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OUTSIDE CHARITY APPEALS IN OUR LODGES.

IT is but natural that one outcome of the reputation enjoyed by Freemasons in matter of benevolence should be the attraction of appeals from outsiders on behalf of objects for which special efforts are being made, or for which particular need can be urged, and although members of the Craft as a rule set their face against any canvass in Lodge for matters unconnected with the Masonic Order, there is no hard and fast rule against such a proceeding, while as a matter of fact appeals often do find their way into regular assemblies of Freemasons, with results more or less satisfactory to those who promote them, and generally to the advantage of the cause on whose behalf they are made. Freemasons cannot be accused of being wholly selfish in this respect; they recognise their responsibility as members of the Order to maintain the splendid Charitable Institutions which have sprung up in connection with the English Craft, and further than this, they seldom turn a deaf ear to the appeals of any of their brethren in distress when those appeals are regularly brought under notice. Those who are fully acquainted with the working of the Craft know that these particular channels of benevolence absorb a very large amount year by year, and entail a tax on the charitable members of the Craft which it would be unfair to increase to that great extent that would be necessary if outside appeals for assistance were to receive anything like regular recognition. We have from time to time had occasion to speak of matters for which it was sought to introduce a Masonic bearing, in order that systematic appeals might be made to members of the Craft, and to the Lodges of the country; and although, as we have pointed out, there is no necessity to be anything like selfish in this particular, we must again urge that Freemasonry has enough of its own affairs on hand to prevent it rendering substantial and systematic aid to outside objects, however deserving they may be, or however much may be urged on their behalf to give them a Masonic bearing. Of course there is nothing to prevent one member of a Lodge addressing an appeal to the other members, on behalf of any particular object he may desire to benefit, but the introduction of such appeals at the regular meetings of his Lodge, or at the festive board after the business of the day has been completed; is decidedly out of place, and may almost be regarded as a violation of the rights which he enjoys as a Freemason. It may appear childish to say that any body of men cannot resist an urgent appeal when submitted to their notice by a friend, but the temptation to decline in such cases is very often upset by the feeling that a refusal to assist may appear paltry or contemptible, and as a result assistance is rendered, but with no good grace, and really with the

idea that something must be done to keep up appearances.

The subject under notice is a most difficult one to deal with, particularly so because few members of the Order care to express an opinion openly, as it is possible for us to do in a public journal. We should not take upon ourselves the consideration of the matter were it not that, trivial as the whole subject may seem to some, it is regarded by others in a very different light, and instances are not wanting where a respected member of a Lodge has brought himself into discredit and ill favour simply on account of the persistency with which he urged some outside appeal on the notice of his brother members. To such we would address the query,—is the possible gain in this direction sufficient to warrant the probable upsetting of a Lodge, or the alienating of the regard of the whole of the members? In this same connection may be considered the practice which prevails in some Lodges—but which is happily forbidden in many—of asking visitors to contribute to the Lodge Charity Box when it is passed round at the festive board. These are really minor matters of detail in connection with the internal management of our Lodges, and it may be best for the respective Masters to be left to judge for themselves how far departures from routine shall be allowed, but to those who are undecided whether to permit them or not we would at once say, forbid all outside appeals in every shape or form, unless they are properly placed on the agenda of the summons calling the meeting, and thereby brought under the notice of the several members at a time when they can consider the subject in all its bearings, and come to a decision without the excitement naturally attaching to a surprise proposition at a public meeting.

THE ROMANTIC INTEREST OF FREEMASONRY.

THERE is nothing that the average man enjoys so much as that which has connected with it a tinge of romance. Story has more readers than history; and yet the strangest and most captivating stories are all gathered from life-histories not generally known. So true is it that the human mind cannot invent situations and persons equal to those which are discoverable in fact.

Freemasonry has its story as well as its history. A part of this story is the environment of one of its central characters. There is no more engaging personage in Masoury than Hiram, the artist. History tells us much about him that is admirable, while tradition further clothes his career with its weird story, and thus rounds off a life which is remarkable, from its opening to its close.

Some critics tell us that Hiram's life is a fable. But what say the Books of *Kings and Chronicles*? They give no uncertain sound concerning his personality and historical identity. We might as well doubt our own existence as his. We read, that "King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram

out of Tyre. He was a widow's son, of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass." Hiram thus came of good industrial stock. Blood will tell, and it told on him. He was the son of his father, but like him his brass was all in his works, none in himself. Some men are workers in brass, and furnish their own material. Not so Hiram.

What could Hiram do? Let us turn again to the divine record concerning the divine artist. He was "skilful to work in gold and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him."

This is the artist, Hiram, around which Freemasonry weaves its romantic legend. Was he not worthy of it, and is it not entirely consistent with his character? Was he not an honest and faithful artist and architect, and must he not have been honest and faithful to the end? Character tells, like blood—often it is blood. It eventuates in something. It illustrates itself. Thus did Hiram's.

Hiram's example is for all time. It is an embodiment of Freemasonry—Freemasonry teaching by example. As he did, so must we. His obedience to principle crowned his memory with a laurel wreath, which, in our fraternity, will be as lasting as time. As long as Masonry is taught and practised, so long will the romantic incidents in the career of Hiram be held up for veneration, laudation and emulation.

There are likewise not a few romantic incidents in the Craft's after history. The career of the mediæval architects was only less romantic than that of Hiram. Those were no ordinary builders that erected the magnificent cathedrals of Europe, any more than were those that erected Solomon's Temple and the Temples of Phœnicia and Egypt. Look upon those Temples. They are miracles in stone. They are alive with statuary that seems to breathe. Every stone is full of expression, and lifts one's thoughts to the Grand Architect of the Universe.

How strange that men of the middle ages—so-called ages of darkness—men whose gifts were in their wonder-working hands guided by their minds, men of whom we hear little in any other relation of life—yet every temple they erected stamps them as men of master minds, whose works are akin to those of the Divine Architect. The romance of art is interwoven with the reality of their every-day life, and thus an interest is begotten in their work which will cause them to be memorable as long as the world and history endure.

Every Freemason may gather inspiration from their careers, and increase his admiration for the fraternity which has produced such marvellous men.

The day of the romantic in Freemasonry is not yet past. Great-hearted deeds are still performed, which cause the eyes of Craftsmen to glisten and their hearts to glow. When Brethren bestow large portions of their fortunes to establish funds for the relief of decayed Freemasons, their suffering widows and destitute orphans; when all bodies of the Brotherhood are dispensing fraternal charity to the distressed, a present element of romance attends Freemasonry, of which it should be proud. He who realizes that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" has gained for himself the highest happiness possible, has aided his brother man, and has added a laurel leaf to his own eternal crown.

We need not ask whether there was ever another fraternity than ours which united in itself so many of the best elements of reality and romance. The past answers the question in its records, and the present in the experience of each active and observing Brother.—*Keystone.*

A CURIOUS PIECE OF CHINA.

DURING a visit to some friends in Devonshire I came across a very old china bowl, probably a punch-bowl, which, I think, is deserving of some notice. Its history has been forgotten, but it is known to have been in the possession of a former inhabitant of Exeter, now deceased, more than 50 years ago. It is supposed to be made of Bristol ware, but this is mere conjecture. At any rate it is English, but it bears no potter's marks of any

kind. It is 113 inches in diameter, and as nearly as possible half as much in height. The bowl is of white glazed china.

I will begin by describing the interior. Round the top there is a band, half an inch wide, consisting of a conventional pattern in red. Below this comes a single narrow gilt line. At the bottom, surrounded by a circular border, consisting of a green conventional pattern, bordered by red lines, is a picture representing the sun between two pillars standing on a tessellated pavement. The pillars are gilt, on the top of each is a red globe, and the pavement is deep red and white. The pillars are exactly alike, but the globes have curious marks upon them. Those on the right hand globe are much more clearly defined than those on the left. These marks are not at all easy to describe. Judging from the bees represented on the outside of the bowl they might be meant for insects of some kind. There are eight clearly shown on the left hand side of the globe on the right hand pillar, and seven indistinctly visible on the left hand globe. Almost the whole of the space between the pillars is filled up by a sun. The rays are of two kinds, gilt and grey and red, alternately. The centre of the sun consists of a G in gold on a red ground. Above this picture and outside the conventional border enclosing the pillars, the pavement and the sun, is a representation of an ear of corn.

At the side of the bowl, and facing the picture at the bottom, is represented a sun, the rays of which are upwards of 3 inches in diameter. The centre is a well-drawn full face, with nose, eyebrows, and red lips, but the eyes have no pupils. The rays are again of two kinds, blue and red and gold, alternately. The red and gold rays are straight, the blue ones somewhat waving. On the left side of the bowl, and a quarter of a circle from the sun is a representation of the crescent moon painted mauve, red and white, with a well-painted face in profile between the horns of the crescent. The eyes are blue, but again have no pupils, and the lips red. Opposite the sun are six objects, each consisting of two or three blue lines hanging from rocks. As it is reasonable to suppose that this picture is intended to be looked at from the same side of the bowl as the other four pictures inside the bowl, it probably represents water falling from a rock. It is nearer to the ear of corn, described above, than any of the other objects represented within the bowl, and probably has some connection with it. This picture turned round might also represent six acacia trees growing upon a rocky hill. On the fourth side of the bowl is a firmament containing seven stars in red and gold. Of these, four have six points, and three eight points.

