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LOOKING FORWARD.

IN many ways the Masonic year does not correspond with that by which we are accustomed to measure our days. In the one case we bring everything to a close with December; in the other—or at least so far as English Freemasonry is concerned—December may be regarded as the most active part of the year, and so far from closing its operations, marks the height of the Masonic Season. With such considerations, then, it will not be found very difficult to look upon the present time—the middle of December—as the opening of a new season in matters of Masonic Benevolence, for although the 1890 coffers of the three Charitable Institutions of the Craft have not yet been closed, those of 1891 are already open, and are being actively worked for by zealous Craftsmen in all parts of the country. As a consequence there is a considerable amount of “looking forward” as to what the ultimate results are likely to be, and what may probably arise from the working of Freemasons during the coming twelvemonths. On the present occasion we shall confine our remarks to the outlook so far as the Charities of the Order are concerned, but, from the very nature of things, whatever we may write now may be wholly upset by the unforeseen events of the next few months, or even the next few days.

It is generally anticipated that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will next year enjoy the lion's share of support from the Craft; and with so distinguished a Mason as the Earl of Lathom as the Chairman of its Anniversary Festival, coupled with the general desire to put the Institution on a particularly firm basis after its troubles, we do not think that popular expectation will be far wrong in this respect; and perhaps it is well that the Craft has, from time to time, some special object to work for in connection with its three great Institutions. But long before the turn of the Boys' School will come round the Craft will have to listen to details of what has been done on behalf of the other charity funds of the Order, and it is well to look forward far enough to recognise that whatever may be in store for the Boys' School, the requirements of the other departments of Masonic benevolence must not be forgotten or neglected. The Boys' School may be urgently in need of special consideration just now, but the claims of the Charity whose Annual Festival comes first in the year—that whose special object is to provide annuities for unfortunate Aged Members of the Order and their Widows—are almost, if not equally pressing, and for the time being the augmentation of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be the first care of the Craft, for, unless a strong and united effort is made on behalf of the coming Festival of that Institution, it is very doubtful if the contributions of the Order will be sufficient to maintain it in its present state of useful-

ness, and we must not forget that, despite the many needs of the growing generation, the old men and women of the Order have really the first claim on our attention, for it is to them and theirs that Freemasonry owes its present position and state of prosperity.

The Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place, in London, towards the end of February, and, as is usual in such cases, very much depends on the result of that gathering as to what will be possible in the future in connection with this most beneficial Charity. During the many years the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been in existence we have tried to arouse a little enthusiasm year by year in connection with this and kindred gatherings, and we have good reason to believe that our attempts in this direction have had some little effect in securing the success of the periodical appeals which have been made to the Craft. We hope our present effort may be as successful as any of its predecessors; we even go further,—expressing a desire that what we now write may convince some of our readers of the desirability that exists for a more general support of this estimable Institution.

There are some members among us who argue that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is hardly a matter that should be left to the chance of voluntary subscription. It should be made a permanent charge on the Craft, they urge, and every Lodge should be taxed to such an extent as would allow of its being carried on smoothly and satisfactorily year by year. Such a proposal is altogether wrong, and based on an erroneous idea of the case. We believe it is the feature of uncertainty which surrounds the whole system of the great Masonic Charities which has secured their success in the past, and will keep them going in the future. It would be most desirable if any method could be devised of raising the necessary funds for these Charities year by year; but a regulation tax on the whole of our Lodges is not the way to secure such a result, and its adoption would not only give rise to discontent, but would rob the supporters of the Institutions of all means of emulation among each other, as to who should do the most and the best to aid their less fortunate fellows, their widows, or their orphans.

We have all heard that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and we venture to say the truth of that statement is never made more manifest than on the occasions of great gatherings in connection with the Charities of Freemasonry. They are fortunately so widely and generally supported that anything like personal acknowledgment at the Festivals is out of character, and although it may happen that one, or perhaps two contributors may be singled out for special mention, the large majority only hear of their gifts as part of great summarised totals. There can be no charge of personal vanity against a man who subscribes ten or twenty guineas to help support the aged brother or

his widow, and simply hears his contribution announced as part of so many thousands of pounds received from London, or so many hundreds from one or other of the Provinces. True, he may know that his name, and the particulars of his contribution will be recorded in the annual list printed by the particular Institution, but that means such a trifling matter of publicity as to be almost unworthy of notice. It would surprise many Masons to know how few copies of those lists of subscribers are actually distributed, and it would not be far wrong to say that less than fifty copies are secured year by year for purposes other than organisation, either of Provincial Associations, or for election canvassing. We must, then, dismiss all idea of personal vanity actuating the subscribers to the Charities, and look elsewhere for a more worthy motive. This we find in the knowledge which follows from a contribution,—that of having done one's best to secure ease and comfort for others in distress; and this it is which really provides the needful funds for the great work of charity carried on around us. Would this continue if the chance element in connection with the Institutions was removed? We think not; and therefore anything like the adoption of the suggestion we have just referred to would lead to misfortune. Happily the flow from those who spring up ready to assist in the continuance of the good work has not yet slackened, while the amounts they are able to contribute to the cause show equal signs of elasticity, and thus it is comparatively safe to leave the future in charge of those who will then be in power, but in this connection we speak of the future as some considerable time hence; the future of a few months only must be provided for now, as by the custom of the Institutions one great annual appeal has to suffice for the whole twelvemonth, therefore any sympathy for the Benevolent Institution for 1891 should be shown during the few weeks which must elapse ere the Anniversary Festival is celebrated. We do not wish to imply that contributions during other parts of the year will be out of place, but the Charities of the Craft are of such a nature as to virtually depend for the whole year on the sums raised at their respective Festivals, besides which, as soon as one Festival is disposed of another is looked forward, to and its claims are urged far and wide.

In the Benevolent Institution the Craft possesses a grand means of proving the truth of the sentiments expressed by Masons generally as to their desire to help their less fortunate fellows. Here is the method of dispensing assistance, every one of us has the desire to give it, and let us hope there are sufficient among us with the means at hand to follow their desires so far as to enable the executive of the Charity to continue its operations in the future without let or hindrance. Our readers are aware of the large number of annuities annually paid from this Fund, and a very little calculation shows us the enormous amount needed to keep the payments going. That they have been kept going in the past is a subject for great rejoicing, and that they may so continue in the future is our most earnest wish. We further hope it will not only be the wish of our readers that the payments may continue, but that several from among them will prove their sincerity by accepting Stewardships on behalf of the approaching Festival, or by assisting to support the Stewardships of their friends.

In recognition of his services during the past 15 years as Secretary Bro. W. H. Lee has been presented by the members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge with a testimonial, consisting of a marble clock, and a gold bracelet for his wife. The presentation was made at Anderton's Hotel on the occasion of the last meeting of the Lodge.

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OUR ALTAR.

An Oration by Bro. Horace T. De Long, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

PERHAPS in the whole history of the human family, checkered though that history has been, full of good and full of evil, full of noble deeds to counteract the influences of evil, there is no scene more beautiful, more replete with honest, earnest, innocent devotion—more suggestive of a life consecrated to the service of God—than that of Noah, who, after the vast waters of the Flood had dried up and the face of the earth had once more become habitable, came forth from the Ark, bringing with him his family, his sons and their families, all the beasts of the field, and all the birds of the air, together with every creeping thing, and, as a token of his faith and love, immediately builded an altar upon which to offer sacrifices to the great I Am. It was the first altar ever erected, and from that day to this it has been considered a sacred place, a place for the offering of sacrifices and the burning of incense before God. It has come down to us with all the bright halos of the past. We read that when the tabernacle in the wilderness was completed, the Lord spake unto Moses, saying: "And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy." When the temple was completed, Solomon stood before the altar and stretched forth his hands in fervent prayer, and beheld the glory of the Lord came and filled the whole house. Among the ancient heathen it was a place of refuge, and any criminal, without regard to the crime he had committed, was safe so long as he clung to its sacred horns. It is for the present to profit by the past; Christian truth has overcome heathen superstition and the vilest criminal may now receive pardon and absolution from his crime at the holy altar of our risen Saviour.

