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MASONIC CROTCHETS.

LAUDABLE ambition on the part of the officers or members of a Lodge is always to be commended, and where we find a desire to make the meetings specially interesting, or the business notable in some particular respect, we usually discover a successful Lodge, and one whose reputation for excellence is widely extended. It is astonishing to notice how insignificant a crotchet will have an effect on the whole doings of a Lodge, and how small a matter will make its power felt among the members. In one case we find the Worshipful Master's crotchet is to be punctual to the minute in opening his Lodge, in another the Treasurer's ambition is to state that the Lodge is free from debt whenever it meets, while in a third the Secretary makes a point of reporting to the brethren that the accounts of the Lodge are clear on each side of the Ledger, and so on in numerous ways right through the officers of the Lodge, for even some of the Stewards we have met have had crotchets, as for instance the esteemed brother who has for some years filled that office in an influential London Lodge, and who makes the boast that no brother ever had to asked for wine when he had the ordering of supplies, and yet he keeps the bill down below the average; he is simply alive to the fact that personal surpervision of the table is the one method by which satisfaction can be secured, and he devotes himself faithfully to his work, and has the satisfaction of realising his wish for perfection in his particular crotchet, while the members of the Lodge and the visitors who take part in the meetings with the feeling that special efforts have been made to secure their enjoyment.

On the other side we find brethren who make themselves really obnoxious over their crotchets; men who ride their hobbies to death, and not only make themselves uncomfortable, but also upset the comfort of all around them. This class usually has as a crotchet a desire for strict observance of every form and ceremony known in Freemasonry, and will argue over some trivial matter of detail to such an extent as to upset the whole company. It must not be imagined we disapprove of a strict observance of proposed amendment should be put in a different in its place. form; while all the time it seems to those who have to listen to such remarks that the alterations are suggested merely for the sake of giving the objectors an opportunity of speaking, or of maintaining their reputation for interference and obstruction. In other words they have a crotchet, and cannot allow an they may annoy their fellows.

Going further afield, we come upon an oft-considered topic, that of class Masonry, which is little else than a huge crotchet; one that has found favour in many quarters, and is now recognised as an established fact throughout the country by men who, a few years since, could not have listened to its advocates without showing irritation and annoyance at the interruption caused by its consideration. Time, however, has worked wonders in this respect, and to-day we have to look upon class Freemasonry as quite regular, while its advocates are applauded and patronised by the very men who with less popularity surrounding the matter would condemn the action of those who sought to rob Freemasonry of its freedom. Some of our readers may think that in writing thus of Class Masonry we are but airing one of our own particular crotchets. It may be they are right, for most certainly we look upon the subject as one of the most important we have ever had occasion to refer to, and even yet we are by no means convinced that the leaders of the Craft are acting wisely in encouraging so rapid a growth of the system, which certainly does not commend itself to the free and unfettered members of the Craft, but rather opens up a field for the lovers of particular crotchets.

ARCHITECTURE OF THE CRAFT—LET IT BE PURE.

THE Cathedral at the ancient City of Winchester is one of the largest in England. In point of historical are equally satisfied, and go away from the meeting interest it is second to none. The interior especially is much admired. It was enlarged and almost wholly rebuilt in the reign of Edward III., by William of Wyckham, who was Bishop of the See, and also, some say, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. Thus, like most of the great church edifices of Europe, it was the work of our operative predecessors. The style of architecture which prevails throughout the structure is the mediæval Gothic. The nave, the choir, the side aisles, the chapels, all belong to this beautiful and picturesque order, and harmonise perfectly with each other. In short, everything in the building, down to the minutest ornament, was fashioned after a Gothic design.

Early in the Eighteenth century minor details, but we do object to crotchety members expedient to make some improvements in the grand old airing their particular views to the annoyance of all church, and, among other things, to remove the oldpresent. Such men will rise to explain that this fashioned Bishop's seat, which William of Wyckham had proposition is not properly worded, or that a placed in the choir, and to put a Greek Episcopal Throne

At the time there was a perfect craze for everything classic. The works of our fine old English poets and prose writers were made little of, and some of the very best of them, such as the Ancient Ballads and the Pilgrim's Progress were openly ridiculed, while pompous high falutin essays, containing perpetual allusions to something Greek or something Roman, and flat, artificial verses filled with opportunity of exercising it to pass by, however much invocations to the heathen gods, were declared by the critics to be productions of the highest literary merit.

This mania for things classic was not confined to literature, it extended to architecture as well. Nothing was considered worth the attention of persons of refined taste unless it was fashioned after some Greek or Roman model. The Grand and beautiful Gothic edifices which the genius of our operative Brethren had designed and constructed, and which they had bequeathed as a precious legacy to posterity, were pronounced by the learned asses to be mere monuments of barbaric ignorance—piles of stone and mortar, without the least claim to architectural

One of the fruits of this stupid prejudice was the Greek Episcopal Throne in the choir of Winchester Cathedral.

About half a century ago people began to come to their senses, and to perceive and admit the merits of early English literature, and the matchless beauty and grandeur of our old Gothic Cathedrals and Churches. Then it was soon seen that a piece of classic architecture looked as much out of place in a Gothic structure as would a modern fine gentleman among a band of steel-clad knights. As a matter of course the Greek throne was speedily removed, and something more appropriate substituted.

Now, it appears to me that most of the improvements, which some brethren seek to effect in speculative Masonry, are just as much out of place as was that Greek throne in that old Gothic church.

There are many things which are worthy of all admiration in those institutions to which they legitimately belong, but which have no connection or affinity whatever with Masonry. Our system of morality and philosophy has its own peculiar character, and our Fraternity is just as distinct from all other associations, religious and benevolent as was the Gothic architecture of our operative predecessors from every other order, either ancient or modern.

Consequently, when anything pertaining to some different school of moral architecture is introduced into our spiritual temple, it is found to be totally out of harmony with its

surroundings.

The Masonic body is composed of men of various denominations and of almost every shade of religious belief; and, such being its composition and character, it is very clear that discourses which would be quite proper and commendable, if given in a church or at a missionary meeting, may be both inappropriate and offensive when delivered before an assembly of Craftsmen.

The same objection applies to lectures on total abstinence, prohibition, and kindred themes, patriotic orations and political speeches, because the Masonic Fraternity embraces all nations and all parties, and does not make the abstaining from meat and drink of any kind a test of

fitness in a candidate for admission.

Customs and regulations, also, which have been found to work well in other societies are, for the most part, found entirely inapplicable to the Masonic system, because, while these societies act on the principle of giving money return for a money payment, Masonry insists that all who enter its portals should be influenced by pure and unselfish motives only, that their acts of benevolence toward their brethren should spring from the free, spontaneous impulses of a heart inspired by brotherly love and compassion, and that the amount bestowed should not be determined by any fixed rule, but really by the requirements of the case and the ability of the giver to give.

Masonry is not a church. It is not an institution which seeks to make converts to any sect whatever, or to inter-

It is not a benefit club.

Let those who seek to improve it keep these truths in view, and remember the Greek throne, which the wiseacres of a past age set amid the Gothic arches and the mullioned windows of William of Wyckham's Cathedral.—New York Dispatch.

Under the auspices of the Devonshire Lodge of Freemasons, Glossop, the members and a number of friends had a picnic to York on Wednesday, the 15th inst., the party being conveyed in saloon carriages. Upon arrival at York, the Cathedral, museum, and gardens were visited, and a pleasant hour was spent in viewing a portion of the old city walls. Dinner and tea was partaken of at the Royal Station Hotel.

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MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held, on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, under the banner of Lodge Friendship, No. 16. Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Prov. G.M. presided, supported by Bros. Capt. G. S. Strode-Lowe D.P.G.M., J. M. Hifley P.P.G.S.W. as S.W., F. B. Westlake P.G. J. Warden, F. Cronch P.G.D. of England P.P.G.J.W. as D.C., H. J. Langmead P.P.G. Purs. as P.G.I.G., H. Stocker P.G.D. of England P.G. Secretary as Chaplain, A. J. Verdi P.G.M.O., F. Taomas P.G.J.O., W. H. Kelland P.G. Treasurer, W. Powe P.G.S.B., J. Gidley P.G. Tyler, C. G. Withell and R. T. Parsons P.G. Stewards, and a large number of Past Officers. The P.G. Secretary reported that there had been 62 initiations during the year, and that there were now 499 contributing members against 482 in the previous year, an increase of 17. The P.G.M. was desirous of calling the attention of the Officers to the necessity of making up the returns of each Lodge to 31st December, and forwarding them before 31st March to the Provincial Grand Secretary. Any Lodge offending by non-compliance with that rule would incur the displeasure of the P.G. Master. The Prov. G. Treasurer reported receipts, £71 12s, and a balance in hand of £22 15s. He explained that the diminution of the annual balance thus shown had arisen through there having been two P. G. Lodges held, and a balance of over £8 allowed to stand over from previous years, which had now been paid. The Provincial Committee recommended that out of that balance seven guineas should be voted to a distressed brother of Lodge 16, who, although in the prime of life, had been obliged to resign his occupation through having become totally blind; fifty guineas to the Devon Educational Fund; and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The reports were adopted; W. Bro. J. Oldfield was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The P.G.M. invested as the Officers for the year ensuing :-

