had followed it in the old building in which their Masonic meetings had been held for so many years. Bro. Wilkins then formally asked the Earl of Euston to dedicate and consecrate the new hall. The Provincial Grand Master had great pleasure in acceding to the wish of his Northampton brethren, and expressed the hope that the meeting of that day would be looked back upon by generations to come as a great and beneficial event in the annals of the Province. He could quite believe the old Masonic Hall of the town was too small for the present needs of the brethren, and he was pleased to know how well Freemasonry had flourished in the town during the last few years. They were met that day to give a good start to the new and larger hall of the town, and the best wishes of all present were poured out for the success of the undertaking. He could but express the hope that within the next twenty or so years the Craft would have so advanced in the town as to necessitate the enlargement of the new building or the erection of more commodious premises elsewhere. The Prov. Grand Chaplain having given an introductory prayer, Dr. Sanders P.G.C. delivered an oration on *Freemasonry*. Bro. Sanders's remarks were excellent, and the little anecdotes he introduced particularly happy. He told the company of the rise of Freemasonry and its connection with the societies and organisations of past ages, and explained how necessary it was that every member of the Order should be made good before being admitted to its ranks, in which there was no room for bad men. He urged the greatest caution as to the men who were introduced into the Lodges, explaining it was not mere joviality or good fellowship that was needed, but honest, solid and upright principles. He felt that in many quarters Freemasons almost run the risk of neglecting Masonic Charity in their enthusiasm and love for the Charities of Freemasonry, pointing out that true Masonic benevolence did not merely consist of giving pecuniary aid to a few, but

rather the exercise of Masonic toleration and charity to all. An anthem was sung after Bro. Sanders' oration, and the other regular programme of consecration completed, the Provincial Grand Master concluding the ceremony with the final benediction.

Then followed work of a more general character, the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer, the appointment of Officers for the year, the reception of the Treasurer's report, and the consideration of the recommendations of the Charity Committee being each in turn attended to. Three grants—amounting to £65—were made from the Charity Fund of the Province, and intimation given that in addition to the Euston Lodge, recently consecrated, the Province was to have another addition at an early date, and yet another was suggested in the immediate future. In the one case it was intimated the Grand Master had granted the warrant prayed for, in the other it was expected the application for a charter would be well supported. Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently closed, and a banquet followed, at which the Provincial chief also presided. The usual loyal toasts having been disposed of, the President gave that of the Grand Officers. They were gratified in having with them that evening a large assemblage of Grand Officers, among them being Brother Sandeman Past Deputy District Grand Master Bengal, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, Frank Richardson (who had so efficiently acted that day as Director of Ceremonies), and others. He assured them all that the brethren heartily thanked them for coming that day, and they could but hope they would come again on many future occasions. Lord Euston felt there was not one brother among the Grand Officers but would willingly give up any personal engagement if they considered their presence was needed in support of Freemasonry in any part of the kingdom. He hoped those who had attended that day had been pleased with what they had seen. Bro. Sandeman's name being coupled with the toast, he replied. He was told that peace and harmony should always prevail at Masonic meetings. He felt he ran no risk of disturbing the harmony existing among the Grand Officers when he said they had all derived a great amount of pleasure in being present that day. The hall they had assisted to consecrate was a handsome and capacious one, and did great credit to the Masons of Northampton. The Grand Officers could only endorse the hope that Freemasonry would so prosper in the town in years to come as to necessitate a larger building at no very distant date. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke felt great gratification and pleasure in submitting the next toast—the health of the noble Brother who presided over the Province. He had known the district for many years and had also known another noble Brother who had ruled over it. Unfortunately the many other engagements and calls abroad of that nobleman had prevented his attention to the work, and attendance at the meetings of the Province as often as was desirable, and as a consequence the counties of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire had suffered, from a Masonic point of view. When the Prince of Wales appointed the Earl of Euston to the rulership there were perhaps some in the neighbourhood who felt he was too young a man, and far too young a Mason, to assume such responsibilities, but he had proved himself most energetic, and he thought the Masons of the Province would now agree that the appointment of the Earl of Euston as Masonic chief was a happy and successful one. He was really a model Provincial Grand Master, regularly attending the meetings of his Province, and paying visits to the various Lodges therein. Indeed, he did much by personal activity to promote the welfare of the various Lodges under his charge. The Earl of Euston acknowledged the compliments that had been showered upon him. He thought perhaps a few of the remarks made by the Grand Secretary were deserved. For instance, Bro. Clerke had said he was a young Mason—that was unquestionably the fact, but what he lacked in age he strove to make amends for in other ways. He went into Freemasonry with the desire of learning what Freemasonry really was, and once within its portals he had been drawn forward with a desire to do all that lay in his power to promote its interests. When His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was good enough to honour him with the appointment of Provincial Grand Master, he had certainly thought there must be many in the Province who had worked hard for it in years gone by, and who had won the