Masonically it has many important uses. As around it we conduct the candidate, so around it we cluster the divine teachings of our Order; as upon it we place the great lights, so upon it we offer the incense of pure and contrite hearts; as by its side we teach the novice to pray for himself, so by its side we pray that our Heavenly Father will keep us firm and true to the solemn obligations we have taken. Surely the altar is one of the most holy places within the tiled recesses of the Lodge; remove it from the room with all its hallowed associations, and the gavel will have no power, the warrant of constitution will be empty and meaningless, while the order and harmony of the Craft will be turned into chaos and discord.

It was Daniel Webster who, contemplating the conquests and vast extent of the British Empire, exclaimed: "She has dotted the surface of the whole globe with her possessions and military posts, whose morning drum-beat, following the sun and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth daily with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England." This is a beautiful conception, and tersely expresses the truth that the government which has conquered by arms must hold her millions in allegiance to her authority by the force of arms. But had Webster's master mind been contemplating the conquests of Masonry, and the vast extent of her empire, he could as truthfully have exclaimed: "She has taken the whole surface of the globe with her possessions, and her sacred altar, at which all good Masons bow to offer up their adorations to Deity, following the sun at his meridian height, circles the earth daily with one continuous and unbroken strain of praise and thanksgiving to the great 'I Am.'" This is a more beautiful conception, and expresses the truth that the Fraternity which has conquered by love can hold her millions upon millions in allegiance to her authority by the magical force of that wonderful chain, brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Second only to the first and fundamental principle of Freemasonry—a belief in God—is brotherly love. It heads the list of the three great tenets of a Mason's profession; it is large enough to girdle the earth, broad enough to cover humanity, and grand enough to cause all our hearts to beat as one. Brotherly love is not limited by the family circle, nor by the social circle, nor by the fraternity circle; but, reaching from pole to pole, it gathers in the whole human family; the great and small, the high and low, the strong and weak; it gathers in all races: yellow, red, black, and white; it embraces every religion: the Hindoo

bowing at the altar of Brahma, the Mongolian longing and praying for sufficient merit to become a part of the Supreme Buddha, the Mohammedan kneeling with his face towards Mecca, the Christian humbly seeking for more of the grace and spirit of his Saviour; it regards the whole human species as one family, thereby recognising a universal Brotherhood, and as a necessary consequence a universal Fatherhood. A doctrine more grand I cannot conceive, and I am proud to extol it as one of the leading tenets of our Institution.

A tenet which the individual cannot exercise so universally but must confine largely to that with which he comes in personal contact, is relief. But the joy, the peace, the happiness, the comfort which it brings is twofold; for never has hunger been appeased by charity, never has destitution been supplied by plenty, never has sorrow been lightened by sympathy, never has man brought relief to suffering man when the giving and receiving were accompanied by Brotherly Love, without both the relieving and relieved being happier for the act. Then let us not neglect the opportunities around us; every day offers some chance "to soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds."

Truth brings us into the domain of the Divine; for there is nothing good and true, nothing absolutely free from error, nothing complete and perfect in all its parts, except only that which has felt the touch of the finger of God. Man in his natural state is so weak, so prone to forsake the good and choose the evil, that it is impossible to develop along the line of truth and justice and right, without asking and receiving the help of Divinity. Hypocrisy and deceit cannot be banished from our midst, sincerity and plain dealing cannot distinguish us, nor can our hearts and tongues join in promoting each other's welfare, unless devoutly kneeling at the throne of grace we humbly search for truth where truth alone is found. Of these three tenets it has been well said that "Truth is the column of wisdom, whose rays penetrate and enlighten the inmost recesses of our Lodge; brotherly love the column of strength, which binds us as one family in the indissoluble bond of fraternal affection; and relief the column of beauty, whose ornaments, more precious than the lilies and pomegranates that adorned the pillars of the porch, are the widow's tear of joy and the orphan's prayer of gratitude."

To the world Masonry is truly a mystery! What holds it together, what has held it together for ages past, what binds brother so closely to brother, what brings harmony out of discord, and "conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance"? are questions which the outside world is revolving over and over again. Permit me to say that the answer cannot be found in forms and ceremonies, nor in method of Lodge government, nor in signs, grips, words, and tokens, but it can be found in the teachings and the sacred associations that cluster around our altar. Brother Bromwell answered the whole category of questions when he said: "I maintain that the true theism, the order of creation and providence in general and particular, the whole philosophy of government and life; the principle of all equality, and the rationale of mental and moral advancement, are embodied in the simple and silent, but sublime lessons of the Lodge." Another brother has tersely said: "Here rich and poor, great and humble, old and young, gather around the same altar and lip the same vows to the same God." It is the religion of Masonry, a religion so broad that all the intelligent beings of the universe can conscientiously embrace it, that binds the Fraternity in bonds which cannot be broken.

What is the religion of Masonry? "Faith, Hope and Charity, which admonish us to have faith in God, hope of immortality, and charity to all mankind." Every Mason, from the youngest Entered Apprentice who stands on the ground floor to Worshipful Master who presides in the Holy of Holies, is bound by solemn promise to be active in the exercise of these religious duties from the time he first enters his Lodge till his weary body rest peacefully in the grave; for no man ever crossed the threshold of Masonry without seriously declaring upon his honour that he would "cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Fraternity;" nor has any man ever passed from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge without learning that honest, earnest prayer, prayer that betokens a spiritual life and a personal

experience, is among those "Ancient usages and established customs." While we are specifically taught "never to enter upon any great and important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity," we are indirectly taught that in all our trials, troubles and vicissitudes, in all the minor things of life which daily perplex us, He who leads the blind in their weary wanderings, He who turns their midnight darkness into meridian light, is ever ready and willing to "shield and defend us from the evil intentions of our enemies, and support us under the trials and afflictions we are destined to endure."

Masonry requires every one of her votaries to have faith in God, recognizing Him as the Creator and Ruler of the universe; a faith that accepts Him with His attributes of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence; further we are not required to go; beyond this point it leaves each one to think for himself. Our creed is so liberal that the whole human family with all its systems of faith and worship can accept it; everybody except the atheist only, and for the atheist, a being so narrow, so contracted, and so bigoted, that he cannot see or even conceive of any other being greater than himself, our Fraternity has no room. A religion Masonry surely is, but it is non-sectarian; it is a religion so broad that it contains the great central thought of every other religion under the shining sun. It is true that throughout all Christendom, the Bible, that "inestimable gift of God to man," is accepted as the rule and guide of our faith; but no interpretation is placed upon it, each brother being free to read and construe that Holy Book as his conscience may dictate; and yet it is through its influence that Masonry is lifted from a system of faith and worship which merely recognizes Deity, with all His unlimited powers, into the highest and grandest system of moral ethics found outside of the church which our Saviour founded.

Our hope is for immortality, and one of the most beautiful and impressive ceremonies of our Order has for its principal object to teach that he who lies down in the sleep of death shall rise again. The very thought of immortality is inspiring. Think of it; that which is within, that which controls our physical being and makes us powerful for good or evil, that which is accountable to the State and to God for all deeds done in the body, that part shall survive death, and, passing beyond the grave, enter into the realms of an endless eternity.

*It must be so. Plato, thou reasonest well:
Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing after immortality?
Or whence this secret dread, and inward horror,
Of falling into naught? Why shrieks the soul
Back on herself, and startles at destruction?
'Tis the divinity that stirs within us;
'Tis heaven itself that points out an hereafter,
And intimates eternity to man.*

Charity is that virtue which enables us under all circumstances to place the best possible interpretation upon the lives and conduct of our fellows. It is diametrically opposed to selfishness and is the only true safeguard to personal ambition. While it is not averse to honest criticism, it stifles the tongue of rumour and smothers the low whispers of suspicion. When the chilly clouds of misfortune come within the horizon of any brother, and begin to spread over his clear skies; aye, when the sun of his fair name is hid behind the deep blackness of evil reports, then Charity, with her broad mantle of brotherly love, covers the scene and waits for the light of truth to disperse the darkness of doubt, and for Justice to weigh in her even balance all the evidence and mete out reward or punishment as the case may demand. Think of the sighs and sobs and heart-aches, think of the hours of grief and pain, that could have been saved the human family merely by practising this noble virtue.