Capt. G. S. Strode-Lowe D.P.G.M. Senior Warden Dr. Evans J. B. Gover Junior Warden J. Griffin M.O. M. Axworthy Lewis Stevens J.O. Rev. L. Maurice J. Oldfield Chaplain Treasurer W. Taylor Registrar Secretary H. Stocker F. Meadway Senior Deacon W. J. Pengelley Junior Deacon J. Shepherd Inspector of Works A. J. Wilcocks Director of Ceremonics W. King Assist. Dir. of Cers. G. Gurney Sword Bearer T. Worledge Standard Bearer R. T. Parsons Org. E. Andrews Assist. Secretary C. G. Withell I,G, W. Westcott Sholts Hare Stewards W. Routlege Parnell Hannaford Jas. Gidley Tyler

Bros. John Lane P.G.S.O. of England, Rev. Dr. Lemon P.G. Chaplain of England, S. Jones P.G.S.D. of England, F. Crouch P.G.J.D. of England, W. Vicary fere with the religious opinions of its members in the P.P.G.S.W., G. R. Barrett P.P.G.J.W., E. Aitken-Davies slightest degree. It is not a temperance teetotal society. P.P.G.J.W., J. B. Gover P.G.J.W., J. Oldfield P.G.T., H. Stocker G.J.D. P.G. Secretary, were appointed the Provincial Committee for the year. On the proposition of Bro. Stocker a Committee was appointed to revise the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge, and submit them for adoption at the next annual meeting. The Committee will consist of R.W. Bro. the P.G.M., Bros. the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Secretary, and four brothers elected by the P.G. Lodge:—Bros. J. B. Gover and J. R. Lord, Plymouth; Jno. Lane, Torquay; and H. Jerman, of Exeter. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth. The D.P.G.M. presided, and a pleasant evening was passed.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF DORSETSHIRE

MEETING of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Dorset was held at Weymouth, on Tuesday, 21st ultimo, for the purpose of installing M.E. Comp. Montagu J. Guest as Grand Superintendent in succession to M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montague, resigned. The retire. ment of the late Grand Superintendent has been a cause of unfeigned sorrow in the Province, and this feeling has been accentuated by the knowledge that the cause of his withdrawal was not a lack of interest in the Order but a complete break-down in health. M.E. Comp. Montague was one of the most distinguished Masons in England, and has enjoyed the confidence and official approval of H.R.H. the Grand Master. He has taken especial interest in the progress of Masonry in his own Province, and has won the affection and esteem of every member of the Craft, more particularly of those of the exalted degree. The All Souls (Weymouth) Chapter was opened at noon, and the following brethren were present: - The Earl of Euston P.G. Supt. North Hunts, Rev. W. Mortimer Heath P.G. 1st A.S. Sir R. N. Howard P.G.D. England, the afore-named being Officers of the Grand Chapter of England; the following Provincial Grand Officers: H. T. George P.Z. 170 H., J. A. Sherrin P.Z. 170 S.E., A. McLean P.Z. 170 S.N., S. R. Baskett P.Z. 707 P.S., W. C. Browne Z. 137 1st A.S. Past Grand Provincial Officers: -W. E. Brymer P.Z. 417 H., Pelly Hooper P.Z. 170 H., G. J. G. Gregory P.Z. 417 H., J. Robinson P.Z. 417 J., T. R. Charles P.Z. 170 Sw.B., Rov. T. Russell-Wright P.Z. 417 Sw.B., J. W. Smith P.Z. 622 J., J. S. Stroud P.Z. 417 A.S., J. B. Cole P.Z. 170 H., C. G. Targettt P.Z. 170 R., A. Graham P.Z. 170 P.S, W. D. Dugdale P.Z. 137 A.S., Nosworthy P.Z. 170 329 Organist. The following Principals and Companions:—Chapter Amity, Poole—Rev. W. C. Brown Z., W. Davis H., D. Hitching N., J. H. Tiley S., and J. Squibb Janitor. All Souls' Chapter, Weymouth-A. Reynolds Z., W. Smith J., G. J. Davis P.Z., H. Gibbs, J. E. Crickmay, J. H. Bowen, Hetley, B. Morris, Browning, H. Groves and Jesty. Faith and Unanimity, Dor-Cooke Janitor. De Moulham Chapter, Swanage—Shearman Z. Beaminster Chapter—Webb P.Z. and Comp. Long Provincial Janitor. The Grand Officers were received Chapter Officers. The Acting First Principal (Earl of Euston) then explained the objects of the meeting. They were assembled, his Lordship said, to do honour to whom honour was due. M.E. Companion Montague Guest had for the past fourteen years discharged the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, and he congratulated the Royal Arch Masons on having such a man selected to preside over them. He trusted the Province would be even more successful in the future than in the past. The Grand Superintendent elect was then introduced by the two Senior Past Prov. Second Principals Present (M.E. Companions George and Pelley Hooper), and the patent from Grand Chapter having been read by Prov. Grand Scribe (M.E. Companion Sherren) he was duly

Prov. Grand Chapter was then held. The report and statement of accounts, both of which were highly satisfactory, were presented. The Rev. W. Mortimer Heath was unanimously elected Treasurer for the year. The Grand Superintendent thanked the Chapter for the honour they had done him that day, and assured them he would do his utmost to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. He alluded in feeling terms to the cause of Comp. Montague's retirement, and expressed the hope, though he feared it was a sorrowful hope, that he might be restored to health. With regard to the future, he claimed the support of all R.A. Masons in the Province, and trusted that the fraternal feelings which had always characterised his relations with

seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Euston for his kindness in performing the installation ceremony that day. This was supported by Comp. Sherren. The Earl of Euston assured them it had afforded him the greatest pleasure to come down and instal his friend the Grand

Superintendent of Dorset.

The Grand Superintendent proposed a hearty vote of sympathy with M.E. Comp. Montague in his affliction. Sir R. N. Howard seconded, and said their late Superintendent was one of the finest Masons he had ever known. Sympathetic allusion was made by the Grand Superintendent to the loss the Province had sustained by the death of the late Colonel Hambro—a loss not only to the Craft, of which he was so distinguished a member, but to the county generally.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then

invested :-

Rev. W. Mortimer Heath Pelly Hooper C. Hann Shearman J. S. Stroud W. C. Burt Mills Rev. J. Hubert Scott W. Smith Zillwood Milledge F. Long

Treasurer S.E. s.n. Registrar P.S. 1st A.S. 2nd A.S. Sword Bearer Standard Bearer Dir. of Cers. Janitor

It was decided to hold the next Provincial Grand Chapter at Swanage. Other Provincial Chapter business was transacted. Subsequently a banquet was served at Cooke's Rooms, when the Grand Superintendent presided, supported by the Earl of Euston, Sir R. N. Howard, W. E. Brymer, Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, Tizard George, J. Robinson, G. J. G. Gregory, and other distinguished R.A. Masons of the Province. Mr. Cooke catered in an

admirable manner.

An abundant supply of champagne was placed on the table by the newly-installed Grand Superintendent. Grace was said by the Rev. W.M. Heath. A short toast list was gone through. The Queen and R.A. Masonry, proposed by the Grand Superintendent, was responded to by the Earl of Euston. The Grand Supt. then proposed the Prince of Wales Grand Z. of England, which was followed by Officers of Grand Chapter Past and Present. Sir chester—B. A. Hogg P.Z. and E. Newman. Cuthberga R. N. Howard briefly replied, and congratulated the Pro-Chapter, Wimborne-C. W. Burt Z. and A. Harris. vince on their new Grand Superintendent. During the Portland Chapter—C. J. Freeman Z., E. Mills H., Hussey past 14 years they had worked in perfect harmony with S.N., A. G. Western P.Z., Cox P.Z., Bennett P.Z. and J. him in the Craft, and his appointment was a happy augnry for the success of Royal Arch Masonry. The Earl of Euston then proposed the Grand Superintendent of Dorset. They had done him a great compliment in askby All Souls Chapter, who resigned their chairs to Grand | ing him to come and assist that day. It had been a source of great pleasure, and if at any time he could assist their Grand Superintendent he should be only too glad. He wished the Province continued prosperity. The Grand Superintendent said the kind words which had been said of him that day would sink deep into his heart. He was not unknown to the Provincial Chapter, for as Masons he had been connected with them as their Provincial Grand Master for 14 years. He was sure he should not in vain claim the support and assistance he had always received, and with that assurance he had no besitation in accepting the chair when offered him by the Prince of Wales. His great object would be to advance the interests of the Province, and he was sure that in this aim he would have their warm cooperation. Sir R. N. Howard proposed the installing installed by the Earl of Euston. M.E. Companions Brymer Principal, Lord Euston, and his Lordship reiterated his and Sherren were installed Second and Third Principals feelings of pleasure at being allowed to take part in that day's proceedings. He should ever regard it as a red-letter day in his history as a Freemason. The Grand Superintendent proposed the Officers Past and Present of Prov. Grand Chapter of Dorset, and Comps. W. E. Brymer, M.P., Rev. W. M. Heath, Pelly Hooper, and Tizard George responded. The Visitors was the next toast, and the Rev. W. C. Brown responded, though he disclaimed the idea that he was a visitor. He had passed over the Borders it was true, but all his interests as a Mason would ever remain in Dorset. The Grand Superintendent submitted the Principals of All Souls' Chapter, and tendered the thanks of the Provincial Chapter to the local Chapter for their kind reception that day. Principals Reynolds and Smith acknowledged the compliment. This the brethren of the Craft would be extended to him in the concluded the toast list, and a pleasant time was subsehigher degree. He then proposed, and Comp. Brymer quently spent, under the presidency of Comp. Brymer, M.P.