To turn to the outside of the bowl. At the top is a conventional pattern in pink and green with a black line below and a pink one above it. The edge of the bowl was also originally gilded. In this pattern, at the points corresponding with the four pictures on the inside of the bowl, are four similar emblematic figures. They represent a ring formed by a serpent with its tail in its mouth, and with what appear to be two clubs underneath it. The head of one of these clubs is smooth, and that of the other covered with knobs. The handles of these clubs are long, and there is a rough knob at the end of each. The Clubs are crossed and the handle of the rough one in every case comes through the ring, the smooth club being altogether below the ring. The serpent is painted red and white, the scales being visible, and the clubs are mauve. The rough club is the lower one in each case, that is its head is below that of the smooth one. The heads of the clubs are on the right of the ring on one side of the bowl and on the left on the other.

Below this border are four emblematic figures, the positions of which correspond with those of the four figures inside and the serpents outside the bowl. That corresponding with the sun represents on one side a table upon which lie a trowel, a heavy maul, a pair of compasses, and two other articles, which it is difficult to decipher. One may be a scroll, the other possibly a chisel, but it is more like a pair of snuffers. On the other side is represented a perfect ashlar, and between this and the table, upon a grassy knoll, a rough ashlar. Against this is leaning a very good representation of the stonemason's saw and a crowbar, while upon it are resting two cups without handles. These are the immovable jewels.

Corresponding with the moon on the inside of the bowl, are a level, a plumb-rule, and an instrument which is a combination of the square and the plumb-rule. These are the

moveable jewels, or the working tools of the second degree.

Corresponding with what I assume to be a fall of water, is represented the volume S.L., with a ten-pointed star on the cover. The volume lies between the square and the compasses, which are arranged as is usual in the second degree. This is additional evidence in support of the view that the doubtful picture in the interior of the bowl is meant to represent a waterfall. On either side of this picture there is a beehive and bees.

On the fourth side of the bowl appear the 24-inch gauge, a semicircular gauge exactly like the brass gauges supplied in some boxes of mathematical instruments, and a parallel ruler. Upon the whole one would have expected to find here the working tools of the first degree, instead of a medley of Masonic and land surveying instruments. The bowl appears to have been intended for use in the second degree, as will be obvious to any Mason from the principal picture, *i.e.*, the two pillars and globes at the bottom of the bowl, and the nature and position of many of the emblems. There is little or nothing represented upon it which appertains to the third degree, and the few points in which the first degree appears, are incorrectly, or at least insufficiently represented.

The number of points appearing in the stars represented and the occurrence of land surveying instruments appear to me to show that the execution of the bowl was entrusted to an artist who was not a well-informed Mason, although it was clearly designed by some one who had considerable knowledge of the Craft.

The present owner of the bowl believes it to be over a hundred years old. The daughter of the late owner remembers it all her life, and she is approaching three-score years and ten, and the late owner is said to have stated that it was older than himself. He died about 15 years ago, at the age of 84. He was a good working Mason, and it is almost certain that he showed it to his contemporaries, and in other ways attempted to learn what he could about it, but he appears to have ascertained nothing. Can any brother throw any light upon the subject? TUSCAN, in the *Madras Masonic Review*.

The Prince of Wales will be again nominated for election as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons at the next Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, on 2nd December. His Royal Highness's election will take place on 3rd March, and his installation on 28th April 1892. In Mark Masonry he will be nominated again for the Grand Mastership at the meeting of Grand Mark Lodge on 1st December, elected on 2nd March, and re-installed on 1st June. The Prince of Wales has been Grand Master of Craft Freemasons nearly seventeen years, and of Mark Masons nearly six years.

At the annual meeting of Royal Arch Masons, All Saints' Chapter, at the Masonic Hall, Gainsboro', on the 10th inst., Companion Alfred Kirk, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, was installed as First Companion, for the eleventh time; Companion T. Staniforth (Crowle) Second Principal, Companion H. Wright Third Principal, and the Officers were invested, as follow:—Companions Liver-side P.S., Moxon S.N., Pearson S.E., Cassan First A.S., Constable Second A.S., Scott Janitor. Some exaltations took place, and the annual banquet was subsequently held at the Monson's Arms Hotel, at which the usual Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. W. H. Rylands, Secretary of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, was installed as Master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Freemasons on the 9th inst. The first Treasurer of the Lodge, who has since been annually re-elected, was Mr. Walter Besant.

The brethren of the Portcullis Lodge, No. 2038, Langport, have obtained a lease of the historic Hanging Chapel, dedicated to St. Mary, near the parish church, and this ancient building has been handsomely fitted up for the use of the members of the Order

DEVON ANNUAL PROVINCIAL PRIORY.

THE annual convocation of the Knights Templar Provincial Priory of Devon was held at Torquay, on the 29th ult., under the banner of the Royal Preceptory. We are late in reporting this meeting, but the proceedings were of a very interesting character, and our readers will not require more of us than the admission of the delay. Five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The Treasurer, Frater W. Taylor, added another five guineas to that donation, and the ten guineas was directed to be carried to the list of the Provincial Prior as a Steward for the Institution for the year. The Priory was opened by the P.P., supported by Fraters E. Aitken-Davies as Past Guard of the National Priory, J. Chapman Guard of the National Priory, J. Lane Prov. G. Const. pro tem, P. B. Ciemens Prov. G. Marshal, W. Taylor P.G. Treasurer, H. Stocker P.G.C.D. There were also among the Fraters present W. J. Hughan Past Prov. Grand Prior of Canada, J. Austin P.P.G. Ex., Geo. Dunsterville H. Loyal Brunswick, J. Taylor E.P., E. C. Frost P.P.G. W.R., T. H. Willis Marshal, T. A. Blackler C.G., all of Royal Sussex, W. H. Dillon Aide-Camp, James Gidley Guard. The Prov. Chancellor reported that the members registered had not increased during the past year. The Prov. Treasurer reported that all the liabilities had been met and there remained a satisfactory available balance in hand. Frater F. C. Frost was elected Treasurer. The Provincial Prior invested as his Officers Fraters John Brewer Trinity in Unity Preceptory, Prov. Sub Prior, Rev. G. Townsend Warner, M.A., Royal Sussex Prov. Prel., H. Stocker Rougemont P.G. Chancellor, Jno. Chapman Royal Sussex P.C. Const., Josiah Austin Royal Veterans P.G. Marshal, F. C. Frost Royal Sussex P.G. Treas., J. Jerman Rougemont P.G. Regis., W. Trevena Royal Veterans Prov. V. Chancellor, Jno. Taylor Royal Sussex P. Sub-Marshal, Rev. T. Russell Trinity in Unity P. Almoner and Chap., H. J. Edwards, Mus. Doc., Trinity in Unity P. Herald, F. Crouch Loyal Brunswick P. St. B. (Beageant), F. R. Thomas Loyal Brunswick P. St. B. (Vexillum Belli), J. Kinton Bond, B.Sc., Royal Veterans Prov. Priors B.B., J. B. Gover Royal Veterans P.C.G., T. H. Willis Royal Sussex P.S.B., H. B. Start Rougemont P.O., Jas. Gidley Loyal Brunswick P. Guard. Frater W. J. Hughan, who was cordially received as a distinguished visitor, said it was the first time such a meeting had been held at Torquay, and curiously on the occasion of its being the Centenary of the Great Priory. Many Priorities of Knights Templar had been held long before, but 1791 was the first occasion when a Great Priory had been held in Devon, and that was held under that distinguished Frater Thomas Dunckerley. Since then Knight Templary had made considerable progress in England. It was Masonry worked in connection with a Christian Order, and it was rather strange that it had not made even wider progress throughout Great Britain. In the United States of America and in Canada it had been taken up with greater enthusiasm. In the States there were not less than 80,000 swords, the designation of members, and there they were trained, and even drilled, after the manner of soldiers, and formed a disciplined and very important body of considerable influence in promoting the objects of the Order. In Canada they were also very well organised, and were very creditable to Masonry. With the progress of Masonic information in England he believed they might look forward also to a much wider extension of their numbers. Frater Chapman thanked the Prior for selecting Torquay to hold his meeting at. That town had very interesting Knight Templar reminiscences. Near where they were then met many valiant Knights embarked to proceed to the Holy Land.

BANQUET AT CAMBRIDGE.

THE brethren of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, and Three Grand Principles, No. 441, meeting at Cambridge, held a united banquet on Monday, the 9th inst., in commemoration of the 50th birthday of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the gathering was a great success, between eighty and ninety attending. The W.M. of each Lodge (Bro. F. Piggott and Bro. W. C. Dewberry respectively) had the conduct of the proceedings. The Provincial Grand Master Designate of Cambridgeshire (Bro. Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Caldwell) proposed the health of the Grand Master, and a telegram was sent to Sandringham, offering congratulations to His Royal Highness upon his fiftieth birthday, which was duly acknowledged. Bro. F. C. Wace, the outgoing Mayor of Cambridge, proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, and other speeches followed.

The vicar and churchwardens of Crowle propose to erect a small church at Ealand, a hamlet with a population of 300, and which is about a mile and a half from Crowle church.

Bro. James Smith, Dumfries, who is engaged in a history of the ancient Lodge of Dumfries, has been favouring Bro. W. J. Hughan with a view of some ancient MSS., one of which is thus described. The roll is composed of seven strips of vellum joined together, running to the extraordinary length of 14 feet 8 inches, the width varying from slightly over 5 inches to 6 inches, and is the property of the Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53, which, though not chartered prior to the year 1750, was at work long before, the preserved records dating from 1687. The text of the scroll, says Bro. Hughan, is similar to the "Bedford MS." The "obligation," the "finale," some of the "charges," and marginal notes are peculiar.