(To be continued)

We have received, from Messrs. Hamilton, Hills & Co., Wholesale Fancy Stationers, of 22 Paternoster Row, London, specimens of their "Unique Series" of Christmas and Birthday Cards; with samples of wedding cards, menu cards, cards for hand painting, "Unique" playing cards, wall texts, &c. At this period of the year many of our brethren make a practice of sending a simple souvenir, expressing fraternal greetings. We can recommend the "Masonic" patterns issued by the firm we have mentioned as specially adapted for this purpose.]

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY.

THE two most remarkable characteristics of Freemasonry are included in the head-line of this article. Freemasonry is at once a fellowship and a mystery, and all of its initiates are free of the fellowship or fraternal guild, and made acquainted with the mystery, of which it is the exclusive custodian and proprietor.

The fellowship of Freemasonry is good fellowship. It involves association with selected men of the time, men presumably distinguished for blamelessness of character, love of knowledge, desire for light. They are fellows, that is followers, of the Freemasons of the past and present. They are sharers of their wisdom, their honours, and their vocation. In the remotest times, builders of the stateliest edifices and temples felt the need for a close association among themselves, and having accomplished this, they made the implements of their profession the medium for inculcating moral truth. Both of these facts are implied by our term fellowship: it is an association of initiates, teaching truth by symbols.

The fellowship of Freemasonry is so intimate among its members as to be complete. The Mystic Tie unites the Brethren as with hooks of steel. There is no other association among men—not even that of the Church—which succeeds as the Masonic Fraternity does in binding its members closely together. They are indeed Brethren, united not only by obligations, but by genuine sympathy. There is community of thought, of feeling, of desire among them. They respect each other, admire each other, love each other. They honour the history of the Craft in the past, and enjoy the privileges the Craft confers in the present. They realise that it is the *ultima thule* of Fraternities. You may belong to a hundred, but there is none which is the peer of Freemasonry. It is a fellowship in the fullest and truest sense of the term.

But what of the mystery, in which we have fellowship? The mystery itself is unspeakable, but the fellowship in it may be freely referred to.

The mystery of Freemasonry, singularly, is not the same to all of its initiates, because all are not sharers to the same degree in this mystery. This is their own fault, not the Craft's. Nothing in Freemasonry is reserved from its members. We are in the noblest sense communists. All of our wealth, whether it be intellectual, moral, social or material, is equally for all. Nothing in private, nothing reserved. The mystery is for all; but it makes one sad to confess that all do not desire full fellowship in the mystery. Some become satisfied with a part, and then never strive to attain the whole. Freemasonry is so many-sided that some of its initiates are satisfied with one or two sides only.

To some the social and fraternal side is so satisfying and engrossing that they spend their Masonic lives in enjoying it. And it is supremely enjoyable. The idea that in every land you have a Brother, who will contribute to your pleasure when in health and in wealth, and also minister to your needs when in sickness and distress—this feature of Freemasonry is well calculated to confer enjoyment on every initiate. Brotherly Love is a priceless virtue, next in value to the love of the Father of all, the Grand Architect of the Universe. Indeed, one can well manifest his love for the One, by loving the other. Every Freemason is his "Brother's keeper," and he who recognises this fact by his deeds and words, will be rewarded and honoured by the One above all others. O! how He loves!

To some the distinctly moral aspect of Freemasonry proves its greatest charm. Being naturally devout, and walking by the guidance of the Great Light, they love to hear its solemn and impressive words quoted, and to find the implements of the Craft employed to teach divine wisdom. The moral lessons of Freemasonry are beyond the reach of adverse criticism. They are Bible morals. The purity of the Ten Commandments runs through them. This is why clergymen of all denominations that embrace the Craft become its staunchest supporters. They realize that Freemasonry is calculated to make better men of its initiates, and also that it requires of every applicant, preliminary, the possession of a character free from reproach. It is no wonder that the moral aspect of our Fraternity wins for it so many admirers.

To others, although they are fewer in number than is wished, the intellectual aspects of Freemasonry are its

abiding, if not its chief attraction. They see mind in it. They find it to be in itself a liberal education. It points to so many inspiring subjects for thought, it stimulates so much the spirit of intellectual inquiry, it leads one back, along both the highways and the byways of history, from the lands of the occident to the lands of the orient, from the heir of the English throne of to-day to him that sat upon the throne of the Hebrews three thousand years ago; from such kings, in thought and action, as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and John Marshall, in the western hemisphere, to that king of thought and action and men—the mighty Solomon in the East.

But where ends the mystery? You may not find it until you obtain a clue to the end of the fellowship. Both are infinite. Wonderful Freemasonry, which so richly endows with fraternal, social, moral, and intellectual wealth all of its initiates.—*Keystone.*

Obituary.

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BRO. THOMAS JELL PULLEY.

ON Saturday evening, the 29th ult., Bro. Pulley was in a Committee Room at the Town Hall, Reading, where he was about to attend the Conservative dinner, when he was struck down by paralysis. His medical attendant, Bro. Dr. Tench, was present, and accompanied Bro. Pulley to his home. From the first there was no chance of recovery, and on Tuesday evening death resulted. For a considerable time Bro. Pulley has been in a very unsatisfactory state of health, and in consequence had been compelled to retire from an important position which he held for many years in the establishment of Messrs. H. and G. Simonds, brewers. Bro. Pulley's business relations had brought him into contact with a great number of persons, in many parts of the kingdom and in other countries, and by them his death will be much regretted. Bro. Pulley was a zealous Freemason; at one time he was a member of more Masonic Lodges than perhaps any other man in England. He attained high rank, especially in Mark Masonry, in which degree he took special interest. He was a member of the Reading Board of Guardians. The funeral took place in the afternoon of the 5th inst. The weather was very cold. The first portion of the service was conducted in St. Bartholomew's church, by the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Norris, while Mrs. Norris presided at the organ, and, in addition to accompanying the hymn, "Abide with me," played "O, rest in the Lord," as the *cortège* left the church. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths, sent from the deceased's family, from Messrs. Simonds, from the employés of that firm, from the Mark Masons, from members of the Wellington Club (of which the deceased was a member), and from other friends. The service was concluded at the Cemetery, where the deceased was interred, in the presence of a large gathering. In accordance with custom, a sprig of acacia was thrown into the grave by the Freemasons. In addition to the members of the family there were present Mr. W. Stamford, Mr. W. Collins, Mr. H. J. Simonds, Mr. L. de L. Simonds, Mr. Arthur Simonds, and the principal employés of the firm,—Messrs. J. Suttaby, F. Lindars, W. Lindars, Dormer, &c. The Freemasons present included Bros. J. Greenaway, E. Margrett, W. Ravenscroft, J. Miller, Dr. Tench, W. Sowdon, W. W. Ridley, E. W. Ridley, J. T. Stransom, H. Kidgell, C. G. Hawkes, T. Mackrill, C. E. Hewitt, D. N. Heron (Wokingham), &c. The following Guardians were present:—Messrs. H. Wright (Chairman), D. J. Cook (Vice-Chairman), W. G. Hayward, R. Oakshott, Deverall, Lake, G. B. Jackson, W. C. Moffatt, and the Master of the Workhouse, Mr. J. Pope. The following Conservatives and others were present:—Messrs. F. Cooksey, A. H. Peach, W. H. Majori, Smart, W. Embling, H. Russell, W. Day, Hunt, E. Smith, L. H. Bailey, Brewer, Mann, &c.

At Torquay a grand Masonic ball is to be held in the Bath Saloons, on 28th January, under distinguished patronage, the proceeds to be devoted to Masonic Charities. The efforts of those who are promoting this grand charity ball will be to uphold the prestige of the Order, benefit the town, and contribute a substantial sum to the Provincial Masonic Charities.

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

A DAY WITH THE CRAFT.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, WESTPORT, BROCKVILLE.

TUESDAY, the 28th October, was indeed a red letter day in the history of the thriving little village of Westport, the occasion being the presence of the Masonic Fraternity, and the laying by the Craft of the corner stone of St. George's church.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson reached Brockville by the early train on the Grand Trunk, and at 9:15, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Col. Jackson D.D.G.M. of the Fourteenth District, H. J. Wilkinson P.D.D.G.M. of the Fifteenth District, and a large number of brethren and ladies, were conveyed to Westport by the Brockville and Westport railway. At the Elgin station the visitors were met by R.W. Bro. Dargavel the D.D.G.M. of Fifteenth District, and at Newboro by R.W. Bro. Dr. Preston P.D.D.G.M. and the local Craft, in Simpson Lodge.