IS MASONRY A RELIGION?

An Address delivered by P.G. Master Bro. John W. McGrath, before Oriental Lodge, Detroit, Mich., 19th May 1891.

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THINK it was John Hall who said, it was a part of his religion nover to hurt any man's feelings. What a blessing it would be if all men possessed even that part of John Hall's religion.

Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, said, not long ago, "It is as much a Christian's duty to love his country as his God as much the duty of a Christian to go to the polls election day, as for him to go to the Lord's Table on Communion

The state of the political morals of the people of a republic is a test of its religious condition. If the state of political morals is low, commercial morals will also be low and even patriotism will be on the decline. If political morals are low—if commercial morals are at a low ebb, then there is a pressing need for a revival of religious thought and practice. These conditions are the normal resultants of religious stagnation. The corrupt politician, the enterprising bride giver, the dishonest adulterating merchant, cannot be classed as a moralist, much less as a Christian. These are the real atheists of any community -the enemies of the republic—the men who poison the

ballot and corrupt the people.

Whether cr not Christ is to be regarded as a part of the God-head, the great thought which runs through all of His teachings is man's duty to man. He recites the parable of the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan, and then asks, "Which now of these three thinkest thou was neighbour unto him that fell among thieves?" In the sermon on the Mount, it was the poor in spirit, they that mourn, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemaker, the persecuted for righteousness' sake, they who hunger and thirst after right doing, that were pronounced blessed, and to whom the promises were given. Again, "He that oppresses the poor, reproacheth his maker, but he that honoureth Him, hath mercy on the poor." "Render unto Cosar the things which are Cosar's, and unto God the things which are God's." The command was none the less specific as to the things which belonged to Casar. The things which belong to God under some interpretations are less tangible than those which belong to Casar. Some men hug a dollar which belongs to Cæsar, closer than they do any other bad habit. "Inasmuch as yo have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me?" is the assurance. "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life." "Keep my commandments." "All these have I kept from my youth up." He was not told to build an expensive church, or found a college, or endow a foreign mission. "Go, and sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor." And he went away sorrowful. He took the matter under consideration.

I fear that if some typical Christ should, at this time, from one of our fashionable pulpits give such a direction he would be invited to spend a year in Europe for the re-

covery of his health.

Where is thy brother Abel? is as pertinent an inquiry to-day as in the long ago. Ask the question in your streets to-day, and you will receive the same reply. "Am I my

brother's keeper?"

I heard a story a few days since which illustrates under what circumstances men resort to prayer. Two men were cast away in a small boat; at night the storm came, and it seemed as though the boat would be swamped with every approaching wave. They lost one oar, and one continued to paddle about, while the other got down on his knees to pray, and he prayed long and earnestly. Presently, the man with the oar shouted to the one on his knees, "Get up off your knees, what's the use of praying; I can touch bottom." If we could, in this respect, apply the same rule of action to our efforts in behalf of others, as we adopt with reference to ourselves, if we could pray only when it is not in our power to relieve, only when we cannot ourselves touch the needed article, there would be less poverty, want and destitution.

the flour barrel with the saucer, a sack of flour is the best Colonies, but these would not interfere with engagements

prayer that you can utter.

A praver for the relief of the poor, is generally a petition that the Almighty Father will move some other fellow's heart to pity.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of olden time thou shalt not kill. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without cause is in equal danger. If thou bring thy gift, first be reconciled to thy brother,

and then come and offer thy gift."

That eminent patron of Masonry, St. John, when so old that he had to be born in the arms of friends into an assemblage of children, lifted himself up, and said, "Little children, love one another." When asked, "Have you nothing else to say?" he replied, "I say this again and again, because if you do this nothing more is needed."

One of the two great commandments on which hang all the law and the prophets is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

The pages of revelation, of sacred history, point with unerring certainty to the truth that the pathway of duty never leads away from man, but through man, the creature, to the Creator.

No marble monument was created to perpetuate the story of the good Samaritan. None was necessary. It is emblazoned in song, in poetry, in prose. Heard once, it engraves itself upon the walls of the soul's inner chamber. The act of the Samaritan was as clearly Masonic as though he had received all our rites. It was as purely Christian as though he had touched the hem of the Master's

True religion is that something which makes men better, more honest, more just, more companionable, more kindly, more courteous, more obliging, more generous, more benevolent, more considerate, more unselfish. It should not be disassociated with the life that now is. Its exercise here in this life is a necessity—the greater necessity because there is the greater need of it. It is developed in the market place, in the stream of life. If it does not there appear, it does not exist. True religion is but the observance of these laws which grow out of our relationship, which exist because we exist, and this, too, is Masonry. It is not Buddistic, for its great basic truth is the Fatherhood of God, and its ethical thought derives its inspiration from that relationship. It denies to no man his peculiar theological belief, but it does say that justice, fair-dealing and truth shall be present in the market place as elsewhere. It excludes political discussion from the Lodgeroom, but it does not exclude its precepts from any of the activities of life, whether commercial or political. It insists not upon the display of its symbols, but that human conduct shall be surcharged with its tenets in all the relations

The need of the times is not only less "vice" and "intemperance," and "wickedness," but less bulls and bears, puts and calls, less corners, pools and syndicates, less scheming, less of what is called commercial shrewdness or keenness—but what really consists of getting a man into a corner and then skinning him—less advantage taking-not only less men who will offer them,-less perversion of the will of the people, less stuffing of the ballot box. These are the dangers that threaten the perpetuity of the republic. The greater danger because the men who bull and bear, and put and call, and scheme and skin, and bribe and corrupt, are not unusually denominated "wicked," but are men whose very reputability arms them with the influence and confidence necessary to accomplish the end sought.

What the world of to-day needs most is, infusion of ethical thought into her commercial and political life—the observance of that commandment up

the law and the prophets.—Keystone.

Bro. James Stevens asks us to notify that he is now arranging for the delivery of his lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry in several Provincial Lodges during the ensuing Masonic season, and would be pleased to correspond on the subject with the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of such Lodges as may be desirous of hearing him, and to forward them copies of press criticisms. Negotiations are afoot for lecture tours in When your poor neighbour is touching the bottom of Australia, New Zealand, and probably in the Cape at home during the present year.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND ITS RULES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -- For many years past I have been much interested in the Royal Masonio Institution for Boys, and consequently have read with very mixed feelings the report in your journal of 18th inst. I should have liked to be present to catch the tone of Bro. Scurrah's words. I fancy they must have been very uncomfortable words as spoken for the Council to hear, at least so far as his contention went for suitable help for the widow's son already apprenticed but now wanting assistance, in consequence of the widow having impoverished herself and spent her all before she asked assistance to purchase her lad some clothes. Oh! the bitter, bitter irony of our much-vaunted Masonic Charity, that subscribes so ungradgingly its tens of thousands of pounds annually for the purpose, according to Law II., "to receive under its protection, and to maintain, clothe and educate the sons of Freemasons requiring the benefits of the Institution, and according to Law LXXXIX. to assist deserving lads to get suitable employment, but that doles out such relief with such parsimonious care, and yet so very magnanimously spends from 55 per cent. to 70 per cent. of the sums so subscribed in management and structural expenses, even in the face of all that is at present being done by the nation out of taxation and all that is likely yet to follow. I am of the opinion, and I hope there are many others who share it with me, that our present greatest necessity is not an Institution that will highly educate one or two children of a family, but one that will assist the widow or parents or guardians to educate and train up the remainder of the family in the same, or as nearly as possible, the same style as the preceding children have been educated, or as the parents would have trained and educated them if spared.