—Glasgow Evening News.

TRY YOURSELF BY THIS.

A Sermon Preached before the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars in Mississippi, at its Annual Conclave in Okolona, 10th February 1891, by Rev. Sir William Cross, Grand Prelate.

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah vi. 8.

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AND if—may God avert the omen—but if the Church in America should grow gradually false to its essential principle, which is that it is a Reformed Church, one thing then I see with the absolute certainty of prophecy, that there will be from her a vast secession: "Every knee that hath not bowed at Baal, and every mouth that hath not kissed him." If—and I say again, may God avert the omen!—but if the Church should indeed be dwindled and degenerated into a feeble imitation of the Church of Rome, with a pale reflection of her doctrines and a poor copy of her practices, then—sooner or later—if truth be truth, she will collapse into irremediable ruin, and upon those ruins shall be built once more a truer and purer fold.

But meanwhile the lesson for us is clear, and it is this: our religious opinions may be false; our party shibboleths may be but the blurred echoes of our ignorance and incompetence; our private interpretations of Scripture may be no better than grotesque nonsense in their presumptuous falsity, and all this may not greatly matter, if by some Divine deliverance from our opinionated follies we still do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

But if, on the other hand, any one of you present, while he prides himself on his orthodoxy or his churchmanship, is mean in his conduct, false in his judgment, dishonest in trade, a slanderer in society, impure in life, if he be a liar—and many a man who calls himself religious, and tries to stand on good terms with the world, is a liar down to the very core—if in his heart, in spite of his profession, he be a false witness, or a covetous man who is an idolator, he may present himself at the wedding feast, but he has not on a wedding garment. But if, on the other hand, you be indeed pure and kind and true; if you admire that which is admirable, and follow that which is noble; if in humility and love you are a follower of Christ's example, you may die hated by all the world and the nominal church, yet your Saviour, in whose footsteps you have humbly tried to walk, shall decide your destinies for ever when he shall whisper to your weary spirit, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And if, in one word, you would have the moral of this sermon, it is this: "Oh ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil."

Do not talk about your views, or your party, or your observances, do not deceive yourselves with your religion, which may be but vain, but search yourselves as to your real character. What you think, how you worship, to which sect or party you belong—all of you in a moment can tell me that; but God is not the leader of a sect, or the champion of a party. God trieth the reins, He searcheth the heart, He will not ask you what you were called, but what you were.

Try yourself—judge yourself. You may be zealous for parties or views, but are your hearts set upon righteousness, O ye congregations? If that, through Christ's mercy, shall avail you, it will avail you by the merits of His infinite sacrifice—that, and nothing else.

And now, Sir Knights, I trust I may be pardoned if I spend a few moments in the consideration of the relationship between Masonry and Christianity.

The three dispensations of time—the Patriarchal, the Jewish, and the Christian—slowly, gradually, exposed to man the knowledge he has ever craved, the knowledge of that sublime secret, viz., the mode in which the grave is to be conquered. The Bible, as it came down from heaven, one book after another—first, Genesis, then the Law and the Prophets, then the new Testament—gradually and at last fully revealed it to him; Jesus revealed it to him; the Church reveals it to him. And Masonry, in the magnificent march of its symbolism, falls into harmony with the world, history, time and Church, in revealing the

some sublime truth. Here are no counterfeits, no parodies, no caricatures, but sublimity itself.

And as Masonry thus teaches the great truth of Shiloh, and our redemption from sin, and resurrection by and with him; as it teaches us that He, the Representative of mankind (into whom we may enter, one with whom we may each become) in being raised by the Father, raises also those who are thus epitomized in Him, and whom, by the strong grip of Judah's Lion, viz., the incarnation, He has grasped to Himself; as, in fine, it teaches us that the Father can raise us in and with Him, *only* by that strong grip of Judah's Lion, so, consistently with this heart-truth of the third degree—a truth in which its solemn rites culminate as last, and around which all else of its ritual revolves subordinate—as, I say, its work is to teach this secret of time, how mankind can overcome sin and death, and rise, so Masonry provides, with great consistency, that none shall be buried by its rites who have not advanced to that solemn degree, wherein the mode may be learned.

Well, indeed, might a friend and Master of a Lodge have come to me and said: "Sir, I cannot be a true Mason, and know and believe what it teaches, without going on and becoming a Christian also. I come to be baptized. I must have not a temporary, but an eternal union and identity with Jesus. Masonry shows me but a temporary union: Masonry but points me the way."

Nor are these the only mysteries taught by Masonry. These are the mysteries of earth and time. But in the three mystic peers—Him of Jerusalem, him of Tyre, and the mighty faithful One that every Mason loves, that suffered, died, and was raised again; in the mystic peers, holding in their triune breast secret divine knowledge which their fellow craft of the human race cannot know, there is taught us in Masonry, also, the great mystery of heaven and eternity—the everlasting Trinity of the Jehovah.

Turn where we will in Masonry, the Trinity is about us. It beams down on us from the lights; it gazes up at us from the altar; it guides us from the thrones; it is the pearl in the memory of the Master Mason; we rise at its sound; we bend beneath its living arch; we join in it for agreement; we go to it, mutually, to speak and hear of God.

CARICATURES.

Masonry is truth taught by symbols; and were ever truths more grandly symbolized? The higher you go in Masonry the more of Shiloh and Trinity do you behold, until, as you step from Lodge to Chapter you step, as it were, from time to eternity. You behold there the finished work—the destined completion of the spiritual architecture of each good man—the finished work of humanity standing as a temple in heaven. You behold the mystery that, not in the Lodge of Time, but in the Chapter of Eternity, shall the human structure "come unto a perfect man, unto the stature of the fullness of Christ." You behold the lesson that after Sin's untimely sundering of the Divine Architect from this not yet completed work, and after the ruins into which the human temple has fallen, if a perfect structure is to exist at all, there must be a rebuilding—a recreation; nor can this be without Christ for a key-stone.

Masonry is full of Shiloh and of God. As the Lodge has its three degrees, so has Masonry, as a whole, its three graduated compartments, viz., Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, in which, as you pass through them Shiloh the Redeemer, Shiloh the Resurrection, Shiloh the Truth and the light is drawn out fuller and fuller, until in the Commandery Jesus Christ is visibly seen.

I am directed by my Lodge to take for my guide the Holy Scriptures, and I find scarce anything but the great mysteries, of which he is the centre, running through both the Old and the New Testaments.

I am pointed to the symbolic parallel lines of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, and the point between. Who were they? The one the forerunner, the other the follower and dearest friend of the Redeemer, the exemplifier of His teaching. The lesson of the life of the one being that of hope for, and of the other that of love for the same great Being. The one looked forward to, the other back upon, Christ. If you take the perfect point, that representative man, that Shiloh, whom we are to emulate, out from between the forerunner and the follower, which gives them their sole relevancy each to the other in the symbolic figure, what do they become but utterly meaningless?

Below I heard of a plumb line. Who is the perfect man, "set in the midst of God's people Israel?" Who is that alone erect and true One among the human race, that test by which all uprightness is to be tried, for the sake of whom "God will not pass by His Israel any more?" Who is that white, that alone pure stone, save Him of whom it was said that in Him was no spot or blemish? who is He that was tried by the square of the builders, found wanting, cast out beyond the wall of Jerusalem, found by other builders, taken up by them and made the head-stone of their corner, save Him alone of whom it was said, in God's prophecy, "What is this, then, that is written? The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner."

Who is that Present Master that, having served below, has alone ascended the East to rule above? Who is that Most Excellent Master, up to whose perfect pattern we are all to grow? Who is he that alone has finished his work on earth, that alone has received his full recompense, that alone has rested on the seventh day, after His finished work? Who is He that filled the latter house with a glory greater than that of the former? Who is He that was lost on earth who suffered the toils and pains incident to human life, who went a pilgrimage, who ascended, and is found in heaven above? And so I find that Masonry is no play-thing. In the gorgeous depths of its symbolism lies wondrous truths of Time and God and Eternity—truths of priceless value to man.

Without going into theology or sectarianism, or denominationalism, it thus teaches the great fundamental truths of the Bible, which is its treasure, which is its charter, which is its great light, irradiating its courts, the fundamental truths of Religion, of God, and Shiloh, and the future life in that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So, too, in the spirit of the great Charter that rests upon its every altar, it enforces upon its children the practical duties set down in that Charter. Thus does it take its place side by side with the great teacher Time in its developments, and the great teacher the Bible in its developments, and the great teacher the church in its developments. All these sublime companions, in their silent work under God, combining to one and the same end.

Why, brothers, "Worshipful Master?" What is such a phrase but a piece of blasphemy unless he who sits in the Eastern throne with the initial above him is symbolic of the Great Father, Ruler, Architect.

Your Lodge is the world; its ruler is God. How, too, can a man be justly called a Master of truth unless he is endowed with the greatest of mysteries? Without these he is but Entered Apprentice or mere Fellow Craft.

What! a religious institution and pretend to give one light, and then cheat him after all out of the only light—the light for which the world craved for four thousand years, and by the attainment of which alone it was satisfied—in comparison with which all other information is darkness! The information which alone entitles, and which does indeed entitle the Master's grade to be called "The sublime degree of a Master Mason," treating as it does of the mysteries of Time, God and Eternity. Such, then, is a brief account of the relationship between Masonry and Christianity.

