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OUR RULERS—USEFUL OR ORNAMENTAL?

A COLONIAL contemporary displays very bad taste in its remarks concerning the officials of the Craft in England, questioning, as it does, the policy of placing men in high Masonic stations merely on account of their rank or position in public life, and without any regard to their Masonic ability. It is best, perhaps, to put the most charitable construction possible on the action of the colonial writer, and excuse his utterances on the ground that he is unacquainted with the full details of the case. Were it otherwise he could hardly write in the terms he does concerning a body of Masons who, taken as a class, act up to their Masonic obligations as well, if not better than any other section of the Craft. Every member of the Order may, at one time or another, question the justice or the advisability of some particular appointment, but there are few who can with any justice accuse the officials of the Order with neglect in the performance of their Masonic duties. Whatever may be the prime cause, it is certain that our rulers, so far from being mere figure heads, are one and all practical men of business in their official station, and in no few instances they set an example which might profitably be followed by their subordinates.

No one can accuse the Prince of Wales of being a sluggard, and if he is not present at every meeting of Grand Lodge, it is only because he knows there is no absolute need for his attendance. Let an opportunity arise which necessitates his presence, and the Craft know for a certainty that he will be among them, no matter what other public or private engagement may present itself. Then, if we remember what he has done in the past in recommending various matters of importance to the notice of Grand Lodge, and not only recommending them, but also seeing that some high official of the Order is present to put his views before the brethren, it is impossible to say that he has neglected his work, or that he is merely an ornamental figure head. Going a step lower, we find the chiefs of the various Provinces acting in a precisely similar way; they take the supreme head of the Order as their pattern, and few of them can be accused of neglecting the trust the Grand Master has reposed in them. We will not attempt to fathom the private arrangements made between the Grand Master and those whom he appoints to rule over the various divisions of the English Craft, but from the way in which they carry out their duties we can well understand the Prince of Wales gives each to understand that the acceptance of the office entails the carrying out of the work associated with it. The Grand Master can easily say, I take a personal interest in the work of my office, and if you accept an appointment the same is required of you. However this may be, it is certain that the Provincial Grand Masters

of England, like their chief, carry out their work in a manner that should win them praise rather than censure. Further down the scale we have to consider the Grand Officers generally, and here it may be urged that few appointments are made except as a direct reward for special activity in the Craft. No one who is not in touch with the whole of the English system can be in a position to say that an appointment is made without good cause. A brother may be an active Mason in his own neighbourhood, yet comparatively unknown in London, and wholly unheard of in some of the outlying districts. As a consequence considerable doubt may be expressed as to his eligibility for honours by those who really are beyond his influence, while a journey among his own people would prove his fitness for office and the popularity of his promotion. On the other hand, supposing it be true that one or more of the appointments each year are made rather as a reward for public services than for Masonic fitness, is the Craft any worse off in consequence? Freemasonry is a universal brotherhood, and being so it is part of its duty to recognise ability among its members, even if their whole energies have not been directed to purely Masonic objects. The Craft, in fact, is proud of the achievement of some brother who has made himself famous throughout the world, and seizes the opportunity, as many other associations do, of recognising his ability in their own way. This can best be done by conferring some high honour on the Brother concerned, and we should have to search a long while to find any instance of one thus distinguished whose tenure of office proved him unfit for the appointment. The fact is, men who make themselves famous in one walk of life are hardly likely to lose caste or reputation by neglecting their duties in another sphere, and the class of men of whom we are now speaking are those who fully recognise their responsibility when they accept a complimentary appointment; doing so they do not fail to show due appreciation of the honour conferred upon them. Of course it may be urged the one or two appointments each year—even supposing they are made as a reward for outside activity—are sufficient to justify the criticism of our colonial contemporary, but such is not the case. There are two sides to this question, as there are to all others. The highest offices in Freemasonry, notwithstanding the boasted equality of its membership, require something beyond Masonic activity as a qualification, and such being the case the circle among whom a selection can be made is comparatively small, and as, year after year, it becomes necessary to fill the offices, it may sometimes happen that a Brother is chosen, not so much because he is fully qualified for the honour, as because he is the most eligible of the few who are deserving of recognition, or who are willing to undertake the duties attached to the post.

We are not among those who fall down and worship

men solely because they are placed in a position above us, nor can we be accused of cringing to those high in office merely with the object of keeping on good terms with them; still we have no hesitation in taking the opportunity of saying a word on behalf of our Masonic Rulers, not perhaps that they require defending at our hands so much as because we think it unfair to allow comments such as we have referred to to pass unchallenged. As we said at the outset, the writer in our contemporary is probably unacquainted with the way in which Masonic affairs are managed, and, being so, has fallen into error in supposing the Craft has at its head a number of ornamental rather than useful members of the Brotherhood.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

SPECIAL importance was attached to the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire, on the 20th inst., by reason of the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Robert Townley Caldwell has every reason to be pleased with the auspicious inauguration of his rule. His appointment to the highest rank in the Province, upon the resignation of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, was hailed with the liveliest satisfaction by the brethren, and they testified to their interest by assembling in large numbers on Friday, the 20th inst., to witness the ceremony of installation, which was most effectively carried out by Bro. Lord Henniker P.G.M. Suffolk, assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, as G. Director of Ceremonies, and other Grand Officers.

The Lodge met at the Guildhall, where, in addition to the Prov. Grand Master designate there were present Bros. Col. G. Noel Money P.G.M. Surrey, Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.S.D. England, Chas. E. Keyser P.P.G.W. Herts, G. Everett G. Treasurer, James Terry P.G.S.B., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Jas. M. McLeod P.G.S.W. Derby, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, Hamon Le Strange G.J.D. Eng. D.P.G.M. Norfolk, Rev. H. Hebb, and Charles E. Ward 985 P.P.G.S.W. Lincolnshire.

The following Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge took their respective chairs, viz.: Bros. A. H. Moyes P.G. Stand. Bearer Eng. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, B. Anningson P.G.S.W., J. Stacey Youngman P.G.J.W., Rev. R. Jackson Prov. G. Chaplain, Colonel B. W. Beales P.G. Treasurer, Oliver Papworth acting Prov. G. Secretary, J. R. Green P.G.S.D., W. H. Francis P.G.J.D., George Tindel P.G. Supt. of Works, F. Dewberry P.G.D.C., J. Royston P.G.A.D.C., A. E. Chaplain P.G.S.B., F. O. Carr P.G. Organist and A. Hill P.G. Pursuivant.

The brethren of the Province were ranged under their respective banners. The banner from Wisbech, presented by the wife of Bro. Robinson Smith W.M., made its first appearance in Prov. Grand Lodge, and was much admired. The Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, had also been at the pains of providing a new banner.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by Bro. A. H. Moyes D.P.G.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Masters of the respective Lodges made their returns.

After some communications had been read, the Installing Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, accompanied by the Grand Officers, entered the Lodge, and was saluted.

The Installing Master then addressed the brethren on the subject of the installation.

Bro. Lord Henniker said it gave him great pleasure to come there for this ceremony, not only because he was the Grand Master of a neighbouring Province, and also of another branch of Masonry, but it always gave him the greatest possible pleasure to come to his old University town, where he spent many happy days of his life. It was also a great personal pleasure to be able to instal Bro. Lieut.-Col. Caldwell, and he was glad that worthy brother had found favour with His Royal Highness the Grand Master. They would, he was sure, agree with him that no

better appointment could have been made. He could not mention the name of his Royal Highness without saying a word—in which they would join—a word of sympathy with him in the great trouble he was now passing through, and expressing their fervent hope that Prince George would soon be restored to health. The Province of Cambridgeshire was not a large one, having only six Lodges, and most of them were in Cambridge; of these the Scientific Lodge was established in 1754. There was once an older Lodge, established in 1749, but that had ceased to exist. But though not a large Province it was a very important one. There were four Lodges in Cambridge, which meant that Freemasonry had not merely a local interest, but there were many young men initiated into Masonry there who would go all over the world. The teaching of these Lodges, therefore, had an important bearing on the good of Freemasonry in general. The Province was formed about a hundred years ago (1796), and Bro. Lord Eardley was its first G. Master. In 1832 he was succeeded by Bro. Rev. G. Adam Browne; in 1844 Bro. Thos. Henry Hall came in and presided until 1870; and in 1873 Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke was appointed. His lordship had held the office until the present year, but had resigned because he was no longer going to reside in the county. He had long known Lord Hardwicke, who was deservedly popular with all who knew him. Since his lordship's resignation the Province had been in the capable hands of the D.P.G.M. Bro. A. H. Moyes. And now they had met to instal Bro. Lieut.-Col. Caldwell, who had for many years been a Prov. Grand Officer, and for some time Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province. He felt perfectly confident that Bro. Caldwell would rule the Province satisfactorily, and he wished the new Prov. Grand Master and the Province all success and prosperity for many years to come.

The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate was then announced, and he was requested to send in his patent. This having been done, a deputation, consisting of W.M.'s Bros. Piggott, Dewberry, Robinson Smith, Rogers, Courtney, Tindal, and Hunnybun P.M., retired with Bro. Fenn D.C., and introduced the Provincial Grand Master designate, the two former bearing the insignia of office.

