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## TWENTY-ONE YEARS' SERVICE.

THE brethren of East Lancashire celebrated an event at their annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held in Manchester last week, which was eminently gratifying, not only from a local point of view, but also when considered in its national sense. It also goes far to prove the truth of our remarks, last week, to the effect that the rulers of Freemasonry are useful members of the Order, and not mere ornamental figure heads. The celebration we refer to marked the completion of twenty-one years' service by Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie as Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, and we are pleased to know the Craftsmen of his district devoted themselves, as they did, to ensure a satisfactory recognition of so important an event. A fund having been started to provide some tangible proof of the satisfaction of the brethren, a total of £400 was received, from which an illuminated address and a presentation of plate was provided, the surplus being devoted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, as the nucleus of a proposed Starkie Annuity Fund, which will remain as a permanent monument of the esteem of the brethren for their chief, who, it must be acknowledged, is a Mason well qualified to take a leading place in the conduct of Masonic affairs.

Looking back to 1870, when Colonel Starkie was appointed to the office of Masonic ruler of East Lancashire, we find the Province then consisted of seventy-four Lodges, with a roll of 3419 subscribers, while to-day there are one hundred and three Lodges, with an aggregate of 4600 members, an increase which shows marked prosperity, and is evidence that East Lancashire Freemasonry has not suffered while under the rule of its present head. But it is not only by mere reference to the increase in Lodges and membership that we can prove the popularity of Colonel Starkie in his Province. Under his rule East Lancashire has earned a high reputation for the practice of the true principles of Freemasonry, and has won a name for itself in matters of benevolence which could not have been possible had the district been in charge of an unpopular or unsympathetic President. From the address presented to Colonel Starkie we learn that during his Mastership the Province has contributed no less than £23,532 to the three Charitable Institutions in London—£4941 to the Girls' School, £9216 to the Boys' School, and £9375 to the Benevolent Institution, while beyond this a local Charity Fund has been established, for which £17,000 has been subscribed in the Province. In the past we have had occasion to refer to this East Lancashire Fund, and have from time to time considered its bearing on the whole work of Masonic benevolence, but whatever may be urged against it when reviewed from a general standpoint, there is no gainsaying the fact that it proves the East Lancashire Masons to be

thoroughly in earnest, and fully alive to the desirability of providing at home for the needs of their own district. This Charity, we are told, has already spent £3062 in educating and clothing 98 children of brethren of the county, while a further sum of £2922 has been distributed in relieving the necessities of indigent Freemasons or their families. Beyond this there is an invested fund of £10,000, all of which—in the estimation of those best able to judge—is primarily attributable to the action taken by the Prov. Grand Master, and the example he has set to the brethren of his district. Surely this is a record of which any man might be proud, and we can imagine our distinguished Craftsman was sincere when he expressed the gratification he felt in receiving the tributes of affection and regard tendered him by the Masons of his Province, as a means of marking the completion of Twenty-one Years' Service.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday evening, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, presided; Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. acted as G.S.W., and Bro. Admiral Sir E. Englefield G.J.W.

After formal opening of Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary (Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke) read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 2nd September, but before they were put for confirmation informed Grand Lodge that he had received a letter written on behalf of the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey by the Prov. Grand Secretary, to the effect that Lodge La Cæsarée, at a special meeting, had duly submitted to the decision of Grand Lodge of England on 2nd September, and apologised, and that the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey had from 15th November removed the sentence of suspension, and reinstated the Lodge in all its rights and privileges, and directed his letter to that effect to be entered on the minutes of La Cæsarée Lodge.

The minutes were then confirmed.

Scrutineers of the ballot for members of the Board of Benevolence were selected and obligated, the ballot papers were collected, and the Scrutineers withdrew.

Bro. H. Crawford (City Solicitor) then rose to exercise a very great privilege, that of nominating the illustrious brother the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for election to the office of M.W. Grand Master for the year ensuing, and he desired to express the immense obligation under which the Craft rested for the great energy displayed by the Prince of Wales in furthering the interests of Freemasonry. It was gratifying to him to know that in submitting this proposition he was laying before the brethren a motion that would of necessity be a popular one, although he felt that he was only discharging a small instalment of the great debt of gratitude under which every member of the Masonic Craft rested to the Grand Master by giving proof of a desire by all loyal means to retain the valuable services of a Prince so illustrious, so devotedly attached to our beloved Queen and the Craft, and so profoundly respected.

