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INSTALLING A SUCCESSOR.

MANY Freemasons regard the elevation of a brother to the office of Worshipful Master of his Lodge as the summit of a Craftsman's ambition, but others consider the crowning point is not reached until the Mason thus honoured has completed his year of office, and has regularly installed his successor into the chair of King Solomon, with all the ritual and ceremony customary on such auspicious occasion. We have so often expressed our views as to what is needed in a Worshipful Master, that it will be no surprise to our readers when we tell them we do not regard the personal installation of a successor as being of paramount importance. A successful ruler of a Lodge is not necessarily the Mason who can best work the ceremonies of the different degrees, or who can the most efficiently instal the succeeding ruler. Much more than mere words are needed from the brother who desires to be remembered as having done well in the office of Master, and a new Officer would much rather have a Lodge handed over to him in a state of prosperity, with unity and concord reigning among its members, though he had to be installed by an old Past Master, or even a visitor, than he would to have the affairs transferred in a state of chaos, with an elaborate installation by his predecessor as the only equivalent. Some men, we are told, are born to rule, but as we cannot hope to always have such men at the head of our Lodges, we must adapt ourselves to circumstances, and show our appreciation of the benefits we do receive. In doing so we must be prepared to recognise, amongst other things, that it is not always possible for a Mason to instal his successor, and as there are some among us who do not hesitate to express a very different opinion, we take the opportunity of urging them to be more guarded in their remarks, for we assure that in no small number of cases their utterances are not only regarded with disfavour, but very often cause actual gain in the minds of those who are not naturally puffed with the ability to properly rehearse the long ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry.

The installation as Worshipful Master should create the same impression on the experienced Craftsman as the initiation ceremony does on the novice; the one is an experience, seldom, if ever, forgotten by the man who goes through it with any regard to earnestness, and the other should remain for ever impressed on the mind of the Mason whose fellows have united to confer the distinction of office upon him. But while the two ceremonies are so similar, they are also widely different. In the one case the novice advances blindly towards an unknown goal, led by men who in many cases are strangers to him, and only having the word of a friend and the reputation of the Masonic Order to shield him from the many dangers into which it is possible for him to be led. In the other case, the Mason of experience, who has passed a

period of probation in the Craft—long or short, according to circumstances—knows exactly what is required of him, and has had ample opportunities of measuring the degree of responsibility entailed by his acceptance of office; so that, as we have said, the two occasions are alike, and yet dissimilar; but in both cases the actual words of the ceremony are intended to impress both the brother on whose special behalf they are rendered, as well as all those present to take part in the work, or to witness it. On this account efficiency to perform the ceremony is desirable, if not necessary. Recognizing, then, that efficiency is an advantage, we at once admit the impossibility of enforcing a regular system of installation by outgoing Masters, for we must all allow that ability to work the ceremony is not always possessed by Lodge rulers, although they may have the greatest desire to shine as active workers in their Lodges. Such being the case, we once more direct the attention of those who love to preach of the absolute necessity of a Master installing his successor, and with all due deference to them we argue that such a course should not be urged as imperative, although desirable wherever possible, for the reason, as we have already explained, that Masons who do not consider themselves efficient for the work are thereby led to regard themselves as defaulters, or at least behindhand in properly discharging their duties.

The ceremony of installation of a Masonic ruler is, perhaps, the one best suited for the display of oratorical ability and, if we may so term it, stage effect. The work is easily divisible among three or four Past Masters, and we have been more impressed in this ceremony than any other by a judicious division of the work, particularly if the several Past Masters have spent a little time in rehearsing their parts, and are fully prepared to commence their individual sections of the ceremony at the proper moment. The installation proper may be performed by one brother, who, we may add in passing, can be materially helped by an efficient Director of Ceremonies; the address to the new ruler may be given by a second Past Master, that to the Wardens by a third, and the general one to the Lodge by yet another. Not only is the strain on the one brother thus lessened, but if properly arranged the work becomes very effective and gratifying. Taken generally we recognise the ceremony of installation as one eminently qualified to impress those who witness it, and the moral lessons it is intended to convey lose none of their force or beauty when they are properly performed, whether it be by an old Past Master or by a Mason qualified and capable of installing his successor.

It has been arranged that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., will instal Sir Henry Macandrew as Provincial Grand Master of Inverness, on the 23rd inst., and that on the same day he will instal the newly appointed Grand Master Mason of Ross and Cromarty, Sir Hector Munro, of Foulis, Bart.

IS IT DISLOYALTY.

THE absurd argument that a Lodge cannot sever its connection with the Grand Lodge which originally chartered it without *disloyalty*, has been brought forward in every movement for Masonic autonomy in the Australasian Colonies. In New Zealand it has over and over again been advanced by brethren who have evidently no knowledge of the manner in which the numerous Grand Lodges of the United States, Canada and Australia have been established. The word loyalty means neither more nor less than submission to law, and in Masonry a Lodge or brother does not become disloyal by giving his assistance to the furtherance of a measure which is held to be legal by all Grand Lodges, and which the majority of his brethren believe to be for the good of the Craft. On the contrary, by so doing, he proves his loyalty to Freemasonry. The word has become so distorted in application that the sound of it is becoming distasteful. No Grand Lodge has the right of claiming the perpetual allegiance of Lodges in a distant and distinct territory, nor are we aware of any Grand Lodge that claims such right. It is universally admitted by Grand Lodges that the Craft in any distinct division of the earth has an inherent right to establish a Grand Lodge. This principle is as fully recognised as is any landmark, and yet the same ridiculous cry of disloyalty is raised again and again, only to be again refuted. The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, on whose behalf the claim of *loyalty* is made, do themselves fully recognise that they have no claim on their Lodges in a colony where the Craft desires to establish a Grand Lodge. Was Lord Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master of England, disloyal when he recommended the Lodges in New South Wales to unite under an independent Grand Lodge, or was Lord Carrington disloyal when he accepted the Grand Mastership of the new Grand Lodge? Were the Grand Masters of England and Scotland disloyal when they congratulated heartily the Masons of South Australia and New South Wales on the establishment of their Grand Lodges, and in the warmest terms recommended their recognition by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland? Were the brethren in the former colonies of England, now States of the American Union, disloyal when they founded Grand Lodges, and laid the foundation of the noble system of American Freemasonry? If all these were disloyal, then we are proud of being similarly disloyal.

Surely when Bro. Sir F. Whitaker D.G.M. of the North Island S.C. issued his recent circular he must have been utterly oblivious of the fact that there are fully sixty Grand Lodges in English-speaking countries which have been formed by the Lodges throwing off their allegiance to their parent Grand Lodges and combining to establish an independent Grand Lodge; and surely he must have been ignorant of the fact that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland insist that, before they recognise a new Grand Lodge, the majority of their own Lodges must have thrown off their allegiance to their parents to establish the new body; and surely he must have forgotten that these so-called disloyal Lodges are fully recognised by the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland as legitimate. If he was not unaware of these facts, then he must have deliberately set himself to mislead the Lodges now or previously under his rule, by informing them that any resolution to transfer their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland would be *ultra vires*. In South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria such resolutions were passed, and were not *ultra vires*, as the Lodges are no longer under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and yet are recognised by it as legitimate. Similar resolutions were passed in the Tasmanian Lodges, and there is not the slightest doubt will be universally held good. Bro. Sir F. Whitaker is a lawyer of repute, but we fear that he has not given that careful study to universal Masonic law (which knows no quibbles) which the brethren of his district had a right to expect would be given to it by an officer holding the high position which he held.—*New Zealand Craftsman*.

THE SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY.

PROFESSOR LANCIANI tells us that the secrets of the Vestal Virgins—an organization which existed for a thousand years, from the foundation of Rome to the fall of the Empire—were never revealed to mankind. We

believe it. Nor have the secrets of Freemasonry ever been revealed, though our Fraternity has existed for a longer period than did the society of the Vestal Virgins.

There are some striking analogies between the reception of the Vestals and of Freemasons. They were regularly initiated, and candidates were required to be free from physical, mental and moral defects. So rigid, for example, was the regulation with regard to physical disability, that defective eyesight, or a lisp in speech, or the slightest physical imperfection, absolutely excluded from the sisterhood.

Of course there have been numerous guesses concerning what were the secrets of the Vestals. Cicero affirms that "in Vesta's penetralia was kept the statue fallen from Heaven"—that is, the Palladium, a rude archaic statue of Pallas, said to have been brought by Æneas from burning Troy. But the better opinion is that the secrets over which the Virgins presided were buried with the last Vestal, about the year A.D. 394.

The secrets of Freemasonry will in like manner be buried with the last Freemason.

The number of pretended exposés of Freemasonry is legion, but after all the Craft has never been exposed. And it never will be. Indeed, we might almost say that in the nature of things it cannot be.

The man who would do it cannot do it. One must first thoroughly know what he would reveal, and how many thoroughly know Freemasonry? Can you not count them on your fingers? And who of them would reveal it?

Besides, the man who assumes to reveal to the profane the secrets of Freemasonry, well knows that the profane are in total ignorance concerning these secrets, and hence anything may be palmed off upon them as the genuine article. We may fairly infer that they reason with themselves thus: Supposing we know *all* the secrets of the Craft, what is the use of rightly disclosing *any* of them, when a substitute will answer just as well?

We wish we could induce all initiates to become thoroughly conversant with the secrets of the Craft, for their own advantage, since we should have no fear whatever of their revealing them under any circumstances to the public.

Initiates are entitled to know all the secrets of Freemasonry. They have had their physical, mental and moral characteristics investigated, and been found worthy of entering the Craft. They have paid the fee incident to initiation. The Fraternity has received them and conferred upon them a knowledge of its secrets, and with line upon line and precept upon precept, month after month, over and over again, has impressed upon them their real character and true value. And yet how many brethren practically remain ignorant of them! How many merely sail on the surface of the Craft, without measuring with a plumbline its depths! How many ignore Labour and devote themselves to Refreshment!

The secrets of Freemasonry in danger of being revealed! Not a bit! But Freemasons are in danger of learning little or nothing about the Craft, of receiving next to nothing in exchange for their physical perfection, their moral uprightness, their mental sanity, and their seventy-five dollars?

Suppose henceforth we all devote ourselves with new energy to acquiring the secrets of Freemasonry. Let us first learn the A, B, C of the Fraternity; next let us learn to spell and read with facility. Here we find two lines of research—the work, which is purely traditional and oral, and illustrative matter pertaining to the Craft, which may legitimately be placed and found in print. Here we have the two forms of physical and intellectual Masonry. Both are worthy of the most patient and careful investigation—the physical to enable you to perform the work, the intellectual to qualify you to understand it.

How can any one rightly perform the work who does not thoroughly understand it? How can he confer that which he does not possess?

A Master of a Lodge should be true to his name, Worshipful—that is worthy of respect and honour. "Worship" signifies the state of worth or worthiness. That should be the state or condition of the Master of a Lodge. He should be intimately acquainted with all the secrets of Freemasonry, both the physical and the intellectual secrets. And being Master of these, he should earnestly and intelligently impart them to the initiates whom he receives. It is his duty to know them, and it is their privilege to receive them. When the Masonic millennium comes, every

Master of a Lodge will know the secrets of the Craft, and every initiate will receive them when the degrees are conferred upon him. May the Grand Architect hasten the arrival of that happy day.—*Keystone*.