The patent having been read by the Acting Provincial Grand Secretary, the installation by Bro. Lord Henniker was afterwards proceeded with, and Bro. Caldwell was duly invested, proclaimed, and saluted.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then appointed Bro. Moyes as his Deputy, and he was duly invested, proclaimed, and saluted.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Colonel Beales, next presented his accounts, which were passed.

Bro. Papworth thereupon read the eighth annual report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, of which he is the indefatigable Hon. Secretary. The Province was represented at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys by Bro. Carrick W.M. 809, who took up with him £103 19s, and Bro. Francis W.M. 859, who took up £37 5s; and at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by Bro. Sharman P.M. 441, who took up £35 16s. The Committee owed 60 boys' and 80 girls' votes, but they have now owing to them 1099 boys' votes, 1308 girls' votes, 296 men's votes, and 246 women's votes. The votes in the Province are now about 230 boys, and 280 girls, half-yearly, and 170 men's and 160 women's, yearly. The contributions through Stewards from the Province since the year 1883 to the three Masonic Charities amounted to £2706. Bro. Papworth, on the nomination of the Province, had served on the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys since April last. The report was regarded as very satisfactory, and was passed.

Upon the motion of Bro. Jennings, seconded by Bro. Piggott, Bro. Colonel Beales was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer by an unanimous vote.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—

Oliver Papworth	Senior Warden
G. F. Rogers	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Jackson	} Chaplains
Rev. L. R. Tuttiett	
B. W. Beales	Treasurer
R. Smith	Registrar
J. Bonnett	Secretary
F. Piggott	Senior Deacon
J. F. Symonds	Junior Deacon

C. H. Banham
F. Dewberry
W. B. Sheppard
F. O. Carr
P. H. Young
A. J. Elworthy
W. Sindall
J. Owen
P. F. W. Simpson
C. H. French

Supt. of Works
Dir. of Cers.
Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Organist
Sword Bearer
Pursuivant

Stewards

The Prov. Grand Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Prov. Grand Master during the past 17 years, with such great advantage to the Province.

The D.P.G.M., in seconding the same, spoke of the genial qualities of Lord Hardwicke as a presiding officer, and said he left the Province in a far greater state of efficiency and prosperity than when he came to the office. Two Lodges had been added to the roll, the old Lodges had increased, and, above all, they had established a Provincial Masonic Charities Association, which had done excellent work. The vote was carried with acclamation.

A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Thomas Fenn for so ably assisting in the installation as D.C.

Upon the motion of Bro. S. H. Sharman P.M. P.P.G.S.D. it was resolved to vote ten guineas to the Cambridge Masonic Charities Association for current expenses, and special mention was made of the sterling services of Bro. Oliver Papworth, the Hon. Sec.

Bro. Oliver Papworth P.M. P.G.S.W., then proposed that a sum of fifty guineas be placed at the disposal of the Masonic Charities Association, of which not less than thirty guineas should be paid to the R.M.B.I., in response to the Special Appeal of the Committee of that Institution on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival in 1892. Carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Treasurer proposed that £100 Stock be sold out and placed to the current account; and his reasons were so cogent that the vote was readily assented to.

Upon the proposition of Bro. Piggott, Bro. Oliver Papworth was again nominated for election on the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A collection of alms was made, and directed to be devoted to two local Charities.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ordinary Lodge room at the Lion Hotel for banquet, where they found the table excellently arranged and elaborately decorated.

Nearly a hundred brethren sat down, under the able presidency of the Prov. Grand Master. Unfortunately, Lord Henniker and some other Grand Officers were unable to stay to dinner.

THE ILLNESS OF PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES.

THE suggestions of the late Sir William Gull, in relation to the treatment of typhoid fever, as given to Major-General Ellis, and published in *The Times*, of the 23rd inst., by authority of the Prince of Wales, are being observed in the case of Prince George.

Sir,—The prevalence of typhoid fever and the interest which is attached to all matters concerning its treatment induces me to send you the endorsed interesting memorandum from the late Sir William Gull, M.D., given to me two years after he was in attendance on the Prince of Wales during his illness in 1872.

It has been suggested that its publication may prove useful, which must be my excuse for troubling you.

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR ELLIS, Major-General.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 22nd November.

I. Typhoid fever is a disease which runs a more or less definite course. It cannot be stopped or cured by medicines.

II. The chief thing to be done at the outset of an attack is to send the patient to bed, so as to save strength from the beginning.

III. No strong purgative medicines are desirable.

IV. As the fever develops, and the strength grows less, light food should be given at short intervals—i.e., water, toast-water, barley-water, milk and water, light broths (not made too strong or too gelatinous).

V. If there be restlessness or much agitation of the nerves, wine

(port, sherry, or claret), or brandy in moderate doses at short intervals. This must be directed medically, but in general it may be said that the amount required is that which induces repose and sleep.

VI. The bowels may be left to themselves. If unmoved for 24 or 36 hours a lavement of warm water may be necessary, but this will be directed medically.

VII. The restlessness or wakefulness in fever is best remedied by the careful giving of wine or spirit with the food, or in water. Sedatives such as opium are inadmissible—mostly injurious.

VIII. The bedroom to be kept at a temperature of 62° to 64°.

IX. Great care necessary to keep the bed clean and sweet. This most easily done by having a second bed in the room, to which patient can be removed for two or three hours daily, whilst the other is thoroughly aired, and the linen changed.

X. All fatigue to be sedulously avoided. No visitors admitted, and no other person but a nurse and one attendant to help her.

XI. Patient's room never to be left unattended for a moment, as in the delirium of fever patient might jump from bed and injure himself.

XII. As to medicines and the treatment of complications, the immediate medical attendant must be responsible.

XIII. As it is probable that the discharges from the bowels in typhoid fever may be a source of contagion, it is desirable that before being thrown down the closet they should be largely mixed with Condy's fluid or some other disinfectant. On the same principle, the strictest cleanliness must be observed in the sick-room.

XIV. There is no reason to believe that typhoid fever is contagious from person to person in the ordinary way. The largest experience shows that it does not extend, like an ordinary contagious disease, to nurses or others attending upon patients suffering under the disease.

26th December 1874.

WILLIAM W. GULL.

Obituary.

BRO. J. J. BERRY, P.M. 554, &c.

THE death of this popular and deservedly esteemed Mason occurred last week, after a very short illness. He was, perhaps, as well known amongst the East-end Craftsmen as any man who ever donned an apron; and to say he was appreciated by all who knew him scarcely conveys the sentiments we desire to express. Bro. Berry was ever ready to render assistance to any case of need brought under his notice, and many a distressed brother or impoverished widow will testify as to his kindness of heart and energy to proffer help where help was needed. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in July 1867, and installed W.M. in 1876. He was exalted in the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, in November 1869, and was First Principal in 1879. He joined the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, in September 1875, and was installed W.M. in 1884. He joined the Doric Chapter, No. 933, in 1872, and was installed Z. in 1885, and was at the time of his death Treasurer of Yarborough Lodge and Chapter, and the Doric Chapter. He was also a Life-Governor of the Girls' School, wherein he had served two Stewardships; a Life-Governor of the Boys' School, with a record of three Stewardships; and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which he had served six Stewardships. He had also acted for several years as one of the Auditors of the last named Institution. The funeral—which was most numerously attended—took place on Saturday last, and every token of regard that could be shown was paid to the memory of this sterling man and companion.

Bro. James Stevens is engaged to lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry in the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, at Dover, on Monday, 7th December. This will be Bro. Stevens' second visit to this Lodge for a like purpose.

The Prince of Wales, under warrant, dated 9th November 1891, has specially appointed Messrs John Brinsmead and Sons Pianoforte Manufacturers to His Royal Highness.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—With the changing season it is prudent for all to rectify any ailments afflicting them; but it is incumbent on the aged, suffering under ulceration and similar debilitating causes, to have them removed or worse consequences will follow. This Ointment is their remedy; on its powers all may confidently rely; it not simply puts their sores out of sight, but extirpates the source of mischief, extracts the corroding poison, and stimulates Nature to fill up the ulcer with sound, healthy granulations, that will abide through life. Under this treatment bad legs soon become sound, scrofulous skins cast off their scales, and scrofulous sores cease to annoy. Such hop for the diseased was unknown in former days.

PYTHAGOREAN FREEMASONRY.

AS this celebrated society singularly confirms the theory of secret association which we have ventured to propose, and as the philosophical Mystagogue, Pythagoras, is frequently mentioned in Masonic traditions, we are confident the reader will not complain if we give a somewhat extended account of the society, and of its founder and of his teachings.