At Westport the citizens had turned out en masse, and preceded by the Newboro band, were escorted to Dier's Hall where an ample dinner was provided.

The church to be built at Westport has about twenty-five families, who are determined to have a comfortable and attractive structure. Heretofore they have worshipped in the town hall, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. B. Moore, Ompha, who will have under his care the new parish.

At 1:30 the Grand Lodge was opened in the Presbyterian church, which had been kindly opened for the occasion through the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Ross and his trustees.

The Grand Lodge called off and proceeded in procession to the church foundation, and the proceedings opened by a prayer by the Rev. Geo. Bonsfield, after which he read an address of welcome signed by the churchwardens Messrs. T. G. Buller and A. O. Johnston. The address expressed the pleasure that the congregation had in welcoming the Grand Master and the Fraternity, and pointing out that the principles of Masonry are essentially those which underlie the constitution of the Anglican church. The address was followed by the presentation of a silver trowel to the Grand Master, who in reply said that it afforded him pleasure to be present with the Craft, to add to the solemn scene to be performed in the erection of another structure, which will testify to the earnestness of the people in matters of religion and their fidelity to the faith handed down from generation to generation. The Craft ceremonies were then proceeded with, the stone being duly tested by the square, level, and plumb rule, and consecrated with corn, wine and oil as emblems of plenty, cheerfulness and consolation, and declared well and truly laid by the Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Robertson, stepping to the front of the raised platform, amid cheers from the assemblage, spoke as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen of Westport,—The Masonic Fraternity within its circle is called upon to exemplify the impressive ceremonies of the Craft in that portion of its work which may be viewed by the outer world.

These ceremonies convey to us great truths; teach us important lessons, which ought to so impress the minds of brethren that, both at home and abroad in the Lodge room or as they struggle in the ranks of business life, they may remember the words spoken, knowing that the principles we endeavour to inculcate are those which help to clothe the young Mason with all the attributes of perfect manhood.

While it is pleasant to know and to feel that we are thus trying to act on a high level with the best thoughts of mankind, we are glad that those without the purview of our altars, recognize the good work that we are engaged in, by inviting us to take part in ceremonies similar to that which we have performed to-day.

What greater testimony does a Fraternity require of the soundness of principles and tenets on which our institution is built, than the requests to take part in the ceremonies connected with the cause of religion and education. This week—as it is to-day, to lay the foundation stone of a temple to be reared to the worship, of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Divine Being, the Infinite Spirit, without belief in whom the future would be a mist; and at another time, as last week, to place in position a corner stone of an edifice where the hope of our favoured country, the boys and girls, who in a few years will take our places in the business of every day life, in the forum, in the pulpit, or as mothers of the future, are gathering that knowledge which will strengthen the mind, tone the morals and confirm the belief in all that is written within the Holy Book that for centuries has been read to us by our mothers, and lies ever open on the altar of all Masons hailing from the noble ancestry of British fathers.

It was, therefore, with gratification that I acceded to the request made by the incumbent of this parish through our R.W. Brother Dargavel, the esteemed District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, to add the dignity of our Craft ceremonies to the intrinsic solemnity of this occasion.

On behalf of Grand Lodge, its Officers and members, and for myself as Grand Master, I can assure you we are delighted to have the opportunity of taking part in what must be an important event in the religious life of this section of country—a district, let me inform you, that should be sweet to the memory of our Craft, for, but a few miles from here, some of our first altars were reared in the early days of this century, when the sturdy pioneers, many of whom were Craftmen, hewed into squares the monarchs of the forest and built the primitive log cabins, that have given way to the comfortable home with its modern improvements, and guided the plough through the stump-dotted fields, to be hidden at harvest time with the golden grain that is the staple production of this garden of the world, our native province.

When I look at the faces of many before me, anxious, I have no doubt, to know the secrets of the Mason's Art, I feel that it would be

an injustice if I did not satisfy their curiosity and tell them why we, as Masons, relegate to ourselves the duty of to-day's ceremonial.

The corner stone is the most important part of the structure, and those of you who have either of your own free will and accord, or at the suggestion—please mark the word—of your school teachers, delved into the fathoms of ancient history, will remember that at the rebuilding of the capitol at Rome, other impressive ceremonies, accompanied by solemn prayer, the magistrates, the priests, senators and citizens, amid general demonstrations of joy dragged the ponderous load, the corner stone, to its destined spot. In ancient times, as to-day, corner stones were always laid with impressive ceremonies. The stone, which must be square, speaks to us as an emblem of morality. In its solid contents it must be a cube which, to us, is a symbol of truth. Its position is important, and exemplifies to us the progress of Masonry from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge, for it is laid in the north-east corner, between the north the place of darkness, and the east the place of light, and to the Freemason this signifies and is typical of the corner stone of immortality.

We use the square, the level and the plumb rule as fitting emblems of our calling. The square teaches morality, the level equality, and the plumb rule justness and uprightness of life and action. From the gavel we learn that perseverance is necessary to establish perfection, so that the mind may be enlightened and the soul rendered pure.

The corn, wine and oil are, as you may have observed, also symbolical, as emblems of plenty, cheerfulness and happiness, for with bread we feed the hungry, with wine we cheer the sorrowful and with oil we pour consolation on those sickened in body or sorrowed in heart.

Reverend Sir, our Masonic ancestors reared the greatest temples of your faith, and, while in England, as I gazed on the massive and imposing Minster at York, the noble front of Lincoln's mighty cathedral, or the turreted roof of grand old Peterborough, and knew that the hands of the operative Masons of long ago had placed these stones in position, I indeed felt that the speculative Masonry of to-day might, with all its energies, enable each individual Mason to become a stone of that living temple, in which shines a light to pilot the Craftsmen who worship at our altars through the rocks and breakers, which mark the ocean of unbelief, in safety to that haven of quiet waters where the signals of Faith, Hope and Charity are for ever flying.

Masonry, rightly understood, is the ally of the church, the friend of the school-house. It is the glory of English-speaking Masons that it has always stood like granite against the assaults of unbelief and that in a crisis of Craft history, when at least one great jurisdiction, I refer to France, was carried away by a flood of agnosticism, the British Craft formed a gigantic square around our first great landmark and declared that without belief in the cardinal truth that there was a Supreme Being, that He had revealed His will to man and that He would punish vice and reward virtue the entire fabric of Masonry would crumble to dust.

As a benevolent institution we do not claim to be in the foreground, and it is well on an occasion of this kind I should define the position of the Craft with regard to its general charity. It is true that we have accumulated funds with which we endeavour to brighten the lives of our widowed ones, but while other associations of men are leagued in brotherhood for mutual aid, the material beneficence of Masonry is always an act of grace, not the fulfilment of a legal or moral obligation. Far be it from me to institute comparisons that would minimize the incalculable amount of good that the leading benevolent and friendly societies have accomplished for English-speaking humanity. Masonry stands alone and must be judged by its own laws. Our endeavour is to do good by stealth, and I am thankful to state that all over this jurisdiction, in the great cities and around the little hamlets where our Craft fires burn, we have through the goodness of the twenty thousand Craftsmen of this Province been enabled to send streaks of sunshine into many a saddened home, with comfort for the widowed heart and cheer for the orphan child.

I thank you heartily for your kindly presence here to-day, and trust that you may carry away pleasant recollections of the Craft ceremonies.

The proceedings concluded with an energetic address by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, of Bell's Corner, and an appeal for funds, which was liberally responded to.