THE MALLET.

PERHAPS no Masonic appliance or symbol is possessed of such deep and absorbing interest to the Craft as the Master's mallet or gavel. Its name is derived from its shape, which is that of the gable or gavel end of a house. It comes from the German "giebel," or "gipfel," gable or peak. Mackey says that its true force is that of the stone-mason's hammer, having a cutting edge that it may be used to break off the corners of rough stones. No Masonic emblem can lay claim to an antiquity so remote. So early as the year 1462 its use as a Masonic symbol was clearly recognised; it was also used as a religious symbol in the Middle Ages, and was made use of to establish proprietary rights over land and water. This was done by throwing the mallet at full swing, and all ground traversed was immediately acknowledged as the possession of the person casting the hammer. In very early stages the mallet was used as a signal, by which Gothic Courts were convened. When the Judge ordered a tribunal to assemble, a mallet was carried round, and the people, seeing the emblem of judicial authority, instantly repaired to the appointed place. Grimm informs us that the hammer-stroke with which the auctioneer concludes a sale is derived from this custom. In Northern mythology, Thor, the strongest of the Norse gods, was always represented with a mallet, called Mjolner, which possessed most wonderful properties and virtues. When belted with the meginjardir, or girdle of prowess, and armed with his hammer, the god was irresistible. It will thus be seen that, as an emblem of authority, the mallet has been handed down through successive ages to our own day, and when, in the hands of the Master of a Masonic Lodge, it sounds the decision of any question, the blow is merely the re-echo of a power which has been current for centuries. At the installation of the Master of a Lodge, he is presented with this implement of labour and informed that it is an emblem of power and the outward symbol of his authority over the Lodge, and of the tenure by which he holds his office. Without it, he is impotent to rule and govern the assembled brethren. When it is wielded with skill, the Freemason within hearing of its knock at once bows with alacrity to the emblem of might. The Lodge is convened by its blow, which signifies that the Master has assumed the duties of his office, and calls to order and submission; and as, when Thor lost his mallet, a portion of his divine strength was gone, so, when the Master lays his gavel aside, his authority is at an end.—*San Francisco Call*.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND FREEMASONRY.

A PLEASANT series of events has been associated with the Centenary of Lodge 280 of the Order of Freemasonry. Few secular institutions have created so much attention and interest as this Order. In the first place, it possesses all the glow and pictauresqueness which come from historic prestige. Nobody knows, for instance, the derivation of the word Mason in its primitive sense. The greatest philologists have tried to trace it back to its origin, but have failed. The literary origin of the word is lost in obscurity, but Masons have been a factor in history since Hiram, King of Tyre, sent a number of them to David in order to build a house for him. From the earliest days strength and art were combined in this occupation. To this moment, nobody quite understands how the ancient Masons among the Egyptians managed to raise stone structures as much as thirty feet in length without mortar. All we know is that

Obedient to the Mason's call,
They roll the stone and raise the wall.

How came this term to be associated with what is now known as Freemasonry? The answer is not easy. It may be that Freemasonry can be dated back even to the time when the Tower of Babel was erected. This is one extreme theory; the other—extreme perhaps on the opposite side—is that it came into existence in this country about the time of the Crusades, and that as the Masons moved from place to place, seeking employment upon Cathedrals, Abbeys, or other ecclesiastical edifices, they exchanged secret signs by which they recognised each other, and proved that they were real proficients and not mere pretenders in their art. This last idea as to the comparatively recent origin of Masonry is inconsistent with the fact that it has long since prevailed in remote corners of the world, and that men with no language or nationality in common can understand each other by Masonic signs.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable features of the Masonic

Order is the fidelity shown to the pledges of secrecy entailed in initiation. One of the greatest evils of the present age is untrained garrulousness. Every day characters are whittled away, indelible wrong is done, and hearts are broken, by idle words—not consciously charged, perhaps, with the poison of malice, but barbed with the equally deadly destroyer of flippant calumny. But there is one virtue which, even to the knowledge of outsiders, Freemasons possess in a supreme degree. They know how to keep a secret. The ingenuity shown by ladies in the extraction of confidences has always been a source of admiration to the less flexible sex; but the most fascinating wife fails to lure her husband into a dishonourable violation of the mysteries which attach to the Masonic Craft. Even the old Latin motto, *in vino veritas*, does not apply to Freemasons in their most convivial moments. Self-restraint is an excellent habit, and self-restraint seems to be a Masonic characteristic. Still more successful than the hospitalities and sentiments generated by Freemasonry are the splendid Charities it maintains. According to returns given in annual publications open to all the world, in the course of last year the Board of Benevolence assisted cases of distress to the extent of about £10,500. The Girls' School boards, clothes, and educates 243 girls, and the Boys' School 263 boys, while the Benevolent Institution grants annuities to 409 persons, there being now 180 men and 229 widows on the funds. It is said that every Mason becomes, in a small way, a philanthropist by the very fact of his admission to the Order, for every one initiated in a Lodge under the English Constitution contributes a sum towards the Fund of Benevolence. In addition to this, however, voluntary subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to more than £50,000 annually, apart from local benevolence, are cheerfully bestowed. An organization which not only inculcates principles of good nature and true charity, but gives practical expression to them to the extent indicated, must surely make an appreciable contribution in the world's stock of happiness.—*Worcester Herald*.

The Lord Mayor P.G.W. and the Lady Mayoress, with their daughters, paid a formal visit to the Freemasons' Girls' School, Battersea Rise, on the 10th inst. Brother Robert Grey, the chairman, and the other members of the House Committee were in attendance to receive the Civic party, who on arrival were conducted over the establishment, especial attention being devoted to the new Centenary Hall, now near completion. The children went through their calisthenic exercises with admirable precision, and several part-songs were sung in a manner highly creditable to their teaching. Afterwards the Lord Mayor addressed the children and the staff of the School in exceedingly laudatory terms. The Civic equipage and outriders excited much interest in the neighbourhood of the School.

The adjourned meeting of Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for considering the revised rules, was held on Wednesday, at noon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. C. H. Webb, J. S. Cumberland, A. M. Cohen, W. Harris Saunders, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. E. Le Feuvre, H. Dickey, W. A. Scurrah, Edward Hobbs, George Everett, George Corble, W. Masters, J. Glass and the Rev. H. A. Hebb (Head Master of the School. On the motion of Bro. John Glass, seconded by Bro. Le Feuvre, the following motion was carried:—

"That the by-laws, as amended by the Provisional Management and General Committee be submitted for approval at the next Quarterly Court."

Bro. W. H. Saunders gave notice of the following motions for the next Quarterly Court, on 31st inst.:—

"1.—That a Petitions Committee be formed for the following, among other purposes, viz., (a) To report, after strict inquiry, on every petition. (b) To report whether case should be for admission into the School, or, under Law 69, to be educated out of the establishment, say at a voluntary or Board School. (c) To make strict inquiry into all last cases, with a view to their election if really destitute and friendless."

"2.—That sons of Freemasons may be received into the Institution, by election or otherwise, at a fixed sum of say £40 to £50 per annum."

"3.—That all officers and employes shall contribute to an insurance and superannuation fund in connection with some high-class insurance office, one-half of the premium to be paid by the Institution, the other half by monthly deduction from salary or wages."

"4.—That brethren who have subscribed one guinea for six successive years shall be constituted Life Subscribers, and after twelve successive payments Life Governors, with all the privileges thereof."

A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings, after an exceptionally long sitting.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Irritability—No part of the human machine requires more constant supervision than the nervous system—for upon it our health—and even life—depends. These Pills strengthen the nerves and are the safest general purifiers of the blood. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They relieve in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fullness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distension, and regulate alike capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or diminished nerve tone. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually fall into a nervous and irritable state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting of the winter session took place at the headquarters of this Lodge, the Albion, Aldersgate-street, City, E.C., on Tuesday last. In consequence of the foggy weather, and other causes, there was not so large an attendance as usual. However, the W.M. Bro. Henry Nash, who presided, was supported by Past Masters Radcliffe (Secretary), Lindfield, Usher Back, F. J. Hentsch, and W. W. Morgan. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Lowndes S.D. 504, W. M. Lightfoot 425, H. J. Hart 504, Adolphus Clark P.M. 2191, A. Ritchie 173, Colonel Howard Roberts 2312, J. A. Collings Organist 1695. The brethren entered the Lodge-room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Marche Funèbre in E minor, splendidly played, by special request of the W.M., by the Organist Bro. J. A. Collings. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There were two candidates for raising whose names were on the agenda paper, viz., Bros. Alfred Morgan Kingston and Albert Usher. These brethren were examined and entrusted, and in due course the Lodge was opened in the third degree and full effect given to the ceremony by Bro. Nash, who has proved himself a most capable exponent of the ritual. Routine business followed; Lodge was closed, and the members and their guests sat down to a banquet, which was served in the perfect manner that characterises the entertainment provided by those at the head of affairs at the Albion. The after proceedings were of a most agreeable character, and some capital songs enlivened the proceedings. Bro. Spofforth made a deep impression with the dexterity he exercised over some clever sleight of hand tricks.

WITHAM LODGE, No. 297.

THE first meeting after the recess was held on Monday evening, the 13th inst., at the Freemason's Rooms, Lincoln. Brother W. Dixon P.P.G.O., W.M., occupied the chair, there being a good attendance of members, and several visitors, including Bros. Townrow W.M. Southwell Lodge; H. Price P.M. 177, 2308; W. Pearson 163; and brethren of St. Hugh Lodge, 1386. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. and Officers rendered the questions on the second tracing board in a very creditable manner, the W.M. afterwards giving a very interesting lecture on the tracing board of the Second Degree. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and Officers for the instruction the brethren had received. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of refreshments.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 632.

TO commemorate his year of office as W.M., Bro. W. R. Brown invited the whole of the members to a banquet at the George Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 9th inst. Nearly fifty of the brethren sat down, Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney D.P.G.M. Wilts, H. C. Tombs P.P.G.H., and H. Bevir P.P.G. Reg. also honouring the board with their presence. The appearance of the banqueting chamber, with its profusion of pot and out flowers, ferns, palms, and coloured shades to the lights, had a most charming effect, whilst the repast itself was everything that could be wished for, and Miss Wade, the hostess, may well be proud of the sole efforts of her own chef, and merited the remark of Bro. G. Ll. Palmer P.M. that it was a thoroughly good dinner. Bro. W. R. Brown of course occupied the chair, and gave a hearty welcome to all, and during the evening spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to see so many brethren present of Lodge 632. The vice-chair was ably filled by Bro. F. W. Selfe S.W. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Tombs replying to that of the Right Worshipful the D.G.M. of England the Earl of Lathom and other Grand Officers, proposed by Bro. G. Ll. Palmer, and Bro. Goldney responding to that of the R.W. the P.G.M. of Wilts, Lord Methuen. The chairman gave the V.V. the D.P.G.M. of Wilts, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, and other Provincial Grand Officers, which was suitably responded to by Bros. Goldney and Bevir. The former brother proposed the health of the founder of the feast, which was received with great acclamation, and Brother Brown replied in some well-chosen remarks. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings being varied by songs from several of the brethren, Bro. H. Millington accompanying.—*Wiltshire Times*.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE anniversary was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on the 14th inst., when Bro. Vaux P.G.S. was installed into the chair. The W.M. Bro. Parker, was unavoidably absent, but the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by W. Bro. A. J. H. Ward P.P.G. Reg. I.P.M. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—W. Bros. A. J. H. Ward I.P.M., A. C. Parsons P.M. S.W., C. S. Whyatt J.W., W. Groom Treasurer, M. L. Sanders P.M. Secretary, H. Gurney S.D., W. Ellis J.D., J. Downie I.G., C. R. Salter Organist, H. G. Everard P.M. D.C., W. Salter and J. Smith Stewards, R. Barlow Tyler. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Becker (representing Mr. Grew, the general manager of the refreshment department, Liverpool Street), and Mr. Cooksley, the manager at Harwich. At intervals Bros. J. A. Brown, J. Gawthrop, Turle Lee, and Fred Bevan rendered some choice selections of vocal music, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LODGE, No. 696.

