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ROYALTY AND THE CRAFT.

THE present month, young though it is, has given ample evidence of the continued and thoroughly genuine interest evinced by the Royal Family in Masonic matters, and the events of the past few days will for ever remain in the annals of the Order a living testimony that the sentiments of loyalty expressed by the members of the Craft towards the Sovereign are reciprocated by the family of the Sovereign towards the Craft. The Duke of Connaught has had the rank of Past Grand Mark Master conferred upon him, on the recommendation of his illustrious brother the heir-apparent, and later has been installed as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Sussex. The Prince of Wales himself has been re-elected Grand Master of the Craft and Mark Degrees, and, accompanied by his beloved wife and daughters, has completed the good work he commenced four years back on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when, as chairman at the Centenary Festival of that Charity, he had the pleasure of announcing the largest total of subscriptions ever received at a charity dinner. The events of the week at the Girls' School at Battersea Rise are fully recorded elsewhere in our present issue, but we cannot allow the opportunity to slip by without expressing a few words of thanks and approval towards the Grand Master for the part he has taken in the provision and inauguration of the new Hall at the Girls' School, which, by the gracious consent of the Princess is in future to be known as the Alexandra. There are some who will, no doubt, regret that the original title of "Centenary" has not been adhered to, but when we remember that it is to the Prince of Wales and his personal presidency at the Festival the Craft owes the new building, any regrets on this point will be removed, besides which it will no doubt be possible to again re-christen the Hall as the "Alexandra Centenary," should any real necessity arise for so doing.

That the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales is no mere empty occupation of a title is manifest from the repeated efforts he makes to render himself and his office popular with his followers. Bearing in mind his many and varied duties, it is quite fair to say that his Royal Highness devotes as much of his time to Freemasonry as to anything of a similar character with which he is connected, and not only so, but he secures such an enthusiastic co-operation from other members of the Royal Family as to convince the world that they are thoroughly alive to the advantages of the Order, and personally desirous of promoting its welfare and advancement. Is it any wonder then that Freemasonry flourishes in our midst, or that it is able to extend year by year the good work in which it is engaged, diffusing light and instruction among its members, and sympathy and aid to those who, by association with the Craft, have a claim on its

benevolence, either for themselves, their widows, or their orphans?

We feel we are but re-echoing the sentiments of the Craft when we express particular pleasure at the attendance of the Princess of Wales and her daughters to assist in the work of the week. Their presence proves, far better than any words could do, how thoroughly they endorse the action of the Grand Master in his work on behalf of Freemasonry, and show us that among the heads of the empire there is no fear of sedition or conspiracy such as is accredited to the Masonic Order by its detractors.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE ceremony of inaugurating the Centenary Hall and new school buildings at the Institution at Battersea Rise, S.W., was performed on Thursday afternoon, under most favourable and auspicious circumstances. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, entered the building a few minutes before 4 o'clock, and they were received by a numerous gathering of the patrons and patronesses of the Institution. Among those present being the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Senior Trustee, and Chairman of the day; Sir Francis Burdett, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Sheriff Farmer, the Earl of Euston, Sir Polydore de Keyser, H. B. Marshall, Edward Terry, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Lord Brooke, Colonel E. Malet de Carteret, Viscount Dungarvan, Sir G. Elliot, M.P., Lord Harlech, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, M.P., Colonel Starkie, Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir J. B. Monckton, Lady Monckton, the Rev. H. A. Pickard, J. C. Parkinson, H. Smith, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, J. S. Eastes, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Bishop Barry, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and many distinguished members of the Craft. The band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Lieutenant Dan Godfrey, accompanied the children of the school in two verses of the National Anthem. The Royal party having taken their seats on a dais, which was tastefully decorated with palms and choice flowers, their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales were each presented with a magnificent bouquet; after which the children, again accompanied by the band, sang the well known hymn, "Oh! worship the King all glorious above."

The Earl of Lathom addressed the Prince of Wales. He reminded his Royal Highness that on the occasion of the Centenary Festival of the Institution, which was held under his presidency, at the Royal Albert Hall, on Thursday, the 7th of June 1888, in the presence of his Majesty the King of

Sweden, and amid surrounding circumstances of great distinction, the magnificent sum of £50,500 was announced as the collection of the day. It became at once the agreeable duty of those having the management of the School to take active steps in the execution of such works as should increase the usefulness and efficiency of the Institution, and at the same time be a lasting memorial of the splendid liberality of the Craft. The result was before them. The handsome hall in which they stood, with the new school-rooms and dormitories adjacent, had been constructed under the architectural superintendence of Bro. Henry Arthur Hunt, assisted by Bro. Ralph Clutton, who, both members of the House Committee, had generously given their valuable services. The various buildings forming the Institution, comprehending as they did a junior school, an infirmary, and a swimming bath, all detached from the main building, which was devoted to the senior school, and from one another, were now—for the purposes of education, of health, and of recreation—as perfect as it was deemed possible to render them, and they ventured to think that they formed, not only an appropriate and a useful school, but a happy and a healthy home for the 300 children to be maintained and educated therein, under a head governess, a matron, and a staff of most satisfactory excellence. It only remained for him, in the name of the committee, and, indeed, of the whole body of governors, extending as they did throughout the length and breadth of the land, to thank his Royal Highness most sincerely for his attendance, and her Royal Highness their grand patroness, for so graciously accompanying him, and to ask the Prince to complete the good work he commenced in 1888 by inaugurating and declaring open their Centenary Hall.

H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master replied that he had not forgotten that four years ago he presided at the Centenary Festival of the Institution held at the Royal Albert Hall, which was as large a gathering as any Masonic assemblage which had ever taken place, and was honoured by the presence of His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway. He believed the sum of £50,500, which was subscribed on that occasion, was the largest amount on record as received at any charity dinner. He was glad to know the results had been so good, and that not only the new hall, but dormitories and a swimming bath had been provided for the 300 children in the School. He could only congratulate the ladies and gentlemen before him on the result, and assured them it had given the Princess, his daughters, and himself the greatest pleasure to take part in the ceremony of that day. The Prince of Wales then formally declared the Centenary Hall open.

The Earl of Lathom announced that H.R.H. the Princess of Wales had graciously permitted the building to be named after her, and it will henceforth be known as the "Alexandra Hall."

The Right Rev. Bishop Barry (in charge of the diocese) offered up prayer, the whole body of visitors present joining, after which the children sang a hymn, accompanied by the band, "Oh! God, our Help in ages past."

Miss Davis, the head mistress, and Miss Buck, had the honour of being presented to T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince graciously shaking hands with each lady. The Royal party then retired, the children giving "God bless the Prince of Wales." The singing of the children throughout was marked by great precision and intelligence.

A large and enthusiastic crowd in the streets greeted the Royal party on their arrival and departure.

The recent alterations and additions consist of—

1. A new wing, containing class-rooms, dormitories, governess's sitting-room.

2. Alterations to parts of the existing building.

3. The Centenary Hall.

4. Warming and ventilating the whole of the buildings, new and old.

The new wing contains :—

Lecture theatre, 28 × 36, with large bay for platform.

Six class rooms, 30 × 20.

Governess's sitting-room and book-rooms.

Large staircases and conveniences.

One dormitory, 28 × 36, and five dormitories, 35 × 20. four lavatories fitted with hot baths, washing basins, and W.C.

All the rooms are about 14 feet high, except the lecture theatre, which is 18 feet high.

Two objects have been kept prominently in view. 1st. To provide fire-proof staircases at each end of every corridor; and 2nd, To admit the children to the bath-rooms without going across the corridors.

Of the warming and ventilation and the construction of the staircases we will speak hereafter.

The alteration of existing buildings consist, after the removal of some old latrines and other buildings, of a new kitchen, 40 × 21, with open roof (in close proximity of the dining-room), with scullery, larders, store, and receiving-room. House dining-room. The conversion of the old dining-room into a music-room, fitted up with 24 glass cubicles. The Alexandra Hall, formerly used as class-room, recreation-room, &c., into a dining hall. The old kitchen is now the cooking school. One of the old dormitories has been lengthened, and new lavatories and bath-rooms erected in juxtaposition. Some of the old class-rooms have been converted into needlework-room, library, cloak-rooms, &c. Small staircases have been removed, and larger and additional ones erected, so that every dormitory should have two staircases for escape in case of fire.

Before we leave this part of the building, we must not omit to say that the kitchen fittings—both gas and steam and open range—have been carried out by Messrs. Wilson and Son, of King William-street, Strand.

By the conversion of the Alexandra Hall into a dining-room, a new hall became a necessity, particularly as the Alexandra Hall was inadequate for meetings of the whole school for calisthenic exercises and general meetings. It was therefore determined that the design for the new buildings should contain a large hall, partly to commemorate the Centenary of the School, and a memorial to Chevalier Ruspini, the founder in 1788, and to serve as a hall for calisthenic exercises, recreations and meetings of friends and children on prize and other days.

The Centenary Hall is 104 feet long and 40 feet wide, and rises to a height of 50 feet to the highest point of the ceiling. It is lighted by three windows at the end and seven on each side; the sills of the windows are 22 feet from the ground, at which point a string course runs. Completely round the hall, below the string, the walls are arcaded, and a wall is built between the extreme points of the buttresses, thus leaving seven deep recessed alcoves on both sides of the hall; as these alcoves would have been too high, floors have been inserted and the buttresses perforated, thus forming a gallery and ambulatory round the hall.

The roof the hall takes the form of two coves and an elliptical centre, the construction being of iron, from a design by Mr. H. G. Huxley, C.E., and when it was visible seemed a marvel of lightness; it is now cased with an enriched fibrous plaster ceiling, with wooden ribs. The floor is of oak, of Ebner's patent, whereby comparatively thin wood is dovetailed on to the concrete by a mastic preparation. The walls of the hall, to a length of 12 feet, together with the alcoves, are lined with teak panelling, and the projecting balconettes of the several openings in the gallery has a most pleasing and rich effect. The Minstrels' Gallery at one end of the hall contains a finely carved Royal Coat-of-Arms, this, together with shields around the hall, are illuminated in colour. The teak wall framings have been executed by Mr. Thos. Gibbons, of Dunmow, Essex. The whole of the windows are filled with stained glass, executed by Mr. Ed. Frampton, of 110 Buckingham-palace-road, and are all gifts from various Lodges.