A Brother next rose to nominate Bro. J. D. Murray, of Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, Wigan; Treasurer Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Preston; P. Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire; a founder of the Wigan Lodge, No. 2326, Wigan, as Grand Treasurer. He said the respected brother was in the Royal Arch and in the Royal Order of Scotland.

The Acting Grand Master, interrupting, said these were not Masonic degrees.

The Brother, continuing, said that the dignities which Bro. Murray had obtained were not bestowed indiscriminately upon brethren, but were conferred according to merit and ability. Bro. Murray was an exceptionally good and worthy Mason. He had been pre-eminently a worker in the Craft Degree; his rendering of the ceremonies was earnest and impressive; it was worthy of emulation. Bro. Murray had served ten Stewardships for the Masonic Charities in London, and the total sum he had carried up from West Lancashire exceeded £2000. In that Province he was universally known, and as universally appreciated; and not only there, but everywhere, he had proved himself to be the right man in the right place. He was appointed Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies of West Lancashire on 1885, and had so distinguished himself in that office that he had been re-appointed ever since. He was constantly being entrusted to consecrate new Lodges, and was an expert in that capacity. In addition to these Masonic qualifications, his personal character was highly commendable, and his social position was good. He held Her Majesty's Commission in the Auxiliary forces—in the Engineers. In nominating Bro. Murray he spoke not only on his own behalf, but on behalf of the whole of the Province of West Lancashire, who unanimously selected Bro. Murray as the brother most worthy to fill the high office of Grand Treasurer, and best calculated to dignify and adorn that office. The Earl of Lathom, his Provincial Grand Master, had expressed his high approval of the selection, and had given his special support to it; he was also Chairman of Bro. Murray's Committee. Bro. Murray's qualifications were such that he was sure the brethren would esteem it both a pleasure and a duty to vote for him.

Bro. John Cumberland P.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 475, Luton, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Beds, nominated Brother John Speight Cumberland, who was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178, Wigan, 11th of April 1871; a founder and P.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York; Past Provincial Grand Warden North and East Yorks; a founder and first W.M. United Northern Counties Lodge, 2128, London; hon. member Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, Tunis; founder and twice M.E.Z. Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611, York; Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and Past Provincial Grand Joshua North and East Yorks. He was sure the nomination would commend itself to the brethren generally. Bro. Cumberland had for many years taken a most active interest in Masonry, and in North and East Yorkshire was well-known and highly esteemed for his work. In the Charities he had been a most active worker, and no better choice of a Grand Treasurer could be made.

The Acting Grand Master announced that the M.W. Grand Master had again appointed Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. President of the Board of Benevolence, and called on Bro. Grey to advance.

Bro. Robert Grey was then again re-invested as President of the Board of Benevolence.

The Acting Grand Master announced that Bro. James Brett P.G.P. and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. had been elected respectively Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.

Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. being obliged to leave, obtained leave to bring on his motion out of its proper order. After expressing his acknowledgments to Grand Lodge for their consideration, he said he was sure his motion required no sort of eloquence to commend itself for acceptance to Grand Lodge. Some three years ago, at the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, it was his privilege to propose a similar motion to the present one, and Grand Lodge adopted it unanimously, and with great enthusiasm. He would not ask Grand Lodge to look back to the Jubilee of the Boys' School or of the Girls' School, because those Institutions were not, 40 or 50 years ago, so great as they were now, nor were the funds of Grand Lodge so large as they were at the present time, and Grand Lodge was not able to give so liberally then as it was now its habit to do. He need

not mention these things, because all he had to do now was to ask the brethren to fix their hearts on the merits and wants of the old folks, who would require their support on the occurrence of their Jubilee Festival under very exalted presidency. He now begged to move "That the sum of 500 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."