THE brethren held their annual meeting on the 14th inst., in the Masonic Hall at the Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury. In addition

to the members there was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The W.M. Bro. W. H. Bodin, submitted a very interesting report, in which he showed that during the past year the Lodge had made great progress, there having been nine initiations, eight passings, and seven raisings. The brethren had recognised the claims of the Masonic Charities in a commendable manner, 100 guineas having been promised to the "A" fund of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Institution. Bro. George Wilson was installed into the chair by Bro. W. H. Bodin. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. W. H. Bodin I.P.M., E. M. Scott S.W., A. Horton J.W., Rev. G. Tutbill Chaplain, J. H. Walton P.M. Treasurer, C. W. D. Joynson Secretary, G. Platt P.M. D.C., H. Palethorpe S.D., S. H. Horton J.D., H. W. Rogers Organist, A. Frizelle I.G., and W. S. Smith, H. C. Crewe and W. Willies Stewards. In the evening a banquet took place, Bro. George Wilson presiding.

TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 898.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar, on the 24th ult., Bro. George Shearman W.M. presiding. The following Officers were present:—Bros. J. Armstrong J.W., W. Dnok J.D., J. Waller Treasurer, Dr. Wyatt Smith P.M. Secretary, Rogers P.M. P.Z. D.C., Craze I.G., Sherwin Organist, Ellingford Tyler, P.M.'s George Graveley P.Z., Williams, Butcher, Siddars, Byford, H. Cooper and Pulsford. Among the members were Bros. C. Johnson, Richardson, Legg, Church, Day and Tallack, and among the visitors Bros. J. J. Berry P.M. P.Z. 554, Mills 1765, and others. The Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. Alfred Dooke, Aves, and David Kiddle, who had been previously proposed and seconded, were unanimously voted for in the ballot, and initiated. Bro. Leman was passed, and subsequently Bro. Richardson was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Several candidates were proposed and seconded. Other Masonic business having been transacted, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

GROSVENOR LODGE, No. 1257.

THE October meeting of this Lodge took place on the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Chapman W.M. presiding, assisted by Bros. Morse S.W., Cole S.W., and many of the officers and brethren. The business, after the reading of the minutes, &c., consisted of the passing of Bro. Wm. Ward to the second degree. The brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' tavern to a banquet, which was well attended and the usual Masonic toasts duly honoured, Bro. J. Miles P.M. of the Saint James's Union Lodge responding on behalf of the visitors. It has been arranged that the meeting in December shall be accompanied by a ladies' banquet, followed by a dance, as has been the case for a couple of seasons past, and has given so much satisfaction to the brethren and their lady friends.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.

A N emergency meeting was held, at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, on the 30th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Omer W.M., supported by the following Officers and Brethren: Bros. J. Parrett S.W., Fielder J.W., Rolfe Treasurer, Buchan Secretary, Trappitt S.D., J. Lusty J.D., Henderson I.G., Seddon Organist, G. Gumprecht, T. C. Henderson, J. F. Foulds, S. F. Beale, E. McPhen, J. M. Simonds, and T. H. Busbridge. Among the visitors were Bro. Seng 781, Holbrook 1345, T. Brownfield 77, C. J. Ozanne and J. Mills 1765, and Wakefield P.M. P.Z. 554. The Lodge being duly opened, the W.M. proceeded to the initiation of Messrs. McPhen and Simonds, who were then duly entrusted with the mysteries appertaining to the first degree in Freemasonry. No other business being on hand, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE first meeting after the recess was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Bros. W. O. Swetman W.M., H. J. Hirst S.W., A. W. Flack J.W., W. Beck P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Twinn P.M. Secretary, A. F. Dickson S.D., C. Dawe I.G., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., H. W. Sherwin Organist, J. L. Green Steward, J. Oxley I.P.M., T. J. Tyler P.M., C. J. Holmes, H. Parker, F. Styles, J. R. Halcrow, W. Harper, H. A. Craighead, G. W. Looker, E. Costain, F. F. Potter, G. H. Jacobs, J. Smith, E. J. Capon, and others. Visitors, J. Duncan S.D. 59, J. G. Stevens P.M. 554, and W. J. Bassett P.M. 212. The business of the evening included the raising of Bros. Looker and Capon, and the initiation of Mr. R. L. Stanton and Mr. H. W. Randall. The W.M. performed both ceremonies in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. accepted the invitation of the brethren to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival, in February next, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a proposition was unanimously carried to place the sum of twenty guineas upon his list from the Lodge funds; after which the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the 12th November.

THE GREAT CTY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE seventeenth installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, on the 11th inst. Amongst the large number of brethren who were present on this occasion were the W.M. Bro. W. F. J. Cook, who was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. C. T. Smith S.W. and W.M. elect, Lionel B. Mozley J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. acting Secretary, Daniel T. Keen S.D., R. Brookman Dir. of Cers., G. Jenkins Organist, J. K. Gwyn I.G., H. Dottridge and F. E. Bailey Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s James Stevens, William Kibble, John Seex, J.P., Mayor of Reigate, R. Fendick, R. Stanway and R. Greening; Bros. F. Richards, W. F. Bertram, H. J. Bertram, J. R. Hartley, J. F. Jolliffe,

B. O. Peterson, R. Hannaford, J. Hartley, J. W. Fraser, A. J. Coleman, G. S. Goodman, H. F. Frost, Owen Bowen, J. W. Colmer, &c. Visitors—Bros. G. R. Cobham W.M., Thomas Clibbon I.P.M., G. T. Funnell, C. R. Cockburn, G. Naylor, G. Church, C. Day, J. F. Lewis and H. Riscoe P.M.'s; W. T. Wiggins S.W., J. H. Collins J.W., E. C. Skinner S.D., A. H. Hearn and C. D. Levy Stewards, H. Sparrier, T. Stafford and G. E. Bird, all of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham; T. G. Ratcliffe P.M. 133, Alfred Cook W.M. and J. C. Yates S.W. both of 1366, W. J. Martin 261, A. H. Smith J.W. 1436, J. W. Stannan 2182, W. B. Pearson 2234, W. D. Church W.M. 1365, W. J. Holmes 1981, A. White 15, T. Morris 902, W. E. Lumlie W.M. elect 31, H. Steer 1287, E. St. Clair P.M. 2060, W. T. Hooker Dir. of Cers. 1707, F. S. Hoblyn S.D. 231, J. Chubb 1706, T. E. Tallent P.M. 186. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, and the minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. elect Bro. T. Smith was installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. W. F. J. Cook, with full ceremonial, which included the opening and closing of a Board of Installed Masters, according to ancient usage. The Installing Master performed his part in a most able and effective manner, and was assisted throughout the several ceremonies by Bro. James Stevens P.M., who officiated as D.C. The brethren appointed to office for the ensuing year, and with the exception of Bro. George Robson Senior Deacon (who, together with Bro. James Freeman P.M. was absent, consequent upon a late lamentable bereavement, involving the death of a wife and daughter respectively) invested are Bros. L. B. Mozley S.W., D. T. Keene J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, W. F. G. Cook I.P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, G. W. Robson S.D., J. K. Gwynn J.D., R. Brookman I.G., G. Jenkins Organist, H. Dottridge D.C., F. E. Bailey and G. M. Frazer Stewards, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler. There was no further business before the Lodge, which was closed at an early hour, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the newly installed Master. In the course of a very pleasant evening, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the visitors, amongst whom was included a large contingent from Lodges at Chatham, expressed great satisfaction with their reception, as well in Lodge as at table. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cook on his retirement from the chair. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fred H. Cozens, assisted by Bros. H. W. Schartau, E. Dalzell, and E. J. Bell, and a very excellent programme was supplemented by several encore songs and glees by these talented vocalists. Bro. Stevens P.M. recited, in his usually effective manner, the admirable poem written by the late Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, entitled "The Level and the Square." The Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening at about 10 o'clock, when the brethren separated.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

ON Thursday, the 2nd inst., the opening meeting of the above Lodge was held, at 13 Mandeville Place, Manchester Square, W., under the presidency of Bro. E. Burritt Lane W.M. He was assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. T. E. Biddlecombe S.W., J. B. Sargent J.W., J. A. Hammond Treasurer, John Mills Secretary, C. J. Ozanne S.D., S. J. Wilford J.D., Aubrey F. Howard P.M. D.C., W. C. Hutchins W.S. (acting as I.G.), and G. Harrison Tyler. There were also among others present Bros. Bradbury Turner P.M., L. J. Van der Heyden, E. C. M. Fischel, H. E. Robertson, H. Valentine Geary, John Bennett; and Bro. Nelson Brower J.W. Farringdon Without Lodge, 1749, visitor. The Lodge being opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Geary and Bennett were asked the usual questions, and having answered them in a satisfactory manner, they were in the proper degree passed to the further step to which they were entitled. The election of the new W.M. then took place, and the choice falling unanimously on Brother Biddlecombe, he thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him. The office of Treasurer was with equal unanimity conferred on Bro. J. A. Hammond (re-elected), and Bros. Hatley, Geary and Bennett were chosen as Auditors. Other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in the usual way, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, harmony, and fraternal intercourse.

AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991

A meeting of emergency of the above Lodge was held at the Castlegate Masonic Hall, York, on the 7th inst., the W.M., Bro. John Earl Wilkinson, presiding, and, in addition to the support of his Officers, there were present representatives of other Lodges. The chief business was the passing of Bros. Robson and Stott, and the raising of Bro. A. Hatfield. The W.M. was ably assisted in the raising by Bro. Bullock P.M., the working tools being carefully explained by the acting J.W., Bro. Thomas Laverack Secretary. The work having been successfully gone through, and hearty good wishes having been expressed from other Lodges, labour to refreshment produced a pleasant evening, of recitation, narrative, and songs, with instrumental accompaniment.

TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

THE installation of Bro. W. E. Miles took place at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 9th inst. A large and influential gathering assembled from the Provinces of the Eastern Division of South Wales and Monmouthshire. The following Officers were present:—Bros. M. Tennant D.P.G.M., D. S. Vorzopolo P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, Thomas Evans W.M., W. E. Miles S.W. and W.M. elect, H. Williams J.W., T. M. Hale Treasurer, J. T. Hogg Secretary, John Miles S.D., A. W. Hellier I.G., Jos. E. Deacon P.P.G.O., T. Mathews P.M. P.P.G.S.W., David Williams P.M. P.P.G.A.P., Henry White P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, and Amos Jenkins Tyler. A pleasing circumstance in connection with the meeting was the handing of a cheque for £40 to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Victoria Fund of the Widows and Freemasons of this Province. This handsome sum had been collected

for the brethren of the Tennant Lodge by the Worshipful Master Bro. Miles, and speaks volumes for the zeal of the Tennant Lodge on behalf of the local Masonic Charities. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Royal Hotel, when, in addition to several toasts, a programme of music and recitations by several brethren was gone through, under the direction of Bro. W. B. Ferrier.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

MORE than usual interest was taken in the last meeting of this Lodge, held on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst. There was a large and brilliant gathering, both of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Chas. Middleton took the gavel at 4 o'clock, and his Officers present included Bros. J. J. Fretwell S.W., Tom Atkinson J.W., Robt. Abbott Secretary, H. Begbie Abbott Assistant Secretary, A. Butterworth S.D., B. Sykes Bailey J.D., R. A. Smithson I.G., Thornton Jones and Ellis Stewards, S. Barrand Tyler. The W.M. had invited the W.M.'s of the other seven Leeds Lodges to be present, and the invitation was unanimously accepted. At the last moment, however, W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock W.M. Goderich, 1211, had to leave town owing to a professional call. Amongst those present in a very full Lodge were V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth P.G.C. Eng., W. Bro. C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treas., W. Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M. D.C., and the following six Masters of Leeds Lodges:—W. Bros. Wales Smith W.M. Fidelity 289, Lawson W.M. Philanthropic 304, Godwin W.M. Zetland 1311, Tomlinson W.M. Defence 1221, Cowbrough W.M. Excelsior, Batt W.M. Alfred 306. The other visiting brethren included W. Bro. S. Scott Young P.M., P.G.St.B. East Lancashire (an old member of Lodge Prudence, whose re-appearance, with his honours thick upon him, was hailed with delight). The first business was the scrolling of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. Fretwell, the Senior Warden, a result which was hailed with loud applause. In graceful and earnest language W. Bro. Middleton congratulated Bro. Fretwell upon the signal honour which had been done him, and assured him of the hearty support of every brother during his year of office. Brother Fretwell, who was much touched at this hearty token of the regard in which he is held by his brethren, briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren that it would be his intention to carry on the Lodge on the lines which had resulted in such great success heretofore. W. Bro. C. Letch Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer was re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Barrand was re-elected Tyler. Bros. T. Atkinson J.W. and Smithson I.G. were elected Auditors, and Bro. Fretwell was chosen to represent the W.M. at the audit. W. Bro. Trevor P.M. then proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to W. Bro. Middleton W.M. as a mark of esteem. He said that Bro. Middleton was the sixth Master of the Lodge, and he had maintained its character for harmony and good feeling; indeed Bro. Middleton had by his urbanity and courtesy, if possible, added to the estimation in which Lodge Prudence was held in the town and in the Province. He was indeed a man whom it was not easy to provoke. Patience and amiability ought always to characterise a W.M. His year had been a most happy and successful one to all concerned, and it was fitting that he should carry away with him some memento of the feeling of the brethren—some tangible token of the esteem he was held in by all. Bro. B. Sykes Bailey J.D. seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation. V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth then, to the delight of the members and visitors, gave his eloquent exposition of the Tracing Board in the first degree. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the Tracing Board of that degree was given by W. Bro. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer, in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums of all who heard it. A candidate having been initiated, hearty good wishes were exchanged and Lodge was closed. At the festive board the W.M., in proposing what he called the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. elect, bore testimony to the feelings of affection entertained for Bro. Fretwell by the members of the Lodge, and expressed the belief that under his control the career of the Lodge would be as prosperous as it had hitherto been. W. Bro. Trevor, who had proposed Bro. Fretwell as an initiate, five years ago, spoke in kindly terms of that brother, and said what pleasure it was to him that for the first time in the history of Lodge Prudence an initiate of the Lodge had been elected W.M. Bro. Fretwell, the W.M. elect, said that he accepted the honour that had been conferred upon him under a deep sense of responsibility. Looking at the brilliant list of Past Masters who had preceded him, it was no light task he was undertaking. He was convinced that that task was not an impossible one, because he was sure they sympathised with him in his present joy. Though he failed to find language to express all he felt at that moment, he assured them that his heart was full, and it would be his lifelong endeavour to discharge the debt of gratitude he owed them, and to hand over the banner of the Lodge unsullied to his successor. During the evening songs were given by Bros. Scott Young, Buckley, Atkinson and others.

DE TATTON LODGE, No. 2144.

THE annual festival was held on Monday, at Bowdon, when Bro. A. Ingham was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. John Lewis P.M., assisted by Bros. E. G. Simpson and A. J. Pearce. The newly-installed Master invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. George Bowen I.P.M., Frederick Johnson S.W., J. T. Goulding J.W., E. G. Simpson D.C., A. J. Pearce Secretary, W. Morris S.D., J. Crawshaw J.D., W. Moody I.G., and W. A. Doherty, A. R. Jury, J. H. Lawe and H. W. Evason Stewards.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 2321.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the retiring Master, Bro. Alfred Stephenson P.P.G.D.C., in the presence of a number of visitors and brethren, installed his successor, Bro. S. A. Anty, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following

Officers were invested.—Bros. Thomas Jowett S.W., John Niven J.W., John Haigh P.M. Chaplain, C. H. Ellis Treasurer, J. T. Last Secretary, John Thornton S.D., A. J. Boyle J.D., A. Holmes I.G., T. W. Holmes Organist, A. Bailey D.C. and Charity Steward, Samuel Robinson O.G., and others. After closing the Lodge the brethren adjourned for supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent, Bros. Holmes, Kingdom, Lee and Miles adding much to the harmony of the meeting.

WHITWELL LODGE, No. 1390.

THE members celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Stockton. The retiring W.M. was Brother J. C. Badge, and in succession to him Bro. C. J. Seaman S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. John F. Craggs P.P.G.D. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Brothers J. C. Badge I.P.M., H. Garton S.W., John Harrison J.W., G. D. Leng P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, J. Broome Secretary, H. H. Readman Organist, Snowdon Appleton S.D., H. Macdonnell J.D., J. Wilks I.G., Bedford R. Smith Tyler, D. McNaughton and J. H. Elliot Stewards. The customary banquet was held after the installation, and a number of ladies were present, the presence of the fair sex on such an occasion being "a new departure" instituted by the Whitwell Lodge.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Western Hotel, Great Western Street. The Lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. Joseph Kershaw, and subsequently Brother W. P. Davies S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master by Brother J. C. Gillman P.P.G.S.D., assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge. The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. Kershaw I.P.M., W. Blears S.W., J. Morris J.W., R. Wilson S.D., J. Wilson J.D., P. E. Land Secretary, S. D. M'Kellen P.P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., T. W. Hampson I.G., W. Riddell Tyler. In the evening the festival of St. John was celebrated by a banquet, the newly installed W.M. presiding.

LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1505.

BROTHER JOHN WORTHY was, on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, installed with all the usual ancient rites and ceremonies as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. His installation having been accomplished, Brother Worthy proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John G. Halliwood I.P.M., James Greenless S.W., Eli Brooks J.W., Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Rober Foote P.M. P.P.G.T. Treasurer, Francis Simpson Secretary, Robert S. Wells S.D., William Metcalfe J.D., James T. Callow P.P.G.T. D.C., John C. Pratt Organist, Edwin Eastwood I.G., J. E. Williams, George C. Hughes, and Robert B. Matheson Stewards. The brethren subsequently partook of the annual installation banquet. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. E. Pierpoint P.P.G.J.W., J. M'Nab P.G.J.W., G. Harradon P.G. Treasurer, E. Morgan, W. C. Irwin, R. Rawlinson W.M. 673, J. Edwards W.M. 1182, R. W. Houghton W.M. 314, W. M'Lachlan P.M. 241, J. Sharple P.M. 724, and J. C. Robinson. The musical brethren were Bros. H. Nicholls, A. B. Ewart, T. Shaw, E. Edwards, J. Heginbotham, W. Sweetman, S. Kirkham, W. Latham, and H. Round jun.

WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 1713.

BROTHER JAMES TOMLIN was on Tuesday, at the Rooms' Black Horse Hotel, Walton, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of Provincial Grand, Past Provincial Grand Officers, and distinguished visiting brethren. The W.M. elect was efficiently installed by Bro. W. H. Bucknell, the retiring Master. Subsequently Bro. James Tomlin appointed as his Officers:—Bros. W. H. Bucknell I.P.M., James Stopford S.W., John Roberts J.W., R. T. Leslie P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, S. J. Pentin P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Treasurer, James Pendrigh Secretary, A. H. Davis S.D., Charles Binks J.D., A. E. Leyland I.G., W. Hudson Organist, A. Vickers, B. Kelly, B. J. Hobson Stewards, G. A. Harradon P.M. P.G.T. D.C., and J. R. Nicklin P.M. A.D.C. The proceedings following the annual installation dinner were of a highly interesting and enjoyable character.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704 (Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116 High Street, Lewisham). A very instructive meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of W. Bro. H. E. Joyce P.M. United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507. In the course of the evening the Lodge was opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of passing was fully rehearsed, and the major portion of the M.M. degree was excellently rendered. The several details of the work were fully explained and expounded by the Preceptor Bro. James Stevens, and the interest taken therein was evinced by the extension of the customary closing for upwards of an hour beyond the usual time. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Joyce for his able services in the chair was unanimously passed, and in acknowledging the same Bro. Joyce took occasion to pay a high compliment to Bro. Stevens for the valuable instruction he had afforded to himself and the members present. Bro. C. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Present, Bros. Voisey W.M., Dent S.W., Jape J.W. Lea-Smith S.D., Southwell J.D., Gaze I.G., Hobbs Preceptor, Mapleton Secretary, Marshall, Webb, Burne, Fraser, Mountford, White, De Paiva, Stenning, Watson, Schofield, Godwin, Danberry and Smiles. Visitors: Bros. Barnett and Stenning. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of

passing rehearsed, and the explanation of the second Tracing Board given, Bro. Danberry acting as candidate. The following business was transacted: Bro. A. Winas was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he appointed his Officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. Bros. Barnett, Christie, Gates, Owen, Stenning and Watson were elected members of the Lodge. The permanent Officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:—Brothers J. S. Fraser Treasurer, T. Burne, H. M. Hobbs and G. F. Marshall Preceptors, W. H. Causton, M.D., Michell Staughter and C. W. C. Webb Committee, J. D. Langton and C. W. Mapleton Secretaries. Bros. F. Knight and S. Lea-Smith were elected Auditors. The Lodge was then closed.