The architecture may be said to be in the transition period between the late Tudor and Elizabethan. The front contains a fine statue of Chevalier Ruspini, executed by Mr. E. Roscoe Mullins.

Mr. F. G. Knight has been the superintending architect for the hall.

The Alexandra Hall and one wing of the building were formerly the only parts artificially warmed. Every part, old and new, is now warmed to a temperature capable of being raised to 30° above the outside air. All the old dormitories have been ventilated by placing tubes in the roof, connected with the shafts, in which are placed gas cones. In the new part a system of ventilation of both class-rooms and dormitories has been carried out, by which three atmospheres an hour is supplied by simply having the hot water cistern and a coil of pipes in a central tower. The fresh air being admitted and passing over the hot water coils, which are placed against the walls in the class-rooms, but in the middle of the rooms in the dormitories.

The boilers for the supply of hot water and for warming are placed in three different parts of the building, in order to diffuse the heat more regularly and economically. The warming and ventilating has been entrusted to Messrs. Haden, of Trowbridge, and 123 Cromer-street.

The greatest care has been taken to prevent accident in case of fire. Hydrants are placed at frequent intervals both outside and inside the buildings, and a fireman is on duty at night. Every dormitory can be approached from two staircases, and these staircases are of iron and concrete covered with wooden finishings, and the whole of the doors externally and internally open outwards.

The system of fire escape has been carried out under the advice of an engineer appointed by Captain Shaw, and the hydrants supplied by Messrs. Berry.

The whole of the builder's work has been carried out by Mr. Nightingale, of the Albert Embankment, under the immediate supervision of Mr. Henry A. Hunt and Mr. Ralph Clutton.

A LODGE BANQUET.

FROM time immemorial Freemasons have been called from Labour to Refreshment. Even the Fabric Rolls of York Minster, and the contracts made in the fifteenth century for the erection of certain parts of that edifice, prove this fact. Some years ago we penned an article for THE KEYSTONE in which we quoted the language of one of those contracts which provided for even an "after-dinner nap" as part of the mid-day refreshment of the Master Mason or architect of the Minster. Masonic refreshment is as old as Freemasonry.

Freemasons love Refreshment for the same reason that they Love Labour, because it is so enjoyable and Masonic.

Refreshment is of two kinds, technical and substantial. The substantial is generally preferred. The former is appropriate to the exercise of certain formal Masonic functions, but the latter is the best of all possible climaxes for a Lodge meeting—not the "be all" but the "end all" of Masonry.

Lodge banquets are of many sorts and sizes. The sorts are as numerous as the letters of the alphabet, while the sizes run from a handful to a room full of Brethren. It is possible for a Masonic banquet to comprehend so many of the higher species of enjoyment as to be absolutely peerless. On the other hand, it is equally possible for one to be as destitute of pleasure as a china nest-egg is destitute of meat. We have seen Brethren superlatively happy at a banquet, and we have also seen them superlatively miserable. The wise Master of a Lodge arranges all of the details of a feast so as to ensure the happiness of the participants, and avoid the misery which comes to many from failure. One thing is certain: a banquet will never run itself, except on to the shoals of dullness and disgust.

Time is of the essence of this contract: the first ingredient of success is to sit down at a Lodge banquet at an early hour. If you have a late opening, the early closing movement is sure to follow. The refreshment that comes at eleven o'clock at night, or after, does not refresh. It involves a waste of money, of time and of energy. At that hour it is refreshment thrown to the dogs. No one is happy. Every one eats and runs. Pleasure is out of the question. It is almost a criminal misuse of Lodge funds to expend them for such a purpose—or lack of purpose. The golden rule of refreshment therefore is, Sit down to it at

as early an hour as possible, and if you cannot sit down early, do not sit down at all.

We will suppose that a master mind as well as a Master's mind has arranged the hour of the feast, and that the brethren surround the mahogany. For a while no mistakes can be made except by the caterer. He should serve the dinner, which should not have too many courses, with method and despatch. All that the brethren have to do is to eat and be merry. The social pleasures amid and between courses are of a high character, but depend for their enjoyment mainly upon the participants themselves. They entertain each other. But the end of the material feast comes by-and-by. Then it is that it becomes apparent whether a Master governs the table or the table governs the Master. Those are far from being adepts in working the "knife and fork degree" who merely transfer the viands from the table to their mouths. Any dog could do that. Freemasons have minds as well as mouths, and they take both with them to the banquet table. For the true purposes of Masonic refreshment they might as well come without their mouths as without their minds. After the cigars are lighted, then comes, or should come, the most enjoyable features of all—the feast of reason and the flow of soul.

Order is the Master's first law when the material feast ends. To secure this the dismissal of every servant from the banquet hall is essential. Amid the clatter of dishes and the hurrying of feet there can be nothing but disorder and displeasure to the guests. At all events there can be no unity of enjoyment.

The master having proved his ability to preside at refreshment as well as at labour, by maintaining order and decreeing the succession of events, then follows the highest pleasures incident to a Lodge banquet—the apt and pithy speech, the telling story, the pathetic recitation, the amusing song. We would not give a picayune for the Lodge banquet which is devoid of these. We all eat our three meals a day, and a fourth meal in itself is unnecessary, and is chiefly if not only valuable because it leads up to something higher and better—to humour, wit, sentiment and song, the earnest appeal, the touching recital, the soul-stirring melody, and that fellow-feeling, that true fellowship which comes from mind and heart, as well as stomach, sharing in the enjoyments of Masonic refreshment. This is the refreshment that refreshes, and the only refreshment that is worthy of the name Masonic.—*Keystone*.

HULL MASONIC CLUB.—The first annual meeting was held in the Board-room of the Club-house on the 2nd inst., Mr. F. Blackburn occupying the chair. There was a large attendance of shareholders, including Messrs. M. C. Peck, T. H. Haller, T. Middleton, W. Thirsk (secretary), H. J. Oldroyd, J. A. Brown, G. Leigh, Councillor Fillingham, John Meanwell, T. Jackson, F. Eustace, A. E. Peasegood, F. Ennis, J. W. L. Whitfield, A. Spink, T. A. Haigh, H. Feldman, J. Hancock, G. D. Storry, H. Colbeck, W. G. Anfield, J. Y. Terr, James Strickland, &c. In calling upon the secretary to read the report, the chairman congratulated the shareholders upon the success of the club, and, as the report would show, they were in a very satisfactory condition. The secretary's report, which was then read and adopted, showed that after paying expenses and other charges, there was a profit equal to 20 per cent. on the paid-up capital, which the directors recommend should be disposed of by paying 5 per cent. dividend, and carrying forward the balance (15 per cent.) to a reserve fund. A vote of thanks to the directors and officers for their services was then accorded on the motion of Mr. J. A. Brown, seconded by Mr. M. C. Peck, who expressed his great satisfaction at the position which the club had attained in so short a time. Messrs. E. Fillingham, J. Meanwell, and J. Strickland were re-elected directors, and Mr. G. D. Storry was re-elected auditor. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—Under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kollett Smith, a meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held, on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a numerous attendance of governors, and the various recommendations of the committee for the election of children on the foundation of the institution were confirmed. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Molloy, seconded by Bro. P.M. Rowson, that the bye-laws of the Charity should be referred to the special committee for further consideration, that Bro. Martin should be added to the committee, and that brethren be invited to send in any alterations or suggestions which they deemed desirable. The treasurer's balance sheet and secretary's report as to the work of the past year were adopted, and the proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Smith for presiding.

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.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS.

THE annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Monday, 2nd inst., when Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the M. Ill. Grand Sovereign presided, and was supported by Sir Knights Baron de Ferrières M.E.G. Viceroy; Lord Easton G. Senior General; Capt T. C. Walls, Dep. Intendant-General Middx., G. Junior General; Dr. W. R. Woodman P.G.V., G. Treasurer; G. F. Hogard G. Recorder; G. Mickley G. Chamberlain; C. H. Driver G. Architect; W. G. Lemon G. Marshal; W. H. Lewthwaite G. High Almoner; G. Powell P.G.S. General; J. G. Marsh P.G.S. General; H. H. Shirley G. Orator; T. Cabitt P.G.S. General; C. F. Matier Intendant-General Lancs.; H. C. Heard P.S. G. Inspector of Regalia; A. H. Bateman G. Vice Chancellor; Belgrave Ninnis Intendant-General Jamaica; G. R. Cobham P.S. G. Organist; R. Berridge G. Sub-Prelate; C. E. Keyser G. Prefect; S. Brice 147 D.G.V.E. Kent; W. M. Bywater 15; F. W. Driver 15; G. Robinson 1; C. Chaufourier, Nelson-Prower, W. A. Scourrah; W. T. Nudie; J. A. Gartley, G. Precentor; and W. W. Lee.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign having entered Grand Conclave, attended by the Grand Officers, Grand Conclave was opened.

The minutes of the meeting held 3rd of March 1890 were read and unanimously confirmed. The annual report of the Executive Committee was read, a good balance being shown in the hands of the Treasurer. The Committee recommended that 10 guineas should be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in view of the forthcoming Jubilee of that Institution, and also that the best thanks of the Grand Conclave should be tendered to Sir Knight Hogard for his invaluable services as Grand Recorder during the past six years, he having intimated his intention of withdrawing from that office.

On the motion of Sir Knight WOODMAN seconded by Sir Knight LEMON, the report was unanimously adopted.

On the suggestion of Sir Knight WALLS, supported by Sir Knight NINNIS, the 10 guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was ordered to be placed in the name of Sir Knight Hogard.

Sir Knight Dr. WOODMAN then said he felt proud to nominate their present M.I. Grand Sovereign for re-election. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett had become almost an institution among them in the Order.

The nomination was seconded by Sir Knight MICKLEY, and carried *nam con.*

The M.I. Grand Sovereign having been proclaimed, returned thanks for his re-election. The longer he was with them the greater was his wish to be present. His great object during the time he had been connected with the Order—now some 20 years—had been to see it flourish in a manner creditable not only to themselves but also to hold a high position in the Masonic world. He hoped it would be strengthened in the future, and had no doubt but that it would prosper. He trusted to be with them for some years to come—he could not say many years—but as long as he held his own he would do what he could for the benefit of the Order, and as long as he filled his present position he should be pleased to see them, and to be received in the kind manner in which they had always welcomed him.