If a widow is left with but very scant means, or, as often happens, none at all, and 4 or 5 children to bring up, the amount that one child costs at the Institution, if given to her, under proper management and superintendence, would enable her to bring up her entire family in moderate respectability, and then, after they had gone say through the seventh standard examination with honours, give such promising lads a helping hand, either to higher grade education, even collegiate if suitable, or to fix and provide them some way of earning a respectable, honest and honourable living.

At present we are feeding, clothing and lodging, at a vast expenditure, a lot of children, both boys and girls, who could be much more saitably provided for under the wholesome regime of home influence, and as for all our teaching what does it amount to beyond what can now be obtained say in a higher grade Board School?

But some will ask, what will you do with our Schools? To such, Brother Editor, I would say, what would you do with a white elephant if you had one and only a small back-yard in which to keep it? Well if you cannot turn them into Colleges or higher grade Schools, sell them, and get rid of the biggest end of your useless expenditure.

What becomes of all the boys and girls that pass through our Schools? Who knows, or who cares? They are turned addits at a certain age, taught or untaught, some to homes where pinching poverty and drudgery is their only goal, and some to no homes at all. Is there ever a remark in any report as to the children so drafted out on the world, to what care or keeping have they been entrusted and what has been done to help them to honest self sup. port? I do not remember seeing anything of the sort, nor do I find anything in the Laws requiring a report from those who sent them up as to what has been done with them upon their return. I have tried in this Province to get some report from our local Institution as to our own children, but although a resolution has been passed (I believe twice) upon the subject no report is yet forthcoming; the secretary either has not got the information or has neglected to provide the material for the report.

I happen to know one girl, discharged a few years ago with glowing credentials; she is now a barmaid. I have no doubt she is a very good girl, she has a very pleasing manner with those she knows, but is it worth our while to spend over £50 per year to turn out very agreeable barmaids? If our Schools are to be kept up at all, we want to him, and also recorded on its minutes. The Past Master, Bro. F. W. an added department, that will provide our children with some trade profession, towards which their School training shall conduce. Had this been done instead of instituting a Preparatory School some time ago it would have been of much more use. Instead of admitting boys at 7 years of age, do not admit them under a satisfactory pass in say mind, O ye of little faith and less devotion, to the advantages of the fourth or even the fifth standard, but my for their home keep and education from 6 or 7 years up to then, and even after that relax the laws so as to leave it optional as to whether the child goes into the Institution or not, except for examination purposes; but all children in the establishment should be provided with some means of earning a living, unless application is made to the contrary, and the wishes of parents or guardians ought to be consulted.

I must, however, before closing express my dissent from Bro. Scurrah's view as to Law 45. According to that Law no grant of money, however trivial, could be made without notice given at a previous Quarterly Court; whereas Law 89 authorises the Council to appropriate not exceeding £20 for the advantage of a deserving boy leaving or having left the Institution. Of course there are two big "ifa" here; first the boy must be considered deserving, and second the Council must be satisfied it will be well-spent money. Apologising for the length of this letter.

I remain, yours fraternally,

WM. NICHOLL, V. Pres. R.M.I.B., Manchester, 25th July 1891,

In Memoriam.

We take the following from the Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette, of 23rd July 1891 :-

We announced with profound regret, in our issue of Saturday last, the death of Colonel Alexander Ridgway, founder of the Broad Arrow, and editor of that journal, and the Naval and Military Gazette for nearly twenty years. The deceased was the doyen of Service journalists, and most of the writers on the four leading naval and military papers now published in this country have entered upon journalistic life under his egis. The work of the journalist, anonymous as it is—and rightly so—is to a great extent, in this country, somewhat unthankful. A man may for a quarter, or even half a century, act as a Teacher, a Leader to his fellow men, and at the end of that period be unknown beyond the printing-office and the editorial sanctum of the particular paper with which he is connected. Nay, worse, at the end of his labours, he may, as is too often the case, find the result of his intellectual toil benefitting others, who reap where he has sown, while he passes away forgotten, obscure, and perchance, embittered in spirit, impoverished in purse, and enfeebled and worn out in person. Fortunately this cannot be said of Alexander Ridgway. He had his work to do, and right well he performed it. He has passed away, and after life's fitful fever sleeps well, but his Work and his Memory abide. He was the "Father" of Service journalism in this country, and the renaissance of the Naval and Military Press in 1868 may be said to be due entirely to his efforts. Colonel Ridgway's death leaves but two Service journalists of the first rank in England—J. Gray-Fleming and W. H. Russell. Of these two gentlemen the name of Dr. Russell is perhaps better known to the civilian public of this country. The first named, it may, however, be pointed out, gained a high reputation on the Indian Press long before he centred his efforts with such remarkable success in raising the prestige of Service journalism in England. Ridgway, Russell and Gray-Fleming will be names honourably remembered for many a day in the annals of the British Naval and Military Press. If, however, these gentlemen have long held the first rank it must be conceded that they have been closely followed by such brilliant writers as William White, Colonel Eardley-Wilmot, Francis Morgan, Robinson, A'Beckett, the author of "Fifteen Years in the Royal Navy," Thearle, and Dooner; while it would be unjust to ignore the younger school of Service journalists, which includes such men as Alfred Kinnear, Admiral Colomb, Colonel Hozier, Shore, R. G. Smith, and Burges-Short. But it will be long ere we have again a man of predominant initiative force as Alexander Ridgway, who as often been not inaptly termed the king of Service journalists. However comforting it may be to reflect that we still have Gray-Fleming and Russell left, the death of the founder of the Broad Arrow leaves au irreparable void in the ranks of Naval and Military Pressmen.-

We hope to say a few words in regard to Colonel Ridg. way's Masonic work in our next issue.

A PRETTY LITTLE STORY .-- A Past Master of the Strong Man Lodge, England, in 1877, being at Trouville, a sea side resert on the coast of Normandy, and desiring to extend his trip to Brittany, wrote to his bankers in London for a remittance. On receiving the draft and presenting it to two banks, one at Caen and the other at Havre, he was refused payment, as the draft was declared to be not en règle. Boing short of cash, and thus unable to proceed further, or even to pay hotel expenses, it occurred to him to try what Freemasonry would do for him in the difficulty. He, therefore, obtained the names of two Masters or Venerables of Ledges in the latter city, and, finding one away, called on the other, to whom he explained his dilemma. The Venerable, Tantallier by name, after testing him to his satisfaction, referred him to a banker friend, who at once advanced him the desired sum, which enabled him to carry out his visit to Brittany. At the same time he instructed his London banker to repay the amount to the Hayre house, and, on his return to England, referred to the matter in his Lodge, which passed an unanimous vote of thanks to the Havre Brother; this was forwarded Driver, points the moral that his satisfaction implies successfully passing an examination satisfactory to a French Mason was due to his being a most regular and attentive frequenter of a Lodge of Instruction, and to the knowledge thereby gained. Bear this in instruction so imparted.—South Australian Freemason.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Criterion.—It is not often that we are able to record such a success as that achieved by Mr. F. C. Burnand's adaptation from the French of M. Boucheron's "Miss Hellyett," now entitled "Miss Decima," produced at this theatre last week. After the first few minutes it was anticipated that an enjoyable evening was in store, and as the piece developed itself we were not disappointed. The success of "Miss Decima" is easily to be accounted for. It is one of those light operatio comedies that suit the taste of London playgoers in the warm season; it has a plot easy to follow, and does not require that close attention requisite perhaps in the winter season. Moreover, Mr. Buruand has improved considerably on the original; he has left out those parts that would be objectionable to an English audience. The smart sayings and jokes are most amusing, and with the capable company that Mr. C. Wyndham has engaged, the piece plays most enjoyably, and will, we feel sure, be a great success. The composer, E. Audran, has not attempted anything great in the way of music, still there are some pretty and tuneful numbers that will become popular. Of these we may mention a canticle for Miss Decima. "Maiden Modestee; the trio, "Girls cannot always choose;" a song, "Shall we never meet;" the duets, "The Ideal 'She'" "Coquetting," and "Let our parting be brief." The argument of the piece, as we have already said, is not hard to follow, and our readers will be able to form an idea from the following brief outline. Miss Decima is a young lady of mixed French-American origin, the youngest of a family of ten girls, who has been educated by her father—a widower—on what may be termed quakerish-methodistical principles. When the piece opens Miss Decima enters just as a number of tourists of all nationalities are enjoying a dance. This she instantly stops, and preceeds to give the dancers some advice from a book written by her father. Shortly afterwards Miss Decima goes for a stroll on the mountain, from which she slips and falls, her cloak completely enveloping her in her descent. She is saved, however, by an artist, who, having picked her up, carries her, apparently lifeless, in his arms and deposits her in a place of safety. On recovering, she conceals her face more closely than before by clutching the hood she wears, so that the artist is unable to catch even a glimpse of her features. Miss Decima now determines, with her father's consent, to sacrifice herself in marriage to the man who has saved her; who, according to the principles in which she has been brought up, alone has the right to claim her. The second act is devoted to searching for the missing man, and when we say that the father tries to palm an English dude and an Irishman on his daughter as "the man of the mountain," and how in the end the artist is discovered by means of a sketch he has taken of the young lady when in her flight, and that he eventually marries her, it will be seen that there is material for amusement in the piece. That there is plenty of fun in it we can assure our readers, for nothing more diverting than the character of the Rev. Dr. Jeremie Jackson has been seen for some time. His funny little quotations and sayings are capitally given, and at the hards of Mr. David James receive cordial recognition. This well-known actor has a part that suits him, and we feel sure it will become as familiar as any of the sketches he has yet presented the public with. But the success of the evening was unquestionably achieved by a young lady new to English audiences,—Mdlle. Nesville. The rôle she represents is one that she has played several times before on the Continent, but Thursday was the first time she had undertaken it in English. Mdlle. Nesville's success, however, was complete. Her graceful figure, pretty features, splendid voice, and most fascinating manner, soon found its way to the hearts of those in front, and as the piece went on Mdlle. Nesville charmed and delighted her audience more and more. It was a happy idea of Mr. C. Wyndham's to engage this young lady, and we must congratulate him on having obtained such a perfect exponent. Mr. C. Conyers sang and acted in spirited style as the artist, and Mr. Channey Olcott was amusing as the Irishman. This gentlemen has a good voice, which he knows how to use. A capital piece of acting was shown by Mr Welton Dale as the English dade; he should be heard of again. Miss Josephine Findlay and Miss Lucy Buckstone lent good aid, as also did Mr. Templar Saxe as the artist's friend. We have reserved till last any mention of Miss M. A. Victor as La Senora de Varganaz. Never before do we remember seeing this talen ad lady in a part that so suits her. Her acting throughout was of a most amusing and artistic character. In the second act Miss Victor goes through a dance that will, without doubt, be the hit of the season. It is a really clever performance, and the house simply rose at it. Miss Victor's triumph was perfect. In conclusion, we feel sure "Miss Decima" will prove a great success, and it will be a long time before Londoners tire of this the latest production of Mr. Burne ad-