On the 16th inst. Present: W. H. Causton, M.D., Preceptor, J. Jape S.W., J. S. Fraser Treasurer, A. R. Stenning S.D., H. M. Hobbs W.M., S. Lea-Smith J.W., C. W. Mapleton Secretary, A. E. De Paiva J.D., Danberry I.G. Bros. Marshall, Gordon Smith, Wright, Hall, Schofield, Stenning, Voisey, Dr. Godwin, Dent, Bush, Woodroffe, Barnett, White and Smiles. Business: The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. In the absence of the late Treasurer the Secretary presented the accounts for the past year and it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that the same be received, adopted and entered on the minutes. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Notice was given that the ceremony of initiation with the charge would be rehearsed. Bro. M. White was elected a member of the Lodge. The monthly meeting of the Second Langton Benevolent Association was afterwards held, and two ballots were drawn for.

CHARITY IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

A CIRCULAR has been issued, signed by Bros. E. G. Harwood Chairman, J. H. Sillitoe Vice-Chairman, and J. Chadwick Secretary of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, containing "a few suggestions for the use of the Visiting Committee, whose aims and purposes are to endeavour to establish a regular and systematic method of subscription from every member of the Lodges in the Province." The members of the Committee are requested to draw attention to the increasing demands upon the London Institutions, and to point out that the time is not far distant when Provinces will have to make some provision for the aged Freemasons and widows who cannot gain election upon the London Institutions. They are further asked to impress upon the Lodges the grand opportunity East Lancashire, with a more regular provision, might possess for meeting these contingencies through the medium of its local Institution, and to point out the necessity for placing that Institution upon a more reliable financial basis. A sacrifice on the part of each subscribing brother in the Province, say 5s per annum, would give the Institution a regular income of nearly £1,000 per annum, which, added to the liberal donations of more wealthy brethren, and from Lodge Funds, would place the Institution in a firmer position.

The 226th anniversary Festival of the Scottish Corporation (President R.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Rothesay, K.G.) will be held on Saturday, 29th November 1890 (for St. Andrew's Day), at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., the Right Hon. J. P. Bannerman Robertson, Q.C., M.P., Lord Advocate for Scotland, in the chair. A feature of the Society's operations is to assist those coming up from Scotland in search of employment who may find themselves destitute. To such a little timely help often means the difference between success and ruin, and, although they have really no valid claim to assistance from the Charity, the Committee are anxious that no deserving native of Scotland, however short his residence in the metropolis may have been, shall, if in destitute circumstances, be turned away without assistance. To accomplish this in a satisfactory manner, however, the present resources of the Charity are totally inadequate, and the Committee feel under the necessity of appealing for assistance to an extended number of their fellow countrymen in Scotland.

A Masonic event which has just taken place at Budapest deserves some notice, as it is likely to foster the neighbourly feelings between Hungary and Serbia to which Count Szapary gave expression on the occasion of the inauguration of the Iron Gates Works. Until now there has been at Belgrade only one Lodge, which was founded under the patronage of the Italian Great Orient. Some of its members, in conjunction with a number of prominent politicians and scientific men in Serbia, have now established a new Lodge, which will be under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of Hungary. The reception and affiliation of the Serbian members took place here recently in the Masonic Temple with great ceremony, and Hungarian Freemasons believe that this new connecting link between Belgrade and Budapest will have a beneficial influence on the political relations between the two countries.—*The Times*.

Speaking on the word "Freemason," Brother W. Simpson, of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, says we do not know the exact meaning of the name. Many etymologies have been suggested. All the languages in Europe having been exhausted in attempts, the ancient languages of the East are now being attacked as a solvent in this case. Brother J. H. Little has dived into the hieroglyphics of Egypt, and has derived the word from that source. He puts it as *Phre-masson*.

DEATH.

CAMA.—On the 14th inst., Bai Bhikaji, the wife of D. P. Cama, at 44 St. Mark's-road, N. Kensington. Aged 57. No flowers.

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DID MASONS HAVE TWO OR THREE DEGREES IN 1723?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The heading of this letter states clearly the last issue discussed between Bro. Gould and myself. Bro. Gould maintained that Masons then had but two degrees, and that in 1723 the Grand Lodge prohibited Lodges to confer the second degree, or the Master's part; while I maintained that Masons in 1723 had three degrees, and that two out of the three degrees, namely, the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees, Lodges were forbidden to confer unless by Dispensation. Bro. Gould quoted from the record of 25th November 1725, viz. :—

"A motion being made that such part of the 13th Article in the General Regulations, relating to the making of Masters only at the quarterly [or in the Grand] Lodge, may be repealed, and that the Master of each Lodge, with the consent of his Wardens and a majority of the brethren being Masters, may make Masters at their discretion."

In the above paragraph, Masters only are mentioned, but on the other hand, the "13th Article of the General Regulations," of 1723, states :—

"Apprentices must be admitted MASTERS and FELLOW CRAFT only here [in the Grand Lodge], unless by a Dispensation."

And in the New Regulations of the 1738 Constitutions, Anderson says :—

"On 22nd Nov. 1725.—The Master of a Lodge with his Wardens and a competent Number of the Lodge assembled in due Form can make Masters and Fellows at Discretion."

The reader will notice that in both Constitutions the words "Master and Fellow Craft," and "Masters and Fellows," were printed either in small capital letters or in italics. This itself seems to me significant that in the Constitutions Anderson meant to convey the idea that Masons had three degrees; that in 1723 Lodges were forbidden to confer the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees, unless by Dispensation; and in 1725 that law was repealed, and Lodges were thenceforth allowed to confer the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees. But says Bro. Gould :—

"Dr. Anderson was not present in the Grand Lodge when the Old Regulation XIII. was repealed in 1725, nor if he had been could his recollection of the proceedings in 1738 be of any value at all compared with the entry made by the Grand Secretary of the time" [of 1725].

Now, I believe, Bro. Gould, without an *if* or a *but*, that Dr. Anderson was not present in the Grand Lodge when the Regulation XIII. was repealed: also, that if he had been there in 1725 he might not have remembered in 1738 the precise wording of the repeal of that law in 1725. But, on the other hand, Bro. Gould must concede that Anderson could not have compiled his New Regulations in 1738 without consulting the record from 1723 to 1738. It was from the record he copied the New Regulations in 1738. As far as I know he made no alteration in any other extract except that of 25th Nov. 1725, and in this case he must doubtless have been satisfied that the Grand Secretary of 1725 did not give the correct idea, or that his wording was faulty; hence Anderson corrected it. He made the Old Regulations harmonize with the New. The Old Regulations prohibited Lodges to confer the degree of Fellow Craft and Master's degrees, and the New Regulations allowed the Lodges to confer the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees. Besides which, each Constitution was subject to the approval of a committee, and, as already stated in a former paper, Desaguliers copied the 1723 Constitutions, and he of course copied the XIII. Regulation, and I cannot believe that Desaguliers and the two committees could have neglected to correct Anderson's wording of both Constitutions, if it had required correction. For the above I unhesitatingly prefer Anderson's testimony to that of 1725.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 3rd October 1890.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1891.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow us to state, for the information of the many friends and well wishers of Bro. George Everett, that we have already received on his behalf promises of support from over Fourteen Hundred Brethren, with permission to place their names on his Committee should a contest take place for the office of Grand Treasurer in 1891.

Bro. Everett, as you are aware, polled a sufficient number of votes in 1889 to have ensured his success at any ordinary election, and as he this year stood by rather than provoke the turmoil of a contest, we are indulging in the hope that on the next occasion he may himself be returned unopposed.

Yours fraternally,

H. J. LARDNER, }
S. H. PARKHOUSE, } Hon. Secretaries.

14th Oct. 1890.

CIVILIZATIONS OF VANISHED EMPIRES.

To the Editor of the "Echo."

SIR,—Your correspondent "G. de Winton," in your issue of this day, refers to the marvellous work of Dr. le Plougeon, which, from its graphic descriptions of the mural inscriptions in old temples in Yucatan, and their comparison with those of similar buildings in Egypt and in India, brings conviction to the mind of the reader of their common origin. How dwellers in the "Land of the West" migrated in ages past to Africa and to Asia is realised in following Dr. le Plougeon's pages. For Freemasons, Dr. le Plougeon's work has so deep an interest that, when more widely known, few Lodge libraries will be considered complete without it.—

Yours, &c.

ROYAL ARCH MASON, P.Z.

206 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, 13th Oct.

The consecration of the Hilbre Lodge, No. 2375, has been fixed for to-day, Saturday, at the Market Hall, Hoylake, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Sir Horatio Lloyd, assisted by Bros. James Salmon (Mayor of Chester) P.G.S.W., John Clayton P.G.J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G. Chaplain, R. Newhouse P.G. Secretary, and Geo. Browne P.G.D.C. The W.M. designate is Bro. Charles Stewart Dean P.P.G.J.D., Bros. Charles Roberts S.W., and C. Nigel Stewart J.W., with Bros. C. H. Smith, James S. Jolley, John Lee, John Morris, John G. Holmes, James Woodcock and William H. Martin.

The "young" man who is entrusted to write pars for our genial contemporary *The South African Freemason*, should have the rod shaken at him. In a recent issue he thus "expands" himself :—

What is the mysterious connection between that extraordinary modern Diogenes, Brother Jacob Norton, and the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE? Our excellent contemporary is perfectly redolent of Jacob Norton, and has a column or two of his awful lucubrations every single week. If Norton's stuff was merely twaddle we could possibly possess our soul in peace, but we feel real mad when we have week by week to contemplate a professedly Masonic paper half filled with what is nothing more nor less than abuse of the Craft, couched in language always coarse and often literally filthy. And to make matters worse this extraordinary Bostonian invariably italicises any particularly disgusting piece of Billingsgate.

We do not desire to read our young friend a lecture, but we wish him to incline to the belief,—we know our own business. Bro. Norton is respected by all who know him; if he does not write according to the "lights" set up by his critics, all who can boast of his acquaintance are assured he is a good fellow and a sincere friend to the human race.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Melrose, Prov. G. Chaplain, in the course of his sermon before the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at Penrith, on the 3rd inst., made the following remarks :—

Amidst the tokens of change we see around us, one thing remains unchanged—the love of God revealed to us in His holy word. That was the Book upon which the faith of Englishmen had rested since the Church gave it to them; it was that Book which had made England great, glorious, and free, and had made her name and character shine brightest among all the nations of the earth. To the Freemason it was the volume of the Sacred Law. It occupied the most exalted position in the Masonic Lodge. No step in Masonry could be taken without it being saluted as the rule and guide of its faith and practice. No man could become a Freemason without being earnestly exhorted to make it his constant study, to endeavour at all times to mould his life and actions according to its pattern and to conform to the divine commands which it contains. The text appeared to him like the briefest summary of the charge to a candidate for Freemasonry. Was it not true that there was a great deal of formality in the religion of the present day. Some went to Church to say prayers, and not to pray them. It was respectable to go, it was fashionable, it tended to make people think well of them. The same leaven of hypocrisy permeated to some depth what was called society, which instead of influencing men by a high moral tone, was sometimes the very means of their debasement? Was it not too often true that money, and money alone, was the key which opened the gate to that which ought to be the centre of culture and refinement? Similarly in the business of life, in what were called commercial transactions, were they always, were they generally honest? Did they not present to the young mind just embarking upon life's sea a very faded picture of that high standard to which it had been trained? Look at the newspapers, and read the tempting baits spread before unwary investors. How anxious are some people in these days of enlightened iniquity to share their wealth with the masses by what they called a co-operative system of dealing in stocks and shares. Less or risk, if ever alluded to, is printed in the smallest of type, while profit and expectation, with a hypocritical word of caution against other systems of investment, are set forth in the boldest of capitals.