Sir Knight Baron de FERRIERES said the next business was the election of Grand Viceroy, and he rose to anticipate any Sir Knight who might feel disposed to nominate him for re-election. The Executive Committee had had some conversation on the position of the Order, and it was felt that the acting officers should be men who could give more time to their duties. He felt that the Grand Viceroy should be one who was constantly in London, and who could give his time and attention to the welfare of the Order. He therefore felt compelled to decline re-election, and begged to propose Lord Euston as a fit and proper person to be elected as Grand Viceroy. Nothing he could say could recommend Lord Euston to them, and he unhesitatingly stated that he knew of no Mason holding a high position who so entirely threw himself into Masonry, and gave so much time to promote the Order to which he belonged.

Sir Knight W. G. LEMON seconded the nomination, which was carried unanimously, and Lord Euston was formally consecrated as the Grand Viceroy for the ensuing year, and proclaimed by the Grand Herald.

Sir Knight W. R. WOODMAN expressed his desire not to be re-elected as Grand Treasurer, and proposed Sir Knight Hogard for election to that office.

Sir Knight Baron de FERRIERES seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Sir Knight BATEMAN, supported by Sir Knight HOGARD, hearty and cordial thanks were tendered to Sir Knight Woodman, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for his energetic and valuable services to the Order, more especially as the Grand Treasurer for so many years.

The Most Ill. Grand Sovereign appointed the following members of Grand Council:

W. H. Lewthwaite	...	...	Senr. General.
Dr. Mickley	...	...	Junr. General.
Rev. S. Maude	...	...	} High Prelates.
Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	...
C. H. Driver	...	...	High Chancellor.
C. F. Hogard (elected)	...	...	Treasurer.
C. F. Matier	...	...	Recorder.
W. G. Lemon	...	...	High Almoner.
H. H. Shirley	...	...	Chamberlain.
H. J. Lardner	...	...	Architect.
H. Venn	...	...	Marshal.
C. E. Keyser	...	...	Orator.
R. Berridge	...	...	Historiographer.

GRAND SENATE.

Viscount Dungarvan	...	...	Preceptor.
A. H. Bateman	...	...	Examiner.
G. Reading	...	...	Prefect.
F. Graves	...	...	Sub-Prelate.
H. C. Heard	...	...	Vice-Chancellor.
G. R. Cobham	...	...	Assist. Recorder.

The following were elected as Grand Senators, and were appointed to office, namely:

J. A. Gartley	...	...	Sub-Almoner.
W. O. Robinson	...	...	Ins. of Regalia.
T. Le Seelleur	...	...	} Stand. Bearers.
W. Lake	...	...
J. H. Thompson	...	...	G.S.B.
H. Roberts	...	...	Organist.
J. D. Murray	...	...	Precentor.
W. M. Bywater	...	...	V. Chamberlain.
S. J. Brice	...	...	Assist. Marshal.
G. Dalrymple	...	...	} Heralds.
Valentine Brown	...	...
C. V. Cotterell	...	...	G.D. of C.

The Illustrious Grand Sovereign appointed the Earl of Euston as president, and Sir Knight J. L. Thomas as member, and Sir Knights Woodman, Mason, Walls, Lemon and Powell were elected to the Executive Committee, and Sir Knights Woodman, Shirley, and Venn to the Grand High Almoner's Committee.

A notice of motion by Sir Knight Baron de FERRIERES—"That Intendants-General while actually in charge of a Division shall rank in the Grand Council immediately after Grand Viceroy, and that the statutes be altered accordingly"—was next considered and agreed to.

A Grand Sovereign's Council was appointed to consider the position of the Order, and report thereon to a special meeting of the Grand Conclave to be convened for that purpose.

The Grand Conclave was closed, and the Sir Knights subsequently dined together at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

WHAT WILL BRO. SPETH SAY NOW?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few months ago I took issue with my esteemed friend Bro. Speth about the age of the Matthew Cooke MS. In his commentary on the said MS. Bro. Speth dated its origin to the first half of the fifteenth century, and I maintained that it was not written before the latter part of Henry VIII's reign, or during the reign of his successor, Edward VI. One of my reasons for that belief was, that whereas in the Regius poem, in the Strasburg and in the Torgau Constitutions, as well as one or two English Guild codes of laws—I quoted from, I believe, Herbert's History of the Twelve London Companies—mention is invariable in the prayers of the Virgin Mary or some other saints, but in the Matthew Cooke MS. the prayer is minus of allusions to saints, and even Christ is not appealed to therein; hence I concluded that the said MS. was written by a Protestant, for the use of a Protestant Masonic Lodge.

Now, Toulmin Smith's "English Guilds" contain the old laws of "more than one hundred" English Guilds of the Roman Catholic period, or of the period before the Protestant Reformation. The first part of the said book contains the laws of forty-eight guilds, and in every prayer or invocation preceding the said laws, the Virgin Mary, or some other saint or saints, figure as mediators. To most of the remaining codes in the latter part of the book, there are no introductory invocations given, but there is ample evidence in said codes that they were written by Roman Catholics for Roman Catholic Associations. And, as there is not a particle of evidence in the Matthew Cooke MS., that either the author thereof was a Catholic, or the guild for whose use it was written were Catholics, I think, therefore, that an impartial jury would render a verdict in accordance with my long entertained belief, that the Cooke MS. was not written before about the middle of the sixteenth century.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

P.S.—Since the above was written, I found in Mr. Smith's book, on page 186, that a guild of Smiths existed, in Chesterfield, in the 14th century, without having had any patron saint at all. In a foot note, after stating that the condition of the document from which he quoted was "very bad and torn," it goes on, as follows:—

"This guild seems to have had no patron saint. Among the records of at least six hundred English guilds that have come under my careful review, I have very rarely found this absence, save in some of the Guilds Merchants. Even the existing London City Companies have such patron saints. Perhaps some local circumstances made the priests unpopular in Chesterfield. Certain it is that, while the ordinances of the Chesterfield Guild last given treat priestly services with a slightness and coldness very unusual, the present

guild does not even so much as invoke the patronage of any saint. It is simply the guild of Smiths."

The above proves that there was sometimes an "exception to the rule," that in some rare cases guilds dispensed with troubling saints for patronage. But, on the other hand, the Masons of the fifteenth century not only prayed "to moder Mary bright," but to four saints besides; hence the rejection of Mary, as well as saints from the Cooke MS., indicates that it was written by a Protestant, for a Protestant society. And, second, though the Smith guild of Chesterfield had no patron saints, the winding up of the laws of the said guild proves conclusively that the members were devout Roman Catholics. It reads as follows:—

"To keep and faithfully perform these Constitutions, all the brethren have bound themselves by touch of relics."

The bindings of an oath by touch of relics was peculiar to believers of the old Roman Catholic religion; but as the Cooke MS. is totally minus of a shadow of a hint of belief in Catholic religion, it seems to me, therefore, evident that neither the writer of the MS., nor the guild for whose use it was written, could have believed in the Catholic religion, and consequently the Cooke MS. must have been written after the Reformation.

J. N.

Boston, U.S., 29th February 1891.

CONSECRATION OF THE BENEVENTA LODGE.

FOR some years past it has been the wish of several of the brethren belonging to Masonic Lodges in the Province of Norths and Hunts, living in and around Daventry, to have a Lodge of their own, in order to obviate the necessity of proceeding to Northampton or Towcester to attend their Lodges. To meet the wishes of these brethren the Beneventa Lodge has been formed at Daventry, and the consecration ceremony took place under very auspicious circumstances on Friday, 27th ult. It had been arranged that the consecration should take place on the 15th January, but owing to the illness of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Earl of Easton, D.L., it was postponed. His lordship, who is now very much improved in health, arrived in Daventry about eleven o'clock, in order that he might consult with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, and make the necessary arrangements for the important and imposing ceremony of the day, which it is gratifying to state went off without the slightest hitch or mishap of any kind. The new Lodge-rooms, fitted up at Bro. C. Ward's Wholesale Hotel, presented an elegant and attractive appearance.

CHICAGO MASONIC TEMPLE.

THE Columbia Iron and Steel Company, whose mill is at Uniontown, and office at Pittsburg, will furnish the steel for the Masonic Temple of Chicago. An idea of the magnitude of the contract can be gained when it is stated that it aggregates 300,000 dols., and that the building will be twenty storeys high—the highest in the world—and that a skeleton building will be constructed of steel, around which the masonry will be built. This skeleton is of interlaced steel shapes, so strongly arranged that it would stand alone and bear the weight of occupancy without the walls of stone. As the beginning of a new era in building in which our iron and steel workers are interested, we give the following brief description. The building will be 113ft. by 170ft. in dimensions and will be built on a foundation of steel rails instead of stone. It will front on three sides alike, and the storeys, instead of being called floors, will go under the name of streets, of which there will be sixteen in the building. The steel work will weigh between 3,500 and 4,000 tons, and will be made ready to put together without any alterations. Every piece will be exactly fitted, holes drilled, connections dovetailed, and all calculations adjusted, so that the work of erecting the skeleton will proceed with celerity and neatness. This part of the work will proceed independently of the masonry, and, as remarked hitherto, will be of such a character that the entire work of erecting the steel structure could be completed before the masons and bricklayers begin work. Still, this will probably not be done, the steel work being put in position only a few storeys ahead of the masonry. It is understood that the Columbia will begin work at once, as the contract calls for their work to be completed and under roof by 1st September, and the extra buildings finished by 1st May 1892. There was sharp competition for the work by Pittsburg and Chicago mills, and it is a "feather in the cap" of Columbia that it "carried the day." This style of building will add materially to the demand for rolled steel, hence we are especially pleased to note every item of the kind.—*Carpenter and Builder.*

The Tyne Masonic Hall Company, Limited, has been formed, with a capital of £2,500 in shares of £1 each, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic hall at Wallsend. The land has been purchased and the contract for the erection of the building has been signed. Arrangements have been made for letting part of the premises to Messrs. Hodgkin and Company, bankers, and the Wallsend Local Board, and the remainder to the Tyne Lodge of Freemasons.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE brethren of this old and popular Lodge, which dates back to "the Georges," held their annual ball at the Horns, Kennington, on Wednesday, 4th inst. The affair was a brilliant success. Mr. Laughton Field's quadrille band played a programme of 24 dances, "The Royal Jubilee Quadrille," an admirable arrangement, winning a well-deserved encore. Bro. W. R. Russell W.M. was President, Bro. A. Darch did good work as Hon. Secretary, the M.C.'s were Bros. G. Horton and J. H. Wright. Bro. W. F. Dunn is Treasurer of this Lodge. Bros. Lloyd, Lewcock, Fountain and Dunkley acted as Stewards. At the supper the Queen and Freemasonry were toasts proposed by the W.M. Bro. Darch proposed the Chairman, a toast which was enthusiastically honoured. It was remarked that the W.M.'s year of office would be distinguished by the presence of ladies at the annual dinner. Bro. Clarke responded for the Ladies, and Bro. Marks for the Visitors. The opinion was expressed that the sixth ball of the Jubilee Lodge was a thorough success, and all were glad that it took place at the Horns, a convenient place for gatherings of South Londoners, who, perhaps, are too fond of seeking their entertainment "over the water."