Later on, the Grand Master, in response to the kind words of the W.M., said:—

"It is a pleasure for me at all times to meet my brethren of the Craft, but on occasions like the present, the interest is intensified by the generous and hearty welcome that has not only been extended me in this Lodge-room this evening, but also by the cordial greeting of the many brethren who were present at the ceremonies of the afternoon. It is gratifying indeed to me to find my efforts during the time I have held office in Grand Lodge have been appreciated, and do not care to flatter the brethren when I say that I am delighted with the representative gathering of to-day, and the success with which the entire ceremonies were crowned. The people, as you might see, were delighted, that is if applause is an indication of their feelings, and the Craft certainly did their share to make the event one long to be remembered in this old Masonic district. The courtesy and fraternity of Masons is the same the world over, and believe me, brethren, when I look at the faces of the Craft at our great gatherings, when I feel the hearty welcome of the brethren as I meet them in their Craft homes, in their own Lodge-rooms, my heart warms for a membership that stands to-day respected and looked up to by the good people of every section of the country. I find an inspiring welcome everywhere, and it is indeed my sincere desire that our great cause may go on to further prosperity—that we may practise the principles upon which the Institution is founded, but that while we may strengthen our fold in numbers we shall be careful to exercise due care, that all who seek our communion are up to the standard. While it is a good thing to be strong numerically—we must remember that we must not fall into the grave error of making

members and not Masons. Better that our ranks remain stationary for ever than that we, by a sacrifice of principle, or by over eagerness to gain strength, we should admit those who are unworthy to sit in our Lodge rooms. I have promised to tell you something about Craft history to-night, but before doing so I may say that I am just back from the old land, the dear old spot that gave us our first Craft light, and that as I was received in the Grand Lodge of England with a royal welcome, I felt that indeed we ought well to be proud that we were the children of that grand old jurisdiction, which has done so much to spread the principles of Masonry in every part of the world. As I spent hours in the Grand Secretary's office in London, searching the old records of over a hundred years ago, and read the minutes of the Grand Lodges of England from 1725-1800, and more particularly those of the Athol Grand Lodge, I felt as if I was having a ramble with the brethren of long ago, many of whose names are familiar to me. I found in the Athol books the records of Wm. Jarvis, the first Provincial Grand Master—the copies of the warrants of Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent, as Provincial Grand Master of Quebec, but no copy of that issued to Bro. Jarvis. In the Athol books his name is given "William Jarvys," the 4th November 1791, but after this date the amount of information given is very meagre. These matters I shall refer to at greater length in my lecture. From the Grand Officers of England I had a most cordial welcome. Col. Clerke, the Grand Secretary is a most genial brother, and his desire to make my visit pleasant was of the heartiest character. I also had the pleasure of meeting Brother R. F. Gould, the Masonic writer, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, one of the most distinguished and brightest Masons in the world. The time I had at my disposal in England was limited; but wherever I went I had a truly Masonic welcome. The Grand Master then gave an address of over an hour on Craft history in Canada for the past century, which was listened to with close attention by the large audience. Complimentary speeches were also made by Col. Jackson, the energetic D.D.G.M. of the Fourteenth District, by Dr. Preston and by Bro. Taylor, M.P. The proceedings terminated with the passage of a resolution of thanks to the G.M., the entire Craft rising and testifying their appreciation by loud applause.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. J. BARNES.

ON Wednesday, 3rd inst., there was a gathering of well-known East London Freemasons at Bro. Musto's, the "White Horse," White Horse Lane, Mile End, for the purpose of making a presentation to the veteran Bro. T. J. Barnes, the "father" of the Doric Lodge. A number of preceptors of Lodges of Instruction were present, but Bro. Barnes, owing to the severe weather, was unable to attend. Brother A. Culver P.M., Preceptor of the Langthorne Lodge, occupied the chair, and among other Preceptors present were Bros. Pringle, W. Myers, Musto, Candick, B. Da Costa, L. Da Costa, and Taylor, with a number of other brethren, who did justice to the beautiful and well-served repast which the host, Bro. Musto, had provided. General regret was expressed at the indisposition of the veteran Freemason whom they had met to honour, but the company decided to make the presentation of a handsome silver snuff box through Bro. Musto, deputing him to convey it to Bro. Barnes, with all the good wishes and grateful feeling that was so abundantly expressed. The snuff box had upon it the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. P.Z., by the Preceptors of the East End of London, as a token of esteem for their father in Freemasonry." This over, a most enjoyable evening was spent in the way common to the members of the Craft.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Mercer, Hibbert, Brett, Lacey, Newton, Tattershall, Daniel, Kempton, Griggs, Bywater, Making, Bullen, Cubitt, Mulford, Attenborough, Webb, Cumberland, Fitzgerald, Cotter, Larkin, and Terry (Secretary). The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Warden's report for the month was verified. Seven petitions (six for the Male Fund and one from a widow) were discussed, with result that all but one were accepted. The names will be added to the list for next election. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

We learn that His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master Designate of the Berks Province, has intimated his intention of conferring on Brother S. Knight P.M. (Mayor of Newbury) the office of Provincial Grand Senior Deacon at the Grand Lodge, to be held at the Town Hall, Reading, on Monday next.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THE members held their monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, on the 3rd inst. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas Stoner S.W. as W.M., Henry Mortimer P.M. Treasurer, and James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. Bro. N. Radmore P.M. has been appointed Secretary (*pro tem*) in succession to the late Bro. Tretthewy, deceased.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE installation banquet took place at the Commercial Hotel, Saltash, on the 3rd inst. About sixty sat down to an excellent spread, provided by Bro. N. Bray P.M. The W.M. Bro. Thomas Shaddock presided, the S.W. Bro. J. Lander and the J.W. Bro. T. D. Netting being in the vice-chairs. Those present included Bros. Major M. Tracey P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.W. Devon, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.M. 189, P.P.G.J.W. and P.P.G. Chap., Bros. Croydon, Herring, Niuess, White, Brooking, Pearce, Deeble, Hifley, Nancarrow, Doney, R. Pearce, Rook, Rawling, Dunn, Bowden, Bray, Thomas, Wallis, J. Deeble, Lavers, Williams, John Pearce, Vosper, Meadows, Rawling, Prout, J. Brooking, Braund, J. T. Brooking, Wallis, Wood, Matthison, Williams, Alford, Harvey, Vicary, Hearn, Keast, Goodman, Gowan, Penwill, Hunt, Dingle, J. B. Pearce, J. Kinsman, H. McCullogh, Berry, Hallett, &c. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. being most cordially received. Bro. W. R. Rawling P.M., in an effective speech, presented to Bro. Nancarrow a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which bears the following inscription:—Presented by the members of Zetland Lodge, No. 1071, Cornwall, to Bro. Wm. Thomas Nancarrow P.M. in appreciation of his Masonic worth and talent, 3rd December 1890. In reply to the toast of his health the Tyler (Bro. J. Deeble), the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, explained that he was one of the original founders of the Lodge—twenty-five years since—which he presented with the working tools, which were made by himself. A pleasant musical evening was spent. Recitations were splendidly given by Bros. Croydon and Lavers, and capital songs by Bros. Major Tracey, W. R. Rawling, P. J. Dunn, W. Wallis, Netting, Dingle, Keast, Betty, Hallett, and Heard.

EARL OF CARNARON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ladbroke Hall, on Thursday, the 13th ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Lodge having been formally opened and the minutes confirmed, Mr. Thomas Jameson was impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. R. C. Green, and the degree of Fellow Craft conferred upon Bro. W. A. Thomson. The business of the evening was then proceeded with, and Bro. John Robinson Roberts was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. R. C. Green. The following Officers were invested, Bros. T. W. Heath S.W., Dr. F. E. Pocock J.W., S. H. Parkhouse Treasurer, W. J. Marlis Secretary (absent through indisposition), E. Rogers S.D. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Bros. R. C. Green and G. Davis. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Parkhouse Treasurer, that the sum of 20 guineas should be voted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to Bro. D. P. Cama, sympathising with him in the death of his wife. Other business of a routine nature was transacted, and the Lodge was formally closed.

BUXTON LODGE, No. 1688.

THE annual festival was held at the Palace Hotel, Brighton, on Monday, the 24th ult. The Lodge was opened at 2.45, by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by his Officers and several visitors. After preliminaries, Bro. C. F. Wardley was installed in the Worshipful Master's chair by Bro. A. W. Slack, the retiring Master, in a most efficient and impressive manner. Bro. Jones P.M. delivered the charge to the W.M., Bro. Harrison P.M. the charge to the Wardens, and Bro. Slack the charge to the Brethren. Bro. Orme P.M. presented the working tools. Bro. C. F. Wardley, then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. Brown S.W., J. H. Lawson P.M. 1235 P.P.G.S.W. J.W., G. Lorrimer P.M. Treas., J. H. Orme P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Secretary, J. E. Harrison P.M. 1235 P.P. Supt. of Works S.D., Sydney Taylor J.D., E. C. Milligan P.M. 1235 P.P.G.S.D. Dir. of Cers., J. T. Reynolds Organist, R. A. Little I.G., J. Bulson Tyler. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 4.15 p.m.