right to receive the honour conferred on him. Having been appointed, however, he determined to do his best to justify the selection, and with that object endeavoured to do all that lay in his power to advance the welfare of the district. So long as the members of the Province were willing to have him he would prove himself ready to attend to their work and interests. He recognised the great responsibility that attached to the head of such a Province as theirs, and hoped those who sought advice at his hands would equally recognise the necessity of following out the advice given. He felt Masonry in the Province was established on a firm and substantial basis, and he impressed on them the necessity of only admitting men who could work for the good of the Order in years to come. They should never work on the principle of letting in small or undesirable members simply because their Lodges were in need of funds, neither should they admit men who desired to come in just for the sake of meeting lively companions and enjoying jolly evenings. He felt the Hall they had just consecrated was an acquisition to the Province, and should always look upon the meeting of that day as an event in the history of the district. Other toasts followed, the meeting not breaking up until the necessities of the train service made departure imperative.

DURHAM PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held on the 30th ult., in the Borough Hall, at Stockton, and was exceedingly successful, there being a very large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province. Excellent arrangements had been made by the Officers of the four Stockton Lodges for the reception and entertainment of the visiting brethren. Brother Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by the V.W. Canon Tristram D.P.G.M. and most of the retiring Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, two or three only being unavoidably absent. The members of the thirty odd Lodges sat under the banners of their respective Lodges, and received the R.W. P.G.M. and his Officers with the honours due to them. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the reports of the Lodge, Benevolent, Charities, and Educational Funds were read and formally adopted. They were generally of a satisfactory character, but an appeal was made for increased pecuniary help in order that the Province might have increased voting power on the London Masouic Charities. The R.W. P.G.M. then addressed the brethren and congratulated them on the satisfactory progress which Freemasonry was making in the Province. He had great pleasure in acceding to the wishes of the Lodges of South Shields that next year's Provincial Grand Lodge should be held in that town. The R.W. P.G.M. then invested the following Officers:—

Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.	...	Deputy Grand Master
Frank Stobart 375	...	Senior Warden
W. M. Watson 509	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. R. Shortt 2352	...	} Chaplains
Rev. T. Newsome 2019	...	
H. A. Massingherd 1379	...	Treasurer
A. Rhagg 48	...	Registrar
R. Hudson 2039	...	Secretary
E. Millbarn 2019	...	} Senior Deacons
James Rose 940	...	
T. Farthing 1962	...	} Junior Deacons
J. R. N. Jordison 509	...	
J. Burn 2104	...	Sap. of Works
W. Logan 124 and 2135	...	Dir. of Cers.
T. Dunn 124	...	Dep. Dir. of Cers.
Jno. M. Taylor 1862	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Thomas Bowman 1418	...	Sword Bearer
B. S. Beckwith 1230	...	} Standard Bearers
W. Mitford 111	...	
J. Tate 1970	...	Organist
J. R. Pattison 94	...	Assist. Secretary
J. Ostle 1121	...	Pursuivant
H. Golder 1119	...	Assist. Pursuivant
W. Hardy	...	} Stewards
J. Joel	...	
F. S. Cowper	...	
D. Cameron	...	
T. R. Shortt	...	
R. Tully	...	Taylor
Thomas Grieve	...	