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place in Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. V. M. Vultohoff W.M., S. Staton S.W., J. Read J.W., W. J. Cunliffe Treasurer, Wm. Garside Secretary, F. Spencer S.D., G. Jackson J.D., John Bladon Dir. of Cers., Whitehead Organist, Thos. Bushell I.G.; Past Masters Hine, Dawson, Walmsley, Lisenden, John Garside, Akerman, and Chosworth; Bros. Wihl, Megaritz, Brownell, Ashe, Paterson, Field, Roscoe, Ward, Allen, Rottmayer, and Brocklehurst; Visitors—A. H. Jefferies P.M. 1161, Chas. R. Dunkerley W.M. 1147, Rathbone P.M. 581, S. J. Thompson P.M. 2109, John Mountain P.M. 204, and J. L. Taylor 852. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner at 5.30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Demetrius Ivanoff Veder and Mr. George Oldham Whittaker, who were declared elected. Mr. Veder was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which the brethren adjourned to tea, and on re-assembling in the Lodge room Mr. Whittaker was initiated, by Bro. E. G. Chesworth P.M., and later on Bro. J. T. Ward was passed to the second degree by the W.M. Prior to closing the Lodge a resolution was passed to support the candidature of Bro. J. D. Murray, for Grand Treasurer next year, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 9 o'clock. We had almost forgot to mention that Bro. John Mountain, formerly of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 201, and Bro. James Wilson, formerly of this Lodge, were unanimously elected joining members. At the social board the health of the initiates, the newly passed Brother, and the joining members were proposed and responded to, a short but pleasant evening being spent.

SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 1005 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. George Everett W.M., Brookes I.P.M., Crossland S.W., Pringle J.W., Southwell S.D., Zolas J.D., Hilton I.G.; Past Masters Allott, Enticknap, Rome, Killom, and Halden; Bros. Olive, Clay, Besso, Floyd, Capreel, Procopides, Bibby and Bannison. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock, and, after confirming the minutes of last meeting, Bros. Procopides and Bannison were passed to the second degree. After further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161, (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. S. J. Lewis W.M., Wilson S.W., W. H. Anderton J.W., J. M. Moss Secretary, E. Loebell I.G., Julius Arensbergh P.M., Robert Dottie, C. Gleave P.M., B. Carr P.M., C. F. Pies, J. Ellwood, and A. Lawton; Visitors—Archie Christie 1730, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened in the usual manner at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Lockwood, and announced favourable. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who later on passed Bro. A. S. Lawton to the second degree, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15. After supper the usual toast list was proceeded with, the health of the initiates and newly passed Brother being proposed and responded to.

ST. KEW LODGE, No. 1222.

LORD DUNGARVAN, the R.W. P.G.M. designate for the County of Somerset, attended, as a Visitor, the monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Western-Super-Mare, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, and remained to the supper held subsequently, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Glass the W.M. Between 30 and 40 brethren were in attendance. The installation of Lord Dungarvan as P.G.M., as successor to the late Earl of Carnarvon, will take place at Bath, on 14th May.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge took place at the "Cape of Good Hope" Tavern, on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. George Parrett W.M., supported by the following Officers:—

Bro. Fielder S.W., Trappitt J.W., Wakefield Treasurer, Buchan Secretary, Lucy S.D., Foulds (acting as J.D.) Seddon Organist, and Verry Tyler. Amongst Past Masters present were Bros. Omer I.P.M., Esmont and Moore. Visitors: Bros. Tranmer 1382, Mills 1765, Nightscales 1382, Morrison P.M. Lodge being opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Traumer was raised to degree of M.M. Bro. Tranmer is a member of the Corinthian Lodge, but, by the courtesy of the W.M. and the brethren of the Edinburgh Lodge, he was enabled to take his third degree. Bros. Snelling and Watts were then passed. Other Masonic business was disposed of, including the voting of a handsome sum towards a testimonial to Bro. Atkins P.M., who has for some time past acted as Preceptor of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, and whose efforts to promote the prosperity and welfare of both Lodges have been productive of good feeling and greater energy among the members. Lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to an ample and well-served repast. The toast of The Queen and the Craft, and that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., were proposed and accepted with Masonic enthusiasm. The festive glass and the fragrant weed then lent their attractions to the occasion, which was further improved in the intervals between the speeches by songs and recitations. Bro. Seddon, who has been Organist for 19 years, played an admirable little piece on the pianoforte, entitled "The Mentana Valse," by Bullock, and the various accompaniments for the other brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 679.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Aberdare, on Thursday, the 5th inst. There were present:—Bros. Abraham W.M., Jones S.W., Tennant D.P.G.M., Jolliffe J.W., Rees Secretary, Howell J.D., Phillips P.M. D.C., Williams Organist, Bounsall I.G., Dowdeswell Steward, Botting P.M., Ham P.M., Morgan, Thorney, James, Knill, E. Morris, Peters, Osborne, D. Hughes, W. Hughes, H. C. Morris, Pleace, John Williams, D. Williams, Evan Jones P.M. P.P.G.S., Rees Rees, and Mauder. Visitors—Bros. Thomas Rees 960, H. N. Davies 1378, Phillips 1488, George 833, Nash S.W. Loyal Cambrian, Harris P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of Cers., J. John 833, V. John 833, Key P.M. 1578, Spragg P.M. 1578, W. R. Davies I.P.M. 1578, M. Williams Caradoc 1573 P.G.S.W., D. R. Lewis Loyal Cambrian, Bailey J.D. Loyal Cambrian, Berry Loyal Cambrian, A. Macintosh, L. Macintosh, Sandbrook, S. F. Lewis Merlin 1578, Protheroe Indefatigable 237 W.M. P.G.S., Evans Indefatigable 237 S.W., Goodfellow Loyal Cambrian P.M. P.P.G.S.Br., D. E. Jones W.M. Loyal Cambrian, J. E. Davies Loyal Cambrian P.M. P.P.G.D., Dd. Jones Dowlais. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the following year, as follow:—Bros. George Abraham I.P.M., St. T. Jolliffe S.W., Thos. Rees J.W., Rev. H. R. Johnson Chaplain, W. J. Thomas Treasurer, John Howell Secretary, Tyeth D. Bounsall S.D., Lewis N. Williams J.D., F. W. Mander Dir. of Cers., Jno. Williams Organist, T. H. Dowdeswell I.G., Jas. Thorney and Wm. Hughes Stewards, Jas. Baker Tyler. A banquet subsequently took place at the Boot Hotel, Bro. D. Hughes, the host, being caterer.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge, to instal Bro. Gully S.W. as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The installing Officer was Bro. Coyte, the retiring W.M. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Coyte I.P.M., R. Mudge S.W., Lavers J.W., Cole Treasurer, Sellick Secretary, Balkwill S.D., D. Mudge J.D., Giles I.G., Cocks D.C., Luscomb A.D.C., Wiles and Cranch Stewards, Pillage Tyler. Bro. Ford P.M. P.P.G.S.B., was elected as representative on the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. made a presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. A. S. Coyte I.P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Erme, 1091, in appreciation of his services as W.M.—4th March 1891.

Prior to the meeting of the Craft Lodge a regular meeting was held of the Hawton Lodge of M.K.M. Masons to instal Bro. Coyte S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officer was Bro. Gidley P.M. 169, 383, P.G.T. At the close of the ceremony the Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Shephard I.P.M., Gully S.W., R. Mudge J.W., Sellick M.O., D. Mudge S.O., Balkwill J.O., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary Giles S.D., Cocks J.D. Luscombe I.G., Pillage Tyler. At the close of the meeting the brethren, to the number of thirty-one, adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by the host, Brother Bell.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1436 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Western Hotel, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. W. P. Davies W.M., J. Kershaw P.M. acting S.W., John Morris J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treasurer, Percy Laud Secretary. Robt. Wilson S.D., John Wilson J.D., J. H. Hampson I.G., J. C. Gillman P.M. P.P.G.S.D., C. W. Maybury P.M., Henry P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.S., A. H. Benschaw, S. D. McKellen P.M. P.P.G.S.D., W. E. Langshaw and W. Biggs P.M. Visitors—W. F. Farrington W.M. 1633, Jas. A. Carse 1375, J. Chadwick 1387, John Garside P.M. 317 and R. R. Lisenden (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The brethren met at 5.30 and the Lodge was opened shortly afterwards. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bros. A. J. Tarr, H. S. Johnson and A. R. Johnson being ready and willing to take their third, they were severally interrogated as to their proficiency in the second, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. Subsequently Bro. A. J. Tarr was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. J. C. Gillman P.M. P.P.G.S.D., after which the brethren adjourned to a capital tea à la fourchette, prepared in

a most commendable manner by the worthy host, Mr. Toulmin, who we regret to state, is very unwell. On re-assembling in the Lodge room, Bro. S. D. McKellen took the chair and raised Bro. H. S. Johnson to the third degree, a similar honour being conferred upon Bro. A. R. Johnson by Bro. Geo. Burslem. The whole of the work was remarkably well done, and reflected great credit on all concerned. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 9 o'clock. The W.M. presided at the social board, and after the usual preliminary toasts had been honoured, the health of the newly-raised brethren were proposed and responded to; also the Visitors, the Worshipful Master, and the Past Masters. A pleasant evening's entertainment was enhanced by the singing of some capital songs from Bros. Captain Langshaw, John Allin, &c. A special toast was the health of Bro. Captain Langshaw, who although only a young man, has done good service in the Merchant Navy, and been deservedly awarded a captain's certificate.

SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, New Southgate, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when about 40 members and visitors were present. Amongst the members were Bros. Stretch W.M., Phipos S.W., Duck J.W., Lefebvre Treasurer, Trewinnard Secretary, Newman S.D., Winsor J.D., Corke Dir. of Cers., Gilmore I.G.; Past Masters Matthews, Lewis, Tibbitts; also Bros. Gay, Enery, Davies, Carr, Foulkes; Visitors—H. Godwin J.W. 1673, C. N. Pochin P.M. 1201, T. C. Kauffman J.D. 1766, S. Tryon S.W. 1385, W. J. Gompertz P.P.G.S.D. Herts, J. F. Haskins 1364, R. S. Parker 1524, H. Bennett 1245, J. Brulton 228, J. Brown W.M. 2012, W. Wright P.G. Organist Middlesex S.W. 1897, H. Sadler Grand Tyler P.M. 45, E. C. Mulvey P.M. 2202, 179, 2246, W.M. 2353, P.G.S.B. Surrey, E. Dixon 1950, G. Askew P.M. 1385, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. Caie was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most able and efficient manner. Bro. F. Falkes was duly passed to the second degree. The W.M. Bro. S. Stretch then installed Bro. T. J. Phipos in the chair of King Solomon in an impressive manner. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and said that it gave him the greatest pleasure, as Bro. Stretch had really earned it. If any Brother deserved to be a Past Master it was Bro. Stretch; he had given so much of his time to the Lodge, and was a good worker in all the degrees. He (the W.M.) sincerely hoped that he would be a member of the Lodge for many years to come. After routine business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table, where a splendid spread was provided. The first toast on the list given was that of the Queen and Craft. The W.M. said he knew that all the members and visitors sitting round the table were loyal subjects, therefore he knew that in offering the toast of the Queen it would receive a hearty response. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was duly honoured. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. In speaking of the Deputy Grand Master the W.M. said he was sure that he was one of the best men in Freemasonry. He was pleased to say they had a Grand Officer amongst them that evening, who was a well known man in the Craft, he meant Bro. Sadler Grand Tyler. Bro. Sadler was one of the founders of the Southgate Lodge, and he would not have left it but through pressure of his other Masonic duties. He had great pleasure in coupling his name with the toast. Bro. Sadler replying, said it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast. He had been, as the W.M. had told them, one of the Founders of the Lodge, and if he had been able to attend to the duties he should never have left them, but he had so many engagements it was impossible for him to attend to all. He wished the Lodge every success and happiness, and hoped he should be able to pay them a visit on some other occasion. The I.P.M. Bro. Stretch gave the toast of the Worshipful Master. In a few kindly words he said, for the first time he had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Phipos's good name and kindly ways had endeared him to all the brethren. There is no member of the Southgate Lodge who does not like our Worshipful Master. From the desire he has always evinced to promote the good of the Lodge and the happiness of all its members he sincerely hoped he would have a prosperous year, with plenty of candidates, and might he enjoy good health to be with us for many years to come. The W.M. thanked Bro. Stretch for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast and the way the brethren had received it. The Officers who had been appointed this evening were well placed, and it was a good augury for the coming year that the Lodge had such workers. The toast of the Installing Master was proposed by the W.M.; he was not a very old Mason, but he could say that he had never heard the ceremony done better than it had been done on that occasion. The I.P.M. had done good suit and service to the Southgate as a worker, and had brought some good men into the Lodge. He felt that the brethren would never forget the happy year they had spent under his kindly rule. Bro. Stretch replying; it was proud a moment for him to attain the high honour which he had secured that night. He was initiated in the Southgate Lodge, and it was the only one to which he belonged. He hoped and trusted he should remain a member for many years. The toast of the initiate was very favourably received, and Bro. Caie, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kindness they had shown. The Visitors' toast the W.M. said was, next to the Initiate, the toast of the evening. We should have very little life in our Lodges if it were not for the Visitors. He called on the I.P.M. to read out the names of those who were present on this occasion. Bros. Gompertz P.P.G.S.D. Herts, E. C. Mulvey P.G.S.B. Surrey, and H. R. Bennett responded. The toast of the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary was responded to by Bro. Stretch I.P.M., Tibbette, Trewinnard, and Lefebvre. Bro. Stretch said he had only been a Past Master about twenty minutes, but he had

pleasure in replying. Bro. Matthews P.M. also responded. The compliment to the Officers was acknowledged by Bro. Newman, and the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—On Monday, the 2nd inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, there were present Bros. Bestow W.M., Westfield S.W., Fortescue J.W., Bromhead Preceptor (pro tem), Horst S.D., Allen J.D., Cook I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Inman-Hallows, White, H. A. Stacey, T. W. Stacey, Eustace, Francis, Smith, King, Brown, Pinder, James, Lloyd, Ives, Spurgeon, Bird, Jeremy, Maynard, Wilson, Fry, Grout, Goulding, Gray jun., and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Maynard offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off for refreshment, and having been duly called on, Bro. Pinder, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Westfield was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Bros. H. A. Stacey, T. W. Stacey, R. Eustace, and J. C. Francis were elected members.

On Monday, 9th inst., Bros. Westfield W.M., Bromhead S.W., Horst J.W., Shurmur Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, James S.D., Bestow J.D., Tranter I.G., Allen Secretary, Ives Steward; also Bros. Hamilton, A. J. Stacey, T. W. Stacey, Smith, Taylor, Francis, Spurgeon, Fuller, Pinder, Maynard, Wilson, Cropley, Collett, King, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Francis candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Bromhead gave the installation addresses. Bro. Westfield appointed and invested Officers. Bros. Francis, Fuller, Maynard, A. J. Stacey and T. W. Stacey answered the questions leading to second degree. Bro. Bromhead was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting. Bro. Fuller was elected a member. Lodge closed.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

ANOTHER of those enjoyable re-unions, where the brethren of the Craft may introduce ladies to a Masonic Ball and Supper, was held by the Stockwell Lodge, at the Sarrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Wednesday, the 11th instant. As some of the Provincial Grand Masters have recently remarked, these festive occasions tend to knock off some of the knobs and excrescences which late Lodge hours have produced in the minds of the ladies. In this instance the brethren and ladies numbered about 80, and never was a more enjoyable evening spent. Dancing commenced at 9, to the strains of Sargood's local band, and was kept up with unflagging spirit until the morning was far advanced. The banquet was served about midnight, and was everything that could be desired. The ladies especially appreciated the kind attentions of the Ball Stewards, who were assiduous in the discharge of their duties. The President of the Committee, Bro. A. G. Boswell P.M. (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. R. J. Cullen, who lives many miles from London) gave a few toasts, the last being the toast of the occasion, viz., the Ladies, which was amusingly responded to by Bro. F. H. Harvey. During the evening the ladies formed exploration committees of their own, and "Darkest Africa" was never more thoroughly searched than was the Lodge room by our naturally inquisitive sisters, apparently for something they could not find. One lady in particular, who had the temerity to sit in the Master's chair, was searching the said chair for the foundation stone of the Tower of Babel, which she had been informed was concealed in the Lodge. Amongst the assembled guests were:—Mr and Mrs. Aylett, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boswell, and Miss Boswell, Mr. Bumstead, Mr. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boswell, Mr. Buffen, Mr. Collins, Mr. T. H. Ellis, Mr. and Miss Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Gethroy, and the Misses Gethroy, Miss Rosalind Haynes, Mr. Hamburger, Mr. F. H. Harvey, Miss Lee, Mr. Largerwall, Mr. and Mrs. Leclair, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Minns, Mr. Herbert Moss, Mr. Paul, Mr. Howard, Dr. Sampy, Mr. H. T. Stubbs, Mr. Thorpe, Mr. H. Tyrer S.W., Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Younge, and many others. The great hall, used for dancing, was artistically decorated and festooned with bunting, interspersed with the Lodge banners, of which there are nearly 20. The entire arrangements reflected the highest credit on those instrumental in organising the Ball. Special mention must be made of the arduous services of Bro. H. Moss the Secretary, and Bro. A. G. Boswell the Chairman of Committee, who with the assistance of the other members brought this annual ball to such a successful issue.

BRO. STEVENS' LECTURES.