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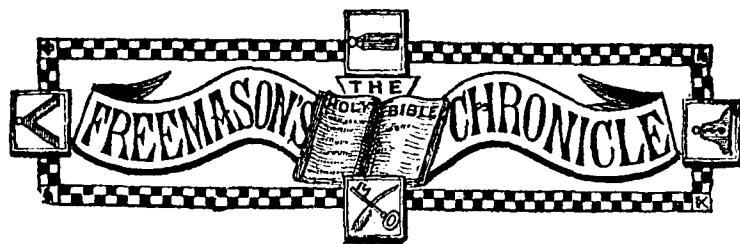
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KIMBERLEY.

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VISIT OF BRO. SIR SOMERS VINE G.S.D. E.C.

NEVER since the visit of the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master Eng. to Kimberley has there been such a gathering of Freemasons in the Kimberley Masonic Temple as there was on Thursday, the 18th ult., to give a fraternal welcome to Sir Somers Vine G.S.D. to Kimberley. Upwards of 200 brethren responded to the call, and the Temple presented a brilliant appearance. There were twenty-four P.M.'s on the dais, amongst them being Brother Mouatt D.G.S.W., who on entering was received with the usual Masonic honours. Advantage was taken of a regular meeting of the Charles Warren Lodge, with a raising, to invite the distinguished brother to be present. Bro. C. E. Blackbeard P.M., in the absence of Bro. Allport, the W.M. of the Lodge, owing to an accident, took the chair, and the Officers and members of the various Lodges were one by one introduced, after which a number of unattached brethren followed. All being assembled, it was announced that Brother Sir Somers Vine was without, and P.M.'s Bros. S. T. Solomon and G. C. Cator were deputed to receive him at the door. As Bro. Vine entered the brethren rose, and he was received with customary Masonic honours and welcomed by the acting W.M. The Lodge was then opened in due form in the first, second, and third degrees, after which the solemn ritual of the raising of the candidate to the full benefits of Masonry was proceeded with. The beautiful ritual of this degree was most impressively performed by the Acting W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Da Silva, F. Cranswick, H. F. E. Pistorius, J. B. King, Dr. E. H. Croghan, Thomas, Borchers, &c. The musical arrangements were of an unusually attractive character; they were under the supervision of Bro. E. Ball, who was assisted by an efficient choir. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Lodge was closed from the third to second and first degree, after which the acting W.M. briefly and formally introduced the illustrious brother, expressing the great pleasure it afforded the Freemasons of Kimberley to have the opportunity of giving him a welcome. Bro. Sir Somers Vine thanked the brethren for their truly Masonic greeting, and said that before leaving England the Grand Secretary (whose name was a household word amongst Freemasons) told him that although he (Col. Clarke) had not visited South Africa, he was in such constant communication with that part of the world that he could promise him a hearty welcome; a promise which had been amply fulfilled. He had visited Lodges in many parts of the world, and the working of the Lodge in Kimberley was somewhat strange to him, but he had seen enough to convince him that the hearts of Masons in Kimberley beat strongly in sympathy with their brethren at home. Lodge was then duly closed. From labour to refreshment is a duty which is observed in every

Masonic Lodge, and this occasion was no exception. At half-past ten the brethren sat down to supper. After paying due justice to an excellent repast, which Mr. Lenz had provided, the Chairman, Bro. Blackbeard, proposed the customary Loyal toasts, which were received with true Masonic spirit. Bro. Cranswick P.M. then rose, and said the pleasant duty devolved upon him to propose the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, the Officers of the Grand Lodge, including their guest that evening Bro. Sir Somers Vine Grand Senior Deacon. Most of them were aware that that was not the first time that the Masons of Kimberley had had the honour of welcoming amongst them an Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. It was not so very long ago that they had amongst them the Pro Grand Master of the English Craft, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, unhappily no more. To-night they had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Sir Somers Vine; he hoped the visit of their guest would be a pleasant one, and they all, he was sure, hoped that Sir Somers would not be the last Grand Officer of the English Lodge who would visit Kimberley. He was happy to say that a good many people at home were beginning to find out Kimberley. They had lately seen in the *World* some extraordinary statements with reference to the Hon. Mr. Rhodes and Kimberley, one of which was that Kimberley was the centre of a sand desert. The fact was, that the writer of that article evidently knew nothing about Kimberley, or its clubs, or of its ladies, and they all hoped that when Sir Somers got home he would set them right. They knew the principal object of his visit to South Africa.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine's rising was the signal for another burst of enthusiasm. He said he could only express the pleasure he felt at experiencing such a welcome by adding to the remarks he had already made in open Lodge. The welcome he received there was only accentuated by the welcome they had afforded him at that festive table, and he found it difficult to find words to express his gratitude. He assured them that he heartily appreciated their welcome, more than they could possibly imagine, and he could honestly say that because of the experience he had had in other parts of the world; this had not been inconsiderable. He had received from the Masons of Kimberley a truly British welcome. When he landed, he was met by a friend who promised him a genial welcome when he reached the town, but who added that, although they would be very glad to see him, it was a very bad time for him to expect to get any money. He did not know whether that gentleman was in the room (he believed he was), but he could assure him that he would never know the shock he caused, because he was bound to say that he certainly never came to Kimberley with the idea of getting any money. However, his kind friend said he could promise him a cordial welcome, and he was as good as his word, for he had had a right royal welcome. They were aware that he was in South Africa in connection with a mission which he might briefly allude to without absolutely talking "shop"—a mission which appealed to the heart of every Freemason who owned allegiance to the English Constitution. The object of that mission was dear to the heart of their R.W. G.M. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was good enough just before he left England to tell him that he had no doubt but that he would meet Freemasons in South Africa who were as enthusiastic members of the Craft as their brethren in England. He could assure them that His Royal Highness would hear from him on his return the royal manner in which he had been received in Kimberley, and the complimentary manner in which his name had been associated with the Craft; at the same time he doubted whether his Royal Highness would understand the feeling which he (Sir Somers Vine) felt whilst at the splendid entertainment at which he was then present. It had been his good fortune to visit Masonic Lodges in various parts of the British Empire, as well as in foreign countries, notably in the Sandwich Islands, where he found the King the P.M. of a Lodge, and who worked the Lodge with a degree of exactitude which was most gratifying. He could only say that he was astonished at the manner in which his Majesty had performed the duties of the chair, and he was most admirably supported by his Officers. He might also add that it had been his good fortune to attend Masonic Lodges in far away New Guinea. The weather was hot, but their stuff was good, and even if it had not been good, he had a truly brotherly welcome, which would have been just as much appreciated if the stuff had only been a dry crust and a banana. A short time before the lamented death of their brother the Earl of Carnarvon, he had the privilege of meeting his Lordship in Grand Lodge, and it would be satisfactory to the Masons of Kimberley to learn that his Lordship alluded in cordial terms to the reception he had met with in South Africa. He could assure them that he looked forward with much pleasure to when he should meet his Royal Master face to face, and give him an account of his welcome by the Masons of Kimberley. He was much delighted to see the Masons in this part of the world so thoroughly in earnest. He was delighted with the way in which they performed their duties and worked their degrees, and he should ever love and cherish with sincere feelings the grand compliment that had been paid him by the Freemasons of Kimberley that evening.—*Kimberley Daily Independent.*

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at Cambridge, on Wednesday, 19th November, under the banner of the Isaac Newton (University) Lodge, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke presiding. The meeting at the Guildhall will be preceded by a church parade, at 3 p.m.; and the banquet will subsequently be served at the Lion Hotel.

The Lord Mayor has accepted an invitation to dine with the Lodge of Tranquillity at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday next.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at Masonic-buildings, Lord-street, Southport. The R.W. P.G.M. the Earl of Lathom presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, and many Past Provincial Officers; indeed, about half of the 130 Mark Masters present had attained Provincial rank. Bro. the Rev. T. B. Spencer acted as Deputy Grand Chaplain, and Bro. J. D. Murray as D.C. All the Lancashire Lodges, save two of the most remote, were represented, the attendance from Liverpool, Preston, Manchester, and Burnley being specially strong. The Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. John Chadwick) read his 20th annual report, showing notable progress in Lancashire Mark Masonry. He pointed out that wherever the Mark degree had been well worked it had made rapid strides and found great favour. The Treasurer's accounts showed an increased balance in hand. One feature of the report alone was painful, and particularly so, the Prov. G.J.W. having died last year before he could assume office, and the Registrar being absent owing to serious illness. The Prov. Grand Chaplain had been unable to perform his duties consequent on removal to Canada. Bro. T. R. Jolly (Preston 146) having been unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. G.M. invested his Officers, as follows:—

Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.	...	Senior Warden
W. Court	...	Junior Warden
J. Talbot Stowell	...	M.O.
J. L. Houghton	...	J.O.
Rev. Sadler Stoney	...	Chaplain
T. R. Jolly	...	Treasurer
J. Lambert	...	Registrar
John Chadwick	...	Secretary
C. Crabtree	...	Senior Deacon
W. E. Irwin	...	Junior Deacon
P. R. Barrow	...	Dir. of Cers.
R. Harrison	...	Ins. of Works
S. Scott Young	...	Sword Bearer
W. Turby	...	Standard Bearer
J. Holyoak	...	Organist
John Howarth	...	I.G.
T. Adams	...	} Stewards
R. Sharrock	...	
J. Hatch	...	
Dr. Charlick	...	
J. Hankin	...	Tyler

Bros. N. Nicholson, James Platt, and T. Nevott were chosen Auditors. A donation of ten guineas was made to the Portal Memorial Organ Fund. Liverpool, Preston, and Blackpool were each suggested for the next annual meeting, the Provincial Grand Master to decide.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, High Street, Lewes, on the 14th inst. The Dean of Battle, Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie Deputy Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. V. P. Freeman	...	Senior Warden
S. R. Legg	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Pattick	...	Chaplain
R. Clowes	...	Treasurer
J. C. Buckwell	...	Registrar
J. P. Slingsby Roberts	...	Secretary
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J. Adames	...	S.O.
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C. A. Smith	...	Senior Deacon
C. H. Haine	...	Junior Deacon
C. Briscoe	...	Supt. of Works
R. Willard	...	Dir. of Cers.
A. F. Lamette	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
J. T. Musson	...	S.B.
G. Holman	...	St.B.
W. N. Roe	...	Organist
W. Wright	...	I.G.
W. W. Turner	...	} Stewards
J. Farncombe	...	
E. S. Medcalf	...	
T. Bullock	...	