Pythagoras was a Samian by birth, and lived somewhere about the sixth century before Christ. He received his first instruction from Creophilus in his native city. Thence he went to the island of Cyros, and studied with Phereoides till the death of the latter. He was also for a time the scholar of Thales. He possessed an inquiring mind, a philosophical spirit, and an unquenchable thirst for wisdom. In the pursuit of science he spent considerable time in Phœnicia, in communion with the successors of Moschus and other priests of that country, by whom he was initiated into the Cabirian Mysteries. Continuing his journey, he visited various parts of Syria, in order to become acquainted with the most important religious doctrines and usages. He also visited Judah, and a Pythagorean society—the Essæans—existed there as early as the time of the Maccabees, and down to the time of Christ. Recommended by Polycrates, King of Samos, to Amasis, the Egyptian king, he visited Egypt, and was initiated into the Mysteries of Isis, and became acquainted with all the learning of that remarkable people. From Egypt he journeyed to India, to acquaint himself with the wisdom of the Gymnosophists, visiting the Magi and the Chaldean sages on his way. He also visited Crete, where the priests of Cybele took him to the caverns of Ida, where Jupiter had been cradled, and where, it was pretended, his grave could be seen. There he met Epimenides, whom he initiated into the sacred mysteries of the Greeks. From Crete he went to Sparta and Elis, and thence to Phlius, where, being asked by King Leon what his profession was, he replied that “he was a philosopher, friend of wisdom, declaring that the name of sage, or of the wise, belonged solely to the divinity.”

Having thus acquired all the wisdom of his age, and master of the science of all countries, he returned home and established a school at Samos, where, in imitation of the Egyptians, he taught his doctrines in a symbolical form. His teachings seemed divine oracles, and the sacred obscurity in which he veiled them attracted great numbers of disciples. But as his ideas embraced politics, the structure of society, and the science of government, as well as religion and philosophy, and desiring probably to apply his theories to a practical result, he left Samos and established himself at Crotona, in Magna Græcia. Here he established his secret brotherhood, which was organized after the Ideal, and in harmony with those political principles which he wished to see realized in all civilized institutions. It was an aristocratic republic, although all who became members united their property in one common stock for the good of the whole. The most influential citizens of Crotona were numbered among its members.

Candidates for initiation were subjected to a severe discipline and examination before they were admitted to all the Mysteries. They were required to practice the greatest simplicity of manners. A silence of two to five years was imposed upon them. He alone who had passed through the appointed series of severe trials was allowed to hear the word of the master, in his immediate presence. Whoever was terrified by the difficulties of initiation, might withdraw without opposition, and his contributions to the common stock were repaid, a tomb was erected to his memory as if he were dead, and he was no more thought of. To the *illuminated* the doctrines were not delivered as to others, under the veil of images and symbols. As soon as they had made sufficient progress in geometry, they were introduced to the study of Nature, to the investigation of fundamental principles, and to the knowledge of God and religious ideas. They were instructed in morals, economics or politics, and afterward employed either in managing the affairs of the Order, or sent abroad to inculcate and bring into practice these principles of philosophy and government in the other Grecian States.

It appears, therefore, that the secret fraternity of Pythagoras was intended as a propaganda of new ideas and social relations, as a means of fashioning society after a higher and better idea of justice and right. The

members lived together, with their wives and children, in buildings, in perfect harmony, as one family. Each morning it was decided how the day should be spent, and every evening a review was made of all that had been done. They rose before the sun, for religious worship; verses from Homer and other poets were then recited, or music was introduced, to arouse the mental powers and fit them for the duties of the day. Several hours were then spent in serious study. A pause for recreation followed, in which a solitary walk was usually taken, to indulge in contemplation; a conversation then took place. Before dinner, various gymnastic exercises were performed. The common meal consisted principally of bread, honey and water. The remainder of the day was devoted to public and domestic affairs, conversation, and religious performances.

Such was the character of this famous *confrerie*, which was to achieve the social regeneration of Magna Græcia. Previous to, and at the time of its establishment there, the inhabitants were notorious for the looseness of their manners. They were licentious and vicious to the last degree. Lawlessness, disorder and crime prevailed on one hand and despotism on the other. But the influence of the Pythagorean Brotherhood was not long in showing itself. Sobriety, temperance, justice and virtue soon predominated over the prevailing dissoluteness. Justice and equity appeared in the administration of the laws, and society rapidly advanced to a high degree of prosperity.

Unfortunately, the social ideal of the Order did not reach far enough. The society was republican, but it retained the aristocratic element. The fault of the society was, that it did not provide for the unlimited development of social ideas, nor for their application to life. It did not yield readily to the progress of the democratic principle, and as nobles and princes were active members of the Order, it was suspected of too great a leaning in that direction. The rejection of one Cylon, an influential citizen, who had made application for initiation, was made the occasion of an attack on the institution, which ended in the breaking up of the establishment at Crotona. But this turned to the advantage of the Order at large, for the members dispersing carried the ideas of the society into all lands, and Pythagorean lodges or clubs—to use modern appellations, for want of better—were established in all quarters of the globe, and flourished through many ages.

MATHEMATICS.

The objects of the associations were mutual aid, social communion, intellectual cultivation, and social and personal progress. The scope of the Pythagorean Mysteries was therefore as wide as the circle of human wants and human science. By an admirable system of education, they led the neophyte gradually, step by step, through the mazes of science, up to the sublimest secrets of philosophy. In this progress of the human mind, the first step was the study of the mathematics. The doctrine of numbers was considered the foundation of the mathematics, according to Pythagoras. They are, as it were, the model by which the world is formed in all its parts. The odd numbers are limited and perfect; the even unlimited and imperfect. The *monad*, or unity, is the source of all numbers. The *dyad* is imperfect and passive, and the cause of increase and division. The *triad*, compounded of the *monad* and *dyad*, partakes of the nature of both. The *tetras*, or number four, is, in the highest degree, perfect. The *decad*, which contains the sum of the four prime numbers, and is therefore called the *tetractys*, comprehends all musical and arithmetical proportions, and denotes the system of the world. The real meaning of this Pythagorean doctrine of numbers is not well understood. It is probable, however, that numbers were considered the symbolical or allegorical representations of the first principles or forms of nature. As Pythagoras could not express abstract ideas in simple language, he seems to have made use of numbers, as geometers do of a diagram, to assist the comprehension of his scholars. He perceived some analogies between numbers and the attributes of the Divine understanding, and made the former the symbols of the latter. As the numbers proceed from the *monad*, or unity, undergo various combinations, and, with progress, assume new properties, so he regarded the pure and simple essence of the DEITY as the common source of all the forms of nature, which, according to their various modifications, possess different properties. Here, as in all the philosophical systems of antiquity, God is presented

as the basis of all existence, and interpenetrates all things.

MUSIC.

The second preparatory step in the pursuit of wisdom was music. As it raised the mind above the dominion of passion, it was considered as the most proper exercise to fit the mind for contemplation. Pythagoras considered music not only as an art, to be judged of by the ear, but as a science to be reduced to mathematical maxims and relations, and allied to astronomy. He believed that the heavenly spheres, in which the planets move, dividing the ether in their course, produced tones, and that the tones must be different according to their size, velocity, and distance. That these relations were in concord, that these tones produced the most perfect harmony, he necessarily believed, in consequence of his notions of the supreme perfection of the universe. Here we have that sublime conception of the music of the spheres, so poetical, so lofty, and so beautiful! To the initiate of the Pythagorean Mysteries the universe overflowed with melody and song! The whole system of worlds swam in a celestial harmony. Around the central throne, where He, the All-beautiful and Mighty, sits in unspeakable majesty, hidden from mortal eyes by the golden drapery of innumerable suns and stars, swells, from age to age, this ineffable chorus of the spheres. In the midst of such contemplations was the mind of the Pythagorean disciple exalted and refined. To him—

"The earth and sea, those orbs of fire,
Which sweep the clear serene along,
Were parts of one stupendous lyre,
That wrapped the worlds in mighty song."

ASTRONOMY.

The astronomical idea of the Pythagorean Mysteries was, that heaven denotes either the spheres of the fixed stars, or the whole space between the fixed stars and the moon, or the whole world, including both the heavenly spheres and the earth. Agreeably to the arithmetical hypothesis, there are ten heavenly spheres, of which nine are visible to us, viz.: the sphere of the fixed stars; the seven spheres of the seven planets, including the sun and moon, and the sphere of the earth. The tenth earth, called by Pythagoras *anticthon*—anti-earth—is invisible, but necessary to the perfection of the harmony of nature, since the *decad* is the perfection of the numerical harmony. By this anti-earth he explains the eclipses of the moon. In the middle of the universe is the central fire, the principle of warmth and life. The earth is one of the planets moving around the sphere of fire. The atmosphere of the earth is a gross immovable mass, but the ether is pure, clear, always in motion, and the region of all the divine and immortal natures. His moon and stars are divine intelligences, or inhabited by such.

OF PHILOSOPHY

The Pythagorean Mysteries taught that true knowledge embraced those subjects which are in their nature immutable, eternal and indestructible, and of which alone it can be properly predicated that they exist. The object of philosophy is, by contemplation, to render the human mind similar to the divine, and make it fit to enter the assembly of superior and purer intelligences. For this purpose it is necessary to invoke, in prayer, the assistance of the Divinity and of good angels. Contemplative wisdom cannot be fully attained without entire abstraction from common things—without entire tranquillity and freedom of mind. Hence the necessity of societies, separate from the world, for contemplation and study.

OF GOD.