THERE was a large gathering of brethren at the regular meeting of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913 (Bro. Col. Edwin Hughes, M.P., W.M.), at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when Bro. James Stevens delivered his interesting lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of Craft Masonry." The Lodge was opened at a somewhat earlier hour than usual, and three brethren were passed to the Second Degree, in which the Lodge was continued during the delivery of the Lecture. If deep and earnest attention during two full hours by a large and intelligent audience to a lecture on Masonic ritual, interrupted only by frequent outbursts of appreciative agreement with the instructive arguments of the lecturer, and received at its termination by general applause, means anything, it should be sufficient evidence that Bro. Stevens is doing good work in his endeavours to expound the hidden meaning of our mystic rites without a knowledge of which the work of the Lodge becomes purposeless. Bro. Stevens considers that we ought to conserve the absolute integrity of the 1813 ritual, which has been defined as that to be universally observed in all Lodges holding

under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England—the old principles, the old usages, the old landmarks, the old traditions—as they have been transmitted by our forefathers and are expressed in the forms and language of that ritual, and which we are morally and Masonically bound to transmit to our posterity pure and unsullied as we receive it. He certainly makes out a good case for a revision of the indifferent working in most of our present-day Lodges, and indicates the way in which such revision could be easily effected. His points are numerous, his interpretation of them concise and logical, and his address is not by any means devoid of humour. There can be no doubt that in many respects his suggestions will receive consideration and adoption by those who benefit by hearing him. After the lecture the F.C. Lodge was lowered, and the W.M. expressed on behalf of himself and all present, his sense of the great importance of Bro. Stevens's address and the instruction and entertainment it had afforded them, and moved, "That the best thanks of the Lodge to the lecturer be recorded on the minutes and a written communication thereof be forwarded to Bro. Stevens officially." Bro. Penfold P.M., in terms of high commendation, seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously and by acclamation. Candidates having been proposed for admission, and hearty good wishes expressed by the visitors, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. Supper was served in the large and handsome banquet hall, the W.M. presiding, and promoting the geniality of the remainder of the evening by quaint introductions to the few toasts submitted by him. The visitors expressed their gratification with the proceedings generally, and the Lecturer came in for a large share of compliments and congratulations. A few songs and Masonic recitations added to the harmony and enjoyment of all who had had the privilege of sharing in a very pleasant Masonic function.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and among those present were Bros. C. H. Webb, S. C. Haslip, A. Mullord, W. Belchamber, C. J. Perceval, G. E. Fairchild, J. Newton, R. Griggs, G. Everett, Chas. E. Keyser, Louis Stein, James P. Fitzgerald, William Fisher, Thomas G. Bullen P.G. Standard Bearer, W. Smith, T. B. Daniell, F. Mead P.G.S.B., H. J. Strong, M.D., Charles Kempton, John Barnett jun., W. H. Hubbert, W. Making, Hugh Cotter, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one widow annuitant, and the Warden's report for the past month was read. The receipt of a further £1000, being the balance of the Wilson legacy, was also reported. The Secretary announced that the Annual Festival had been held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., and that the donations and subscriptions were announced as £15,043 1s 6d, with 20 lists to come in, which sum had been since increased to £15,643 11s. The thanks of the committee were voted to Earl Amherst, who had presided as chairman, and the board of stewards who had supported him, and it was further agreed that the thanks to the chairman should be engrossed on vellum and presented to him, together with a fan to the Countess Amherst. A letter was read from one of the candidates, withdrawing her name from the list. The application of the widow of an annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted. A committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield, (Treasurer), George E. Fairchild, Brooks, Hogard, Webb, Everett, and Newton, was appointed to make suggestions as to the Jubilee Festival of 1892. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

Further sums have been received on the Festival Account since last week, amounting to £47 5s.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1891.—FIRST APPLICATION.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

HENRY THOMAS YOUENS,

(AGED 7 YEARS.)

The Father, Bro. HENRY YOUENS, was initiated in 1878, in the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, and subscribed thereto for five years, during which period—being then in prosperous circumstances—he joined the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, in which he served all the offices, and filled the Master's Chair. He is a Life-Governor of the R.M.I. Boys, and R.M. Benevolent Institution. In consequence of heavy losses in business, and severe domestic affliction, his position became greatly altered, and he is now filling a situation at a very small salary, this being the only means he has of supporting himself, his wife, and four children.

There are very painful circumstances connected with this case which render it well worthy of support, and it is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

ELECTION, APRIL 1891.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 8½ YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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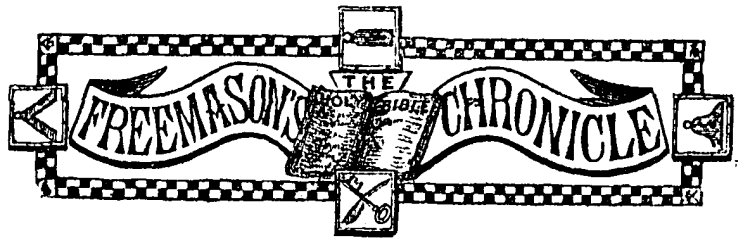
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SATURDAY, 14th MARCH 1891.

MARK MASONRY.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

THE gathering at Brighton on Tuesday will long be regarded as a red letter day in the history of Sussex Masonry, and will not be readily forgotten by the members of the Mark degree throughout the length and breadth of the county. The events of the day included the installation of the Most Worshipful Bro. the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master, and the consecration of the new "Brighton" Lodge, No. 426, of Mark Master Masons, with the installation of Bro. R. Willard as its first W.M. His Royal Highness reached the Brighton Station from Portsmouth at 1:37 p.m., and was met on arrival by the V.W. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton), Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. R. Clowes P.M. of the Royal Connaught Lodge. Colonel Egerton (Equerry-in-Waiting) was with the Duke. His Royal Highness at once proceeded to his carriage outside the station, a slight cheer being raised by the concourse of spectators assembled. The party drove to the Royal Pavilion, where luncheon (at which H.R.H. presided) was served, and where a large gathering of brethren had assembled.

On the termination of the luncheon, the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught briefly proposed the

Queen and Mark Masonry. The toast having been duly honoured, he said he had a toast to propose which was always received with acclamation, and which he was sure would be heartily responded to by the brethren present, viz., that of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. They would all remember the visit of the Prince of Wales to Brighton, when he installed him (the Duke of Connaught) as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex Freemasons, and he and they would never forget the ceremony on that occasion. He ventured to think the toast would be received with greater enthusiasm when he recalled to their minds that the day was the anniversary of his brother's wedding. Without further preface he said he would ask them to drink cordially to the Prince of Wales.

The M.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hertford then rose, amidst applause, and said it was his pleasure and privilege to submit the next toast, and he was sure it would be received with enthusiasm, for it was the health of the M.W. the Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Master. He had had the pleasure of seeing how the brethren of the Craft received the Duke of Connaught, and he was sure the Mark Master Masons would receive him with equal enthusiasm. The Duke of Connaught had distinguished himself in Masonic service in many parts of the world, and had held the post of District Grand Master of Bombay—a link which bound the brethren of the distant East to those at home. He felt proud to be permitted to instal him as Provincial Grand Master.

The Duke of Connaught, on rising to respond, said he felt very grateful to the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He also experienced great pleasure in being able to come amongst them again, and highly appreciated the honour conferred on him by his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons. It had been a source of great regret to him that, owing to his service abroad, he had been prevented being often amongst them. In future he hoped to be with them on many official occasions, and he was especially happy to find that during his absence from England Mark Masonry had made such advances in the county. He trusted the Province would continue to flourish. He then asked permission to propose a toast not on the programme—the M.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hertford Pro G.M. He thanked him sincerely and also the other Grand Officers who had come to assist in the day's ceremony, and hoped that on many future occasions they would pay them a visit.

The Marquis of Hertford thanked H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught for so kindly proposing the toast, and the brethren present for the hearty manner in which they had responded to it. It gave him and the other Grand Officers great pleasure to see Mark Masonry making such progress in the Provinces. There were now eight Mark Mason Lodges, and two of those had been added since the appointment of H.R.H. the Prov. G.M. of the Craft.

The speeches were pleasantly interspersed with vocal selections, given by Miss Minnie Freeman, who sang the "National Anthem," "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and "A Legend of Spring" (Cotsford Dick), the pianoforte accompaniments being ably given by Bro. W. N. Roe, Prov. G. Organist. A word of praise is due to Bro. R. Clowes and Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, who were mainly responsible for the general arrangements of the highly enjoyable gathering.

After a brief interval, the brethren adjourned to the Music Room, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The Lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. V. P. Freeman and Bro. S. R. Legg occupying the Wardens' chairs. The summons convening the meeting was read, and the Installing Master (the Marquis of Hertford) presided. The Installing Master was informed that the Provincial Grand Master was without, and requested to be installed. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was received in due form. The Installing Master briefly addressed H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught on the nature of his duties and the qualifications of the office to which he had been nominated. Having taken the necessary obligation, H.R.H. was inducted into the chair. Addressing the brethren, he expressed his sincere thanks for the hearty reception given him. He deeply felt the honour conferred upon him. It would be his earnest endeavour to be true to the solemn obligations he had taken, and he trusted that while he was Provincial Grand Master every Mark Mason

in the Province would be satisfied with the manner in which he carried out his duties. The Lodge was then closed, and the Duke of Connaught, still presiding, requested the brethren to remain during the consecration of the new "Brighton" Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

For this function the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Richardson and Cook. The Lodge was opened by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. The following founders of the Lodge were arranged in order:—

Bros. H. W. G. Abell Grand Standard Bearer, S. R. Legg Prov. G.J. Warden, Rev. Heathcote Smith, R. Willard Prov. G. Dir. of Cera., S. Peters P.Prov.G.S.O., T. Paekham P.Prov.G.Swd.Br., W. Gill, W. B. Isworth, J. J. Clark, J. Wood, H. Dyer, H. Paekham, J. A. Thilthorpe, W. E. Hughes, A. P. Dollman, E. A. Buchanan, H. E. M. Ffennell, E. Mitchell, J. Flinn, J. Sayers, and T. Shrivell.

The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts) read the petition, and when the brethren had expressed their approval of the Officers named in the warrant—Bros. R. Willard W.M., W. Gill S.W., Isworth J.W.—the Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. J. Puttick) delivered an appropriate oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. The new Lodge was impressively dedicated and constituted by the Consecrating Master, the sacred music being rendered by a small choir of brethren, under the direction of Bro. W. N. Roe, who presided at the organ. On the termination of the Benediction the Consecrating Officer, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, left to catch his train.

The installation of the W.M. was then performed by the V.W. Bro. The very Rev. E. R. Currie, Deputy Prov. G. Master. Bro. R. Willard was duly installed, and the officers of the Lodge were appointed, as follow, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz:—

Bros. H. W. G. Abel Acting I.P.M., W. Gill S.W., W. B. Isworth J.W., Rev. Heathcote Smith Chaplain, J. J. Clark S.O., B. Burfield M.O., J. Wood J.O., E. A. Buchanan Treasurer, E. Mitchell R. of M., H. Dyer Secretary, R. Lloyd S.D., A. J. Carpenter J.D., J. A. Thilthorpe D. of C., S. H. Gates Organist, H. E. Hughes I.G., J. Sayers and J. Flinn Stewards.

A Committee was appointed to frame bye-laws, and the Lodge was formally closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Banqueting Room. The newly installed W.M., Bro. R. Willard, presided, and was supported by the R.W. Bro. Earl of Euston, the V.W. Bro. the very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Deputy Prov. G.M., and the officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge.