A single word—for my time is spent—on the difference between the two. You may enact rules—rigid rules, and force a man to obey them. But no regulations closing about a man from the outside, will or can make a different creature of him. A man may abstain from doing wrong: he may even perform many right acts, and yet in the heart may be by no means fair in God's eyes. To change the man you must go within and change his heart. Masonry does not pretend to include within itself the means of grace, which alone avail to work this change, nor the means of connection with Shiloh that rose from the dead. Nowhere in her ritual do you hear the words Holy Ghost. She simply gives man information; information touching the mysteries, information touching a man's moral duties. Masonry works intellectually, by means of its symbols; the church spiritually, by means of its sacraments. Masonry works from without, the church starts from within. The one brings words, the other the Spirit. The one brings mere sayings, the other sacraments. The one gives not the needed union with Shiloh, the other gives that union. Masonry, therefore, does not interfere with the great work of the church. That great work is still necessary to be done though a man is a Mason;

indeed, if a man be a true Mason, he should go on and allow that great work to be done in him. Masonry has to do with the mind and the conduct. The church with the heart, which is the only transformer of the whole man into a new being. Masonry, therefore, never can, nor does she anywhere pretend to take the place of the church. Would you leave her strong, rear for her no false claims.

Masonry; she is the church's handmaid! The brunette twin sister of the blonde bride of Christ. And they go forth through the world, not as enemies, but hand in hand, with the same Bible between them, the same Shiloh within them, and the same God above them, on their common mission of good-will to man.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey President, James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice President, occupying their respective chairs. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, Bros. W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. There were also present a large body of representative Craftsmen. The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda paper of Grand Lodge for 2nd December was submitted. Bro. Brett, before the Board of Masters was closed, said he might now mention what perhaps some of the brethren were not aware of, that it was twenty-one years ago that night since the Board of Benevolence first met under the new law, when the President and Senior and Junior Vice Presidents were appointed. Twenty-one years ago next December Bro. John Clabon sat at the Board as President. Since that time they had had two other Presidents, and he thought those of the brethren who had attended the Board and were acquainted with its working would say they were better served now than they were then. Under the old law five old Grand Officers were summoned to take the chairs, and many of them knew nothing about the wants of the applicants, or about the laws of the Fund of Benevolence or of Masonry. But since then they had had brethren of experience appointed, and the business had been carried on to the satisfaction of the Craft. It was of the present President he rose to speak, Bro. Robert Grey, and although it was not necessary for him to make a speech, because Bro. Grey was so well known and so highly appreciated by the Craft, he rose with great pleasure to propose that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. Robert Grey,—that the same appear on the minutes of the Board of Masters, and be reported to Grand Lodge,—for his courteous, firm, and impartial conduct of the business of this Board. Not only this year, but every year since he had been Vice President of this Board had he acted in the same gentlemanly manner, and he (Bro. Brett) was quite sure he was expressing the feelings not only of himself, but of the whole Board when he said it was their earnest wish and desire that he might be spared many years in happiness and health to preside over that Board as he had done hitherto. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune seconded the motion; he would add no remarks, feeling assured that Bro. Brett had fully expressed the feelings of the brethren. The motion was put by the Grand Secretary, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Robert Grey, in acknowledging the vote, said, Brothers Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents and Brethren: Allow me to return you my sincere thanks for what would be an annual matter of form, but from your cordial and general acclamation I feel to be genuinely sincere. My duty here is one in which I take great pleasure, and that pleasure is greatly enhanced by the kindly feeling, the assistance, and the judgment with which those brethren who are in constant attendance, assist in distributing the gifts and benefits of this Board. We are trustees for the money of Grand Lodge—trustees of money to be given in benevolence, and it is our duty to dispense that money as if it were our own, and we do it, I thoroughly believe, to the best of our ability, and to the satisfaction of the Craft in general. Brethren, once more I thank you. You have alluded to the way we manage the business. The great way to manage the business is to get through the work as quickly as we can. Therefore I now close this Board of Masters, with my thanks. The Board of Benevolence was then opened, and Bro. Robert Grey announced

that the fund had £500 to go on with. Recommendations to the Grand Master at the October meeting to the amount of £310 were confirmed. There were 32 new cases, which were qualified through Lodges in the London district, and at Maidenhead, Dover, Bideford, Berkeley, Brighton, Littleborough, Barbadoes, Hatfield, St. John's (N.B.), Carlisle, Woodbridge, Hull, Bombay, Sunderland, Harwich, and Llanely. Three of these cases were deferred for further information. The remaining 29 were relieved, with a total of £710. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; three to the Grand Master of £40 each, and seven of £30 each; and seven grants of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and one of £5.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

BRO. S. J. PAGE, the W.M. elect, was, on the 12th inst., installed at the Hall, Home Park, Stoke. Bro. Page being widely known and much respected in the Order, there was an unusually large attendance of the brethren, including forty Past Masters. The Officers invested were Bros. Vanstone I.P.M., Olver S.W., Dillon J.W., Panter Treasurer, Stanbury Secretary, Penrose S.D., Edgcombe J.D., Miller I.G., Bird A.D.O., Friend O., Henderson A.O., Fry I.G., Prideaux, Honey, Booth, and Weir Stewards, Rashbrook Tyler. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was re-elected the representative at the Committee of Petitions, and Charity Steward. The annual banquet, was appointed to be held on 26th November, at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., the installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading. The Installing Officer was Bro. Greenaway, the outgoing W.M., to whom, in the course of the afternoon, a P.M.'s jewel was presented. The newly-elected W.M. was Bro. Thomas Perkins Stewart, who has most ably filled many offices in the Lodge. After the installation the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Greenway I.P.M., Sherwin S.W., Biggs J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Read Secretary, Hodder S.D., Ridley J.D., Hickie P.M. D.C., Biddles Organist, Long I.G., Brown jun., Lewis and Kidgell Stewards, Hemmings Tyler, Dowsett P.M. Almoner. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Great Western Hotel, where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. Flanagan. The W.M. presided, and about fifty brethren were present, amongst them the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. T. Morland), and the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. J. W. Martin). The Deputy Provincial Grand Master mentioned, in the course of an interesting speech, that he had visited all the Lodges in the Province except one, and he said that the Grey Friars Lodge was the largest in the Province. There was some good singing by the Apollo Quartette, under the direction of Bro. W. B. Biddles Organist. The proceedings at the banquet passed off most satisfactorily.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on Friday last, the 12th inst., and was numerously attended by members and Visitors, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain and Deputy Grand Master of Suffolk. Amongst the large assembly were Bros. Mitchell Reid W.M., William Barley S.W. and W.M.-elect, Joseph Hills P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer acting J.W., W. Ticehurst Corfield Prov. G. Chaplain, Fred Wheeler P.P.G. Reg. Secretary, Robert Sizer Joy acting S.D., Joseph George J.D., B. H. Hurst Prov. Grand Organist, H. Sholl Tyler; Past Masters H. C. Pratt P.P.G.S.W., W. Inglis Mason, J.P., P.P.G.S.W., Thos. B. Ardles P.P.G.J.D., G. W. Grimwood (Major of Sudbury) P.P.G. S. of Works, and Danl. Alston P.P.G. Steward; Members—C. J. N. Rowe, A. W. Salzman, W. J. Barton, C. E. Maldon, W. J. Normandale, W. L. Lewis, Chas. Sewell, W. H. Kenney, Napoleon Aprile, J. S. Carlton, W. Brown, and others; Visitors—Bros. G. N. Copus P.M. 2154, E. H. Inman P.P.G. Reg. Essex, Thos. Stokoe P.M. 2183 P.P.G. Purs., Rev. T. S. Raffles W.M. 2239 P.P.G. Chap. Essex, E. Hennomeyer P.M. 51 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, J. Bardwell S.D. 1823, Arthur Taylor I.P.M. 332, Andrew Bea W.M. 1823, Rev. B. B. Syer P.P.G. Chap., F. C. Johnson 46, C. S. Goodchild P.M. 1823, James Terry P.P.G.S.B. Secretary R.M.B.I., W. J. Ward P.M. 1823, A. J. Ward P.P.G. Reg. Essex, J. Motam P.M. 51, and other brethren. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master was received and saluted, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, he at once proceeded to instal Bro. William Bailey into the chair of K.S., in his customary able and impressive manner. The Officers invested were Bros. Joseph George S.W., G. Hawkins J.W., Rev. W. T. Corfield Chaplain, J. F. Hills P.M. P.P.G. J.W. Treasurer, F. Wheeler P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Essex Secretary, R. S. Joy S.D., George Grant J.D., W. G. Normandale I.G., H. W. Kenney D.C., B. H. Hurst Prov. G.O. Organist, C. Sewell Steward, and H. Sholl Tyler. The ceremony having been completed, arrangements were made for the representation of the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The decease

of Bro. John Martin, one of the founders and first Secretary of the Lodge, and which sad event had taken place on the previous day, was announced amidst expressions of great regret. The Deputy Grand Master proposed a vote of condolence with the sorrowing relatives, and it was decided that the Lodge should be fully represented when paying the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. Other routine business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards re-united in the handsome assembly room of the Rose and Crown Hotel, where, under the direction of the host, Bro. Joseph George, Senior Warden of the Lodge, a very recherché banquet was provided, which gave general satisfaction. After the cloth had been cleared and grace sung, the customary Loyal and Masonic Toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. For the Grand Lodge Officers Bro. James Terry P.P.G.S.B., replied in a capital speech, very much to the purpose. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master replied in equally felicitous terms to the toast which embraced himself and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers of Suffolk, and again as Installing Master. The Worshipful Master's health was drunk with enthusiasm, and a brief résumé of the progress of this prosperous Lodge gave much pleasure to his hearers. For the Masonic Charities Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, made an effective response, congratulating the Lodge on the zeal evinced by members who had offered to undertake Stewardships on behalf of his particular Institution, and inducing an immediate collection of ten guineas to supplement the proposed Lodge donations and other liberal promises. For the visitors Bro. James Stevens expressed thanks for an unstinted hospitality, and the pleasure afforded by the excellent work in Lodge. Other brethren added their expressions of appreciation of both labour and refreshment; the Past Masters, the Officers, the musical brethren, and the Tyler's toast completed the agenda, and brought a most pleasant meeting to an agreeable termination. Beyond the compliments paid to the brethren who had the direction of the musical arrangements in their hands, Bros. A. Osmond and J. Motum, both Past Masters of No. 51, Colchester, it is but fair to state that with the assistance of the choir boys brought over by them for that purpose, a well selected and not too lengthy concert added greatly to the success of the Installation meeting, and the general enjoyment of those members of the Craft who had the privilege of attending.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE second meeting (this season) of this Lodge was held at the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., and amongst the brethren present were Bros. Groucock W.M., Sutton S.W. H. Finer P.M. as J.W.; Bros. Scarlett, Wilkinson, Hempton, W. Finer, Canter; and Past Masters Scott Secretary Osmond Treasurer, and Purvis; Randall, Scofield, Cutter, members of the Lodge; with the W.M. of the Walpole Lodge; and visitors from Norwich.