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. said it was a great privilege to him to second this motion. Sufficient had been said by Bro. Sir J. Monckton to commend it to the notice of the brethren. He seconded the motion with pleasure, because the sum of money asked for could not possibly be better bestowed. One circumstance was not mentioned by Bro. Monckton, that at the present moment the standing balance of Grand Lodge amounted to upwards of £9000, and therefore the sum asked could well be spared. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The report of the Board of Benevolence, as printed by us last week, was then adopted, and the several recommendations contained therein were confirmed.

On the motion of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded by Brother Lennox Browne, Vice-President, the Report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G. C.B., Garter P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, then moved—

That, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Grand Lodge of England by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, for the 16 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.

He said he rose with considerable satisfaction to offer to the notice of Grand Lodge the resolution which stood in his name. It was one that he was satisfied required no eulogy on his part, because it would be received by all the brethren with the greatest enthusiasm. The object of his resolution was to fill a vacant space at the end of the Temple with the portrait of the Earl of Lathom. As to his lordship's Masonic career, it was quite unnecessary for him to say one word; Lord Lathom was as well known to the brethren as to himself, and the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the several offices he had held, not only in private Lodges, but in Grand Lodge, and in the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, enabled him (Sir Albert Woods) to content himself with merely moving his resolution, which he now did accordingly. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson seconded the motion. The Acting Grand Master said it would be a great pleasure to him, having been associated with Bro. the Earl of Lathom many years, to put this motion to Grand Lodge. He was sure it was only a graceful recognition of the great services his lordship had rendered, and it would be a remembrance to the brethren of Grand Lodge when they saw his portrait on the wall that it was the likeness of one whose name deservedly was enrolled on the list of Freemasons. The motion was enthusiastically carried.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, moved—

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., &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.

Bro. Eve explained that the fund had never been enlarged and never touched, and was still standing for the benefit of the Boys' School. When the Grand Treasurer (Bro. Samuel Tomkins) was appointed every year there was no change of name, but now that the Grand Treasurer was changed each year there was trouble created. To avoid this and to simplify the matter, it was proposed to place the money in the names of the present Trustees of the General Invested Funds of the Boys' School, which

amounted to £17,500. Bro. George Everett Grand Treasurer seconded the motion, which was carried.

With respect to the two Petitions brought under the notice of Grand Lodge, Brother Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar said: The question involved was first raised about three years ago, at the time of the establishment of a Grand Lodge in New South Wales, which was understood at the time to be an unanimous act. Shortly afterwards, however, a minority of the members of one English Lodge there—the Cambrian, No. 656—wrote home for the opinion of myself as Grand Registrar, as to whether or not a minority of their members could retain the warrant under the Grand Lodge of England. In view of the important fact that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales had become a legal, recognised Masonic body, I came to the conclusion that Article 219 Book of Constitutions did not apply to such a case. That Rule, which had been framed by a Sub-Committee, of which I myself was a member, at the revision of the Constitutions in the year 1883, being, in my view, simply intended as a domestic regulation, practically to meet the ordinary case of a Lodge dying out from loss of members by death or resignation, and not that of a Lodge where the majority of its former members joined another recognised local Constitution, I therefore gave my opinion to that effect. On the Lodge referred to subsequently laying the matter before the Colonial Board they adopted the opinion thus expressed by myself. Since then another question has arisen in New Zealand which, although apparently at the time similar to the former, now, on further elucidation of the facts, appears to have an important difference. When this latter question was first laid before me for opinion, it was believed that the Grand Lodge movement in that colony was strongly supported, and would speedily come to a successful issue. On these grounds, and it may be said somewhat in anticipation, I quoted in reply the case of the Cambrian Lodge in New South Wales, and the decision of the Colonial Board thereon. Since then, however, it has been found that the movement in New Zealand is not of the character supposed, and that there seems no probability of its present success. Our Grand Lodge has therefore refused to recognise the so-styled "Grand Lodge of New Zealand." I am consequently of opinion that the cases of New South Wales and New Zealand differ essentially, and while I still hold the view that where a local governing Masonic body is established and duly recognised, it becomes advisable, as a matter of Masonic policy and harmony, that the adhesion of a Lodge to it by the act of the majority of the members who compose that Lodge may be permitted. I at the same time consider that where there is no such local body as a Grand Lodge duly recognised, and where the brethren would therefore practically be quitting the ranks of lawful, that is *regular*, Masonry, to join an irregular body, a minority of three may be, and if they desire it should be, permitted to continue to hold their warrant. I, therefore, now ask Grand Lodge to adopt this view, and to pass the following resolution: "That Grand Lodge is of opinion that any Lodge under the English Constitution in New Zealand is entitled to retain its warrant and exercise its lawful Masonic privileges, notwithstanding the fact that a majority of its members may have seceded."