ST. PETROCK LODGE, No. 1785.

THE installation meeting was held at the Lodge-room, Church-street, Padstow, on Tuesday evening, 2nd inst., when there was a large attendance. The ceremony of installing Bro. R. S. Langford, the W.M. elect, was ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. B. Williams, assisted by Bros. F. Bray P.M. P.P.G. Parsnivant and W. H. Pope P.M. The W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. J. B. Williams I.P.M., P. Blake S.W., Jno. Hawken J.W., Rev. Jno. Core Chaplain, F. Bray P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant Treasurer, W. H. Pope P.M. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., W. Philip J.D., R. P. Griffin Dir. of Cers., Rev. J. J. Murley P. Chap. Org., G. B. Stribley I.G., W. Brown, W. Derrick, F. Sluman, S. T. Tregaskis jun. Stewards, J. D. Lobb Tyler. The visitors included Bros. E. Rickard J.W. 1829, F. T. Harvey D.C. 1529, and H. S. Hare P.M. 1954. The annual banquet, which was well attended, was held at the Petrock Private Hotel, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., this Lodge held its installation meeting at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. There was a good attendance of visitors and a very large Board of Installed Masters, larger than we have seen in West London for some time. Amongst these the Hammersmith Lodge was represented by Bros. W. P. Cockburn P.M., A. J. Barclay P.M. 1767 and Secretary 2090, F. Mander W.M. 2090, and David Stroud P.M. 2090, also Bro. W. C. Williams P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex. Bro. John Lewis and a number of distinguished visitors also attended the Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by the outgoing Master. Bro. H. P. Gilbert and his successor, Bro. P. F. Weinell, gave every proof that the Lodge would not suffer at their hands. No doubt the various changes the Lodge has had to make in its local habitation has tended during the last few years to reduce its numbers, and prevent the infusion of new blood. Now, however, they have got a comfortable home, and with such good fare as Mrs. Linscott provided on Monday, there is little doubt but that the Lodge will soon increase in numbers. At the same time, we could have wished that the Shepherd's Bush Lodge had found a home in its own district. There is an amount of trouble which must be lost by having to take a journey, even in cases where the accommodation is as good as that provided at the Holborn or Criterion.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—

The weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. G. A. Bergholz W.M., G. H. Reynolds S.W., E. J. D. Bromley J.W., W. Brindley Preceptor, J. Greenway Deputy Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, F. M. Noakes S.D., F. S. Jarvis J.D., T. E. Seary Organist, A. Cogliati I.G., T. C. Weeks Tyler, J. Rowe, A. Mulvey, W. Hancock, D. Gall, A. Cator. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the first, the Deputy Preceptor the second, and the Preceptor the third section of the 1st lecture. Brother James Burgess offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. G. H. Reynolds was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary proposed that the Bye-Laws be suspended on Thursday evening, the 8th January 1891, that the W.M. and the W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge may have the opportunity of rehearsing the ceremony of installation. This was carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the following Thursday.

MARK MASONRY.

CLAPTON LODGE, No. 236.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, at St. Botolph's Chambers, Bishopsgate-street, Bro. Lewis P. Courbro P.M. W.M. in the chair, Bro. Clarence Trotter was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Joseph W. Hobbs P.P.G. Overseer Tr. and Sec., was again re-elected Treasurer, a post he has now held for several years.

My nephew has taken it into his head to become a Freemason, and talks of acting on the square with all men, of doing his level best for all mankind, more especially for those who, from no fault of their own, have been reduced to the direst poverty, and so on. At his suggestion, or rather earnest solicitation, my aunt and myself went in to the Grand Masonic Bazaar in Edinburgh this week. We were both delighted, but we are poorer—at present. We have taken tickets which my aunt believes will be certain to draw prizes, more particularly one for a ton of coals. We saw a lot of East Lothian people. The Earl of Haddington made a splendid speech, the Marchioness of Tweeddale looked charming in thistle green and gold (my aunt is responsible for the word "thistle"), and when not engaged in selling, was busy buying, or taking part in the different sports that were going on. In the shooting gallery her ladyship put on some good scores. The Haddington stall was excellently got up, and the Ladies Ruth, Grisell, and Cicely Baillie Hamilton, and Miss E. Wannop seemed to be "all there." In the theatre we saw some of the performers who were out at the Haddington concert. Madame Annie Grey was there performing, and afterwards as a convulsed spectator of Mr. Skeoch Cumming's burlesque acrobatic feats. My aunt is determined to go in again. If we had the railway I believe she would go in every day.—Lammer Law, in *Haddington Advertiser*.

We should hardly think that Freemasons generally feel honoured by the most recent Australian addition to membership of the Craft. From the Australian papers we learn that Peter Jackson, the coloured prize-fighter, has just been with great ceremony initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the General Gordon Lodge at Sydney. Jackson's supporters are said to have succeeded in bringing about this quite unique event for the purpose of compelling the Americans (to which country Jackson is now on his way) to recognise the coloured boxer as a "brother," and so eligible for contests with white prize-fighters. We wonder whether Masonic supporters of "the ring" in England (if such there be) will now consider it their duty to extend a similar privilege to Slavin, who is to be the next great opponent of Jackson.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

M. Floquet was suddenly taken ill at a Masonic dinner in honour of Voltaire on Sunday evening. He had to keep his room the following day. He is in no apparent danger, and a speedy recovery is pronounced probable.

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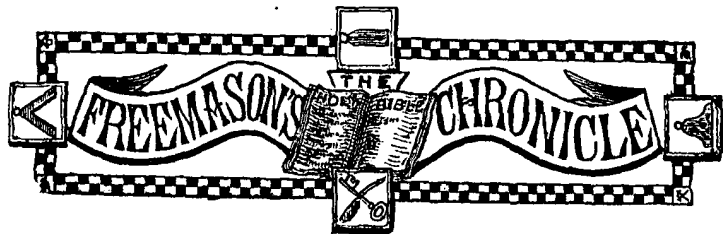
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SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER 1890.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

IN the absence, through illness, of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master, the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held at the Town Hall, Marlborough, on the 3rd inst., was presided over by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by upwards of fifty members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After the roll of Lodges had been called, and the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Trowbridge, had been confirmed, the report upon the Treasurer's accounts was taken. This showed a balance in hand on general account, after paying the expenses of the year of £12 0s 2d. It appeared from this account that not only every Lodge, but also every Chapter in the Province had sent a subscription, through the Provincial Grand Treasurer to the Pension Indemnity Fund, which appeared to indicate that the Wiltshire brethren viewed with satisfaction what had been done by their Provincial Grand Secretary since he had served upon the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

It appeared from the Charity accounts that a balance of £88 2s 3d remained in hand, after the payment of grants of £21 to the Girls' School, and £10 10s to the Boys' School during the year. It was resolved, out of this balance to make a grant of £31 10s to the Boys' School, and to make such an addition to the investment in Consols as would bring up the invested fund to an even sum of £300 Consols.

The Provincial Benevolent Fund account appeared to be steadily increasing, and as there was no drain upon it, the Provincial Grand Treasurer was instructed to add the £59 3s 3d shown to be in hand to the existing fund, thus bringing up the Stock held on this account to upwards of £550.

The P.G. Registrar's report, which had been printed, was taken as read, and adopted, with a vote of thanks to Bro. Foley for the trouble he had taken in its preparation.

The D.P.G.M. then moved the adoption of the report of the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, and in so doing tendered to Bro. Henry Kemble, the Provincial Steward at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to Bro. Bevir, the acting Charity Secretary of the Province, the thanks of the members of P.G. Lodge.

The report was adopted nem con.