Pythagoras taught that God was a universal spirit, diffused in all directions from the centre, the source of all animal life, the actual and inward cause of all motion; in substance similar to light—the first principle of the universe, incapable of suffering, invisible, indestructible, and to be comprehended by the mind alone. To the Deity there were three kinds of subordinate intelligences—gods, demons and heroes—emanations from the Supreme God, varying in dignity and perfection, in proportion as they were more or less removed from their source. The heroes he believed to be clothed with bodies of subtle matter.

As God is one, and the origin of all variety, he was represented as a monad, and the subordinate spirits as

number, derived from and contained in unity. In the organisation of his secret society this idea was displayed. The regions of the air he thought filled with spirits, demons and heroes, who were the cause of health or sickness to men and animals, and by means of dreams and other kinds of divinations, imparted the knowledge of future events. The soul was likewise a number, an emanation of the central fire, and consequently always in motion and indestructible.

OF MAN.

In the mystic science of Pythagoras, man consisted of an elementary nature, of a divine and rational principle. His soul was a self-moving power, and consisted of two parts—the rational, which was a portion of the universal soul, an emanation of the central fire, and had its seat in the brain; and irrational, which comprised the passions, and lived in the heart. The sensitive soul (*thumos*) was supposed to perish; but the rational mind (*phrenes, nous*) was believed to be immortal, because it had its origin in an immortal source. When the latter was freed from the fetters of the body, it assumed an ethereal vehicle, and passed to the habitations of the dead, where it remained till it returned to the world, to dwell in some other body. This transmigration of the spirit was continued, until it was purified of all taint of sin, when it was received to everlasting beatitude in the bosom of Him from whom it proceeded.

Such was the sublime and lofty character of that ancient system of Freemasonry—if we may call it so—which was so celebrated in the ancient world, and exercised so mighty an influence on subsequent ages. It had its errors, both in its organisation and the ideas it sought to propagate, yet its results were eminently advantageous to the human race. Many of its teachings were profoundly philosophical, and are accepted by the most critical systems of the present age. Its idea of association around the secret principle, for mutual aid, social enjoyment, intellectual culture, is still the ideal of earnest, positive spirits, who believe in the everlasting progress of the race, and look forward, with a sublime hope, to "a good time coming."—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE JUBILEE OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE are very pleased to see among the notices of motion for next Wednesday's meeting of United Grand Lodge, a proposition to give five hundred guineas in support of next year's Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, which will mark the Jubilee of that Charity and are further gratified that a Brother occupying a high position in the City of London should be selected to bring the subject under the notice of the Craft, for the reason that in such matters the Metropolitan district is very often more in need of encouragement than the Provincial districts, where voting organisations and other means of easy communication exist, which can be put into use with the certainty of fulfilling their object. If Sir John Monckton succeeds with his proposition—and the only quarter from which he may be opposed is from those who would rather vote a thousand guineas—there will be a further incentive for London Lodges to support the Jubilee than already exists. Stewards of the Metropolitan Lodges will be able to point to the action of the Town Clerk of London, whose advocacy of the cause of the Benevolent Institution in Grand Lodge has secured this grant, and urge their listeners to make an additional effort solely for the purpose of endorsing the action of this official, while the Lodges which actually meet in the City of London might be specially appealed to for a similar purpose. On the other hand, if the proposition had been placed in the care of a Provincial dignitary, a certain amount of jealousy might have resulted, for in the question of who shall do the most good Freemasons do actually strive to rival each other, and one or more of those now actively working for the Festival might have thought it was their place to make the appeal to Grand Lodge, and as a consequence a grievance might have been created. We hope it will, next week, be necessary for us to record the addition of this handsome sum to the Jubilee Festival, and further that it will attract other large amounts for what we hope will prove one of the greatest successes of modern Freemasonry.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56,
(ARUNDEL).

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 19th instant. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Holmes, who was presented from attending through domestic affliction, Brother Paxton P.M. took the chair. After the usual preliminary proceedings the Lodge was opened to the 3rd degree, for the purpose of raising Bro. Mellersh. The ceremony being over, the Lodge was resumed in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Street P.M. took the chair and proceeded with the installation of the W.M.-elect, Bro. Rev. J. A. Rivington J.W. P.P.G. Pursuivant Oxfordshire, who had been elected at the last meeting, the S.W. Bro. Dickson having removed from the locality. The ceremony being over, the W.M. proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers:—Goss P.M. 780 S.W., Yorke J.W., Rev. R. H. Pring Chaplain, Collings P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Treasurer, Longman P.M. Secretary, Lloyd P.M. P.P.G. Dir. of Cer. S.D., Pulman J.D., Mellersh I.G., Paxton P.M. D. of C., Gocher Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Street, Lloyd, and Freeman P.G.D. England Prov. Grand Secretary. The report of the standing Committee, with respect to the suitability of the Argyle Rooms, Littlehampton, where it is proposed to remove the Lodge to, was then presented and approved, all business being over the brethren adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel, where an excellent dinner had been provided by Bro. Barkshire. In addition to the above, there were present the following brethren, viz.:—Francis P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Hearne, Pitt, Shelly, and Fisdall; Visitors Lambert P.M. 588 P.P.G. Organist Lincoln, Wright P.M. 311 Prov. G.J.W., Doman W.M. 38, Sapey W.M. 1141, Weston W.M. 1303, Paignton W.M. 85, Long P.M. 1726 P.P.A.G.D. of C., Blakey 1726, Ingram 1216, Rev. H. Green 1726, Robertson 804. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, several brethren contributing songs, the piano accompaniments being rendered by Bro. Lambert. The W.M., who is curate of Littlehampton, in responding to the toast of his health and prosperity, ventured to predict that the removal of the Lodge to the adjacent watering place would be a new era in its history.

THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE annual installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was celebrated on Thursday evening, at the Cannon Street Hotel, where a numerous assemblage of the brethren took place to witness the ceremony. The Lodge room presented a very gay appearance with the banners of the various Masters ranged on the walls. Bro. Edwin Brooks W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Henry Garrod P.G.P., E. Kidman P.M., Rev. Lancelot L. Sharpe, G. F. Edwards P.M., W. J. Miller P.M., W. N. Smart P.M., William Worrell P.M. Secretary, R. J. Voisey P.M., Charles Allen W.M. 1056, A. Moore W.M. 173, J. W. Tyler W.M.-elect 2077, A. Cook P.M., J. B. Docker P.M., W. J. Heath P.M., Thomas Dutton P.M., F. G. Barns P.M., D. P. Holness W.M. 2374, E. Dare P.M., H. Von Joel P.M., Robert Dyas P.M., W. J. Collens P.M., Samuel Saxby, J. F. Haden, Heinrich Heck, Montagu Woolf, H. Coningham, C. T. Bristol, Lewis Fergusson, J. B. Gregory, Dr. Davies, T. G. Doughty, Orlton Cooper, &c. Telegrams were received from Bros. Maidment and Fletcher, regretting inability to attend. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Heinrich Heck the W.M.-elect was duly installed in the chair by Bro. W. J. Miller P.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered and the various addresses admirably delivered. After the customary salutations the new Master appointed his Officers, the following brethren being invested:—J. F. Haden S.W., Dr. J. Pickett J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treasurer, William Worrell P.M. Secretary, R. C. Wilson S.D., Montagu Woolf J.D., F. O. Heath I.G., W. Pierson D.C., A. E. Samuel Assist. D.C., E. Kidman and E. J. Beagle Stewards, and L. E. Reinhardt Tyler. The Master and his Officers were quickly called upon to prove their proficiency in the ritual, for Mr. Frederick Grille, having been approved, was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being conducted in a highly satisfactory manner. The report of the Audit Committee having been read, was, on the proposition of Bro. Yates, seconded by P.M. Collens, adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Brooks by the W.M., who, in feeling terms, referred to the work accomplished by their late Master. Bro. Brooks having returned thanks, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. The W.M. in giving the toast of the M.W. Grand Master referred to the illness of Prince George, and expressed a fervent hope for his speedy recovery. Bro. Henry Garrod P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers, and bore testimony to the admirable manner in which the W.M. performed the initiation ceremony. Bro. E. Brooks, in highly complimentary terms, gave the health of the W. Master, and wished him a successful year of office; this was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Heck, who promised to fulfil the duties of his position to the best of his ability. In returning thanks, the Initiate, Bro. Grille, said he was so impressed with the ceremony and overjoyed at being admitted as a member of the Lodge that he could scarcely express himself properly, but he would always endeavour to do his duty towards Freemasonry and improve himself in the Craft. The W.M. then submitted the toast of the Immediate Past Master, to which Bro. Brooks responded, and thanked the brethren for having contributed to make his year of office so successful, especially in regard to his Stewardship for the Masonic Benevolent Institution, when, by their assistance he was enabled to take up a list amounting to sixty guineas. He should always regard the jewel that had been awarded him as a mark of affectionate esteem from the members. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, to whom he gave a hearty welcome. Bro. Rev. L. L. Sharpe, D. P. Holness, Charles Allen, Von Joel and L. Ferguson responded. The

Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge were then similarly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination. During the evening a capital selection of music was given by Madame Worrell, assisted by Mr. W. Llewellyn, a young basso who has achieved considerable success in various parts of Italy, by Miss Susetta Fenn and Mr. Sinclair Dunn, with old Scottish songs, and by Mr. S. Edwards in some humorous sketches.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 993 (LEVENSHULME).