After the meeting the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on the 15th inst., when there was a large attendance of Provincial Officers, &c. In consequence of the indisposition of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton, Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, the chair was taken by Brother Charles Spencer Stanhope, Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire. The business related principally to the progress of the degree in Cheshire, the various reports from the different Lodges giving a most satisfactory account of the extension of Mark Masonry. The auditors' report showed a satisfactory financial state, and was unanimously adopted. The following Provincial Officers were then appointed:—

Bro. Hon. and Rev. Spencer Stanhope	Deputy Grand Master
Samuel William Ramsden	Senior Warden
W. Cartwright	Junior Warden
W. H. Finchett	M.O.
W. Booth	S.O.
John Fraser	J.O.
Rev. J. W. Tanner	Chaplain
J. K. Stephenson	Treasurer
G. M'Lelland	Registrar
R. Newhouse	Secretary
E. Marston	Senior Deacon
Enoch Evans	Junior Deacon
E. King Ellison	Ins. of Works
A. Atkinson	Dir. of Cers.
John Lee	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Harry Thomas	Sword Bearer
J. R. Connell	Standard Bearer
Herbert Ellis	Organist
J. H. Foster	Pursuivant
Lomas	Steward
Stephen Smith	Tyler

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 16.

A regular meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the 9th inst., Bro. Martin Axworthy J.W. was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, Bro. E. J. Knight as the Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Shears as Tyler. The installation meeting will be held on the second Thursday in December.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ROYAL KENT CHAPTER OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

THE handsome Chapter Room, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, was visited, on the 8th inst., by a number of the leading Royal Arch Masons of Kent, on the occasion of the installation of Principals of this Chapter for the ensuing year, a dispensation for the proceedings having previously been granted by the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent for Kent. The ceremony of installing the Principals was performed by M.E.C. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.A.S. of England, from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, when Comp. G. R. Cobham was installed in the second, and Comp. C. R. Cockburn in the third chair, with the accustomed solemn and impressive ceremonies. The following Companions were afterwards appointed Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year, and each duly invested with the collar and jewel of office, viz., J. S. Furnell S.E., G. Church S.N., F. G. Homan P.Z. P.S., F. H. Collins 1st A.S., and J. Orwin J. At the termination of the Chapter business the customary annual banquet took place, presided over by M.E.C. S. Varren Z., when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. H. Sparrier placed a splendid banquet upon the table.

COVENT GARDEN CHAPTER, No. 1614.

THIS Chapter, consecrated on the 25th July last, held its first regular meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London, on Thursday, the 16th inst. At previous emergency meetings, held respectively on the 11th September and on the 9th inst., a very fair number of brethren had been exalted to the Supreme Degree, and the Chapter on this particular occasion presented a very creditable appearance both in respect of the number of Royal Masons attending, and the display of the new and very elegant appointments appertaining to the effective working of the Supreme Degree. The Companions present were the Excellent Companions Samuel Hewett Z., Simeon Jacobs II., and Frederick Kedge J., the three Principals installed by Comp. Col. Shadwell E. Clerke Grand Scribe E. on the date of consecration, and these were supported by Ex. Comps. John Coltarb acting as I.P.Z., John Cox, and G. Reynolds Scribe E., and Comps. C. O. Burgess Treasurer, J. Shinner Scribe N., W. Hancock P.S., C. W. Fromholz Steward, and R. Potter Janitor. There were also present Comps. Jas. Rowe, W. Hoggins, J. F. Blyth, J. D. Graham, Edward Jacobs, George Bond, Jas. Woodward, John Jacobs, W. J. Thruswell, Robt. Kirk, Geo. Foan, Douglas W. Tough, Geo. Stacey, &c., and visitors Ex. Comps. T. C. Edmonds M.E.Z. 1507, James Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771, and Comp. F. M. Noakes 1621. The business on the agenda was the exaltation of eight brethren already accepted, the ballot for and exaltation of Bros. Robert

Dawson of the Dunboyne Lodge, No. 60 I.C., and Ernest A. Ainsworth of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, and the ballot for and joining of two other Companions. Unfortunately a variety of circumstances interfered with the expected attendance of candidates, and the lengthy and beautiful ceremony was worked for the advantage of Bro. Robert Dawson alone, and the addresses from the respective chairs were delivered on behalf of himself and the members admitted on the previous emergencies, by Ex. Comps. Coltarb and Cox. It is needless to say that the Chapter work was carried out in a thoroughly efficient and impressive manner, and there can be no doubt that the prospects of this new addition to Royal Arch Masonry are of a very encouraging nature. Refreshment followed labour, a liberal banquet being well served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in that social good fellowship peculiar to Freemasons, the customary Masonic toasts receiving honour and responses from the several Companions concerned therewith. Amongst the many we may select that of the newly exalted Companion, Robert Dawson, for special commendation as one of the best speeches given under similar circumstances. The visitors took occasion to speak in terms of satisfaction with the style of the work they had witnessed and the hospitable entertainment they had received. Thus, with song and recitation, in order, peace and harmony, the first regular meeting of a Chapter of great promise passed away, and the Janitor's final toast gave the signal for separation.

NEW MUSIC.

Music intended for review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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Now that the cold and foggy nights are coming on, it will be well to place before our readers something that will help them to pass the evenings pleasantly. How enjoyable a party can be made with the help of music? What more gratification can be realised than from listening to a good song, a pretty piece, or dancing to soft and cheery music. As is the rule at this season of the year, Messrs. W. Morley and Co., of 127 Regent Street, London, W., have published several new works, and among the parcel we have lately received from this well known firm are some tuneful and melodious songs and waltzes, some of which are far above the average of every day publication, and we feel sure are destined to become popular, and stay with us for a long time. F. E. Weatherley and J. M. Capel's "Margery's Woosers" is a capital song for those who are in want of a simple refrain; it is written in bright fashion, while the music is admirably fitted to the theme. Another good song is "With Thee," the words of which have been supplied by John Muir, while the music, composed by Thomas Hutchinson, is of a character that will surely please a concert or drawing room audience. It is exceedingly pretty, and is not difficult to learn. Gerald Lane, the composer of "Down by the Sea," has also accomplished his work in a praiseworthy way. His words have been set to catchy and melodious music, and will doubtless be frequently heard during the approaching winter. The best song perhaps in the present parcel is Sydney West and J. Jackson's "Cathedral Memories." As this piece is of a sacred character, we expect to find grand and solemn music, and here we are not disappointed. The beautiful words are exquisitely set, with organ accompaniment ad libitum; it is bound to command attention.

Turning to another kind of music, we have a capital piece for the pianoforte, composed by Carl Malenberg. This is of an easy description, but most tuneful, and is to be recommended.

Messrs. Morley have not forgotten those fond of dancing, for in the two waltzes—"La Naiade" and "Dorothy Dene"—we have specimens of graceful and taking music. The time in each case is capital, while the great fault so often predominant in waltzes—repetition—is not perceptible. "La Naiade" is composed by Theo. Bonheur, while "Dorothy Dene" is by Hermann Ross. A capital portrait of Miss Dorothy Dene, the well known actress, is also given on the front of the latter piece. The St. James's Album for Christmas 1890, likewise from the establishment of Messrs. Morley, is a happy selection of dance music. Number 2 contains "When the lights are low" waltz; "Santa Claus" lancers, the latter introducing several popular melodies; "Pompeii" waltz; "Gazella," an Arabian dance; "Reve D'Ete" waltz; "Flirtation" polka; and the "Encore" waltz. All these are set for the pianoforte, while an edition is also published for the violin.

In concluding we may add, the above selection of music is one of the best we have examined for some time; but we hope to receive some equally as good; we shall have pleasure in reporting on them to our readers.

There will be a special matinee at Terry's Theatre, on Tuesday, 2nd December, when a new and original 3 act play, written by Julian Cross, will be produced; the title is not yet decided upon, but the cast is likely to be a strong one, as there are several very fine characters in the play.

On Wednesday afternoon, at Steinway Hall, Miss Mary M'Hardy gave, for the first time in London, her dramatic, humorous, musical and costume ritual. Miss M'Hardy, who is known in Scotland and some of the northern towns of England, is certainly clever, and possesses dramatic power. She was best in R. Henry's "An Old Maid"—"Pussy! Pussy! Pussy! Wherever is that cat?" Miss M'Hardy was well received by a good audience. Mrs. Metcalf presided at the piano, and secured great applause.

Saturday, the 24th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition (the twenty-second) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 26th inst.

AMOUNTIN' TO SUNTHIN'.

A QUEER MASONIC STORY.—BY CHARLOTTE WHITCOMB.

"JAN—ET! Jan—et! Jan—et McKay!! For the land's sake where is the girl? Here, Phil! you go hunt up Janet, and tell her I want her! She acts like all possessed lately! I can't get a chore out of her!"

Phil, a handsome boy of twelve or thereabouts, pretended to be at a loss where to look, but no sooner had the impatient woman left the room than he cleared the back stairs three steps at a bound, and was in the dim-lit, cobwebbed, "shed-chamber" where he descried, in the farthest corner, seated on the floor beside an open chest, the truant Janet. So absorbed was she in reading, she was not aware of Phil's presence until he reached her side and uttered a loud "Boo!" when she jumped with a frightened scream to her feet.

Ah ha, Scotchie! so this is where you are! O but you'll catch it! Aunt Rhody's after you, with a sharp stick, too! She wants you to wash the dishes, an' fix the 'taters, an' sweep up, an' no end o' things, so you'd better hustle; But say, what 'cher readin'."

"O, Phil! such a book! You'll like it, though, no end better'n 'The Holy War!'"

"I sh'd say so or I won't like it at all! But what's it about?"

"O, it's all about 'nishiashuns, that means being tossed in a blanket, and signing your forehead with blood, and settin' on hot gridirons, and everything, Phil! But you look at the pict'ers and when I'm through down stairs, I'll read it all over to you! O it's splendid!" and with a happy sigh the little girl resigned the book to Phil and sped down to her mistress.

"Phil saw that the book was a thin volume, shabbily bound in board, covered with coarse, pale blue paper, bearing in plain black type the title: "The True Secrets of Freemasonry." On a fly leaf was written in an old fashioned hand:

Steal not this book for fear of shame,
For here you see the owner's name,

NEREMIAH NYE. His Book. 1840.

Turning the pages he saw pictures indeed—coarse prints of the most startling character. Candidates submitting to the ordeal of "nishiashun" with the accessories of the angry goat, the delusive pole, the scorching gridiron, &c., and other ill-starred men receiving punishment for proving recreant and disloyal. "My!" exclaimed the boy, "but she's a case to find things! Now, I never saw anything in this old box but 'The Culprit Fay' and 'Childe Harold's Pilgrimage' and such stuff; but she found 'Gulliver's Travels' and 'Robinson Crusoe,' and now this, the best of all!"

Meanwhile, little Janet meekly received a lecture for shirking, and proceeded with the tasks of "fixin' 'taters," and "sweeping up," and held herself obedient to her mistress' requirements until dinner was over and the work out of the way, she was told to "take her knittin' and try and amount to sunthin'!"

"You know Janet," said Phil's aunt, "you're nothin' under the sun but a bound-girl from the 'sylum, here with me to learn to work an' earn your own livin', an' that's what you want to 'tend to I sh'd say."