After the close of the Lodge, the brethren dined together at the Masonic Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of West Lancashire was held on Wednesday in the Public Hall, Preston. There was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren of all rank. Bro. the Earl of Lathom R.W. D.G.M. R.W. P.G.M. presided. Bro. R. Wylie P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G.W. acted as D.P.G.M., and the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. E. H. Cookson P.S.G.W., and W. B. Richardson P.J.G.W. All the Provincial Officers, with two exceptions, answered to their names, and on the Lodge roll being called it was found that every Lodge in the Province was represented. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Brother W. Goodacre) read his annual report. It stated that during the past year the roll of Lodges in the Province had been increased to 104. Eight Lodges had been consecrated in the year, and the Carnarvon Lodge, to meet at Leyland, had been warranted, and now awaited consecration. There had been 635 initiations, and the roll of members had reached 6,561. In 1872, at the commencement of Lord Lathom's Prov. Grand Mastership, there were 61 Lodges, with 3,016 members. Six years afterwards, in 1878, the Lodges had increased to 81, with 5,138 members. In the next six years there was a decrease of 550 members, but this falling off in membership had been more than compensated by the last six years, during which period 22 new Lodges had been added. The contrast between the present and the past condition of the Province suggested, among other things, the necessity in prosperous times for especial care that the candidates for admission were of such character as to reflect honour upon their choice. The fact of there being 104 Lodges in the Province, and the number of appointments in Provincial Grand Lodge being only the same as in Provinces half its size, led him also to suggest that if the Provincial Grand Master were left the power either to duplicate offices or to confer past rank upon eminent Masons of the Province, it would be conducive to the happiness of many worthy brethren, who, loyal in their desire to preserve the influence which must attach to a large Province, had frequently long years to wait for appointment to office in Provincial Grand Lodge. The Benevolence and Charity Committee at its meetings during the past year had made grants to six distressed brethren and six widows; a boy had been elected on the foundation of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a brother has been adopted and elected by the Province an annuitant on the Benevolent Institution. The report concluded with a fitting reference to the death of the late Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master said it was a very fine thing for them as a Province to stand at the top of the tree, both as to the number of Lodges and the number of brethren, no doubt, but at the same time it became a question whether a Province, consisting of over 100 Lodges, was not becoming almost too unwieldy a machine. That question was one, however, which it was not for him or them to decide, but which rested with the Grand Lodge. He had been told away from Lancashire that he had recommended the establishment of Lodges here and there where they were unnecessary, but if they looked at the number of Masons in the Province, and divided that number by the number of the Lodges, he thought they would see the Lodges were all full, and the Provincial Grand Secretary assured him that all the Lodges were in good working order. He endorsed all that the Provincial Grand Secretary had said as to the necessity for the exercise of more care in the selection of those who were to be admitted in the Brotherhood. With regard to the question of Provincial Grand rank, he could assure them that it made him feel very sad sometimes to think of the very few rewards that he had it in his power to give to the brethren in the Province. He could not help that. A few years ago he was instrumental in obtaining two extra Deacons for Provinces of over 40 Lodges, and he hoped that if the present matter was brought before His Royal Highness the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in a proper form something in the shape of what had been shadowed forth by Bro. Goodacre might be agreed to. In a Province of 104 Lodges there ought certainly to be more power of granting Provincial Grand rank than in Provinces where there were only 15 Lodges, or even fewer. He expressed his deep regret that by the death of the Pro Grand Master he had lost, not only a colleague, but a most dear friend of many

years' standing. He never went through a more painful experience than when he stood by the side of Lord Carnarvon's grave, representing the Freemasons of England. The Provincial Grand Lodge next proceeded to the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer: Bro. Harradon, Prince's Lodge, Liverpool, 268 votes; Bro. J. H. Tyson, Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, Liverpool, 93; Bro. W. Savage, Dramatic Lodge Liverpool, 75. The following brethren were afterwards appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Master Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Major J. S. White	...	Senior Warden
Captain J. M'Nab	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. Hesketh Cole	...	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Stowell	...	
W. Blackhurst	...	Registrar
W. Goodacre	...	Secretary
Squire Chapman	...	} Senior Deacons
Edward Sherwood	...	
Edward Ford	...	} Junior Deacons
John King	...	
Roger Warriner	...	Supt. of Works
J. Boden	...	Dir. of Cers.
W. W. Elton	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. D. Wostenholme	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Alfred Beattie	...	Sword Bearer
Geo. Nelson	...	} Standard Bearers
W. Turvey	...	
Stephen E. Jupp	...	Organist
J. Chadderton	...	Assist. Sec.
Thurstan Whittle	...	Pursuivant
Thomas Ball	...	Assist. Pursuivant
C. Wadsworth	...	} Stewards
A. Cotter	...	
W. Corner jun.	...	
J. Barrow	...	
W. Platt	...	
W. Foulkes	...	

On the motion of the Acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master, sums were voted from the Charities Fund of 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 50 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, 20 guineas to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and 20 guineas to the Alpass Benevolent Institution. Bro. Wylie also moved:—

That in the event of our R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, accepting the position of Chairman at the next annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of 400 guineas be voted from the Fund of Benevolence to that Institution.