A MEETING took place at the Medway Hotel, on Friday, the 20th instant. Present—Bros. J. Fletcher W.M., G. A. Yates acting S.W., Cade acting J.W., Bible Treasurer, Clulow Sec., Dr. Looker S.D., C. T. Green I.G.; P.M.'s C. D. Cheetham P.P.G.D., Peak, Temperley, and Uttley; Bros. Ward, Mottram, Dillon, Davies, Whiteley, Mason, Goddard, Plumpton, W. Ashworth, E. Ashworth, and Wilson. Visitors—W. K. Blunson S.W., and A. Wolstenholme P.M. 266 P.P.G.J.D. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Goddard was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Cade acting J.W. This being the night of election, Bro. Parker was elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and Bro. Lord was elected Treasurer. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 1011 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held at Mrs. Stopford's, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Withy Grove, on Thursday, the 19th instant. Present—Bros. J. Welhams W.M., R. Watson I.P.M., S. Bamford S.W., R. Dawson J.W., W. J. Kinder Treasurer, H. C. Meller Secretary, J. Stranring S.D., R. Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., D. C. Lambert I.G.; P.M.'s Hind, Andrew; Bros. Anderson, Broadbent, C. G. Coombs, Simmons, Bass, Walmsley, Barley, Schofield, Thompson, Maddock, Richards, Holyoak, Higgins, A. Hall, McQuakin, Higginbottom, Hair, Markland, and Simpson. Visitors—Bro. Siddell 993, Flint 1375, Clabon 467, Harlaud 226, Lawton 220, Hinchliff 204, Kellett 992, Armstrong P.M. 321, Taylor 1993, Griffiths 852, and Lingard 1077. The Lodge was opened at 4.30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. W. Wood was balloted for, and elected to become a member of the Lodge. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The W.M. also passed Bro. Bass to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Bailey and Walmsley were at a later stage raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This constituted a fair evening's work, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 1147 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 12th instant. Present—Bros. C. P. Dunkerley W.M., Evan Roberts S.W., T. O. Olney J.W., Ishmael Davies P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Dalgleish P.M. Secretary, F. Hunter J.D.; P.M.'s Fairweather, Wren, and Chadwick; Bros. Coupe, Kinloch, Baxendale, A. L. Jones Walsh, Locke, and Shaw. Visitor—Bro. J. Ward 2359. The brethren met at six o'clock, and the Lodge was shortly afterwards opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Charles Shaw was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1311.

ON Friday, 20th inst., the members of this prosperous and popular Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. G. H. Clemons S.W. The W.M. Bro. Wm. Whitely Clayton was faced by a gathering which evinced the wide respect which is entertained for him personally, and also for his Lodge. Not only was the acting Provincial Grand Master present, but he was accompanied by a large and representative gathering of members of Provincial Grand Lodge, by the W.M.'s or representatives of the whole of the seven sister Lodges in Leeds, and by many brethren who had journeyed from distant Lodges in order to witness the interesting ceremony. Amongst others present were Bros. Henry Smith Past Grand Deacon acting Prov. Grand Master, W. F. Smithson Past Grand Deacon Prov. G. Senior Warden, Dr. Smyth, M.A., D.D., LL.D. Past Grand Chaplain, H. G. E. Green P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary, Bedford P.M. P.P.G.D., W. F. Crow P.M. P.P.G.D., Dr. Hargreaves P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D., Swales W.M. 1211, Lawson I.P.M. 304, Fretwell I.P.M. 2069, and many others. The W.M. elect was presented by the acting Prov. Grand Master, and the ceremony was splendidly worked throughout by the W.M. After the first obligation, Brother Smith, of Bradford, sang with great fervour "Be Thou Faithful unto death," which greatly added to the solemnity of the ceremony. It was the general verdict that Brother Clayton excelled himself in the perfect manner in which he discharged his arduous duties, the ceremony of installation having been rarely carried out with greater efficiency in this Lodge, which is noted for its admirable work. The following Officers were invested by Bro. Clemons:—W. W. Clayton I.P.M., H. G. Blackburne S.W., W. Postlethwaite J.W., J. W. Smith P.M. Secretary, C. Anderson P.M. Treasurer, W. S. Blackburn P.M. Dir. of Cer., Rev. Dr. Bourne S.D., M. A. Brigg J.D., A. Tannett Walker I.G., F. Long Organist, Nettleship and Dr. Smailes Stewards. Afterwards a banquet was admirably served, under the direction of Mrs. Barraud, whose late husband was Tyler to all the Lodges meeting in this hall. The usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs. The musical direction was taken by the talented Organist Bro. F. Long, and the whole proceedings were a conspicuous success.

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**ARTHUR SULLIVAN LODGE, No. 2156,
(MANCHESTER).**

A MEETING was held at Mrs. Stopford's, Old Bear's Head Hotel, on Wednesday, the 11th instant. Present—Bro. Oliver Gaggis W.M., J. Goss S.W., Hulme J.W., W. Goldthorpe P.P.G. Organist I.P.M., N. Dumville P.M. P.P.G.S. Treasurer, Redman Secretary, W. Dumville P.M. Chaplain, Simmons S.D., Cuthbert Blacow J.D., C. Turner P.M. D. of C., A. S. Kinnell I.G., T. H. Gaggis Organist, Bros. Morley, Jackson, Taylor, Clough, Kay, Murphy, and Whiteley. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. H. Cunningham, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. C. Turner. The W.M., Bro. Gaggis, delivered the E.A. charge, and Bro. Goss presented the working tools. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE, No. 2332.

ALTHOUGH consecrated but two years ago, this Lodge has made such rapid advance that in point of numbers and good working it will take a high position. The third Worshipful Master was installed last Wednesday, at the Masonic Rooms, King William the Fourth, East Greenwich, when a large muster of the brethren assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony. The out-going Master Bro. Henry Roberts presided, and was supported by the following brethren:—Thos. W. Boord, M.P., the first Master of the Lodge, Ralph Gooding P.G.D., W. Kepps P.P.G. Organist Kent, E. F. Fals P.M. 1540, G. W. Sly P.M., Orchard P.M., Syder P.M. and F. Ingle W.M., all of 79, A. Holmes P.M. and G. Newall P.M. of 548, O. Jolly P.M. 1472, H. Boord P.M. 589, E. J. Williams P.M. 1539, Geo. Burney, Beard, L. J. Bone, Geo. P. Carter S.W., J. G. Thomas J.W., S. J. Gore P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Huntley Secretary, G. W. King, A. H. Oakley, A. H. Bateman P.M., E. W. Carpenter, Jas. Brown, J. O. Pearson, J. Harper, J. Bone, F. Barney, T. P. Newton, Orilton Cooper, &c., &c. Bro. George P. Carter, having been previously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was brought before the Lodge and signified his assent to the usual conditions. The installation ceremony was then carefully performed by Bro. Hy. Roberts, and the new Master was duly saluted by the brethren in the three degrees. Bro. Carter then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, viz.:—J. G. Thomas P.M. S.W., A. H. Oakley J.W., W. J. Huntley Secretary, T. P. Newton S.D., E. W. Carpenter J.D., J. O. Pearson I.G., A. H. Bateman P.M. D.C., Jas. Brown and Jabez Harper Stewards, Spinks Tyler. Bro. S. J. Gore P.M. having been re-elected Treasurer was also invested. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed a satisfactory state of prosperity, was adopted. A Past Master's jewel was awarded to Bro. Hy. Roberts, for which he suitably returned thanks. The resignation of a member was received, with regret, and relief was voted to a distressed brother. The labours of the evening being terminated, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an admirable repast was served by Bro. George Burney. The menu was artistically got up, and the appropriate Shakespearean quotations invoked much comment. At the termination of the meal the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bros. Thos. W. Boord and Ralph Gooding responding for the Grand Officers, in congratulatory terms. Bro. Roberts briefly proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, to which Bro. Carter replied. He said it was gratifying to them all to hear so many compliments from the Grand Officers present, and thanked the brethren for appointing him to the dignified position, which he would endeavour to fill with credit to the Lodge and satisfaction to the members. He then gave the Installing Master who had carried out the ceremony of the evening in so satisfactory a manner. Bro. Roberts, in returning thanks, referred to the pleasant duty it had been for him to instal his successor; this he considered should be undertaken by every Master, as it was a satisfactory way of winding up the year of office. Past Masters Orchard, Holmes and Williams acknowledged the toast of the Visitors; Bros. J. G. Thomas and A. H. Oakley replied for the Officers of the Lodge, and the proceedings were brought to a pleasant conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

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L. T. Meade has written a new serial story, entitled "Out of Fashion," which will be commenced in the December part of Cassell's Magazine, forming the First Part of a New Volume. The same number will contain the first instalments of two other serial stories, entitled "You'll Love Me Yet," by Frances Haswell, and "Had He Known," a story of the New Zealand Gold Thirst. The author of "How to be Happy though Married" will furnish a paper "In Praise of the Early Worm." "A Trip to Jupiter's Moonlet" is the subject of another illustrated contribution; and Mr. J. F. Sullivan provides drawings for a complete story, entitled "The Woes of Mrs. Caractacus Brown."