Bro. Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, said: The matter brought before Grand Lodge by our Bro. Grand Registrar has been under consideration and the subject of discussion for some time, and I am satisfied that the course recommended by the Grand Registrar is the safest and the proper course to adopt. I was also a member of the Sub-Committee by whom the new Book of Constitutions was framed; this Sub-Committee traced every Article in the old Book to its origin, and not only every Article, but every alteration made in each Article in the 14 editions through which that Book had passed from the time of the Union. Article 219 was found to have originated in an incident which occurred in the last century, and had reference to a particular Lodge and certain individual members of it. It was altered subsequently, and in the edition of 1874—the edition immediately before the present—the words, "who adhere as to their allegiance," in consequence of this alteration, had no definite meaning, although perfectly intelligible and significant in the original Article. The Sub-Committee struck out those words, deeming it better that the Article should have reference only to the cases referred to by the Grand Registrar, and that those other cases to which the

words struck out had been supposed to be applicable, Grand Lodge should have a free hand to deal with them as circumstances, policy, expediency, and Masonic harmony might suggest. Our Brother Grand Registrar has gone so fully into the matter that it cannot be necessary for me to say more than, firstly and secondly, to express an earnest hope that Grand Lodge will adopt it. The recommendation was then unanimously agreed to.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form and adjourned.

The following is the result, declared at a later hour of the evening, of the election to the Board of General Purposes:—Bros. George Read, George R. Langley, E. Charles Mulvey, Chas. J. R. Tijou, George B. Chapman, James Bunker, William Vincent, William Fisher, Simon H. Goldschmidt, William Peter Brown, George Coop, and Charles Dairy.

## MASONIC OFFENCES.

THERE is a wide-spread misapprehension in the Craft as to what constitutes a Masonic offence. This is apparent not only from frequent inconsiderate colloquial remarks of Brethren, but from action taken in the Lodges in preferring charges, and from the seemingly careful statements of certain writers in Masonic journals, and in reports on Correspondence to Grand Lodges.

Masonic offences, like everything in Freemasonry, are based on principle, and governed by law—and not profane, but Masonic principle and law.

The prolific source of error in this matter is the enthronement of the civil and criminal law of the Commonwealth in the place of the organic law of Freemasonry. Each is sovereign in its own domain, but neither can be lawfully made to usurp the place of the other. The State is supreme over its subjects, Freemasonry over its.

Let us refer, first, to the attempted application of civil law to the determination of Masonic questions.

No dispute between Masons concerning a matter of merely civil law can be rightfully considered or adjudicated in a Masonic Lodge. For example: If one Mason owes another a debt, say in the ordinary course of trade, the mere fact of the non-payment of this debt will not justify the creditor in bringing charges of unmasonic conduct against the debtor in his Lodge. Freemasonry takes no cognizance of money disputes between Masons. The civil courts, and they alone, determine these, and to them the Brother who believes himself injured must resort. A Lodge is not a justice's court for the recovery of debts.

Even the State Courts are jealous of their own peculiar jurisdiction, so that if an action be brought in a criminal court for the purpose of collecting a debt, the action will fall, and the party be left to his civil remedy. Much more is it true, that if a Brother seeks to collect a debt in a Lodge by preferring charges against his Brother Mason, the Lodge will refuse to consider his claim, and leave him to his civil action.

Next, let us refer to the attempted application of the criminal law of the Commonwealth to the determination of Masonic questions.