The motion gave rise to some discussion, but it was eventually carried by a large majority. Bro. M'Leod the newly appointed Secretary of the Institution for Boys, gave an official invitation to the Earl of Lathom to accept the presidency of the next annual Festival of that Institution. After a lengthy discussion upon matters affecting By-laws, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. In the evening there was a banquet, presided over by the Earl of Lathom. The musical direction was in the hands of the new P.G. Organist, Brother Jupp, who was assisted by Bros. Seymour Jackson, R. Bowley, W. H. Kershaw P.M., A. Lewtas P.M., and C. E. Daber. The Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch was also held during the day, the business thereat being brief and formal.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset of the Supreme Order of Royal Arch Masons of England held its annual meeting, under the banner of Inkerman Chapter, at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on Monday, when there was a good attendance of members from different parts of the country. The chairs of the three Principals were filled by M.E. Comps. R. C. Elso Prov. Grand Supt., Col. W. Long Prov. Grand H., and Elworthy Prov. Grand J. The other Provincial Officers present were M.E. Comps. Noke P.G.S.E., Rice P.S., J. Gill D.C., A. Salter A.D.C., and Comps. Salter and Bigwood Janitors. The minutes of the Provincial Grand meeting held at Clevedon last year having been read and confirmed, on the proposal of the First Principal it was unanimously resolved, "That the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Somerset, in Grand Chapter assembled, desire to express and place on record their feelings of deep grief at the death of their beloved M.E. Pro Grand First Principal the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and their

sense of the deep loss the Royal Arch degree has sustained thereby." The Treasurer's accounts were presented and accepted, the same showed a balance in hand of £128 2s 4d against £110 19s 4d at this time last year. The First Principal then re-appointed M.E. Comp. Long as the Prov. Grand H. for the ensuing year, and for the office of Third Principal (Prov. Grand J.) he proposed M.E. Comp. F. W. S. Wicksteed, of Inkerman Chapter. These Officers having been formally invested, M.E. Comp. B. H. Watts was re-elected as Treasurer, and M.E. Comp. Noke as Scribe E. Collars of office were subsequently bestowed as under:—

Comp. Duckett	Scribe N.
Rice	P. Soj.
Timmins 73	1st Assistant Soj.
Knight 41	2nd Assistant Soj.
E. White	Registrar
W. Reece 1750	Sword Bearer
Holroyd 291	Standard Bearer
Gill (re-appointed)	Dir. of Cers.
George Glossop 1222	Organist
Marchant 285	Assistant S.E.
Salter	Janitor
Bigwood	Assistant do.

On the proposal of the Prov. Grand H., Bye-Law IV. of the Regulations of this Provincial Grand Chapter was altered, as follows:—"The members of the Provincial Grand Chapter are the present and past Officers thereof, and the Principals and Past First Principals of every Chapter within the Province, and Past First Principals of any Chapter under the English Constitution, if a member of Grand Chapter; but no Companion can be a member of the Provincial Grand Chapter unless he is a subscribing member of a Chapter within the Province." It was explained that the foregoing alteration was necessary to bring the Provincial Bye-Laws into harmony with the new Book of Constitutions. Prior to the close of the Provincial Grand Chapter, alms amounting to £2 2s were taken and voted to the Weston-super-Mare Hospital. Subsequently upwards of fifty Companions sat down to a first-class banquet.

The Centenary Festival of the Worcester Lodge, No. 260, will be celebrated next week. A *Conversazione* will take place at the Worcester Guildhall on Tuesday.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the session on Tuesday, the 7th October, at half past 6 o'clock, at the "White Hart," corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, and will continue to meet every Tuesday until the end of May. Members are invited to make this known among their friends.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., under the banner of the Langley Lodge of M.M.M. The Prov. Grand Master Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. Jonathan Marsden, the Officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, accompanied by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Monmouth, Capt. Saml. Homfray, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouth, Colonel Perkins, were received by the Worshipful Master of the Langley Lodge, Bro. John Sheridan and his Officers. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge having been duly opened, and the business of the Province transacted, the Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed:—