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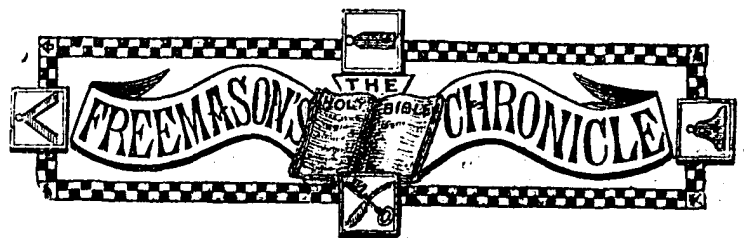
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SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER 1891.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF
UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 2nd December 1891, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd of September 1891 for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, London ...	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, Derby ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, Dartford ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, London ...	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, London...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 323, Stockport	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 226, Littleborough...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London ...	50	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg. to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4919 10s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance, of annual allowance for library £8 5s 8d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th November 1891.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1st.—By R.W. Brother Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., Garter, P.G.W. and G. Director of Ceremonies...

That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Grand Lodge of England by M.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, for the sixteen years during which he has held the position of Deputy Grand Master, it is hereby resolved that a full length portrait of his Lordship be painted, and placed in the Masonic Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd.—By R.W. Brother Sir John Braddick Monckton P.G.W.

That the sum of five hundred guineas be given from the funds at the disposal of Grand Lodge to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival in February next.

3rd.—By V.W. Brother Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

That the resolution of Grand Lodge of Wednesday, 1st December 1852, to the following effect: "That the sum of £500 be paid out of the funds for General Purposes to be invested in the three first names of the trustees of the Building Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and of the Grand Treasurer for the time being, respectively for the purpose of providing a fund to be kept separate and distinct . . . to be applied exclusively for the purpose of upholding, repairing, &c., the intended new structure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, &c., &c." be rescinded, and that the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys be permitted to merge into the general invested capital of the Institution the said sum of £500 paid from the funds of Grand Lodge under such resolution.

10. The Grand Registrar will submit to Grand Lodge for its consideration and decision two Petitions from members of the District Grand Lodges of Wellington and Canterbury, New Zealand, recently received through the District Grand Master of Wellington, praying for a ruling in the case of a majority of members desiring to transfer their allegiance to a proposed local Grand Lodge.

Names of Brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President.

Bro. CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. Brown, William Peter	-	-	-	90
Banker, James	-	-	-	1158
Chapman, George B.	-	-	-	27
Dairy, Charles	-	-	-	141
Goldschmidt, Simon H.	-	-	-	1329
Grieve, James Burgess	-	-	-	1351
Haslip, Lewis Christopher	-	-	-	813
Read, George	-	-	-	511

Woodward, Alfred Cooper	-	-	-	1538
Langley, George R.	-	-	-	183
Coop, George	-	-	-	1612
Casworth, Thomas	-	-	-	1579
Fisher, William	-	-	-	834
Mulvey, Ebenezer Charles	-	-	-	2353
Vincent, William	-	-	-	1194
Weeks, Thomas	-	-	-	749
Tijou, Charles J. R.	-	-	-	1804

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2413—The Trinity Lodge, Cairns, Queensland.
- 2414—The Wychwood Lodge, Burford, Oxfordshire.
- 2415—The Tristram Lodge, Shildon, Durham.
- 2416—The Hiram Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.
- 2417—The Bolingbroke Lodge, Clapham Junction.
- 2418—The Hedworth Lodge, South Shields, Durham.
- 2419—The Hope Lodge, Allora, Queensland.

The "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1892, with additional information, will be ready in December, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s bound in roan, or post free 2s 1d.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide. Book of Constitutions, Rules 162, 167, 168, 169, 170, Edition 1884; and Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 86, Edition 1888.

N.B.—The "Book of Constitutions," Edition 1884, with additions to 1888, can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth. Postage additional, 3d for 8vo and 1d 32mo.

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G. CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of this Grand Chapter was holden in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax, on Friday, 13th November 1891, at 3.30 p.m., under the banner of Sincerity Chapter, No. 61. There were present:—Comps. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D. P.Z. 1042 Past G. Soj. acting Grand Superintendent, J. L. Atherton P.Z. 600 Prov. G.H., Thomas R. Vaux P.Z. Prov. G.J., Henry Smith P.G. Prin. Soj. of Eng. P.Z. 302 Prov. G.S.E., G. H. Radcliffe P.Z. 448 Prov. G.S.N., Thos. Harrison P.Z. 296 P. as Prov. G. Treasurer, Aulay Macaulay P.Z. 258 Prov. G. Registrar, Wm. Hy. Milnes P.Z. 1019 as Prov. G. Prin. Soj., Alfred Robertshaw J. 448 as Prov. G. 1st Assist. Soj., John Thrippleton P.Z. 306 as Prov. G. 2nd Assist. Soj., Jas. Jenkin P.Z. 904 Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Paul Bellitz P.Z. 61 as Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Robert Henry Armitage P.Z. 275 Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., Alfred Scarth P.Z. 289 Prov. G. Orgauist, Herbert G. E. Green P.Z. 154 Prov. Assist. G.S.E., Joseph Sagar Janitor 61 as Prov. G. Janitor, Cornelius Wheawill P.Z. 290 Prov. G. Steward, Harold Thomas J. 296 as Prov. G. Steward, Wm. Bingham Z. 1042 Prov. G. Steward, William Haigh Z. 1283 Prov. G. Steward.

Also Past Grand Officers, Principals, Past First Principals and Companions from Chapters 61, 139, 154, 208, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 448, 495, 521, 600, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283.

Apologies for absence were received from the following Prov. G. Officers, viz.: John Leach P.Z. 61 Prov. Grand Treasurer, and W. H. Jessop P.Z. 521 Prov. G. Steward, and 151 Companions.

M.E. Comp. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, acting Grand Supt., with Officers, entered at 3.30, and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in form.

The acting Grand Superintendent was saluted.

The minutes of the meeting held at Keighley, on Wednesday, 6th May 1891, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved "That they be taken as read, and confirmed."

The following letter was read from M.E. Comp. Thos. William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and on the motion of the acting Grand Superintendent, seconded by Prov. Grand J., it was resolved that it be entered on the minutes:

The Grange, Carleton, Pontefract, 7th Nov. 1891.

My Dear Companions,—You will be sorry, I am sure, to

hear that I am unable, in consequence of illness, to preside as usual in your Prov. G. Chapter. I have suffered much, and am still suffering, but I have not abandoned all hope, under Providence, of some day being again permitted to be once more amongst my R.A. Companions.

I beg to express my thanks to Principal H. for his consideration and courtesy in arranging that E.C. Dr. Smyth should take my place on this occasion.

To the Principals and Companions of Sincerity, No. 61, I tender my hearty acknowledgments for their kind reception of Prov. Grand Chapter, and for the excellent arrangements which have been made for its comfort and convenience.

We have visited Halifax already five times, viz.: in 1860, 1865, 1871, 1874 and 1880, and I do not doubt on this, the sixth occasion, the good old town will give us a hearty Yorkshire welcome.

To you all I offer my fraternal regards and the expression of my earnest desire for peace and good will, not in the present only, but also in the future.

I am extremely gratified to see from the agenda paper that you intend to support the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution, by purchasing the permanent right to present an old man for its benefits, and I take it as a very high compliment to myself that you wish to associate my name with so excellent and charitable an object.

Companions, receive the assurance of warmest esteem, and believe me,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOMAS WILLIAM TEW.

Comp. Henry Smith Prov. G. Scribe.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then delivered the following Address :

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,

I feel assured that one subject is prominent in the minds of us all on the present occasion—the protracted and serious indisposition of our beloved Grand Superintendent; one sentiment of true and heartfelt sorrow, that the familiar form so seldom absent from Masonic assemblies such as this, should be with us to-day only in memory, and not in reality. Few of those who hold, or have held, his exalted position in our venerable Order have devoted themselves so unsparringly to the faithful discharge of the onerous duties which such a position involves; and few, who have heard his heart-stirring addresses in Provincial Grand Chapter, can have failed to observe how deeply he realised the noble principles of Royal Arch Masonry. When we remember his benevolent spirit, his proverbial liberality, his princely support of our magnificent Charities, may we not justly apply to him the beautiful words of the Psalmist of Israel: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive that he may be blessed upon earth. The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; make Thou all his bed in his sickness."