Princess's Theatre.—Mr. S. Herberte-Basing has re-opene this theatre with a melodrama, which for excitement and incident will compare favourably with anything previously witnessed. It is written by Mr. J. J. Blood, an appropriate name in this instance. and is entitled "Fate and Fortune, or the Junior Partner." latter gentleman is the villain of the piece, a Russian named Kopian, who in the course of his career allows nothing to stand in his way, his object being to secure the hand of the wealthy Miss Grace Hasluck. To achieve this he coolly murders one rival, gets another sent to penal servitude, and then abducts his lady love in the good old "penny plain and tuppence coloured" style. Of course he is defeated, and equally of course the heroine and her true love come together in the last act, after a most exciting scene. Mr. Abjugator plays the scheming Russian to perfection, and is admirably assisted by Mr. W. R. Sutherland and Miss May Whitty as the loving pair whose course of true love runs the reverse of smooth. Mr. Ba-sett Roe makes a mark as the short-lived Ralph Glendon, while Mr. Henry Pagden as Kopain's partner, Mr. Stephen C. ffrey as considered, and same voted to the applicants. The meeting passed a cute detective, Mr. Henry Bedford as a burglar, and Miss an animous vote of thanks to Bro. Lane, of West Hartlepool, the Cicely Richards as a good hearted slavey, all work well retiring chairman.

to secure success. The humorous element has not been omitted, and in the hands of Miss Sallie Turner and Mr. George Barrett, whose policeman is splendid, causes no end of laughter. Messrs. W. Chees. man, Huntley, Wright, and T. F. Doyle, together with Misses Protheroe and Grace Muriel, complete the principal characters, all of whom are efficient. The play was received with loud applause, and appears as though it would "take on." The stage arrangements are excellent, and a capital orchestra discourses agreeable music throughout the evening. Above all, we congratulate the manager on his total abolition of the obnoxions fee system, so long in vogue at this theatre, and heartily wish him a successful and prosperous

That pretty and tuneful opera, "La Cigale," was given at the Lyric for the 300th time yesterday (Friday), when a crowded and brilliant house was the result. Mr. Harry Monkhouse now plays the part originally taken by Mr. Lionel Brough, while Mr. Hayden Coffin has supplanted the Chevalier Scovel. Both these new comers do well. "La Cigale" is as popular as ever, and bids fair to remain so.

A new and original dramn, by Messrs. George R. Sims and Robert Buchanan, entitled the "Trumpet Call," will be produced at the Adelphi to-night (Saturday). The following is the caste: -Messrs. L. Boyne, J. D. Beveridge, Charles Dalton, Lionel Rignold, R. H. Douglass, James Easte, Arthur Leigh, Howard Russell, Royston Keith, Willie Drew, J. and W. Northcote, &c.; Miss Elizabeth Robins, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Mrs. H. Leigh,-Miss Clara Jecks, &c. The scenery is by Bruce Smith and W. Hann.

"The Late Lamented" will be transferred from The Court to the Strand to-night (Saturday), with the following cast:—Mesdames Fanny Brough, Edmund Phelps, Eva Moore, and Venie Bennett; Mesars. Willie Edonio, Harry Eversfield, G. P. Hawtrey, Fred Cape, Sydney Barraelough, and Herbert Standing.

The Albambra announces important alterations in the Programme, beginning on Bank Holiday, 3rd August. "On the Roofs" is to be withdrawe, to make room for a new one act Musical Play Without Words by Mr. Charles Lauri (in which the Author and Troupe will appear), entitled "The Sculptor and the Poodle." Miss Marie Lloyd re-opens at this theatre on the same evening. Of course, the great Albambra success, the New Grand Ballet, "Oriella," with Signorina Legnani and Mr. C. Leuri in the cast, will continue as at present.

"Theodora," with Miss Grace Hawthorne in the title rôle, will be produced this evening at the New Olympic Theatre. The prices of admission to the popular parts of the house have been reduced.

Mr. David Christie Murray will make his English debut as an actor towards the end of August, at the Globe Theatre, when he will appear in a play, written by himself, for a one evening trial of the piece. Mr. Fred Stanmaur will manage the production.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has granted a warrant for the constitution of a new Lodge, to be known as Hampstead Lodge, No. 2408, of which Bro. Andrew Miller, M.D., is the W.M. designate. Bro. N. Hanhart is the S.W. designate, and Bro. T. Sansome Preston is the J.W. designate. The petition for the grant of the warrant was signed by these brethren, and by Bros. Alfred Lamb, N. T. West, G. Titus Barham, G. Low, H. Haynes, H. Harben, C. W. P. Dyke, T. J. Barratt, and G. Haynes. It is proposed that the Lodge shall meet at the Hampstead Conservatoire, on the third Tuesdays in November, Janu y, March, and May.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.-The weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 23rd ult., when there were present :- Bros. Hambly W.M., Hoggius S.W., Warwick J.W., Foan Assistant Preceptor, Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, Schnerze S.D., Reynolds J.D., Wise I.G., Weeks Tyler. Bro. Avery P.M. Hesperia 411 (Chicago, U.S.A.), District Deputy Grand Master 2nd Division Illinois, U.S.A., Corby and Kirk. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds candidate. The Lodge was opened to the 3rd degree, and the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony, Bro. Wise candidate. Bro. Hoggins was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary proposed that Bro. Avery P.M. 411 (Chicago) and Dist. Deputy G.M. 2nd Division Illinois, U.S.A., be elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction, and in doing so regretted that be had not known of Bro. Avery l ing in London, or otherwise he would, on behalf of the Anglo-American Lodge, have given him a welcome last Tuesday, where he would have met the P.G.M. of Tennessee, U.S.A. This was seconded by Bro. Resnolds and carried unanimously. Bro. Avery thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. He should take back with him to America the remembrance of a pleasant evening in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Avery gave a most interesting account of how Masonry was carried out in the U.S.A., and the great assistance the Craft generally had given the brethren in Chicago at the great fire in that City. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

The annual meeting of the Charities Committee and the Durham Masonic Education Fund was held last week, in the Masonic Hall, Durbam. Bro. Coulson, of South Shields, was elected chairman, on the nomination of Bro Hill-Drury, of Darlington; the Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. Several applications for grants were

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SATURDAY, 1st AUGUST 1891.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THE charmingly-situate Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, was on Tuesday, 28th July, the scene of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Essex, and there was a large gathering of the brethren of the mystic tie from all parts of the District. The R. Wor. Prov. Grand Master Lord Brooke, M.P., presided; and he was supported by the V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Recorder of Colchester, John J. C. Turner G.S.W., J. M. Scarlett G.J.W., Rev. T. S. Raffles Grand Chaplain, William Shurmur G. Treasurer, W. B. Heagerty