Bro. John Sheridan W.M. 28	... ..	Senior Warden
F. C. Remfrey W.M. 255	... ..	Junior Warden
C. G. Brown W.M. 116	... ..	M.O.
J. Coleman 28	... ..	S.O.
H. Cadle P.M. 116	... ..	J.O.
Rev. D. Bowen 256	... ..	Chaplain
T. D. Bounsall 28	... ..	Registrar
T. Rule Owen P.M. 297	... ..	Treasurer
N. D. Marks P.M. 28	... ..	Secretary
O. Rowlands 256	... ..	Senior Deacon

J. Prosser 297	... ..	Junior Deacon
W. H. Williams 28	... ..	Supt. of Works
John Mundy P.P.G.S. P.M. 28	... ..	Dir. of Cers.
T. Rogers 297	... ..	S B.
J. M. Gerhold 28	... ..	Organist
J. C. Champneys Smith 28	... ..	St.B.
G. Mat. Proctor 28	... ..	St.B.
F. H. Simpson 28	... ..	Steward
G. F. Green	... ..	I.G.
Amos Jenkins	... ..	Tyler

A pleasing incident of the investment of Officers was the presentation by the Provincial Grand Master on behalf of the Worshipful Master of the Langley Lodge, to Bro. J. M. Gerhold, of a handsome Grand Organist's jewel, in recognition of the very valuable services rendered by him to the Langley Lodge. The annual banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., the catering of Bro. J. G. Bland being everything to be desired. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been responded to, a very enjoyable evening was spent, and enlivened by songs from Bros. Homfray, Anstice, and F. H. Simpson, and recitations from Bros. Sheridan, Gerhold, and Ingram.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex will be held at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, on Tuesday, 14th October, and in the absence of the Provincial Grand Mark Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G. (who has not yet been installed in office) it will be presided over by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle, P. Grand Chaplain.

The Prov. G. Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, next, the 7th inst. Prov. G. Chapter will be opened at 4:30.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge of Berkshire, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, has appointed Bro. John W. Martin P.M. of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, P.P.G. Reg., of Reading, to act as Prov. Grand Secretary, in the place of the late Bro. Robert Bradley P.G.S.B.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS.

BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, one of the Sheriffs-elect of the City of London, was, on the 26th ult., presented by his Masonic, Dramatic, and other friends with a chain and badge of office, in the Saloon of the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor, who presided, said the idea of the presentation had originated in the Drury Lane Lodge. The presentation consisted of a solid gold chain. The centre link bore the monogram of the recipient in coloured enamel. From this link were suspended the badge, consisting of the City arms and the arms, crest, and motto of Bro. Augustus Harris, surrounded by the arms of five of the City Companies. The whole of these were enamelled in proper colours, and surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves beautifully chased in relief; and on the reverse was the following:—"Presented to Augustus Henry Glossop Harris, on his election to the office of Sheriff of the City of London, by his Masonic, Dramatic, and other friends, A.D. 1890." Bro. Harris, in acknowledging the presentation, said it was most gratifying that during the few short years he had been before the public he had succeeded in making such a host of friends. On the motion of Major Probyn, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Lord Mayor for presiding.

On Friday, the 26th ult, Bro. B. Barnato, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, and Bro. Woolf Joel of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, and the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Dutoitspan, the former of whom has the distinction of being senior member of the Cape Legislature, were surrounded at Paddington by a numerous galaxy of brethren and friends, who had assembled to wish the travellers *bon voyage*. A saloon carriage was placed by the Great Western Railway Company at the disposal of the party, who left Dartmouth some hours later for the Cape on the good ship Roslin Castle. On the previous evening, Bro. and Mrs. Joel entertained a large circle of friends, at 20 Devonshire-terrace, to celebrate the departure of the travellers. The friends of Bro. Barnato and Joel will be glad to learn that both these brethren intend to return to England after making a short stay at the Cape.

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 4th October.

General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4
1559 New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1919 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 6th October.