I cannot do better than repeat his own words, contained in a letter to Comp. Herbert Green, which was read to the Prov. Grand Lodge at Sowerby Bridge, on Wednesday, the 14th of October last, as expressing his interest in all affecting the welfare of our Order in the Province of West Yorkshire; words which are equally applicable to Craft and to Royal Arch Masonry:—"It is a matter of the deepest regret and sorrow to me that I am unable, through serious indisposition, to undertake the honourable duties pertaining to the chair in Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday. With perfect confidence, however, I leave the conduct of affairs to my faithful friend and Deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, feeling assured that he will extend to all the same measure of esteem and friendship which he and I have invariably received from the brethren of this Province. Please express to the Provincial Grand Lodge how greatly I appreciate the compliment which it is proposed to offer me, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by perpetuating my name through the purchase of a Presentation, to be styled the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation.' In conclusion, perhaps, I might ask the brethren of the Province, if they have not already done so, to give their attention to some admirable letters which have appeared in the *Freemason* newspaper, touching upon the present prospects and future position of our beloved Craft. They are well worthy of the consideration of us all, and have resulted from a communication in the first instance from Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York."

Added to these words, I would venture also to quote the following portions from the address of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, our esteemed Provincial Grand Scribe E., on the same occasion, as embodying his own and our Grand Superintendent's sentiments; and to commend them earnestly to your serious attention:—

"The great strides which Masonry has made of late years, its constantly increasing numbers, with the greater publicity consequent thereupon, have led many thoughtful and conscientious brethren to ask whether we are acting judiciously in thus so rapidly enlarging our borders, whether we are exercising that strict caution in the selection and admission of new members which our society demands from us? Brethren, this is a vital question. The Marquess of Ripon, when Provincial Grand Master, used to say 'the strength of Lodge does not consist in the number of its members, but in the quality of the Brethren of which it is composed.' And what is true for a Lodge is true for the whole Craft, which is simply an aggregate of the

Lodges. Lower the tone of your Lodge, by the introduction of men who are unfit or unworthy; admit amongst us those who cannot appreciate the beauties of Freemasonry, and you not only damage that particular Lodge, but you inflict a serious injury upon our entire Society. Brethren, let me enjoin you to take to heart this caution; let us not bring discredit upon our noble Institution; let us advance certainly, but let it be warily, judiciously, and gradually.

"Again, very frequently I notice men going outside their own towns for admission into Freemasonry. Now, whilst there is no objection to this, provided that *bond fide* inquiry has been duly made and replied to, yet the position of a Brother so initiated is one of disadvantage, inasmuch as he is necessarily precluded from attending to his Masonic duties as regularly as is desirable; and being non-resident he cannot fully share that *esprit de corps* which prevails in every properly conducted Lodge. I should therefore deprecate this practice, unless very strong grounds can be adduced in its favour.

And now, one word to Treasurers and Secretaries. The office of Treasurer is a very honourable one, and is often, and to my mind, very properly conferred as a mark of distinction; but it is also a very responsible one, and requires an active, firm, and conciliatory spirit. The collection of subscriptions, and especially of arrears, though in many instances neglected inadvertently, must be made, and though I do not absolutely complain, yet I should be delighted to see the various Treasurers interested in my statements exert themselves strenuously so that the number of those in arrears, instead of amounting as it did, to 161, at the end of last year, may, when our next returns are made, be substantially reduced.

To out-going Secretaries, I would say, give every possible help and assistance to your successors:—See that the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge returns are duly made, signed, and promptly sent in; and call particular attention to those Bye-laws of the Province, which especially relate to the duties of Secretary. Let not, however, the Worshipful Master forget that the responsibility for the proper and efficient working of his Lodge does not rest upon the Secretary, nor upon any other officer, but upon himself alone. It is to him we look—upon him is the obligation. Let me advise him *personally* to see that duties are performed, frequently to take counsel with his Past Masters, and in case of unforeseen doubt or difficulty apply to the Provincial Grand Secretary, from whom he may at all times look for prompt and valuable assistance.

We are met to-day under the banner of the Sincerity Chapter, attached to Lodge Probity, No. 61, of which our Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, in his book entitled "The Yorkshire Lodges," justly writes:—"Whether we regard the Probity Lodge as a model of Masonic loyalty to the 'powers that be,' or study it from the standpoint of antiquity, we must place it in the very highest position of honour amongst the Lodges of Yorkshire. It is by a long way the oldest existing Lodge, and stands to-day the finest monument of our County's Masonry. To belong to such a Lodge is an honour to any Mason; nor can any member, if he knows its history, look back upon it without pride." From a Minute book in the possession of the Sincerity Chapter, it appears that a Royal Arch Chapter was opened at Halifax, on the 30th of January 1765, and continued for some time in active work. The original charter of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 73, bore the date of 22nd November 1790. A Charter of Confirmation was obtained 29th October 1818, signed by Augustus Frederick Z., Dundas H., and William Williams J. The Chapter was worked until 1822, when it fell into abeyance. A new Charter was obtained on the 7th of August 1850, and began to work in 1860.

Since last we met, this Chapter in particular, and Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire generally, has deplored the loss by death of Comp. Isaac Booth, who was exalted in Chapter No. 265, Keighley, on the 12th of March 1848; joined the Sincerity Chapter on 23rd March 1860, and passed away on the 4th of August in the present year, universally regretted as a highly esteemed and useful member of our noble Fraternity.

And now, Companions, reverting once more to the mention of him of whom we think so much to-day and who I am convinced, is thinking of us, let us pray that the true and everliving God most high, who has graciously promised strength to His people, and the blessing of peace, may work for him a reward of good, far beyond all that we have the power to ask or to think. May the beautiful words of that Holy Book, which we all revere be verified for him:—When the Lord turned again the Captivity of Sion, then were we like unto them that dream. They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Moved by E. Comp. T. Bateman Fox, J.P., P.Z. 208 P.P.G.J., seconded by E. Comp. W. F. Smithson P.Z. 289 P.P.G.Dir. of Cers., and resolved, "That this Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire, wishing to celebrate the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to perpetuate the name of its illustrious Grand Superintendent, pledges itself to assist in raising a sum sufficient to purchase a Presentation for Men, to be called the "Thomas William Tew Presentation."

Moved by E. Comp. Smithson (in the absence of E. Comp. W. C. Lupton), seconded by E. Comp. Fox, and resolved, "That a sum of twenty-five guineas (£26 5s) be granted from the funds of this Provincial Grand Chapter to the "Thomas William Tew Presentation Fund," R.M.I. for Men.

E. Comp. Wm. Gaukroger gave notice that if the sum required to complete the Presentation be not raised by the Annual Convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter, he will move that a further grant of £26 5s be made.

E. Comp. J. P. Hewitt I.P.Z. 139 invited the Grand Superintendent to hold the Annual Convocation under the banner of Paradise Chapter, No. 139, Sheffield.

Moved by the Acting Grand Superintendent, seconded by the Prov. Grand H., and resolved, "That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. and Companions of Sincerity Chapter, No. 61, for their excellent arrangements.

Prov. G. Chapter was closed at 4:45 p.m.

Tea was provided afterwards, and about 50 Companions sat down, E. Comp. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth Acting Grand Superintendent presiding.

EXAMPLE OF LIFE ASSURANCE PROFITS.—The Mutual Life Assurance Society of London has just paid a claim of £5,000, to which was added a Bonus of £4,743, making the total amount received by the family nearly double the original sum assured. The Policy was taken out in 1847, so that it had only been in existence about 44 years.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

ARTICLE 219.

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In view of the probability that Grand Lodge will before long be asked to formally decide what is the true construction of this law, I trust you will pardon an attempt to again put the matter shortly before your readers, the question being an important one.

Article 219 reads thus: "Should the majority of any Lodge determine to retire from it the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct."

The wording of this law seems clear enough; but the question has arisen whether it applies to the case of the majority of the members wishing to transfer their allegiance to a newly-formed body and to take the Lodge warrant with them, so as to deprive the minority, though consisting of three or more, of the protection of this law.

Till very recently it has, I believe, always been held that the law did apply to this case, as may be seen by reference to Bro. Lamonby's letter as to the Combermere Lodge, No. 752 (*Freemason*, Vol. 26, p 231), where the rights of the minority were upheld, and the charter restored to them by the M.W.G.M. of Victoria.

In the recognition of, I believe, every new Grand Lodge of late, the speakers in favour of recognition have insisted on the necessity of upholding the rights of the minorities.

Quite lately, however, a new interpretation has been adopted, and it has been "ruled" that the law was not intended to apply to a case where "the majority of the Lodge are not retiring from the Lodge but are taking it with them."

"I am not aware of any law of the Craft, written or unwritten, which allows a majority of the Lodge to renounce the allegiance of the Lodge to its Mother Grand Lodge.

On the contrary, I think that the history, as far as I can trace it, of this Art. 219 distinctly proves the contrary.

In the Constitutions of 1871—"Of Private Lodges, Law 29," 1861 and 1855, the law reads as follows: "Should the majority of any Lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance, but if all the members of a Lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct."

In Williams' Constitutions of 1815—the first after the Union—Art. 34, Private Lodges, reads: "As every warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the Fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of the Lodge should determine to quit the Society, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If all the members of a Lodge withdraw themselves, their constitution ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge."

This is, so far as I am aware, the first appearance of a law on the point, though it is not improbable that Noorthouck's edition of 1786, the last before the Union, may deal with the question, but I do not possess a copy.

Now, were those words "who adhere to their allegiance" inserted without meaning?

Or, was this article inserted in consequence of the dispute between Grand Lodge and the Lodge of Antiquity?