After a substantial repast the loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the M.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, Pro G.M., the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Dep. G.M., and the officers of Grand Mark Lodge Present and Past. He said a great honour had been conferred upon the Lodge by the presence of so many Grand Officers, not only at the Installation, but at the banquet. The Marquis of Hertford had expressed his regret at being unable to stay to the banquet, but the Earl of Euston was present, and the brethren cordially welcomed him and the other Grand Officers. The Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Euston, in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. The Marquis of Hertford was always ready and willing to help Mark Masonry, and had travelled from Warwickshire to attend the installation meeting. He himself had Mark Masonry at heart, and would always be pleased to assist the degree in Sussex. The new Brighton Lodge had started its existence on the same day that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had been installed, and he was glad to hear that it had a promising career before it. He then proposed the Most Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.M. Prov. G.M. The toast, he said, needed but feeble efforts to elicit a hearty response. He had, twenty years since, been a companion of the Duke in the Army, and had found their Prov. G.M. one of the truest of friends, and a true and thorough Mason.

The W.M. then proposed the V.W. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. He said the brethren knew the lively interest Bro. Currie had taken in Masonry for many years, and also the assistance he had given the Brighton Lodge by advancing twenty members, and thus enabling them to be present at the installation ceremonies that day. The advance of Mark Masonry was largely due to the great interest he had taken in the Degree. Bro. Currie,

in responding, claimed a right to be considered a Sussex man, for he had resided in the county for a quarter of a century. That day had been a proud day for Sussex Masons. He could remember when at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge only fifteen or twenty brethren attended, and few could have anticipated such a brilliant gathering as that they had seen that day. Mark Masonry had made marvellous strides, but he hoped it would be a steady growth, and that they would secure good men and true, who would make the Province second to none. That day they had been specially favoured by the large attendance of Grand Lodge representatives. They were all proud of their newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, who had not only high rank but a genial kind manner. They were proud of him as a straightforward, upright gentleman—one who embodied what they believed to be the true definition of a Mason. Speaking of the Provincial Grand Officers, he said they were all prepared to assist Mark Masonry, and he would ask the brethren to help to make Mark Masonry as flourishing in West as in East Sussex.

Proposing the Worshipful Master, and Success to the Brighton Lodge, he said their W.M. had made the Lodge a most appropriate present of three ivory gavels. He trusted their Worshipful Master would be like a gavel—pure as that was white, harmonious as that was smooth, and rigid and stern as that was hard and stiff. He regarded the Lodge as his child, for he had advanced its first members. He had installed three Masters, but never previously had he advanced a brother, and when he found himself confronted by eighteen, he felt that he had some hard work before him. He hoped the short past life of the Lodge would be a type of its future prosperity. Bro. R. Willard, in rising to respond, was warmly received. Thanking Bro. Currie for so kindly proposing the toast, he said he would do his utmost to see the work of the Lodge carried out thoroughly. He had selected officers who, he believed, would ably support him, for they had all been working bees in Freemasonry.

Bro. S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton), in submitting the toast of the Visitors, said as a young Mark Mason, he felt honoured in being asked to propose it. The eight Lodges have excellent W.M.'s, and he hoped to see Mark Masonry continue to flourish. He was surprised to hear there was no Mark Masons' Lodge in West Sussex, and trusted the desired improvement in that district would be speedily effected. Bros. Lamette, Clowes, and Tooth responded. W. B. Isworth proposed the Visitors. Bro. S. H. Soper responded. He said he was pleased to support his old friend, Bro. Willard, with whom he had worked in the Royal Brunswick Lodge. He congratulated the Lodge on having such a W.M. The W.M. gave the Officers, to which Bros. Gill and Dyer responded. The Tyler's toast brought the list to a termination.

During the evening a pleasing programme of music was ably sustained, under the direction of Bro. H. S. Gates, by Miss Beatrice Hartington, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Bro. F. Clements, Bro. H. Dyer, Bro. R. Clowes, and Mr. Marten Barling, vocalists, and Mr. Lewis Mennich, violin; the duties of accompanist being shared by Bros. H. S. Gates and W. N. Roe.

FIVE ARCHES LODGE, No. 256.

ON Monday, 2nd inst., there was a large attendance of Mark Masons at the Lodge-room, South Parade, Tenby, to take part in the installation of Bro. Bancroft S.W. 256 as W.M. of the Mark Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Remfry W.M. 30 P.P.G.S.O. P.G.J.W., after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Remfry I.P.M., Lewis S.W., Rowland J.W., Smith M.O., Bowen S.O., Freeman J.O., Richards P.M. Treasurer, Lock P.M. Registrar of Marks, Jenkins P.M. Secretary, Col. Lewes S.D., Mathias P.M. J.D., R. Lock P.M. Dir. of Cer., Gilbertson P.M. Organist, Pratt Tyler. In the evening the brethren dined at the Coburgh Hotel, an excellent banquet being prepared by Mrs. J. B. Hughes. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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Terry's.—Mr. Edward Terry is evidently of the same opinion as Madame Sarah Bernhardt, that "the mission of the theatre is to amuse," and playgoers who want a hearty laugh may do worse than witness the performance of "Culprits," a new three-act farce by Mr. Arthur Law. The parties who give the title to the piece are Major Rackshaw and Lady Pendlecoop, who for similar reasons have married their respective spouses, concealing the fact that they had previously dipped into the matrimonial bag; thus the Major has a pretty daughter May, who passes as his niece because the present partner of his joys and sorrows declared she would never wed a widower; and the lady has a son, who thinks himself to be her nephew as Sir Joseph believed she was a spinster at the time she married him. All the parties meet at a seaside hotel in an unexpected manner, and the fun almost reaches a tragic point by the ludicrous endeavours of the culprits to conceal their deception. Further complications are introduced by the arrival of a French Count, whose wife is the twin sister of the Major's first spouse, but at length all is explained and the curtain falls on the reconciled couples. Mr. Terry and Miss Sophie Larkin work hard as the two culprits, and are greeted with loud laughter whenever they appear. The son and daughter are suitably represented by Mr. Kendrick and Miss E. Leyshon, while their respective sweethearts give excellent assistance in the persons of Mr. H. V. Esmond and Miss Eva Moore. Miss Susie Vaughan as Mrs. Rackshaw, and Mr. Fred Kaye, as Sir Joseph, are well suited, while Mr. Walter Everard, Mr. De Lange, Miss Alice Yorke, and our old friend Mr. Robert Soutar ably impersonate the minor characters. The farce, notwithstanding it will be withdrawn after to-night, may yet furnish plenty of amusement to those merely in search of a pleasant evening.

The Handel Festival.—Our great National Festival in honour of Handel's music—celebrated at intervals of three years—will come round in June next. There is every prospect that the extraordinary demonstration will this year be made with particularly brilliant features. Among the hoped-for Royal visitors may probably be the Emperor of Germany, whose presence in this country will, it is trusted, accord with the days of performance; and if he come we shall be able to present to him a peculiarly significant musical result that, it is not too much to say, could not be offered to him with equal completeness of beauty anywhere else. The knowledge of, as well as the admiration for, Handel's music is wide and deep in this country; the knowledge is necessary for the assembling of such a chorus and orchestra as is brought together; the loving admiration, largely partaking of a strong religious feeling, is essential to attracting the vast audiences, who realise the most notable musical result that is ever presented, with its subtle effects of grandeur and pathos. The Crystal Palace is the only arena where the demonstration can be made, and only a long-standing organisation could produce it. The 4,000 exponents are selected and rehearsed carefully. Only at intervals of three years is it possible to bring them together; they include the cathedral choirs, and the elite of provincial choral societies, who then meet the London body; but every voice is tried and approved, and its natural quality and cultivation ascertained, and the taking part in this Festival is esteemed as an honour. All these singers are diligent students of Handel's music, and hence the exceptional effects of tone and mastery that outdo all other similar performances, even if equal numbers of singers can be assembled. The most eminent of our solo singers are already engaged, and the utmost vigilance is exercised to secure the best. Madame Albani, Miss Macintyre, Madame Emily Squire, and Madame Nordica will be among the sopranos; Madame Patey will be in America, but Miss Marian McKenzie has been already engaged. Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Barton McGuckin, Mr. Santley, Mr. W. H. Brereton, and Mr. Bridson complete the list up to the present. Mr. August Manns will be, as heretofore, the conductor. Alterations and renovations are being made in the great orchestra and its immense roof. Mr. Manns is organising the provincial rehearsals that will be held at important county centres, and the metropolitan rehearsals are in active preparation. Every endeavour is being made to render the coming celebration in June the most perfect performance in the long line of the great Handel Festivals.

Mr. Terry requests us to state that "The Culprits," having failed to attract, will be withdrawn this Saturday evening, 14th March, and the Theatre will re-open on Easter Monday, with the production of "The Rocket," a Comedy, in three acts, by A. W. Pinero.

Bro. Robert H. Fryar, of Bath, requests us to state that, after an interval of nearly two years, he is about to issue a Supplementary Volume of the Series of works on Esoteric Physiology. This will be entitled "Archaic Marbles of Rome," and will contain an Illustrated Appendix. This valedictory work will consist of a Commentary on those beautiful and celebrated "Marbles," the wonder and admiration of the Archaeological World, from Corsi's Work "Pietre Antiche," and a recueil of the recent important Roman discoveries in England, bringing this subject down to date. In the Appendix facsimiles of the original notices of the "Suppressed Series" enables the reader to judge of their Antiquarian scope and design, as far as it is possible to do, without seeing the Works themselves.

The twelfth ordinary general meeting of the Weston-super-Mare Masonic Hall Company was held on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Mr. W. E. Perrett. The revenue account showed a balance for the year of £16 11s 1d. Out of this the directors recommended the payment of a dividend at the rate of 3 per cent., which absorbs £30 16s 5d, and, after carrying £10 to a reserve fund, leaves £5 14s 8d to be carried forward. The report and accounts were adopted. The retiring directors, Messrs. J. Matthews and G. E. Alford, were re-elected.

WORTH AND FELLOWSHIP.