The D.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, and alluded to the regret with which every Wiltshire Freemason would receive the news of Lord Methuen's illness, and promised to convey to his lordship the kind expressions of the brethren. He went on to say that he regarded with much

satisfaction the substantial funds being built up in the Province as shown by the P.G. Treasurer's accounts just presented, and said that such funds would become general in all well-managed and carefully administered Provinces. He further referred to the re-organisation of the R.M.I.B., and thought that the Province was indebted to Bro. Bevir for having served upon the Provisional Management Committee. He expressed a hope that it would at no distant date be found practicable to do something further for promising boys at the Institution by supplementing the education given at the School by Exhibitions at South Kensington or something of that kind, by which lads of ability might get a good start, and have a chance of rising to prominence.

All offices having been declared vacant, Brother F. H. Goldney was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and Brother W. Dean P.G. Tyler.

Bro. John Savory, the late P.G. Tyler, who has held the office since 1869, was present at the Prov. Grand Lodge, and as a mark of the respect and esteem entertained for him by his brethren, a grant of £5 5s was directed to be paid to him from the General Fund, for which mark of good feeling to him Bro. Savory expressed his thanks.

The new laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were then referred to by Bro. F. H. Goldney, and upon his proposition, seconded by Bro. B. H. Watts, the Provincial Grand Lodge nominated Bro. Bevir, on behalf of the Province, as a candidate eligible for election in April next upon the Board of Management to be then constituted.

A slight alteration was made in the by-laws of the province by providing that the P.G.S.E. of the P.G.R.A. Chapter of Wilts should be a member of the Charity Committee, and thus ensure the Charity work of the province in both Craft and Arch Masonry being carried on upon the same lines.

The following Officers were then appointed and invested :—

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W. T. Briscoe	Junior Warden
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E. Cruse	
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Wm. Dean	

After the close of the Lodge between thirty and forty brethren sat down to the banquet, at which Brother Sir Gabriel Goldney presided.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening were much added to by the excellent musical programme arranged by Bro. Bambridge.

The whole of the arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge were carried out in a capital manner by the members of 1533.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. and P.Z. will lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, Bro. C. T. Smith W.M., at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., this (Saturday) afternoon, at 4 p.m.; at the Masonic Hall, Derby, under the united banners of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, and the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, on Friday next, the 19th inst.; and in the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, Brother C. N. McIntyre North W.M., at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 13th January.

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Re GRAND TREASURERSHIP 1891.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly permit me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to explain to those brethren—London and Provincial—who had kindly offered me their support for the above, why I was not nominated at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last.

First let me say that, at the request of many Brethren, I agreed to be proposed, as it was felt that it was the turn for a Provincial Brother to come forward, seeing that the last three Grand Treasurers were from Metropolitan Lodges, and if Bro. Everett were elected he would make the fourth in succession.

Bro. Everett was a candidate in 1889, when Bro. Edward Terry was elected, and in 1890 he stood aside for the present Grand Treasurer, Bro. Augustus Harris, but was again to be proposed for the coming year.

After consulting with my friends, and in order to avoid a contest, I decided not to be nominated this year, and so allow Bro. Everett to be elected unopposed, being well aware of his standing in the Craft, and how much he had done, for many years past, for all the Masonic Charities.

A strong opinion was expressed by my friends that I ought to be proposed, in order to place myself in evidence before the Craft, even if I afterwards withdrew in favour of Bro. Everett, but I felt were I to do this it might look like an *arrangement*; I therefore adopted the course which I thought was best.

I am only writing this letter so that the brethren may know why I was not nominated, especially as I have had the question put to me many times since Wednesday night last.

I have consented to be nominated next year, and I venture to hope that some courtesy will be extended to me by Bro. Everett and his supporters, and that I may count upon the generous and fraternal assistance of the Brethren generally.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

P.M. 1611 and 2128, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks.

P.Z. 1611, P.P.G.J. N. and E. Yorks.

3 Cedars Road, Beckenham, Kent, 8th December 1890.

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On a matter of opinion Bro. Norton and I can afford to differ, but I cannot allow him to ascribe to me opinions which I never held or expressed. His last letter to you is a tissue of misstatements as far as I am concerned, and of errors as regards the Stanley MS. I have never said that either MS. was copied from the other. In my first communication to you I stated that the "Hub is an accurate duplicate of the Stanley MS.," which is not the same thing at all. I have nowhere stated that the Hub "looks much older than" the other MS. Its ink is more faded, but this may arise from originally inferior quality. I may have said something of the sort to Bro. Norton in a private letter, which he has twisted into the above inaccurate opinion, but as I have preserved no copy, I am unable to say anything certain on this head. My private notes show that the two MSS. are not by the same hand, but that they were probably written at the same period because the style is so similar. I never said that the Stanley MS. looks "clean and new." Such a statement would be very far from correct, the roll is even in places worn into holes from constant usage. It will thus be seen that every line of Bro. Norton referring to my alleged opinion contains a serious perversion of them.

In matters of fact he is equally at sea. He should be more careful and make sure of facts before committing himself to print, but the Stanley MS. has not "appended to it the said Prentice Charge." The appendix is in this case a doggerel rhyme, a so-called prophesy of Roger Bacon, in an obviously later hand, which from internal evidence may be set down as circa 1714. This appendix is not found in any other MS., it is a unique feature, and a very valuable one, of the Stanley roll.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH.

A year or so ago I was on the side of Bro. George Everett in his candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer of the Freemasons. Bro. George Everett was not then successful, but it is no disgrace and hardly a disappointment to run a good second to so distinguished an actor and popular a Freemason as Bro. Edward Terry. I have now the pleasure of stating that, such formidable opposition as Bro. Terry's having been removed through effluxion of time, Brother George Everett is now Grand Treasurer nominate among Free and Accepted Masons. Long may he wave, and may the funds increase and multiply under his guardianship!—*Referre.*

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On Wednesday, December 24th, the 1.0 & 5.0 p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter, a Special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, and will call at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and a special Express to the West of England will depart at 11.50 p.m. (Midnight).

On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas Day, the 5.30 a.m. train will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley and Wolverhampton, in which towns the London morning papers will consequently be distributed at the usual hour. On the afternoon of Sunday, December 28th, special trains will run to London from Plymouth, Swansea, and Wolverhampton, calling at the principal intermediate Stations.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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New Olympic.—An elegant and commodious addition to the many handsome theatres in the metropolis has been made by the erection of this house on the site of the classic ground in Wych Street, the scene of so many successes in the past, and—alas that we should have to say it—of so many failures in recent years. The new building, which owes its existence to Mr. Charles Wilmot, has been constructed on designs of Messrs. Crewe and Sprague, of Arundel Street, Strand, and is as fire-proof as it is possible to make it. It has the great advantage of being accessible to the street on all sides but one, and has no less than eighteen different exits. The decoration of the house is in the Louis Seize style, and presents a very magnificent appearance. The convenience of the audience has certainly been studied in arranging the seats, as a capital view can be obtained from all parts of the house. The comfortable stalls in rich silk plush, the velvet seats in dress circle and upper boxes, the gorgeous tableau curtain, and the upholstering generally, are of the fashionable and appropriate "Rose du Barri" tint, the whole of this important part of the work being performed by Messrs. Oetzmann and Co., of Hampstead Road. The house is entirely lighted by electricity, and contains seating accommodation for over 3000 persons. The first lessee is Mr. Wilson Barrett, who once more finds a home among us. He has made a great bid for popularity by lowering the usual prices of admission; and has also partly written the first drama, which is entitled "The People's Idol," the other author being Mr. Victor Widnell. The drama is entirely up to date, and deals with the strikes and agitators, but it would be difficult to say on which side the authors lean; still it contains some vigorously written scenes, and some very interesting and smart dialogue. The part of Lawrence St. Aubrey exactly suits Mr. Barrett's style, and he is most ably assisted by Miss Winifred Emery, who will prove a decided acquisition to the company, though we hope soon to see her in a part more worthy her ability. Mr. George Barrett is the People's Idol, a dissipated workman named Gabriel Stevens, a part he performs with considerable care. Mr. Stafford Smith makes a strong character out of the small rôle of Sam Parkiss, while Mr. Austin Melford, Mr. H. C. Cliffe, Mr. Manning, Mr. W. A. Elliott, together with Miss Lillie Belmore as Myra, Miss Louie Wilmot as Blanche, all work with a will to make the piece a success. Their reward was found in the frequent applause of the audience, and the favourable reception that greeted the termination of each act. The stage, which is one of the largest in London, is well adapted for displaying the beautiful scenic effects, of which the picturesque set, "Fairfield Abbey by Night," must be specially mentioned. Altogether it would seem as though the new theatre, and the new management, have entered upon a happily successful career. So mote it be.