Provincial Grand Secretary stated that letters expressing to the Prov. Grand Secretary, that this Lodge had in the regret at their inability to attend had been received from short space of eight months become the strongest in the Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts, the Lord Hen-Province. While congratulating themselves on the unniker P.G.M. Suffolk, Col. Noel Money P.G.M. Surrey, doubted prosperity of the Province, his Lordship said he the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, the Right Hon. trusted that due care would be exercised in admitting Lord Mayor, Sir Whittaker Ellis P.G.W., Thomas Fenn members, because the strength of the Province did not President Province of the President Board of Gen. Purposes, Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Sec., George Everitt Grand Treas., Edward Terry Past Grand Treas., Frank Richardson P.G.D., Matthew Clark P.G.D. Past D.P.G.M. Essex, N. Tracy Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk, Rev. H. J. Hatch P.P.G. Chap., F. A. White P.P.G.R., and others. The statement of contributions from the Lodges showed an increase of £30 98 8d over last brethren upon the financial support that had been given to year on the General Fund, and £4 155 4d, on the Charity Ithe three great Charities during the past year. He found year on the General Fund, and £4 15s 4d on the Charity the three great Charities during the past year. He found

Fund; while the number of subscribing members of Lodges up to 30th March was 1,573 against 1,440 last year, an increase of 133. The report of the Board of General Purposes stated that after payment of all outstanding claims, there was a balance in hand on the general account of £166 3s 3d, and £51 15s on the Charity account. From this sum they recommended the following grants:-£52 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £15 to the Committee of the entertaining Lodges towards the expenses of the present meeting. The report concluded with a recommendation that in future the Lodge or Lodges entertaining the Prov. G. Lodge, should submit their arrangements to the Board before they were finally settled or circulated in the Province. This recommendation gave rise to a brief discussion, Bro. Corble, supported by Bro. Glass, urging that it be expunged, on the ground that the circumstances under which the P.G.L. met in different parts varied according to the locality, and that the liberty of the Lodge or Lodges entertaining should not be curtailed by the Board of General Purposes. Both brethren appealed to the Chairman of the Board to withdraw the paragraph in question. Bro. Turner S.G.W., who presided at the meeting of the Board, said he certainly could not do this, as the whole report, and especially this paragraph, was thoroughly well considered before being printed and circulated. On a division, the adoption of the report in its entirety was carried by a large majority. The re-port of the Charity Committee was next read and adopted. It stated that the Committee had been enabled to secure the election of one boy and one widow, and had materially helped forward another widow towards election on a future occasion. The report specially thanked the following brethren for the large number of proxies they sent in :-V.W. D.P.G.M., Bros. Shurmur, Lucking, F. A. White, and the Star in the East Lodge, at Harwich. The R.W. P.G.M. then addressed the brethren. His Lordship said he could not help recalling the fact that the very first minutes of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge that he signed were those of the last annual meeting held at Chingford, when the late lamented Lord Tenterden was the Provincial Grand Master. The Province was then in a very flourishing state, and they had, he was glad to say, continued to progress. There were at that time 19 Lodges, the income of the Province was a little over £62, and the muster roll was 866. To-day there were 32 Lodges, the income had more than trebled, and, as they had just heard from the P.G. Secretary, there was a muster roll of 1573. This, they would agree with him, showed good substantial progress. But the most remarkable evidence of the vitality of Essex Freemasonry had been at this very place; for whereas at the time to which he had alluded there was but one Lodge holding its meetings at Chingford, there were now six Lodges, with a combined muster roll of nearly 300 members. Another interesting feature of the meeting to-day was that for the first time they had before them a report of the Board of General Purposes. This Board—which had been created by the newly-passed By-laws—would, he trusted, prove of use as forming a Standing Committee for the consideration of matters of interest to the brethren, and that the time of Prov. Grand Lodge would be saved thereby. G. Reg., T. J. Ralling G. Secretary, T. Scoresby Jackson Since the last annual meeting another Lodge had been and T. Rymer Jarvis G. Senior Deacons, Albert Lucking added to the roll, viz., that named after their respected G.D.C., W. W. Barber Deputy G.D.C., H. J. Skingley Provincial Grand Treasurer—Bro. William Shurmur. He Assistant G.D.C., J. H. Sharp and Mark W. Meade Grand had the pleasure to consecrate that Lodge last November, Std. Bearers, and a goodly array of Past Prov. G. Officers. when there was one of the largest Masonic gatherings he The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge ever remembered to have attended at a private Lodge; (at Walton-on-Naze) having been read and confirmed, the and he found, by the return of its members sent in

that the total subscribed from Essex was the largest for a number of years, amounting as it did to close on £1,600. The principal support this year had been given to the Boys' School, whose Festival was held the other day at Brighton, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master Lord Lathom, who had expressed to him (Lord Brooke) his thanks for the way in which Essex had supported the Boys' Festival. On that occasion the P.G. Treasurer was able to send in the handsome list of five hundred guineas; while Brothers Andrew Motion, Robert Panchard, and Nathaniel Fortescue were 100 guineas and upwards. For the coming year he recommended that a great effort should be made to support the Jubileo of the Benevolent Institution; and if the brethren thought fit, he should be pleased to enter his own name as a Steward for that occasion, and place the fifty guineas which had been voted upon his list. His Lordship concluded by stating that he had received a most cordial invitation from Star in the East Lodge to hold the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Harwich. He had a most lively recollection of the last time P.G.L. met under the banner of the Star in the East Lodge—it was the first Provincial Grand Lodge after his installation as P.G.M.—and the brethren, under the Mastership of Bro. Clowes, gave them such a hearty reception that he had had no hesitation in accepting the invitation to go there again. He trusted that they might all be spared to meet there, and that they might have as good a record to show as they had had that day, Only the required number of brethren (four) having been nominated for election on the Board of General Purposes, the R.W. P.G.M. declared them duly elected, as under:-Bros. Buck P.M. 453 P.P.G.S.W., Gowers W.M. 1024 P.P.G.O., Merritt P.M. 1000 P.P.G.S.W., and Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.S.W. For the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Salmon P.M. 2077 P.P.G.R. nominated Bro. Acworth P.M. 2077, &c., and was supported by Bro. Glass P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, and Bro. Westfield P.M. 2184 P.P.G. Sword Bearer. No other nomination being made, the R.W. P.G.M. declared Bro. Acworth duly elected, and that Brother returned thanks for the honour done him. The R.W. P.G.M. then, amidst much applause, announced that his excellent Deputy (Bro. Philbrick) had kindly consented to continue in office, and he heartily thanked that brother for the able assistance he gave to the work of the Province. His Lordship then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:

T. Courtney Warner Senior Warden W. J. Crump Junior Warden Rev. Thomas Lloyd Chaplains Rev. M. Rees F. B. Page Registrar Thos. G. Ralling Secretary F. C. Dixie Senior Deacons A. G. Hayman C. H. Canning Junior Deacons M. C. Meaby H. Ffrench Bromhead Superintendent of Works A. Lucking Dir. of Cers. Deputy Dir. of Cers Geo. Foster Fred. Horsman Assist. Dir. of Cers. Sword Bearer W. Newton Berridge M. L. Sanders Standard Bearers James Howell Walter Latter Organist Assist. Secretary F. J. Nunn H. J. Day Pursuivant W. H. de Caen Assistant Pursuivant 8 D. C. Ablitt Walter T. Christian Thos. Hood Stewards A. R. Chamberlain J. Briginshaw A. J. Dale Tyler A. W. Martin

Bro. F. C. Dixie I.P.M. 453 Prov. G.D. having been elected a member of the Charity Committee in place of Bro. G. H. Finch P.M. 2005 P.P.G.J.W., who retired by rotation, a vote of thanks was passed to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the facilities they had given, and to the entertaining Lodges for the trouble they had taken in making arrangements for the meeting. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and about 70 brethren, under the presidency of Lord Brooke, subsequently partook of dinner, an elegant repast being well served by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. After tea a selection of vocal music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Prout's, Tamar Hotel. A splendid meal was admirably served up, Latter, Prov. Grand Organist.—Essex Standard.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 220.

THE annual Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, 22nd ult., in the Lodge-room, Garston Hotel, before an assembly numbering about fifty members and invited guests. Bro. Billingsley S.W. having been unanimously elected the Worshipful Master, the installation ceremony was most effectively and impressively performed by Bro. Hill P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Bro. Billingsley then invested his Officers, as follow :- Bros. Fisher I.P.M., Williams P.M. S.W., Olver P.M. Secretary, Hill P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Dir. of Cers., Hatch P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), Watson J.W., Finch S.D., Gidlow J.D., Hughes I.G., Pickard, Loftus, Williams and Crispin Stewards. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Foote P.P.G. Treasurer, Hesketh P.M. 1182 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Cain P.M. 724 P.P.G.S.B., Matthews P.M. 1276 P.P.G.S. Cheshire, Martin P.P.G. Treasurer, Edginton P.M. 1182, Shield P.M. 2335, Wright, Baxendale, Wakelam S.D. 1432, &c. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Bro. Wilson's usual manner, which was presided over by Bro. Billingsley. During the evening the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Fisher, with a splendid Past Master's jewel, and in doing so expressed the hope that it would adorn the breast of the recipient for many years to come. The Lodge is now in a very flourishing state, not only numerically but financially, and has during the year contributed its fair proportion to most of the Masonic Charities.