The principal business of the Lodge was the alteration of one of the Bye-laws, to increase the subscription of distant members from 10s to 20s. This was the proposition of the S.W. Bro. Sutton—seconded by P.M. Hempton; it was carried unanimously.

The Secretary, Bro. Scott, in his annual report, called attention to the number of members of the Lodge who were in arrears, and he was instructed by the W.M. to call the attention of the defaulting brethren to the fact.

There being no other business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren held their usual supper and banquet.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069 (LEEDS).

ON Saturday, 14th Nov., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Bro. Tom Atkinson was installed as the eighth Worshipful Master of this prosperous and flourishing Lodge. The proceedings were opened at three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Fretwell, and amongst others present were Bros. Tom Atkinson S.W., R. Abbott J.W., and all the Officers; C. Leitch Mason P.P.G. Treasurer, Dr. Smyth P.G.C. and many others. The minutes having been adopted, the distinguished Visitors, of whom there was a large number, were received and saluted. These included the Acting Provincial Grand Master Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D., W. F. Smithson (Past Grand Deacon) Prov. G.S.W., T. Bateman Fox Past P.G. Sword Bearer, Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire; Jos. Binney P.M. Past Prov. Grand Registrar, Crossley P.P.G.S.W., Herbert G. Green P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary, Matthewman P.M. Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary, J. Cooper Malcolm W.M. 306 P.P.G. Registrar, the W.M.'s and representatives of the seven sister Lodges, as well as a large contingent of brethren from Bradford, Castleford, and neighbouring towns, there being upwards of sixty in the Lodge. Bro. Trevor P.M. D.C. presented the W.M. elect for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was duly and impressively performed, to the admiration of all present, by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Smyth, C. L. Mason, Middleton, Trevor, and Dinery. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his Officers, this portion of the work being done in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums from all present. Bro. Atkinson had evidently spared no pains to perfect himself in this important duty, and his performance gives good augury of his future management of the Lodge. The various offices were filled as follows:—Bros. S. Abbott S.W., A. Butterworth J.W., Rev. W. Wilkinson Chaplain, C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Tr. Treasurer, B. S. Bailey Sec., E. Ellis S.D., H. Begbie Abbott J.D., Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.M. P.G. Chaplain of England D.C., J. Thornton Jones I.G., James Buckley Organist, R. Alfred Smithson Assistant Secretary, J. C. Kirk and R. Jones Stewards. The various Officers were loudly cheered on their investment, and to each one the W.M. addressed suitable words of advice and encouragement. Bro. Tudor Trevor was unanimously re-appointed as the representative of the Lodge on the West Yorks Charity Committee, his assi-

duity, urbanity, and efficiency being loudly extolled. Other Lodge business having been despatched, the W.M., in the name of the brethren, presented to the I.P.M. a beautiful and valuable gold Past Master's jewel of the Lodge pattern. It bore the following inscription:—

“Presented to Bro. John James Fretwell, the seventh W.M., by the Brethren of Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, as a token of esteem and respect.”

He assured Bro. Fretwell that he possessed in no ordinary degree the affection and esteem of his brethren in that Lodge. They had followed his course through the various offices with admiration, and they asked him to wear that jewel as a souvenir of sincere attachment and goodwill. Bro. Fretwell, in accepting the present, said that he should wear it as a twofold token. In the first place, it had been given to him as the first initiate W.M. of the Lodge, and it would mark a very interesting epoch in the history of the Lodge and in his own life. He also accepted it as a proof that in his endeavour to rule the Lodge in equity he held the scales of justice with an equal poise, he had been successful. Whatever measure of success the Lodge had attained to under his rule he owed it first to the readiness of the Past Masters to give him assistance whenever needed; secondly, to the zeal and assiduity of his Officers, and the loyalty with which they had supported him; and thirdly, to the cordial support he had received from the whole Lodge. He should wear that jewel upon all proper and suitable occasions, and it would always recal a very happy period in his life. He had striven to serve the Lodge to the best of his ability, and he was not ashamed of the record of his year's work. Whatever he could do to further the interests of the Lodge would not only be a sacred duty, but a real labour of love. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was presided over by the W.M., who, in felicitous terms, gave the Loyal toasts. In response to the health of Provincial Grand Lodge, Acting Provincial Grand Master Bro. Henry Smith said:—I desire most heartily to return our thanks for the very complimentary way in which you always receive us. Your Provincial Grand Master is worthily at the head of the Masons of this great Province. He is one who has always striven to make himself popular, not for popularity's sake, but for the benefit of the beloved Craft in his Province. Even now, in his time of sickness, he takes a most deep interest in you all, and he is constantly referring to us for particulars on every subject. I will also say that the assistance which has been rendered to me, and the deep respect paid to me at this trying time is something almost overwhelming. We, as Provincial Grand Officers, have always striven to do our best; we have done that, and no men could do more. I trust that our Provincial Grand Master—the best Provincial Grand Master in England—will be restored to such a state of convalescence that he may once more be able to rule us in that enlightened and genial manner which has made him and the Province he loves so dearly known and respected throughout the Craft. I wish to say a word or two about your retiring W.M., and the very handsome jewel you have presented to him. I sympathise very much with your presentation, and I sympathise very much too with the remarks he made. They were well-timed, hearty, and sincere. He will wear that jewel as a memento of your appreciation of his services as W.M.; it will serve to remind him of many happy associations in this good Lodge Prudence, No. 2069. Brethren, in conclusion, you may depend upon the best services of your Provincial Grand Lodge whenever you need them. I trust we may all be spared to rejoice over the completion of the Thomas William Tew Presentation. I do not know any mark of confidence and love which could cheer him more, or be so highly valued by him at this time of sickness and trial.

W. Bro. Trevor P.M., Charity Steward of the Lodge, in submitting the toast of “Our Masonic Charities,” said that his earnest prayer was that in the coming year all the brethren would do their best to support the great Central Charities, not forgetting the local ones too. These Charities were founded upon the great example of our Master. Although we had lost the services of Bro. W. F. Smithson, as Chairman of the Charity Committee of that great Province, he was glad to see that Brother present on that occasion. What his services had been few of us could gauge; his labours had been stupendous; in fact, absolutely unique. His able successor, Ald. T. Bateman Fox, was, he was glad to say, present on that occasion, and he knew from personal experience what an excellent chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee he was.

W. Bro. Bateman Fox, who had a most cordial reception, in responding to the toast, said that he had never attended an installation meeting which had greater features of satisfaction than that one. He took it that a most harmonious feeling pervaded Lodge Prudence, and that the brethren were animated by one common feeling, namely, the desire to promote Freemasonry in general, and in that Lodge in particular. At the last election to the Girls' School they were successful in placing two girls on that charity—one by presentation, and the other by election. That institution continued to hold the premier position for sound management and the good and practical education it afforded to the inmates. He did not wish to be understood as questioning the management of the Boys' School, which to-day was on the best possible footing, thanks in a great measure to Bro. Smithson and others who had taken a deep interest in the question. The staff was working admirably, the management was excellent, and the whole tone of the boys was wonderfully improved. Any subscriber who paid the Institution a visit must come away with the feeling that marvellous improvement had taken place, and that the Institution was worthy of the Craft. As to the Benevolent Institution, they in West Yorkshire were busy at this moment seeking to raise funds to purchase a presentation for men. He knew that there was a feeling shared in by some that it was a mistake to give these large sums to a central charity; that it would be wiser to raise a local fund. To some extent he sympathised with this feeling, and when the proper time arrived he should be prepared to go with them. The time for this change, however, was not ripe. At this moment West Yorkshire was exceedingly weak in votes for the men. The

Province possessed two presentations for boys, two for girls, two for widows, but had not a presentation for men. He reminded his hearers that a presentation possessed far greater value than was apparent on the face of it. Under these circumstances he earnestly pleaded for assistance in raising a presentation for men, to be called “The Thomas William Tew Presentation.” Nothing would cheer Bro. Tew more in his hour of trial, and it would be an additional proof of their love to their revered chief if it were raised quickly. He acknowledged with gratitude the assistance rendered to the Charity Committee by Lodge Prudence. That Lodge had done remarkably well in the past, and he was sure that in the future good service would be ungrudgingly rendered. He was sure that in this world we should never regret any help we had given to the fatherless, widows, and afflicted. The Presentation Fund already amounted to £500.