We regret to note that while Mr. Barrett has provided cloak rooms free of expense, a charge is made for programmes, which was a subject of annoyance and considerable surprise on the part of several visitors. We have previously expressed our opinion of this palpable mistake, and may now add that the recent system of advertisements should surely more than cover any expense of printing, and the sooner the custom is dispensed with the better it will be for the management.

Globe.—The success that has attended Mr. Richard Temple's Operatic Company in some of the provincial theatres has induced them to give Londoners an opportunity of witnessing Gounod's early opera "The Mock Doctor," which has been carefully rehearsed and placed upon the stage with due attention to the accessories. The music is light and pretty, but gives no promise of the grander work achieved by the celebrated composer. Still M. Gounod has taken so much interest in its revival that he has written an additional song for soprano, expressly for this production. This is called "Let parents plot and guardians plan," and is sung by Miss Effie Chapuy, who admirably sustains the character of Lucinda. Mr. Richard Temple gives a humorous rendering of Sganarelle, the drunken wood cutter, who is made a doctor against his will. Miss Susetta Fenn is Martine, Miss Annie Dwelley is Jacqueline, and Mr. King Morgan the Leander, all of whom are fully equal to the demands made upon them. The opera will be played all next week, and is altogether an interesting performance.

The Globe Theatre will be closed the 20th inst., on which date Mr. Norman Forbes assumes the lease. Before it is re-opened, about the end of January, it will be entirely re-decorated and electric lighting will be installed throughout the house. In addition to this there will be several important structural alterations effected, among

others being the opening up of separate exits from the stalls to the street, so doing away with the necessity of using the present staircase.

I think we all knew in Hammersmith, without the *World* troubling to tell us, that Mr. Edward Terry lives at Priory Lodge, Barnes, and that he is an active parishioner, a zealous guardian of the poor, and a famous Freemason. There is not a man, woman, or child within a mile of his abode who has not a good word to say for Edward Terry. His neighbour the Rector can boast no more zealous helper than "the Churchwarden;" and you have some difficulty in convincing yourself that the quiet-mannered gentleman who greets you at the top of the steep flight of steps leading up to his front door is the dissipated and diverting "Dick Phenyl" whose drolleries have convulsed half London during the past two years.—*West London Advertiser.*

The Directors of the London Panorama Company, Limited, intend making a new departure with regard to the Large Hall attached to the Waterloo Panorama, Victoria Street. This Hall has hitherto been filled with a collection of Wellington and Napoleon relics. It is intended now to use it as a Drawing-Room Lounge, *Rendezvous*, and Reading Room; a plentiful supply of newspapers, periodicals, magazines and reviews will be provided; whilst during the afternoon and evening at frequent intervals, Bijou Concerts and bright brisk entertainments will be given. The room which will accommodate nearly 1,000 people, is most comfortably furnished, and refreshments can be obtained.

MASONIC AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE Bath Saloon was again crowded with an appreciative audience on the 5th inst., when the members of the above society performed two pieces in a most creditable and successful manner. The principal play given was H. J. Byron's charming three-act comedy "Partners for Life." The story is both interesting and well told, the situations are striking, and the dialogue smart. The performance of the piece reflects the highest credit on all who took part in it, and especially on Bro. F. R. Booth, the able and general manager of the society. The part of Horace Mervyn was undertaken with much ability, and the hero, Tom Gilroy, found an able exponent. The "brother" who undertook the part of Ernest, a "juvenile" lover, scored well, and in the part of Muggles a well-known and popular member of the society did capably. The other parts were Sir Archibald Dreincourt, Major Billiter, and Goppinger, an ex-convict, each of whom were impersonated in admirable style. Miss Ada Melrose again won a marked success as Miss Priscilla, and Miss Jenny Wainwright and Miss Edith Jordan capably sustained their respective parts. A word of praise should be given to Miss Nora Booth, who undertook a small part. All the performers were called before the curtain. J. S. Coyne's farce "A Terrible Secret" was the second piece, and the two members who took the parts of Henpecker and his friend acted admirably. Bro. S. Suckley conducted an excellent band.

The annual festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic, Educational, and Benevolent Institution is to be held at Southampton, under the distinguished presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, on Monday next. The charity is established to educate, clothe, and advance in life necessitous children of Freemasons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and to afford relief and assistance to distressed brethren of the Province or their widows. The children are educated at good schools in the vicinity of their homes, under the care of their parents or guardians. There are now six children being educated, clothed and assisted, to the satisfaction of their friends, at an average cost per head not exceeding £12 per annum. The institution is not intended to rival, but to supplement the central Charities, by taking under its care unsuccessful candidates for the London Masonic Institutions, or any eligible candidates whom their friends may desire to keep within the circle of home training influence. Bro. G. Felton Lancaster, Gosport, is the Hon. Secretary of the institution, and its successful inauguration is due almost entirely to his unremitting efforts.

Our old friend Bro. Seymour Smith announces that his Annual Concert will take place, at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, Peckham, on Monday next, the 15th inst. Bro. Smith will be assisted by the following Vocalists: Miss Jesse Griffin, Miss Rosie Beste, Miss Meta Russell, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Katie Heath, Madame Raymond, Mr. Lester, Mr. C. A. White, Mr. Reginald Groome, Mr. James Budd and Mr. W. G. Hazelgrove. Instrumentalists: Pianoforte, Madame Brett and Miss Evelyn Seymour Smith; Violin, Mr. A. Gambier Holmes; Concertina, Mr. Richard Blagrove. Tickets (Reserved seats 3s, Unreserved seats 2s; Area 1s) may be obtained of Bro. Seymour Smith, 24 Carden Road, Nunhead Lane. Doors open at 7.30; commence at 8 o'clock. Frequent Trains from Peckham Rye Station (two minutes walk from the Hall), to London Bridge, Victoria, and most of the South London Suburbs.

Under the auspices of the two Masonic Lodges at Bury St. Edmund's, arrangements are in progress for a ball, to take place during January.

A meeting of the members of St. Kew Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., when Bro. W. H. Glass was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. W. E. Perrett senior.

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, 13th December.

- 108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176 Cavendish, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928 Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.

Monday, 15th December.

- 1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
862 Whittinkton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1910 Shadwell Clarke, 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, Turo
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gt. Portland
486 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitehall
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
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
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, T.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne

Tuesday, 16th December.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hot, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queens Westminster, 8a Red Lion Sq., W.C.
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
402 Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
411 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
1006 Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, Scorrion, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angiesea, Bull Hotel, Llanfenni
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
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
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 330 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

Wednesday, 17th December.

- 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
619 Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch St. east
M.M. 144 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
311 South Saxon, F.M., Lewis.

- 325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
423 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslom
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
531 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
633 Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
633 Isea, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
754 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
849 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kington
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Mason e Hall, Cantorbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykos, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1246 Holbe, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Atholium, Lancaster
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726 Royal Chartley of Fortitude, N.W. Hot, Staff
R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy

Thursday, 18th December.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1813 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
2107 Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Chichester
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Acerington
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 117 Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 19th December.

- House Committee, Boys' School, Wood Green, 4
6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 176 Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.
152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Tipton
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541 De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
560 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 512 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1910 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool

Saturday, 20th December.

- 1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1644 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenberden, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 13th December.

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

Monday, 15th December.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 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, 202 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, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 16th December.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
65 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, 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.
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
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
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Borry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 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 Fin-bury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 17th December.

- 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, Loadenhall St., 8
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
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, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 730
1662 Benconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
1681 Loundesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervoy, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 730
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 730
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 18th December.

- 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 Counts, 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
559 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 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8

1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1635 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:3

Friday, 19th December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8

765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 730 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Moutpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
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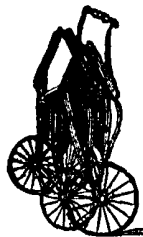
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