MERSEY LODGE, No. 477.

THE annual picnic in connection with this popular Lodge took place on the 17th ult., at Ruabon. About sixty of the members and their friends met at Woodside Station, Birkeuhead, and proceeded by train to Rusbon Station, and afterwards, by the kind permission of Sir Watkin W. Wynu, walked through Wynnstay Park and inspected the stables and the ancient hall. Mr. G. J. Clipson, the house Steward, was most courteous in showing the Visitors through the rooms, and in pointing out the principal pictures and furniture. The Visitors then returned to the Wynostay Arms Hotel, where an excellent repast was served. After dinner, wagonnettes were secured, and the party drove through the beautiful vale to Llangollen and back to Rusbon, where they partook of tea. The Worshipful Master Brother J. Grundy afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Sir Watkin W. Wynn for granting them the privilege of inspecting the grounds and hall; also to Mr. G. J. Clipson, for the very courteous manner in which he had pointed out everything interesting in the hall. Birkenhead was reached late in the evening, after one of the most pleasart and enjoyable picnics in connection with the Mersey Lodge since its consecration.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 758.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival of A St. John on Thursday, 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Devonshire Square, Runcorn. The proceedings were opened in due and solemn form by Bro. Cooper W.M., and afterwards the WM.-elect was presented for installation by Bro. Mellor P.P.G.J.D., supported by Bro. Annett P.M. The retiring W.M. Bro. Cooper then proceeded, in an impressive manner, to instal Bro. Littler S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were elected Officers:—Cooper I.P.M., I'hillips S.W., Borgess J.W., Sharrock S.D., Hankinson J.D., Linaker I.G., Wass P.M. Treas. re-elected, Annett P.M. Secretary, Coxhill P.M. P.P.G.A.D. of C. D.C., Lancaster Organist, Le Couteur Almoner, and Lydiate Tyler. At the conclusion of the formal business the members ant down to a banquet, at which the customary loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Cooper I.P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and a Life Governorship in the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institute. The jewel was a very handsome one.

ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

THE members celebrated their St. John's Day on Thursday, the 21st ult., when the installation of Bro. Dr. Behrendt to the W.M.'s chair took place. The W.M. invested Officers as follow:— Bros. Constable I.P.M. and Charity Steward, Brunyel S.W., Fox J.W., Staniforth P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant Chaplain and Almoner, Wood P.M. P.P. Standard Bearer Secretary, Faulkner S.D., Pickering J.D., Chamberlain P.M. D.C., Burtonshaw P.G.O. Organist, Drury Standard Bearer, Petch Senior Steward, Turner and Wrestle Junior Stewards, Scholey I.G., Naylor Organist. The usual banquet

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE members held their annual outing on Saturday, the 18th ult. The party, numbering about fifty brethren and their lady friends, embarked on board the steamer Prince at West Hoe Pier at noon, and proceeded, after calling at North Corner and Pottery Quay, to Pentillie, where, by permission of Colonel Coryton, they were allowed to inspect the gardens and grounds. The steamer then conveyed the party to Cotchele Quay, where they disombarked and, through the kindness of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcambe, were permitted to go through Cotcheic House and inspect the armour in the old baronial hall and the bedsteads of King Charles I. and Queen Anne. The earl had generously provided some light refreshments, and a walk through the woods to Calstock enabled the party to witness the destruction of trees caused by the recent and reflected great credit on the hostess. In consequence of the

Prince having a deep draught the party had to embark on the Eleanor, which took them as far as Hole Hole, where they were put Mason, Taylor, Leete and Turner responded for the former, and Bro. on board the Prince, which had proceeded there earlier. The weather was exceptionally fine all day, but towards the evening it was rather cold, and the trip around the Breakwater was abandoned. An adjournment was then made to the Masonic Hall and Club, where a capital concert was given by the brethren and friends, Mrs. De Batty rendering some songs in excellent style. Congratulatory speeches were delivered, and the health of the Worshipful Master, proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Godfrey Evans, was most heartily received. Bro. Charles Mutton, in response, suggested that Masonic brethren should introduce ladies more often into their festivities. Personally he intended, so far as he possibly could, that members of Lodge Prudence should have the enjoyment of the company of ladies more frequently at their gatherings.

DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE installation meeting of the Dee Lodge, No. 1576, took place on the 16th ult., in the Mostyn House School-room, Parkgate, and was numerously attended. The retiring Worshipful Master Bro. R. G. Hawkins presided at the opening of the Lodge. The visitors included Bros. Salmon P.M. P.G.S.W. of Cheshire, and P.G. Treasurer of North Wales, O. Jones P.M. 605 P.P.G.S.B., S. Jones P.M. 477 P.P.G.J.D., Dean W.M. 2375 P.P.G.S.D., Dr. J. W. Napier W.M. 2132, Young P.M. 1336 P.G.S. of W. North Wales, Rev. J. G. Napier S.W. 68 Scotland, Barrow P.M. 1570, Ellis P.M. 721, Clarke P.M. 605, M'Leavy 477, Ramage W.M. 673, Wilcock P.M. 425, Bradshaw P.M. 1325 P.P.G.S.W. and Superintendent of Works West Lancashire, Wylie J.W. 673, Darby Secretary 1380, Barnes P.M. 823, Robinson W.M. 721, Dutton P.P.G.J.W., and many others. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros. the Hon. H. Holbrooke P.M. and R. C. Richmond P.M. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. J. Morris P.M. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hawkins I.P.M., Forester S.W., Evans J.W., Morris P.M. Treasurer, Gibbs Secretary, Mayers S.D., Fearn J.D., Gerrish I.G., W. Jones P.M. Dir. of Cers., Dutton, Davies, and Edwards, Phinas Organist Cooks T.J., Bros. Davies, and Edwards, Phipps Organist, Croft Tyler. Bro. Hawkins I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his very valuable services to the Lodge during the year. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Lodge Room, the Union Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Acton. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE annual summer outing of the members took place on Thursday, the 16th nit American day, the 16th ult. Among those present who attended were Bros. Roberts W.M., Bro. Murlis P.M. and Mrs. Murlis, Bro. Parkhouse P.M. and Mrs. Parkhouse, Green P.M., Bro. Davis P.M. and Mrs. Davis, Wood P.M., Woodmason P.M., Holmes P.M., Rogers P.M., Bro. Mason P.M. and Mrs. and Miss Mason, Bro. Hatton and Mrs. Hatton, Leete, Bro. Jameson and Mrs. Jameson, Fuelling, Bro. Turner and Mrs. Turner, Bro. Lander P.M. and Mrs. Lander, Adkins P.M., Taylor P.M., Bro. Beard and Mrs. Beard, Bro. Rider and Miss Rider, Bro. Dr. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Bro. Fayer and Mrs. Fayer, Bro. Wadham and Mrs. Wadham, Bro. Handover and Mrs. Handover, Bro. Armfield and Mrs. and Miss Armfield, Bro. Choequel and Mrs. Choequel, Bro. Lee and Mrs. Lee, Bro. Ransom and Mrs. Ransom, also Bros. Huisb, Foskett, Williams, French, King, Whittlesea, Mrs. and Miss Heath, and many others. The brethren, with their wives and friends, mustered at Paddington Station at 9 10 a.m., and proceeded, by saloon carriages, to Reading, where a splendid steam launch had been engaged to convey the party up the river in the direction of Wallingford. The day was gloriously fine, and the magnificent views on both sides of the river were much admired. Covetous eyes were cast on the many pretty riverside retreats, and a frequent inquiry was, "How could you do with that and £1000 a year?" There was a good supply of fruit on board, and the stoppages at the various looks gave the brethren further opportunities of showing their attention and devotion to the ladies. Streatley was reached about 1 o'clock, and a sumptuous luncheon at the Bull Hotel was highly appreciated. The grounds attached to the hotel are very pretty; the lawn was like a carpet, and the magnificent roses and other flowers were in the best condition. After a short rest, the party again boarded the launch, and for about half-an-hour the vessel proceeded towards Wallingford. A halt was then made, and the return journey commenced. Fresh beauties in the scenery were discovered, and with short stories and pleasant conversation the time passed rapidly until Reading was again reached.

For busy thoughts the stream flowed on In foamy agitation; And slept in many a crystal pool For quiet contemplation: No public and no private care The freeborn mind enthralling, We made a day of happy hours, Our boyhood's days recalling.