HOW are men certainly to know who works the best and does the most? The deeds done in time blossom and bear fruit in eternity, and only God knows what each man's work is worth. The teachings of the Christ among the fishermen of Galilee, if the rich and great at Jerusalem ever heard of them, were of little import to them. Perhaps the humbler Mason, doing his duty silently, as he best knows how, does better and more enduring work than those who sit upon the higher seats. "Perhaps," it has been written, "the lowest of our whispers may reach eternity; for it is not very far from us after all."

When we speak of our dead and ask consideration for their memories, we ought not only to inquire what they did to enhance the dignity, elevate the character, and increase the weight and influence of Masonry, to enable it to do great things for the good of men and the welfare of the country; but we ought to reckon up our own accounts, and see how much *we ourselves* have done towards these ends. It is quite true, as has been said, that "if things are well with men, it is a misfortune if they are tempted to believe that they are sent into the world to set every wrong thing right. That each do his best in the small circle in which he moves—this is both philosophy and religion."

As a man grows old he may not grow wiser, but experience will destroy some illusions, and prove some things impossible that he once thought himself commissioned to effect. He will hardly remain of the opinion that it is possible to arrest the downward progress of a people, or the tendency to degeneration of an Order; and if he still thinks either possible, he will think it wise not to create enmities by commenting upon abuses, and will be averse to putting himself to trouble when any good can hardly be expected to come of it. He will forbear to be uneasy on account of the shadows cast far ahead of them by coming disasters caused by present unwisdom; and he will think, as I do, that "little to talk of and nothing to do is the healthy condition of mankind."

So a man may say to himself, in another writer's words, "Never look back and never look forward as long as you can possibly help it. Looking back leads the way to sorrow, and looking forward ends in the cruellest of all delusions; it encourages hope. The present time is the precious time. Sufficient unto each day is its own evil. Why accept the sad legacies of the past, or borrow the troubles that belong only to a future, that may never become the present for us?"

But is it wise, or does it comport with the dignity of true manhood, to have no concern for what may come in the future to our country or to Masonry, when the causes of that which is to come are actively at work now, and one of those causes may be one's own concern?

Freemasonry has not had its life given it for mere recreation, or for social intercourse only, or for mutual beneficence or for brotherhood only,—for brotherhood's self only, without some high object to be attained if possible by means of it. Freemasonry has a larger part to play in the affairs of the world than any of the modern Orders, and to fulfil its mission must not lower itself to their level, but be always observant of the decorum and dignity that belong to it, and put them not at hazard by follies and masquerading that make the wise to grieve and the world to sneer and laugh; or by courting notoriety and vain pomp and parade. For none of these things, nor the levying of contributions on the profane, can tend to exalt or ennoble Masonry, but rather to impair its influence and power for good, and cause the eclipse of its ancient glories to be lamented.

Freemasonry lives in this nation among a people of some sixty millions of souls, among whom millions are foreign-born; and the stream of immigration grows broader and deeper, and must continue to flow on, to stop or check or diminish it being impossible. Ignorance casts an immense vote, and those in whose hands the ballot is dangerous to liberty and order dictate terms to those who rule; and in a country of so vast an extent no one can foresee what conflicts of interest may arise to endanger the stability of the republic. Freemasonry, if guided and directed by wisdom, may do much to avert the dangers that threaten us; but it will be helpless for good if it loses the consideration and respect of men, as it will do if it is guilty of follies and courts contempt by weakness; and especially if its

fellowship and brotherhood continue to decay into unrealities.

One may well apply to the fellowship that should be among Freemasons this that a fine writer puts in the mouth of an Englishman, speaking to his fellow working-men five centuries ago: "Ah, my brothers, what an evil doom is this, to be without fellowship! Fellowship is Heaven, and lack of fellowship is Hell; fellowship is life, and lack of fellowship is death; and the deeds that we do upon the earth, it is for fellowship's sake that we do them; and the life that is in it, that shall live on and on for ever, and each one of us part of it, while many a man's life upon the earth and from the earth shall wane."

It is our knightly devoir to do all that we may or can, even with great painstaking and sacrifices, for the cherishment and enhancement of this our liege fellowship; for the Passion-Cross, having upon it the red rose of immortal dawn, is not a symbol that hath no meaning for us; and every real Masonic symbol exacts a special pledge.

The harm to Masonry is not to come from without. It is doubtful whether its mightiest and most malignant and unscrupulous enemy can hurt it in this free land. It would be better, nevertheless, if that old enemy seemed to be more dangerous. Its active hostility is more to be courted than its contempt. What abuses and follies there are, which are likely to gain for us that contempt and the inconsideration of the world, you all well know, and I need not speak more fully of them.

I must not let "the joy that a man hath to babble to his friends and his fellows whom he hath not seen for a long season," and the faces of most of whom he will never see hereafter, lead me into indulgence of a larger loquacity, which is an old man's failing. Neither need he be ashamed thereof, for what else of much comfort to him hath he in this world, than to commune "with the folk that he has known and who are dead, and folk that are living? yea, and with all those of the fellowship on earth and in heaven?"

For has it not been well said that "He who doeth well in fellowship and because of fellowship, shall not fail though he seem to fail to-day; but in days hereafter shall he and his work yet be alive, and men be holpen by them to strive again and yet again"? * * * The true interests of Freemasonry are the best interests of the country and mankind. It has great advantages and great opportunities, and if it does not use these to the utmost, there will come upon it and upon all of us great ignominy and dishonour. Let us more diligently labour to exalt and magnify it, that thereby we may be free of reproach if it do not strenuously help to bring on the dawn of that glad day, the hope of which, although it may never come, encourages Humanity, when there will be everywhere that which was long ago foretold and promised, "Peace of body and joy of heart; when man shall help man, and the saints in Heaven shall be glad, because men no more fear each other; and the churl shall be ashamed, and shall hide his churlishness till it be gone, and he be no more a churl; and fellowship shall be established and rule on earth."

—Voice of Masonry.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 14th March.

176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masons' Hall, S.E.
1686 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1923 Gallery, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
2029 King Solomon, Sa Red Lion Square, W.C.
2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1423 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

Monday, 16th March.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
2060 La France, 63 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1593 Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 127 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Dorby Hotel, Whitefield
983 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulme
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Port and Hall, Portland
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1809 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, T.H., Asby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1051 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atholmear, Lancaster.
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton under-Lynde
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury
K.T. 30 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 17th March.

Board of General Purpose, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
75 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, S.E.
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hot, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queens Westminster, Sa Red Lion Sq., W.C.
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.A. 146 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.
R.A. 160 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 933 Doric, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
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, Pre-twich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 149 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
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York.
M.M. 266 Amberst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 18th March.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. W.C.
190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
619 Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich
700 Nelson, Masonic Hall, Wilham St., Woolwich
1044 Bunksworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1160 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.,
1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Way, Victoria Park
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Watlington Street
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot, Wimbledon
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town

1507 Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
M.M. 144 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
M.M. 181 Francis Burdett, Albany Hot, Twickenham
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
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
209 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
429 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
633 Yarborough Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
899 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykos, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1246 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1255 Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, 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. 530 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 663 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 726 Royal Chertley of Fortitude, N.W. Hot, Staff
R.A. 847 Foresee, Masonic Hall, Honiton
R.A. 1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool

Thursday, 19th March.

House Committee, Gir's School, Battersea Rise, 4
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1613 Crisplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1728 Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
1963 Duke of Albany, M.H., Lavender Hill
R.A. 217 Stability, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 84 Andrew, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith
R.A. 1216 Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell

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-Lynde
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingden
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancaster
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probit and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Balley Arms Hotel, Blyth
1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southold
1011 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1164 Ehot, Private Room, St. Germain's, Cornwall
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Four S Vans, Weltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Cretona, Devon
1347 Anchor, Durston House, Northampton
1512 Henning, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576 Dec, Union Hotel, Park 10, Clonsure
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892 Walington, King's Arms, Garstington
2107 Emancipator, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Winchester
R.A. 204 Calceonem, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 245 Weston, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 125 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 20th March.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, 4
6 Friendship, White's Rooms, St. James's
113 Middlessex, Albion, Aldersgate Street
201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1704 Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
K.T. 6 St. George's, The Albion, E.C.
K.T. 48 Kemys Tynte, 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 Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Solby
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulme
1143 Royal Donbigh, Council Rooms, Donbigh
1411 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1644 Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
R.A. 31 Bertha, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool
K.T. 74 Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.C. Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 21st March.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1732 King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1767 Kensington, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1297 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Grays Valley, St. Mary Gray, Kent

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 14th March.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoë Street, Walthamstow, 8
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 16th March.

22 Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 70 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gaughen Hotel, Clapham, 7'3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Waltham, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marybone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 17th March.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Delhousie, 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
1449 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Ganning Town, 7'30
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Sags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1573 Goolie, 46 Berry Street, Boodle, 6
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Honey Wood Tav, N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1849 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Pinbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 142 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 18th March.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 183 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 973 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1358 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
 S.W., 7'30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
 1691 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
 1791 Creakton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
 New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 B²tersea Park Road, 7'30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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 M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 19th March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
 New Road
 890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1192 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethual Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
 Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1625 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

Friday, 20th March.

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
 780 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
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7'30
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Chaumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
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 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7'30
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
 St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
 Canonbury, 8

Saturday, 21st March.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
 Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
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 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith 7'30
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LYRIC.—At 7.30, THE SENTRY. At 8.15, LA CIGALE.
STRAND.—To-day at 2.30 and 8.15, PRIVATE INQUIRY. At 7.45, DAGGERS DRAWN.
COMEDY.—This evening, at 8.10, FOR CHARITY'S SAKE. At 3 and 9, JANE.
ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA.—Every evening, at 8, IVANHOE.
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COURT.—At 8.15, SPRING LEAVES. At 9, THE VOLCANO.

NEW OLYMPIC.—To-day, at 2, BEN-MY-CHREE. At 7.30, THE LIGHTS O' LONDON. At 7, TOMMY.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 8.30, WOODBARROW FARM. At 7.45, THE NOTE OF HAND. Matinée of OUR ANGELS, on Monday.
GARRICK.—At 8, LADY BOUNTIFUL.
TERRY'S.—Matinée to-day. At 8.15, MY FRIEND JARLET. At 9, CULPRITS.
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