In 1777 the Lodge of Antiquity, for reasons fully set out in *Preston's Illustrations*, and quoted in *Gould's Four Old Lodges*, came to a rupture with the Grand Lodge, "discontinued the attendance of its Masters and Wardens at the Committees of Charity and Quarterly Communications as its representatives; published a manifesto in its vindication; notified its separation from the Grand Lodge; and avowed an alliance with the Grand Lodge of All England held in the City of York. . . . The Grand Lodge enforced its edicts, and extended protection to the brethren whose cause it had espoused. Anathemas were issued, several worthy men in their absence expelled from the Society for refusing to surrender the property of the Lodge to three persons who had been regularly expelled from it," &c.

"To justify the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the following resolution of the Committee of Charity, held in February 1779, was

printed and dispersed among the Lodges: Resolved—That every private Lodge derives its authority from the Grand Lodge, and that no authority but the Grand Lodge can withdraw or take away that power. That though the majority of a Lodge may determine to quit the Society, the constitution or power of assembling remains with, and is vested in the rest of the members who may be desirous of continuing their allegiance; and that if all the members withdraw themselves, the constitution is extinct, and the authority reverts to the Grand Lodge." *Gould's "Four Old Lodges,"* p 21.

The schism lasted ten years, till 1789, when Preston and those expelled with him by Grand Lodge from the Society made submission, and were restored to their privileges. "It has been said that Preston came out of this dispute a victor. Such was far from being the case. The attitude of the Grand Lodge of England was the same from first to last—that is to say with regard to the great question of privilege raised by the senior Lodge on its roll." *Gould's "History of Freemasonry,"* II, p 428.

I say it is not improbable that Noorthouck's Constitutions of 1786 contain some provision on the point. Looking at the date, and the fact that Noorthouck was one of the expelled minority from the Lodge of Antiquity whose cause the Grand Lodge had espoused, I think it is most probable; but, as I said, I do not know.

Any how, comparing the wording of Williams' Constitutions with that of the resolution of the Committee of Charity above quoted, it does seem to me that the Article was originally inserted to meet the case of the majority of a Lodge wishing to transfer its allegiance, and "take the warrant with them," and I trust that if the question ever comes before Grand Lodge again we shall find the Grand Lodge of to-day as staunch in supporting minorities who wish to adhere to their allegiance as was the Grand Lodge of 1779.

Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

24th November.

"A CURIOUS PIECE OF CHINA."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last issue a description is given of a curious piece of china "probably a punch bowl," supposed to be over one hundred years old.

Its ornamentation, according to the particulars given, is very interesting; but surely there must be some mistake in the dimensions stated. One can hardly imagine that, even in the drinking days of the latter half of the eighteenth century, our brethren received their supply of "refreshment" from so Brobdignagian a receptacle as a bowl nine feet five inches in diameter, and four feet six or eight inches in depth! If it really be so the record is worth perpetuation amongst brethren of the mystic tie, and the bowl itself worth a long journey to see.

Yours fraternally,

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THE FEE SYSTEM AT THEATRES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In reply to constant complaints I am receiving with regard to the fees charged for cloak-rooms and programmes at the Avenue Theatre, will you let me make the following explanation? When I took the Avenue Theatre I was told there was a contract for refreshments, but I did not understand that this included the right to charge for programmes. After I had made all my engagements, and when it was too late to withdraw, I discovered, to my intense chagrin that the refreshment contract included the right to charge all the visitors to the theatre a fee for programmes. I tried to come to terms with the holder of the contract, and actually paid him £10 for the privilege of presenting a free programme to my first-night visitors. Since then I have vainly endeavoured to arrange the matter with him, so that I could give away to my patrons a well-printed programme unencumbered with irrelevant advertisements. For this privilege a sum of £10 a performance, or £70 a-week, is demanded from me. In view of my very large nightly expenditure I am not justified in handing over such an amount, which, capitalised, represents a sum exceeding the whole value of the theatre, and the ground on which it stands.

I do not understand that condition of mind which allows a man to charge the public sixpence for a badly-printed piece of paper, which costs him a mere fraction of a farthing, but since there is a contract it must be respected.

I am, however, most anxious to clear myself from all suspicion of participation in the profits of so detestable a system. Of all the greedy and ugly exhibitions of the "middleman" or "parasite" spirit, the fee system seems to me one of the most outrageous and indefensible.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY ARTHUR JONES.

[We have much pleasure in publishing Mr. Jones' letter, and heartily sympathise with him in his dilemma. Whatever may be said in favour of cloak-room fees, nothing has yet been brought forward to justify the charge of sixpence for the "badly-printed piece of paper" which lately consists more than half of advertisements. For such managers as are placed in a similar position we can only suggest as a remedy the advertisement of the full programme in the daily newspapers, which, though doubtless expensive, would by no means be so costly as the sum mentioned by Mr. Jones, while the majority of patrons would be at no expense, as a newspaper forms part of a man's daily necessities—DRAMATIC CRITIC F.C.]

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 28th November.

1678 H. Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 176 Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

1462 Wharoliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Rosherville Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

Monday, 30th November.

House Committee, R.M.B.I., Croydon, at 3
1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.
1745 Farrington Holborn Viaduct
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1218 Friar Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
M.M. 146 Moore, Albion, Lancaster

Tuesday, 1st December.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
166 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1181 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1393 Friends in Council, 93 Golden Square
1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Old Cook Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
R.A. 169 Temperance, Swan Hotel, Deptford
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly

70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Grauby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Shoerness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
303 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
364 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skidaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1398 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1670 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1870 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1131 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, York
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham
M.M. 115 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday 2nd December.

Quarterly Communication of G. Lodge, F.M.H., at 6,
511 Zeland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1298 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.W.
1535 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, S.W.
1637 The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
208 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
615 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hos, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1063 Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167 Alawick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alawick
1206 Cinque Ports, Ball Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1361 Tyndall Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard Is
1903 Fr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 274 Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 360 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe
R.A. 477 Fidelity, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

Thursday, 3rd December.

27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
193 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street, Hotel.
227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
338 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1351 St. Clement Dunes, 265 Strand
1361 United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1672 Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
1772 Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
R.A. 2 St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 197 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7-30
31 United Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
50 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Naphali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Ball Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

609 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
639 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
633 Yarborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1013 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury Lancs.
1074 Underlay, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Salford
1231 Savil, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1232 Anchole, Foresters Hall, Brigg
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367 Beaminster Manor, White Hart, Beaminster
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384 Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1473 Boodle, Town Hall, Booter, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkey's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807 Loyal Wye, Bailth, Breconshire
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2044 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Sea King
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parale, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 429 Thanot, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 758 Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Lancaster
M.M. 51 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 4th December.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
890 Horsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1489 M. of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1815 Penze, Thicket Hotel, Anorley
2233 Old Westminster, 63 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.
M.M. 8 Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Toxtedden
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kinsall Street, Leeds
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Newbury
601 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
993 Welenpool, Gateway Hotel, Walsby
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Copper St., Manchester
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
1387 Quornton, Masonic Rooms, Overton, Walsby
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Brixham
1591 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1663 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth

R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 359 Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 1466 Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Saturday, 5th December.

142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1623 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458 Truth, Wheatshaf Hotel, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kent

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 28th November.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7-30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zeland, 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. Sinal, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 30th November.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bay, Romemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 8
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Sockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6-30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7-30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7-30
1685 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Mauchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8-30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 1st December.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30
198 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street,
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
211 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7-30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1449 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, 7-30
1446 Mount Edgumna, Three Scays, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7-30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Boodle, 146 Berry Street, Boodle, 6
1540 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tav. N., 8
1809 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 S. Arbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6-30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 2nd December.

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
103 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Pamure, 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
1047 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxted, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7-30
1475 Peckham, 51-4 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rasby Green, Catford, 8
1694 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7-30
1691 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8-30
1791 Creaton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8

1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell 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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, 81 Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 3rd December.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 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 Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington,
 1182 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
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:3
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8

1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1741 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 4th December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith

1058 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, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpellier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8.

Saturday, 5th December.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1375 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
 1388 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
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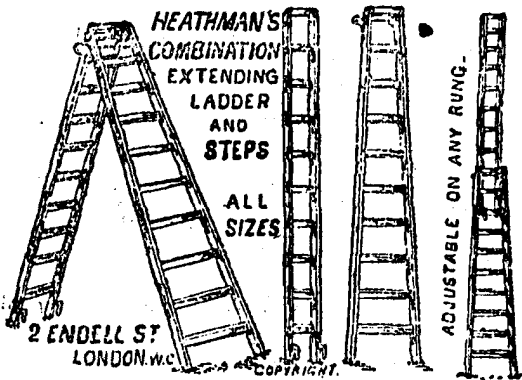
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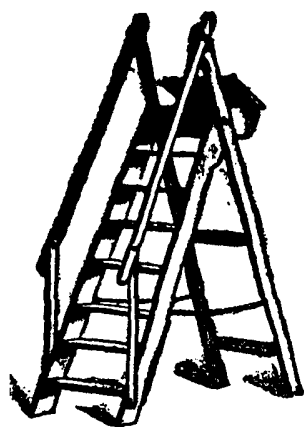
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