Wor. Bro. J. J. Fretwell then submitted the toast of the evening, “The Health of our newly-installed W.M.,” which was received with great enthusiasm. He said that since Bro. Tom Atkinson's entrance into the Lodge he had been marked out for preferment. The admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of every office he had held—from Junior Steward upwards—proved that he was a Mason of no ordinary calibre. His courteous bearing, his unassuming conduct, his painstaking work, had won for him a place in the affections of his brethren second to none in the Lodge. It was because they loved him with so deep affection that they had that afternoon conferred upon him the crowning honour it was in their power to give, and had made him W.M. of his mother Lodge. There were many present who had been in the habit of attending installations for years, but he questioned if one of them had ever seen a newly-installed W.M. bear himself so admirably and discharge his duties with such tact and efficiency as had been exhibited by Bro. Tom Atkinson. This gave good augury for a successful future. They were properly jealous of the good name and fame of their Lodge, and they felt perfectly certain that in Bro. Atkinson's hands the reins of office would be worthily held, and that the dear old Lodge would be guided into the attainment of still greater success in the future. They prayed that every blessing might attend the W.M. in his Lodge, in his home, and in his business; what they could do to make his year happy and successful they were all determined to do, and when he left the chair he would occupy as warm a place in the affections of his brethren as he did that evening.

The W.M.'s toast was received with great fervour.

W. Bro. Tom Atkinson, on rising to respond, was received with loud and long continued cheering. In earnest but modest language he told them that they were taking him on trust, but they knew how near to his heart the success of their Lodge lay, and that no efforts would be lacking on his part, with their assistance, to attain that success. His responsibility was great, but he did not fear for the future. He had the brilliant example of his predecessors to guide and to help him, and if he carried on the Lodge as they had done he doubted not what the respect of his brethren would be.

The W.M. in felicitous terms proposed the health of the Officers, and asserted that, assisted by such a zealous and efficient band, his duties must be comparatively easy. The officers made due acknowledgment. The health of the Sister Lodges was heartily given, and W. Bro. Booth (304), Malcolm (306), Wales Smith (289), Clayton (1311), and others, bore testimony to the fraternal feeling existing in the Lodges. Other toasts were also honoured. W. Bro. R. uss (Dewsbury), Bro. Lawson, and many others, added to the harmony of the meeting, and the proceedings throughout were by common consent voted to be as successful as on any previous occasion.

Rear Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, who has just been installed Master of the Royal Naval College Lodge at Greenwich, has had a long and most successful career in H.M.'s Navy, as the following items indicate: He served in the *Impérieuse* at the capture of the Taku forts, 1861, and at Peking, gaining the China medal (Taku clasp), captured a piratical junk after a desperate resistance of three hours and a-half, 3rd April 1861, promoted for this service; Acting Commander of Rosario whilst investigating cases of murder and kidnapping among the New Hebrides and Santa Cruz islands, severely punished the natives of Nubessa for an attack made on his boats; Commander, served in the Arctic Expedition 1875-76, promoted (Arctic medal); presented by the Royal Geographical Society with a gold watch (May 1877) for his services when in command of the northern division of sledges, Arctic Expedition of 1875-76, and for having planted the Union Jack in the highest latitude ever reached, viz., 88 degrees 20 minutes 26 seconds; Commodore, second class; commanded the training squadron, October 1886 to November 1889. The Rear-Admiral is an F.R.G.S., and was appointed A.D.C. to the Queen, 14th May 1888.

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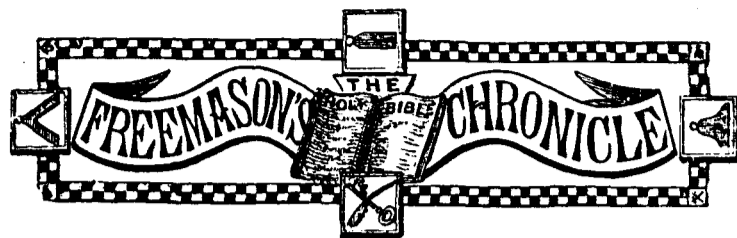
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SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER 1891.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Guildhall (by permission of the Mayor and Corporation) on Friday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Montagu Guest. There was a large gathering of brethren, including W.D. Prov. G.M. Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., Rev. W. Mortimer Heath P.G. Chaplain England, G. Burt P.G.A.D.C. England, and the following among other distinguished Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. G. J. G. Gregory, L. H. Ruegg, W. D. Dugdale, C. H. W. Parkinson, P. E. L. Budge, R. D. Thornton P.G. Treasurer, R. Case P.G. Secretary, &c. The handsome Guildhall was admirably fitted up, and when the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed presented a brilliant appearance. A lecture having been delivered by the Chaplain Bro. the Rev. Reeve Smith, P.G. Secretary read various communications, including a letter acknowledging on behalf of Lady Carnarvon the vote of condolence passed on the death of the late Pro Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master then delivered an address on the state and progress of the Craft and the general business of the Province, and announced that he had decided to accept the invitation of the Dorchester Lodge to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge in that town. The usual reports, all of which were of a satisfactory nature, were presented. It was mentioned that the three candidates for the Masonic Institutions, recommended by the Charity Organisation Committee, had been carried. Various propositions connected with the Charities were fully discussed. Brother Zillwood Milledge, of the Weymouth Lodge, received at the hands of the Prov. Grand Master, the Charity jewel, he having duly served as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons. The following Officers were then invested:

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| W. D. Dugdale | Senior Warden | |
| Zillwood Milledge | Junior Warden | |
| Rev. Henry Dankin | Chaplain | |
| R. D. Thornton | Treasurer | |
| C. G. Nantes | Registrar | |
| Robert Case | Secretary | |
| D. Hitching | Senior Deacon | |
| W. Daniel | Junior Deacon | |
| C. J. Freeman | Supt. of Works | |
| A. J. Drewe | Dir. of Cers. | |
| W. Morgan | Assist. Dir. of Cers. | |
| Richard Smith | Sword Bearer | |
| G. Davis | Organist | |
| G. Oldfield | Pursuivant | |
| W. J. Tarrant | } Stewards | |
| C. Carter | | |
| E. W. Young | | |
| Russel Patey | | |
| W. B. Alexander | | |
| J. J. Lawrence | | |
| F. Long | | Tyler |

The usual thanks were passed, including a hearty vote to the Mayor and Corporation for allowing the use of the Guildhall for the occasion. Bro. P. E. L. Budge (Mayor) replied, and expressed his gratification that one of his last official acts was to allow the use of the municipal buildings for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset. A large number of the brethren afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet at the Drill Hall. The Prov. G.M. presided during a portion of the proceedings and subsequently his place was filled by Bro. Major Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held at Wigton, on Friday, the 6th inst., under the banner of St. John's Lodge, No. 327. Bro. L. F. B.

Dykes D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England, presided; Brothers Colonel F. R. Sewell P.P.G.S.W. as D.P.G.M., W. F. Lemonby P.M. 1002 P.G.S.W. Victoria, Geo. J. M'Kay P.G. Secretary Grand Standard Bearer of England, and the other Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, and many members of private Lodges. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and the following members of the Province were invested as Grand Officers for the year, viz. :—

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| T. A. Argles | Senior Warden |
| H. Bewes | Junior Warden |
| Rev. J. Ewbank | Chaplain |
| Rev. W. Cree | Assistant Chaplain |
| R. J. Nelson | Treasurer |
| J. Nelson | Registrar |
| G. J. M'Kay | Secretary |
| Geo. Starkey | Senior Deacon |
| Dr. White | Junior Deacon |
| T. J. Richardson | Supt. of Works |
| R. J. Burgess | Dir. of Cers. |
| Jos. Kerly | Assist. Dir. of Cers. |
| W. Armstrong | } Standard Bearers |
| J. S. Moffatt | |
| Edwin Loach | |
| E. Kassall | |
| G. Dalrymple | |
| J. Dickinson | |
| J. Wilkinson | |
| J. Wakefield | |
| S. Broadbent | |
| A. C. Hardy | |
| J. Wharton | } Organist |
| G. Brooker | |
| William Heathcote | |
| T. Atkinson | |
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| | } Pursuivant |
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Bro. R. J. Nelson was again elected P.G. Treasurer; and Bro. John Mills Treasurer for the education scheme, and a committee of twenty appointed for the same, with seven to be added by Lodges invested with power to do so. The Hon. Secretary of the same local scheme intimated that the sum of nearly £175 had been promised for its support from Lodges, Chapters, and members of the Province. With Provincial Secretary's report and other general business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren were marched to the parish church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. J. S. Ostle P.G. Chaplain, and a collection made on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The brethren subsequently dined in the Market Hall, and the usual toast list was gone through.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at Exeter. M. Ex-Comp. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G. Superintendent presided, supported by his Officers, Ex-Comps. W. G. Rogers P.G.H., Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G. 3rd P. J. pro tem, Major G. C. Davie P.G.S.E., J. Oliver 1138 P.P.G.P.S. P.G.S.N. pro tem, F. C. Frost F.S.I. 303 P.G. Treasurer, Jno. Lane, F.C.A., 328 P.G. Registrar, B. J. Fisher 444 P.G.P.S., H. Stocker 112 P.G. 1st A.S., D. Banks 156 P.G. 2nd A.S., J. Stocker P.G. 1st A.S. P.G.S.B. pro tem, A. Bodley P.P.G.S.N. P.G.D.C. pro tem, A. Andrews 1125 P.G.O., Comp. H. Shooter 112 P.G. Janitor, and a large body of R.A. Masons of the Province.