A criminal offence, no more than a civil offence, is *per se* a Masonic offence. In order to render either of these a Masonic offence, another essential and purely Masonic ingredient must enter. No infraction of a State law, whether it be civil or criminal, becomes thereby a breach of Masonic law, unless there be also an injury wrought to Freemasonry itself, or to a Freemason as a Freemason. It is not his act against a Brother, civilly, or against him and the State, criminally, that constitutes a Masonic offence, but it is the dishonour, the disgrace, the defilement brought upon the Craft, which Freemasonry regards—for example, by his conviction in a criminal court of the land of a heinous offence. This is where his criminality touches and injures Freemasonry, and because of this, and only because of this, his criminal offence becomes also a Masonic offence.

Of course we are now treating of criminal offences which have no Masonic quality *per se*, for if this ingredient be present, Freemasonry has jurisdiction of the crime whether the law of the land punishes it or not.

We may fitly conclude our brief consideration of this subject by adverting to those offences which are *per se*—in themselves—Masonic offences.

While we are here writing exclusively for Freemasons,

we may not say plainly all that might, and should, be said on this subject. There is a mystery involved—the mystery of Freemasonry. That mystery may never in any degree be exposed. But we may enunciate certain principles plainly, although we may not set forth their application.

Masonic law differs from profane law in this, that its code is peculiarly its own, and is contained not only in written, but as well in absolutely, and not merely nominally unwritten law. Concerning the unwritten law of the Craft, in this connection, we may not write. What is unwritten must remain unwritten.

The most serious Masonic offences are breaches of the unwritten law. These can only be discussed in a tyled Lodge. No newspaper, not even a Masonic newspaper, is the place for the consideration of these offences. The unwritten law prohibits them, and the unwritten law judges them. It is clear and conclusive. Even the civil courts respect it, and decline to interfere with its judgments. Every Brother knows, or should know, its requirements, and when he commits a Masonic offence *per se*, he is inexcusable because he sins against light and knowledge, and is self-convicted.

The written law of the Craft, as contained in Grand Lodge Constitutions, Rules, Regulations and Edicts, and in Lodge By-Laws, speaks plainly for itself, and the breach of any of its regulations is plainly a Masonic offence. One of the mildest of these laws is that which requires the payment of annual dues to the Lodge, under certain regulations. Suspension for non-payment of dues of a member, who is able, and neglects to pay them, is one of the most frequent punishments inflicted by Masonry.

Other offences rise in degree, but all are Masonic and all punishable by suspension or expulsion.

The dignity of Masonic law, the principles of the Fraternity, must be maintained. The Craft is long suffering and kind, but forbearance ceases to be a virtue when Masonic manhood is lost, when odium is reflected upon Freemasonry, and the most solemn engagements are treated as the empty words of one who respects neither himself, his Brother, nor the great Fraternity which encircles and glorifies the globe.—*Keystone.*

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78, (MIDDLETON).

A MEETING took place on Thursday, the 26th ultimo, at the Asheton Arms Hotel. Present Bros. Hilton W.M., Entwistle I.P.M., Lawton S.W., Smethurst J.W., Heywood P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Hall Secretary, Brown I.G., Harlow Tyler; Lawton P.M. D.C., Birtles P.M., Coleman P.M., Lees P.M., H. Mallalieu, Harrison, Inglesant, Lord, J. R. Mallalieu, Thorpe, Neild, Taylor, Jos. Mallalieu, Jolly, and Vickers; Visitors—Hy. Taylor 2324, Mayall 1868, Sefston J.W. 1773, and Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Mallalieu was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Bro. Lawton was elected W.M. for the ensuing year unanimously, and Bro. Heywood P.M. P.P.G.D., who has held the office for 30 years, was re-elected Treasurer. The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8:30. After supper, the health of the newly elected W.M. was proposed and heartily drank.