After the delightful water trip, the party proceeded to the Great Western Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared. The tables were arranged with great taste, and the good things provided were thoroughly enjoyed. Some Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and these afforded an opportunity for a few short and amusing speeches. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to in an excellent speech by Bro. R. D. Mehta, from India. Bro. R. C. Green proposed "The Worshipful Master," in a few well-chosen words. He referred to the excellent qualities of Bro. Roberts, and on behalf of the Lodge he sympathised with him on a recent domestic bereavement. They all wished him health, long life, and

the W.M., and both toasts were received with great cordiality. Bros. Beard, who has recently been initiated into Freemasonry, responded, in a humorous speech, for the ladies. A stroll to the railway station and a rather slow journey to Paddington brought to an end one of the happiest of the many happy summer outings of the Earl of Carnaryon Lodge. It would not be right to conclude this short account of the day's proceedings without expressing the thanks of all to Bro. Parkhouse and Bro. Murlis, the Treasurer and Secretary, for the splendid arrangements they made, and for the admirable way in which everything was carried out.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

A REGULAR meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Criterion (Masonio Temple), Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present. Bros. Woolley W.M., Tilton I.P.M., Hancock S.W., Reynolds J.W., Cumming Treasurer, G. Reynolds Secretary, Skinner S.D., Harris J.D., Jackson I.G., Schartau Organist, Rowe Steward, C. A. Bergholz and G. A. Bergholz Assistant Stewards, Wolkley Teler Kedge P.M. Vilsin Snow Rotter Thrus-Stewards, Walkley Tyler, Kedge P.M., Vilain, Snow, Rotter, Thrussell, Atkinson, Spooner, Hansen, D'Alton, Sanders, Hirsch, Lewis, Bowles, Bertini, Sherwood, Lincoln, Woodward, Williams, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Convor 320 P.G.M. U.S.A., Tennessee, Langley W.M. 2381, Cross 1366, Dawe 1288, Fendick P.M. 1321, Williams 101, Haslett P.M. 145, Dalzell P.M. 1549. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer reported the state of his account. A ballot was taken for Mr. Sherwood. This proved unanimous, and the candidate attended, and was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W. Past Grand Master of Tennessee, U.S.A., Bro. Connor was unanimously elected an honorary member, and was presented with the jewel of the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where a capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Bertini. After the brethren had done justice to the good things placed before them, the W.M. gave the usual toasts in a most happy manner, and in reply to the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, the P.G.M. of Tennessee, U.S.A., Bro. Connor said it had afforded him much pleasure to be amongst them, and he wished the Anglo-American Lodge every success. He should have been sorry not to have been with them that evening, for it had been one of the happiest he had spent while in London. The idea of the Lodge was grand, and he hoped at some future time again to visit them. He should always remember with pleasure the great honour conferred upon him of being unanimously made an honorary member of the Lodge, and being presented with the jewel, which he should always wear on his breast, and take back to America as a memento to remind him of how English Masons had received him. He was delighted with the work, although it differed somewhat from that in America, but it had the same meaning. The evening had been to him one of enjoyment and geniality, and should remain in his memory as a happy visit to the Anglo-American Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. This had been much enlivened with some excellent singing, by Bros. D'Alton, Bagge, Dalzell, and Schartau (Organist), under whose direction the music was arranged.

WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 2258.

THE installation banquet was held at the Farley Hotel, Plymouth, on Wednesday 22nd -14 Min W. T. on Wednesday, 22nd ult. The W. Master Bro. Major Dick, R.M.L.I., presided, assisted by Bro. Sergeant-Major Jones, R.E., Sen. Warden, and Surgeon-Major May, A.M.S., Jun. Warden. The usual Masonic teasts were duly responded to, several songs given, and a pl sant evening spent.

CHANTREY LODGE, No. 2355.

THE installation ceremony took place, on the 15th inst., at Dore, Derbyshire, when Bro. H. A. Styring P.M. Senior Warden was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very efficiently and ably performed by the retiring master, Bro. Wm. Boden P.P.G.J.W. The retiring W.M. is well-known in Burton, not only as a P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge here, but also by his connection with the local volunteers, in which he is a Major.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 76.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on the 22nd ult., to instal Bro. Farnell Hanneford as the W. Master for the year ensuing. The installing Officers were Bros. Lord and Langmead. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Lavers I.P.M., Count S.W., Cornish J.W., Yeomans M.O., Gale S.O., Tozer J.O., Goodyear P.M. Chap., Browning P.M. Treas., Lilliorap Registrar of Marks, Hifley P.M. Secretary, Stephens S.D., Biscombe J.D., Trout P.M. D.C., Lewarn P.M. A.D.C., Soper Organist, Taylor I.G., Blight P.M. Steward, and Phillips Tyler. At the close of the Lodge the brethren, to the number of twenty-one, adjourned to the refreshment-room at the club, where an excellent supper was prepared by the manager, Bro. Harvey, and under the presidency of the W. Master a pleasant evening was spent.

Viscount Valentia, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, presided on the 23rd ult. at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, at the Town-hall, Maidenhead, where there was a numerous attendance. Lord Valentia appointed and invested Bro. John Tomkins, Mayor of Abinger, and Grand Deacon of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the room of Bro Charles Stephens, who had resigned through ill-health. prosperity. "The Visitors" and "The Ladies" were proposed by A trip on the Thames and a banquet followed the Lodge business.

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

Saturday, 1st August.

General Com. Boys' School, F.M.H., 3 1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead 1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

Monday, 3rd August.

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37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
123 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
124 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
125 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymout
125 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
126 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
127 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
128 St. Oswald, Ashborne, Dorbyshire
128 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
129 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1205 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1208 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Shoffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swanson
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1678 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.C. Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Tuesday, 4th August.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4 171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

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171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M. H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
393 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Noath
364 St. David, Masons' Hall, Borwick
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
960 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Groy and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
2144 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Rodcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, Routh Shields
1993 Wolseley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
R.A. 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbey
MM. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday, 5th August.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6

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74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle,
615 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchestor
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel. Lower Broughton
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1663 Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chteser-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansen
1335 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos. 1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos. 1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solinull 1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1903 Pr Edward of Saxo Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 533 Warren, Freemsons' Hall, Congleton
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 6th August.

742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham 1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath

24 Newcastle-on-Tylin, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7:30 (123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richtand, Yorkshire 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 266 Naphahi, Masonic Hall, Heywood 269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackourn 280 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds 294 Constitutional, Assembly Rootes, Beverley 295 Constitutional, Assembly Rootes, Beverley 295 Contemporary Union Arms, Mascles field.

205 Combernere, Union Arms, Maccleshold 300 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-ander-Lyne

317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampt in
446 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonie Hall, Great Grimsby
976 Royal Carence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1088 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231 Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1232 Ancholme, Foresters Hall, Brigg
1334 Equity, Alforde Chambers, Withos
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padiham
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parade, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 496 Mount Edgeumbe, Mas. Rooms, St Austell
R.A. 587 Howe, Masonic Hall, Birmingham,
R.A. 758 Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Shetlield

Friday, 7th August.

1489 M. of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, N. 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar 1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anorley

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44 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmordon
242 St. George, Guildhall, Donenster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall Street, Leeds
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
993 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096 Lord Warden, Weltington Hall, Deal
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
R.A. 214 Hope & Unity, White Hart, Romford
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

Saturday, 8th August.

2685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone

R.A. 1185 Lowis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds 2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 1st August.

87 Vitruvan, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Numbead 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 Canseway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 3rd August. 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30

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27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Lovo & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W.3
1445 Prince Leopold, 2:22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1439 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 9:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Doacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 3
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Duiwich, 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 4th August.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court R ad, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
14! Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camelon Town, 8
213 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
7:33 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Madda Hall,
820 Eily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcap, 7 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sideup, 7 830 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8 831 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadagedle St., 7 1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8

1321 Emblematic, St. James's Relautrant, W., 8 1323 St. John, Massine Hall, Grays, Essex 1449 Friers, Liverpool Ar as, Canning Town, 7:30 1449 Mount Edgenmio, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8 1472 Henley, Three Growns, North Woolwich

1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1510 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 NewFinsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitae Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30 R.A. 701 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8 R.A. 1412 E. of Carnaryon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 5th August.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
229 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
539 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Pammure, 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
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1259 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8 ford, 8

ford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8

New Road, 8 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8

R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30 M.M. Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 6th August.

144 St. Luko, White Hart, Chelsen, 730
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseloy, Rotherhithe New Road

New Road

890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Resteurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1152 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1711 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Senthgate, Bailway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1990 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Priuce Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
Canonbury, 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 Tavorn, E.C., 7

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1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Rod Lion, Hatfield, \$
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., \$
1612 West Middlesox, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., \$
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7.30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, \$

Friday, 7th August.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall. 6 Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6 General Lodgo. Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30 733 Westhourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8

765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Haumersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Chapton, 7-30
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7-30
1612 E. Carmarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpolier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The

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030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hereales Tavern, E.C. R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8,

Saturday, 8th August.

87 Vitravian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's 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 Saar, Dover Castle, Deptord Causeway, S.E., 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Edceston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent, St. W. 8



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