The P.G.S.E. reported that all the returns had been made and dues paid from the Chapters of the Province. In several Chapters, however, there had been delays, resulting in much inconvenience. The P.G. Superintendent supported the complaint of the S.E. The Companions would, he was sure, as business men, see the inconvenience which was occasioned by so many Chapters making their returns at irregular times. It left him quite in the dark as to the progress of the Chapters. He had already given them three months longer to send in their returns than was required by the regulations, and he really must request that for the future endeavours should be made to carry out this regulation at least.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer reported that there was a balance of £46 14s in hand. From that there were the usual five guineas each to the Devon Educational Fund and the Fortescue Fund to be deducted, which would leave

£36 available for the Chapter's votes. It was decided that £30 of that money should be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in aid of the widows of Freemasons. that vote also to be equally divided to appear on the lists of four Stewards who were about to take part in the approaching Jubilee of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, Ex.-Comps. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, for Plymouth; J. Taylor and W. H. Wills, for Torquay; and J. Simpson, for Exeter. There were three candidates proposed for the Treasurer for the ensuing year—Ex.-Comps. A. J. Truscott, J. Alger, and F. Sanders. The last two, however, retired in favour of Comp. Truscott, who was elected, and the other two candidates were elected the Auditors.

The M. Ex. the Prov. G. Superintendent then invested as his Officers:—

W. G. Rogers	H.
J. T. Bond	J.
Major G. C. Davie	S.E.
Dr. Gray	S.N.
A. J. Truscott	Treasurer
F. Watts	Registrar
A. W. White	P.S.
W. Packham	1st A.S.
A. H. Whidden	2nd A.S.
E. Bishop	Sword Bearer
J. Sampson	Standard Bearer
J. R. Lord	Dir. of Cers.
E. Tout	A.D.C.
J. Parkhouse	Org.
H. Shooter	Janitor

His Lordship explained that he had been convinced of the utility of making the offices of Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Director of Ceremonies permanent appointments both in the Craft and Arch. For the future he intended to do so. Those Officers would then be well acquainted with their duties, and also be personally acquainted with the majority of the brethren and Companions. Those would be admirable qualifications for the offices. Comps. Lord and Tout had consented to accept them, and he believed these would prove admirable appointments.

The Chapter passed a vote congratulating the Superintendent upon his restoration to health, and expressed their great pleasure at his return to his duties, and a hope that he might be for many years enabled to continue to carry them out.

The Superintendent thanked the Companions. He said it gave him great pleasure to be again among them. He was not the man he was three years since, but his health was much improved and he hoped would continue to improve, and enable him to fulfil his offices with satisfaction to himself and to them.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE Half-yearly Communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Saturday, the 31st ult., Brother Charles Letch Mason P.G.M. in the chair, supported by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Smyth P.G. Chap. D.P.G.M. and a large number of brethren from each Lodge in the Province.

The Lodge of Mark Masters having been opened by the W.M. and Officers of the Copley Lodge, No. 111, the Prov. Grand Master and his Officers entered the room; the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers duly saluted.

The Provincial Grand Master, in acknowledging the salutation, delivered an able address, in which he reviewed the work of the Provincial Grand Lodge during the year, formulating some excellent advice, valuable alike to the members of his Grand Lodge and to the Craft generally.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Doncaster on 8th April 1891, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the acknowledgment by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth D.P.G.M. to the sympathetic vote to him passed at the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The roll of Lodges was next called, and also that of the Provincial Grand Officers.

The Provincial Grand Registrar read a statement of the numerical position of each Lodge up to the 31st December 1891.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's balance-sheet to 30th September 1891 was received and adopted.

Bro. F. Cleaves Prov. Grand Treasurer proposed, and Bro. John Barker P.P.G.W. seconded, that Brother Henry Oxley P.G.I.G. be elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months.

This was carried unanimously, and Brother Oxley expressed his acknowledgments for the honour conferred upon him.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Rev. T. C. Smyth	D.P.G.M.
Frederick Cleaves	Senior Warden
Arthur Tupman	Junior Warden
Frederick Simpson	M.O.
John J. Green	S.O.
Charles J. Schott	J.O.
Rev. W. J. W. G. Jungbluth	Chaplain
William Langbridge	Registrar
Henry Oxley	Treasurer
Tudor Trevor	Secretary
Charles F. Seaward	Senior Deacon
Alfred Gill	Junior Deacon
William D. Shoebridge	Insp. of Works
William Flookton	Director of Ceremonies
J. Stenson Webb	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
John Robert Welsman	Sword Bearer
A. G. Kirkham	Standard Bearer
George Edwards	Organist
A. H. J. Fletcher	Inner Guard
George H. Parke	} Stewards
Richard Hodgson	
Benjamin Smith	
Herbert King	

A General Purposes Committee having been appointed, the Prov. Grand Master announced that he hoped to hold the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Huddersfield, under the Banner of the Truth Lodge, No. 132.

The Prov. Grand Master, in feeling terms, proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by the D.P.G.M., and unanimously carried by all the brethren upstanding, the Prov. Grand Secretary being instructed to communicate it at once to Brother H. G. E. Green Provincial Grand Secretary of Craft Masonry in the Province of West Yorkshire:

That the Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express their deep sympathy with the Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew in his prolonged illness, and humbly pray that it may please the Great Overseer of the Universe to speedily restore him to health, and spare him for many years to the Craft, of which he is so distinguished a member.

A most interesting address on "Traces of Freemasonry existing among the Druses" was delivered by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain England; and, on the motion of the Prov. Grand Master, seconded by the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the learned brother, which he acknowledged in felicitous terms. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The portrait in oils which the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Freemasons intend to present to Colonel D. Rees Lewis is now on view in the shop window of Messrs. Harris and Sons, at Morthyr. The picture has been painted by Bro. G. F. Harris, himself a member of the Lodge, who has produced an admirable likeness.

The death is announced, in a Reuter's telegram from Halifax, of the Hon. Samuel Chipman, at the age of one hundred and two years. The deceased had taken an active part in Nova Scotian politics for sixty years. He was raised to the Master's degree in 1813.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Terry's.—The parvenu has many a time and oft been the butt of the satirist, though generally the persons represented have been of one class—vulgar, uneducated and objectionable, with perhaps a soft spot in their hearts; but Mr. A. W. Pinero has given us another specimen, from whom it is not altogether possible to withhold our sympathy. Mr. Bompas, a successful draper, is a man of fair education and has made his fortune, with which he desires to enter "Society." He is, at the opening of the play, Percy Egerton-Bompas, Esq., M.P., and almost at the height of his ambition, when he is suddenly overwhelmed by an incident that threatens to demolish him. His son and heir, when he expects to cement the proud position by a wealthy and aristocratic alliance, marries the daughter of a lodging house keeper, and it is to keep this "disgrace" from the world that the action of the play springs. Beryl Bompas is engaged to Lord Lurgashall, but her father is afraid the match will be broken off if the truth be known, so his daughter-in-law and her mother are introduced as aristocratic connections, and all goes well till the bubble bursts. The discovery is made by the McShane, M.P., the political opponent of Bompas, who threatens to expose him unless he joins the Home Rule Party. The poor man's degradation is complete, and he sees the futility of his ambitious projects. The writing of the piece is altogether good, and as the book may be purchased in the theatre, it will well repay a private perusal. Mr. Edward Terry is seen at his best as Bompas, and whether we sneer at his pretensions, or rejoice at his downfall, we cannot but feel pity for the man. A new stage character, in the person of the Hon. Montague Trimble, an impetuous aristocrat, who introduces Bompas into Society for a consideration, is admirably sustained by Mr. Elliot. Miss Fanny Brough as Mrs. Bompas exhibits considerable skill, Mr. H. V. Esmond is amusing as the son, and Miss Annie Hill plays prettily as Beryl. The parts of Mrs. Hooley and her daughter are well represented by Misses Leighton and Barradel, while Mr. Fred Thorne as the McShane, and Mr. W. T. Lovell as Viscount Lurgashall make the most of their respective characters. The four acts are played in a single scene, representing the elegant drawing room in Mr. Bompas' house, which is a marvel of stage decoration.

Royalty.—Mr. Herbert-Basing is certainly a most enterprising manager, and, ever on the look out for attractive novelties, he has been the means of introducing to a London audience Messager's comic opera "Fauvette," which has proved popular in the provinces for some time past. This is not at all surprising, for the story is interestingly romantic, while the music light and pretty, many of the *morceaux* being most melodious. Pierre and Joseph being drawn for the conscription are sent to fight the Arabs, leaving their sweet-hearts Fauvette and Zélie behind them. Fauvette is taken in hand by St. Angenor, a broken down tenor, and becomes a famous singer, while in process of time Pierre is raised to the rank of lieutenant, and Joseph also distinguishes himself by a fortunate discovery that saves himself from destruction. Subsequently Fauvette falls into the hands of the Arab Chieftain, but is finally rescued by Pierre, after some exciting adventures, and Zélie is also restored to her lover. Mr. Harry Child does full justice to the tenor songs allotted to Pierre, but may be recommended to study the acting side of the character. Mr. Horace Lingard is an admirable Joseph, and becomes the life of the piece. Miss Florence Burus and Miss Belle Harcourt render the music of Fauvette and Zélie in a most artistic manner, and thoroughly merit the applause bestowed upon them. The Arab Ahmed is capably sustained by Mr. Westlake Parry, and Mr. W. H. Rawlings causes St. Angenor to be highly amusing. Messrs. Fuller, Allen and Burgoyne also deserve mention. The chorus is well trained, and give due effect to the several tuneful numbers, while the orchestra, under the able baton of Mr. McInnes, is well up to the mark. Although the engagement terminates this evening, we venture to think and hope that this pretty opera will shortly be reproduced upon some larger metropolitan stage. It is certainly well worth seeing and hearing.