25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
144 St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
1625 Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
2020 St. Botolph's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 28 Old King's Arms, Freemason's Tav, W.C.
R.A. 1056 Victoria, Masons' Hall Avenue
M.M. 224 Menitschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
164 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
391 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
860 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Alnincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
2094 Elthorne and Midx., Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 262 Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitby
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.C. Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Tuesday, 7th October.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
2123 United N. Counties, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
R.A. 169 Temperance, Swan Hotel, Deptford
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elve, Durham
125 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
235 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
565 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
731 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
819 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skid-caw, Masonic Hall, Cockerinouth
1131 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310 Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322 Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1488 St. Eloth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl

1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
2032 Richmond, Greyhound Hot, Richmond, Surrey
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav, E.C.
R.A. 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, York
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle, Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday, 8th October.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 4
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot, E.C.
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea
1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
2272 Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Peckham
R.A. 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
R.A. 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
148 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lancs.
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615 St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales, Erith
666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town
951—Worthing Friendship, Steyne H. Worthing
852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burntley
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
1905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bramley, Kent
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton
2041 West Kent Volunteer, M.H., Wilmington
R.A. 62 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
R.A. 350 Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
R.A. 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington

R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809 Etheldreda, Rose & Crown Hot, Wisbech
R.A. 1177 Dinbych, Masonic Rooms, Tonby
R.A. 1345 Victoria, Cross Koyes Hotel, Eccles

Thursday, 9th October.

206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1216 Macdonald, Heid Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell

1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road, Paddington

1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1708 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1987 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
R.A. 140 St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619 Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
M.M. 86 Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall Avenue

35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Spalding
477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
311 Wellington, cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester
1093 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar
1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204 Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvera
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416 Fifeon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons, Hall, Newport, Mon.

1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1533 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Maclen, Swan, Colchill
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield

R.A. 807 Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport
M.M. 145 Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

Friday, 10th October.

157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 569 Fitzroy, Headquarters H.A.O., City Road
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36 Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff
61 Foritude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Hall, Goolo
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot, Wolverhampton
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
815 Blair, Town Hall, Stratford Road, Hulme
916 Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Rooms, Harrogate
1087 Beaudesert, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121 Wear Valley, M.H., Bishop Auckland
1289 Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
R.A. 119 Sun Sq. and Comp., M.H., Whitehaven
R.A. 137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 403 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 601 Kyton St. John, Wreken Hot, Wellington

Saturday, 11th October.

176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1685 Guciph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.

1115 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637 Unity, Harrow
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 308 Affability, Station House, Bottoms
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 4th October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 730
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 6th October.

22 Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
218 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixton, Devon, 7
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
933 Dore, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Deacons, Garden Hotel, Clapham, 730
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland G-Ins., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
157 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1694 Kilburn, 46 South Molton St east, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 7th October.

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

177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
148 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Motue, Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Mechanics, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, S.

554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
709 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
829 S. Iney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Paradenale St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 730
1446 Mount Edgemoor, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Goolo, 146 Bury Street, Bala, 6
1549 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1634 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton

Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Fin-bury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 8th October.

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 Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 751 Merchant Navy, Silver Pav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
 1791 Creton, Wheatshoaf, 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 Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8

R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30
 M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 9th October.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
 704 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
 1428 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7'30
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
 M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Dalston, 8

Friday, 10th October.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7'30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kaw Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7'30
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7'30

Saturday, 11th October.

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

The following letter appears in the *Glasgow Herald* of the 26th inst:-

47 George Street, Edinburgh,
 25th September 1890.

Sir,—My attention has been called to a paragraph in the *Herald* of the 23rd inst. reporting a meeting of a body calling itself "The Grand Encampment of the Temple in Scotland," in which it is stated that a committee of its members was appointed "to meet and confer with a committee appointed by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland as to the union of the two bodies upon the Royal Arch degree." This would seem to imply that the Supreme Chapter had appointed a committee for that purpose. The facts of the case are these:—A communication was made to the Supreme Chapter proposing to join it. This came before the committee of the Supreme Chapter, of which I am President. As I had never even heard of the existence of such a body as the "Early Grand Chapter" or of "The Grand Encampment of the Temple in Scotland," I got a sub-committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the character of the body in the first place, and the conference was to follow if all was satisfactory. Sovereign Masonic bodies in Scotland only confer with those recognised as lawful, not with unrecognised organisations, hence the precautions taken to keep the Supreme Chapter right.

I am, &c.

JAMES CRICHTON.

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A propos of Mr. Gladstone's letter to Sir Robert Ball respecting his popular works on astronomy—"Star Land," and "The Story of the Heavens"—we learn that a third edition of the former work has already been called for since its publication last autumn, whilst a popular edition of the latter will be issued by Messrs. Cassell and Company at the end of the present month.

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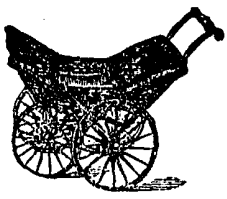


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