"Now there's Philip Strong, my nephew—with him it's different—not that I approve of his bein' shiftless—far from it; but he's got a home an' plenty while he's a boy, an' a handsome property, comin' he's of age. But he's lazier'n Time in the primer, an' if brother Tom don't hev a stent gettin' him to mow a swath in life, I'll miss my guess!"

"I don't think Phil's lazy!" said Janet. "He can run faster and jump higher'n any hand on the farm!"

"Can! Well said! If I ever! How much does runnin' an' jumpin' count? The most cavortin' hosses are powerful poor critters to pull in harness! But Phil's nothin' to you or me. He's his father's look out, an' so as I said you just s pry around an' try an' amount to sunthin'!"

Janet dutifully took her knitting, a huge blue woollen sock, and repaired to the garret where she was soon knitting as fast as her fingers could fly, and at the same time reading aloud to Phil of the "nishiashuns and things" from the "True Secrets of Freemasonry."

When she paused for breath, Phil exclaimed, "My, but I wish I was a Mason!"

"O Phil, don't be one!" responded Janet, "How'd you like to be rolled down hill in a bar'l, and have men jabbin' your bare head and feet with pike poles, and then be sawed up into little bits and boiled in tar and throwed over Niagara Falls?"

"O you silly! It's only traitors that get that, an' it serves 'em right! I never'd tell!"

"Well, when you join, Phil, do think of that and other possibilities."

"It's only for once, Scotchie, and anybody even a girl, ought to stand that for once."

"Yes, I suppose you could have salve on, and be bandaged and get over it," responded the girl dubiously. "I'll do all I can for you, Phil, and you liked me to fix your foot when you had the stone-bruise, didn't you? I wonder if I shall be here then?"

"Yes, you'll be here. I'm going to have you live along o' me. Taint likely you'll ever be married."

"Your aunt Rhody says, I'm too mortal humbly.' Is that why I never'll get married, Phil?" said Janet, wistfully.

"W'y no, lots of powerful humbly women are married. You can see 'em to meetin' any Sunday, an' you wouldn't be so bad if your hair wa'n't so red, and you didn't have such big freckles on your cheeks. Mebby some feller might come along 'ut likes freckles," said Phil, encouragingly.

"I don't think I'd like any feller 'ut liked freckles," said Janet, unreasonably.

"Well, then, you live along o' me and take care o' the children. I'm going to have lots of 'em. You shall pick out slivers, 'tend to all

the stone-bruises and read out loud to my wife an' I. An' I say, Scotchie, you shall hev good dresses an' no such old trollick as that you've got on now," said Master Phil, gallantly.

"Who shall you marry, Phil?" asked Janet.

"O, I shall have to look her up. The' aint nobody 'round here, but I calc'late she'll have long shinin' curls, an' smooth pink cheeks—but don't you worry, I'll take care of you! See here, I'll write it in this book," and getting a pen and ink he laboriously penned as follows:

"I solemnly swear on the Holy Bible, and before high Heaven," (this was copied from the "True Secrets") "to hev Scotchie, otherwise Janet McKay, live always in my family to keer for the children an' do things, an' read out loud. So mote it be."

"Now it must be signed in blood," said the embryo Mason.

"O no, let me get some beet juice—it looks just like blood," and Janet ran away to forestall Phil's savage intent—but when she returned the boy had succeeded in coaxing, by the aid of a pin, a drop of blood to the surface of his finger and appended in sanguinary letters the name "Philip Strong" and the emblems of a skull and crossbones to his document.

That night when little Janet went to her bedroom, instead of being happy over the prospect of reaping the rewards of genius in Phil's "fam'bly," she seated herself before her small mirror and selecting the largest and brownest freckle on her young cheek, she rubbed it with the fuzzy side of a mullein leaf until it smarted but finding it had neither faded nor grown smaller, she went tearfully to bed, wondering why she could not have been blessed with "long shining curls and smooth pink cheeks."

"Fifteen years later, in October, in Chicago, Dr. Philip Strong had spent the day in a hospital, whither he had been summoned to attend several victims of a railway accident. It had been an unusually hard week. Day and night his services had been in demand, and he had had more surgical cases in this one week than in any other month during his entire practice. Old Mrs. Ray had sustained a bad injury to the spine; he had been called to a mangled bud of a child, the victim of the stupidity of a drunken drayman; the rector of St. Salpice had fallen from his bicycle while out for a spin and broken his collar bone; there was a crushed cable-car conductor; seven children had been hurt by a falling wall, and so it had been day after day. "This must be the end for a while," he thought as he drove homeward over the beautiful boulevard. "I hope I may have this evening to myself and a good night's rest, for I feel decidedly fagged," and he drew rein at Lincoln Park to admire the white caps on Lake Michigan and the play of the grey waters upon the shore under the spur of the wind, and then hastened cityward.

Life meant success and, to a degree, self-satisfaction to Dr. Strong. In love with his profession he had achieved by it, though not yet thirty years old, a name and a fame so well and favourably known that he needed no introduction to the profession in Chicago, or to the better class of its citizens. He was a bachelor, but lived in his own luxuriously appointed home, and might have had, thanks to his fine presence and pleasing address, an even greater social than professional success. But he preferred the companionship of books, the friendship of a few men of his profession, a lake shore drive after his own brisk trotters, or a row on the lake, to the most brilliant society gathering, much to the chagrin of certain belles and social leaders who would certainly have lionised him if he had given them half a chance.

As he drew rein at his own door he was met by his man saying: "Mrs. Goldbury wants you at once, sir, at all costs. She has sent her carriage with orders that it must not return without you, sir. A member of her family has met with an accident."

"Of course, another accident; just my luck!" exclaimed the Doctor. I suppose I must go; but Jim, remember, I am out of town to every other call to-night!" and as he seated himself in Mrs. Goldbury's carriage Poe's lines occurred to him:

"Child of some unhappy master
Whom unmerciful disaster
Follows fast and follows faster.—"

(To be continued.)

We tender to our good Brother Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, our deep sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained by the death of his beloved wife. The deceased lady took an interest in all Masonic functions, and was a prominent figure at our Festivals and Prize Gatherings. By her decease the poor in the district wherein she resided have lost a kind and sympathetic friend. Many will have cause to regret her death.

On another page we publish a letter from the Hon. Secretaries appointed to secure the election of our good friend Bro. George Everett, as Grand Treasurer for 1891. From it we gather that the promises of support given amount to over 1400. We have before expressed ourselves as to the desirability of avoiding a contested election, and we trust Bro. Everett will be returned on this occasion without opposition. He has gallantly bided his time, let us hope the time for his return has arrived.

GOSSIP ABOUT FREEMASONRY; its History and Traditions. A Paper read by Bro. S. VALLENTINE, P.M. and Z. No. 9, to the Brethren of the Albion Lodge of Instruction, 2nd November 1889.

Free by post from W. W. MORGAN, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

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, 18th October.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1733 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 142 St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1672 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1887 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 1194 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon

Monday, 20th October.

21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1189 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973 Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston

Tuesday, 21st October.

30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
2021 Queens Westminster, 8a Red Lion Sq., W.C.
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union St., B.-on-Trent
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006 Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214 Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 624 Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos
R.A. 1174 Penangle, Sun Hotel, Cramham
M.M. 268 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

Wednesday, 22nd October.

754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755 St. Tadao, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot. New Brompton
M.M. Northumberland & Bowick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 373 Ikeston, Rutland House, Ikeston
K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

Thursday, 23rd October.

34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1638 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1816 Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Rd.
1974 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 177 Donatic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury
214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Brentwood.
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslington
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth

344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636 Ogle, Masnic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blyth, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
892 Wallington, Public Hall, Carlshalt
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend
1164 Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1578 Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheddle
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 421 De Burgh, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
R.A. 1093 Prince of Wales, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 21 Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

Friday, 24th October.

60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav, W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co., E.C.
1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.A. 1802 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1821 Athlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 680 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. 125 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 25th October.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
1482 Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

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Saturday, 18th October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 5 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
1384 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Winds-r Castle, Hammersmith, 730
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 20th October.

222 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St.,

174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot. Cleveland Gdns., 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
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 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 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 21st October.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Donatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8

554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 820
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 730
1448 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crows, North Woolwich
1473 Hootie, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 22nd October.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730
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, Eadenhall St., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 730
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 830
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 730
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 730

1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
1681 Lendeborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
1791 Creton, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 730
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Donatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 730
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M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

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144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 730
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
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road

1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 730
1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 730
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 630
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, 745
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 730
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
 1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
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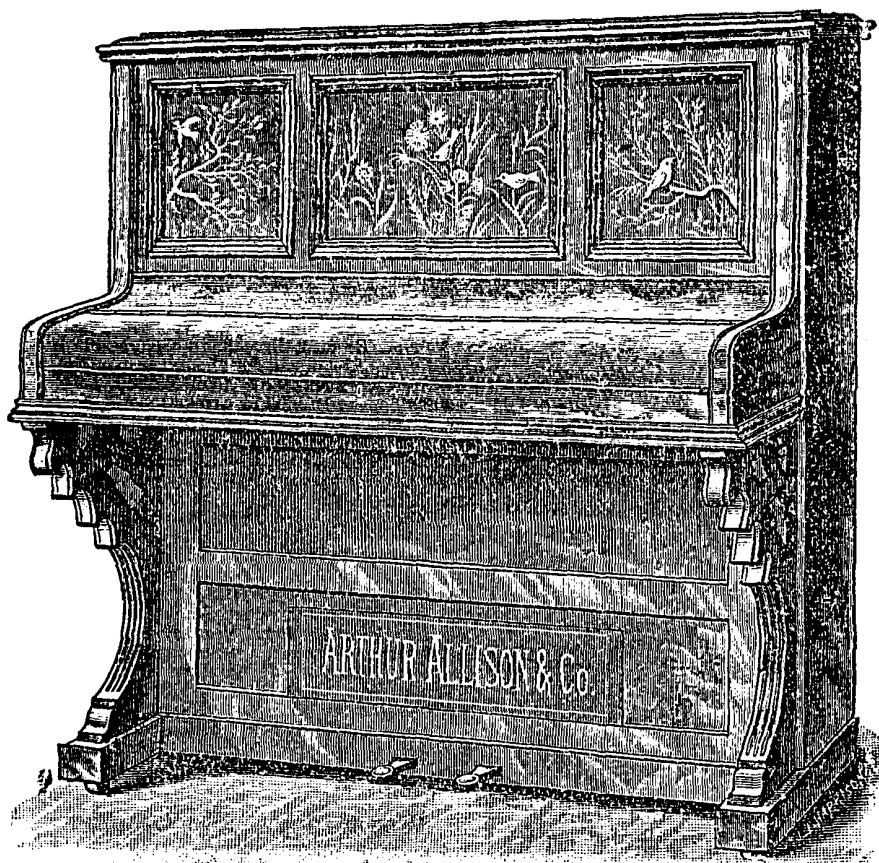
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 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30
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 786 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
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 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
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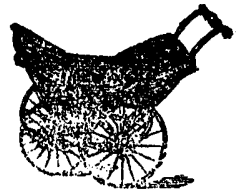


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