Egyptian Hall.—Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke were not long before they took advantage of the Theosophy craze, and to show that it was possible to do as clever things as the Mahatmas are credited with, they produced a new illusion, entitled "Oh!" the joint invention of Mr. Nevil Maskelyne and Mr. Charles Morritt, with a few hints by Mr. J. N. Maskelyne. To say that this latest illusion or trick—for that is what Mr. Maskelyne himself describes it—is a clever one is inadequate; it is simply marvellous. That any human being could possibly be spirited away while strapped to a chair and held by members of the audience is scarcely credible; but that is what is being done twice daily at the "Hall of Mystery." We will try and explain the working of this illusion, but we have no pretension to say how it is brought about. A number of gentlemen from the audience are invited to go on the stage, and by a show of hands two of these are selected to represent the audience. A chair is then placed in the centre of the platform, surrounded by four brass poles. Mr. Maskelyne next calls in the aid of Mr. Charles Morritt, and another member of his company; the latter is requested to seat himself in the chair, with his legs up. The two judges then strap his ankles to the chair, while a cord is strapped round one wrist and passed through a pulley over the top of a framework, while one of the gentlemen on the stage holds it tight. This being securely done, a curtain is let down to within two feet of the ground and the other hand of the disappearing man is thrust through a hole, which the second gentleman on the stage is requested to hold on to as firmly as possible. The curtain is then allowed to drop to the ground, for a quarter of a minute; it is then pulled up again, to enable Mr. Maskelyne to place a sheet of iron under the chair, and a like piece over the top. All being in readiness the one gentleman holding the cord which is fixed to the disappearing man's hand, and the other holding

the hand thrust through the curtain, the covering is now allowed to drop to the ground, and then Mr. Maskelyne, asking if all is safe? simply stamps his foot and says, "Go." The hand is wrenched away, the cord falls loose, the curtain goes up, and, presto, the man is gone, shortly afterwards to be seen walking in at the side of the hall. This is what we saw of the trick, and we feel bound to say it is the most astonishing feature of its kind we have yet seen. Mr. Maskelyne and all concerned are to be heartily congratulated. During the evening Mr. Morritt performs some marvellous tricks with the cards, while Mr. Maskelyne is as busy as ever making his five plates and a large basou spin at the same time. Mr. Francois Cramer manipulates the automatic orchestra to great effect, while the entertainment is brought to a successful finish by the performance of a sketch, wherein other marvels are shown.

THE STANLEY SHOW OF CYCLES.—The Half-crown admission to the Crystal Palace will be abolished on the two Saturdays of the Show, 28th November and 5th December, the admission being One Shilling each day. The Show opens on Friday next, and, as usual, will occupy the vast space in the Grand Central Nave and Transept, as well as the various Courts. Over 1500 machines will be exhibited by some 320 exhibitors. The entries include a vast number of new tyres. An important feature of the Show will be a special stand for inventors. The Show is duly certified by the Board of Trade, under the provisions of the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Act 1883. This Act provides for the publication of any description of the invention during the period of the Exhibition, or the use of the invention for the purpose of the Exhibition, by any person elsewhere without the privity or consent of the inventor, without prejudicing the right of the inventor to apply for and obtain provisional protection, and a patent within six months of the opening of the Exhibition. The right of application for registration of designs is also protected by this Act for a period of six months from the opening of the Exhibition.

We are glad to announce "The American" is doing good business at the Opera Comique. Although not what we may call a thoroughly sound piece, it has "caught on," and we trust it will continue successful for some time to come. Mr. Edward Compton and his company work well, and deserve the applause that is nightly bestowed upon them.

Mr. Arthur Williams, by permission of Mr. George Edwardes, opens for a week, from 23rd November, at the Parkhurst Theatre, in J. W. Pigott's comedy, the "Bookmaker." He will be supported by the following artists:—Misses Nellie Murray, Lilian Seccombe, and Marie Dagmar; Messrs. George T. Minshall, Reginald Stockton, Walter Russell, E. Webster-Lawson, W. B. O. Harrison, Arthur Leyshon.

BRO. CHARLES COLLETTE AT SPALDING.

THE little town of Spalding was *en fête* on Thursday night, the occasion being the visit of Bro. Charles Collette, the popular comedian, who had been announced to give his famous entertainment, "Collette at Home," at the Exchange Hall, in aid of the Masonic Charities. Bros. Giles, Ham and H. Watkinson, the promoters of the entertainment, have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their labours. Long before the commencement of the performance the hall was crowded in every part, the brethren mustering in great force. Bro. Collette's appearance on the platform was the signal for an outburst of hearty applause, and the genial comedian, whose representation of the "Colonel" some few years ago had stamped him indelibly in the memory of our townfolk, proceeded to rattle through his entertainment in his best and brightest possible form. Joke followed song, and song joke in rapid succession, and for two whole hours, which seemed but a few minutes, he kept the audience in one continual state of hilarity. Amongst so many good things it is difficult to select any individual item for special praise, but perhaps Bro. Collette was at his best in his imitation of street pedlers and quacks, and in his stirring Irish song "Gillhooly's Supper." In conclusion the comedian gracefully alluded to the pleasure he felt in renewing his acquaintance with the Spalding public, and warmly thanked those who, by their presence, had assisted in the good cause for which the entertainment was promoted. Bro. Collette was ably assisted by Bro. J. A. Collings, a gentleman well known in the musical world, who accompanied the songs with much skill and discretion, and also contributed several brilliant pianoforte solos, executed with great skill. The entertainment was under the auspices of the W.M. (Bro. H. H. Harvey), Officers and Brethren of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, and an influential body of patrons. Bro. Collette left that evening for Stamford, and will appear, for two weeks, at the New Palace of Varieties, Manchester, commencing Monday, 23rd November.

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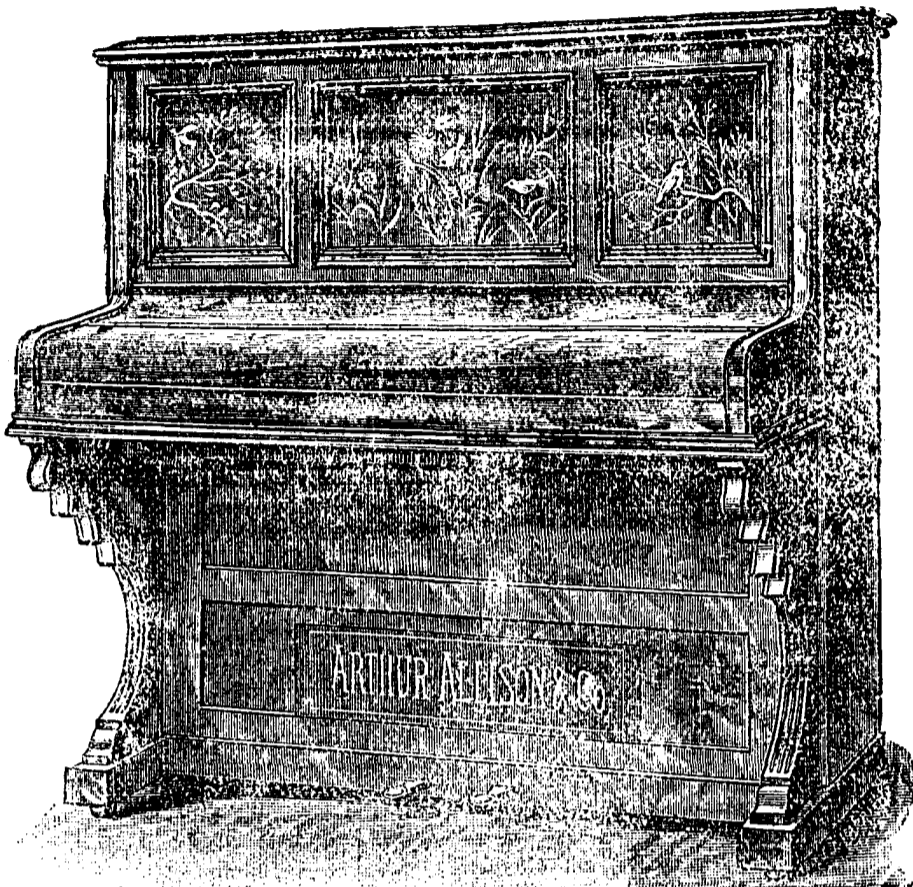


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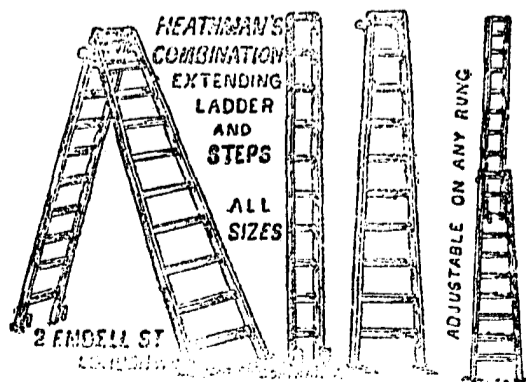
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