### LODGE OF VIRTUE, No. 152 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held on Friday, at the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Gillibrand W.M., W. Batt S.W., J. Cantrill J.W., J. Pritchard P.M. Treasurer, J. Crompton Secretary, J. Davis I.G., G. C. Williams P.M. D.C., P.M.'s Daniel, Conway, Blackie and Jaffrey P.P.G.D.; Bros. J. W. White, Kelley, Constantine, Stephenson, Kay, Hobbs and Cook. Visitor—Bro. Jas. Atkinson 325. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The only business on the summons was the election of Bro. A. G. Cook of the Shakespeare Lodge 426, Spilsby, as a joining member, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

### LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held at the Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Present Bros. Bedson W.M., Sparkes S.W., Schofield J.W., Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, Blamey S.D., John Studd P.G.D.C., J. E. Williams P.M. Organist, Thomas Studd I.G.; Past Masters Kershaw, B. Williams, Livesey, Simister; Bros. Gardner, Sumner, Pike, Wood, Allison, Hepworth, Gaskell, Eastwood, Sparkes, Taylor, Bell, Neild, Mee, Moorhouse, Slee, Yates, J. Taylor, Mitobell, Studd, Heller, Clemmey, and Horrocks; Visitors—Bros. Eastwood 428, Taylor 2318,

Laurisch 2359, Midgley 1504, Woodhouse 1387, and Rottmayer 317. The only business transacted, was the raising of Brother Horrocks to the third degree by the W.M., after which the Lodge was closed.

### CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Present—Bros. W. W. Lofthouse W.M., P. W. H. Start S.W., Jno. Smith S.W., Seth Wrigley P.M. Treasurer, A. B. Outram P.M. Secretary, W. Thorpe S.D., Robt. Williams Org., J. Brierley I.G.; P.M.'s Robert White, Jas. Campbell and Jordrell; Bros. Grocock, T. T. Hardicker, Roworth, A. W. Williams, Morvell, Reilley, W. T. Furrington W.M. 1633, Wm. Mosley Secretary 1773. Visitors—J. Bell 163, John Bell P.M. 104, J. M. Blamey S.D. 163, J. Nettleton P.M. 1011, John Marsden P.P.G.A.D.C. The brethren met at 5:30 and the Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Grocock having answered the necessary questions leading from the first to the second degree was made a Fellow Craft by Bro. Jordrell P.M. The brethren then adjourned for tea, and on resuming labour Bros. Roworth and Hardicker were interrogated as to their proficiency in the second degree and retired. They were both subsequently raised to the sublime degree, the former by Bro. Wrigley P.M. and the latter by the W.M. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

### STRANGWAYS LODGE, No. 1219, (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held on the 25th November, at Mrs. Stopford's, Old Boar's Head Hotel. Present—Bros. Battye W.M., Hughes I.P.M., Savage S.W., Robinson J.W., W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, W. B. Russell P.M. Secretary, Wilkinson J.D., Williams P.M. D.C., Baron Organist. Bros. Kershaw, Carrington, Rowbottom, Barlow, Whitman, Keay, Barnes, Plant, Lowry, Vaughan, Whyman, &c. Visitors—Bros. Dr. North P.M. P.P.G.D. (Wexford), S. Mamelok P.M. 1798, Boden P.M. 1588, and others. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. F. Pilling, Thos. Stott, Jas. Sutcliffe, H. Fustain, and Geo. A. Bowden, were severally balloted for and elected to become members of the Lodge. Mr. Pilling was initiated by the W.M.; Messrs. Stott, Sutcliffe, and Bowden by Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D.; and Fustain by Bro. Williams P.M.; and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed at 9 o'clock. At the social board, after the customary toast, the health of the Initiates was proposed and responded to, a pleasant evening being spent. Bros. Robinson, Goss, and others contributed to the enjoyment by singing some capital songs, and Bro. Dr. North recited.

### WALDEN LODGE, No. 1280 (SAFFRON WALDEN).

THE anniversary meeting was held on Monday, 16th November, when W. Bro. Stebbing Leverett P.M. P.P.G.D. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Lloyd I.P.M. 2342 Prov. G.Chap. In the course of the evening the retiring W.M. (Bro. Jas. Foster Prov. G.D.D. of C.) remarked upon the paucity of work there had been in the Lodge during the year just closed, and being anxious not to leave the chair without doing something to mark his year of office, he had thought that a painting of his own of one of the members of the Lodge, to hang upon the walls of their Lodge-room, would not be unacceptable. His thoughts naturally turned to Bro. Bell, who was a founder of their Lodge and the Father of Freemasonry in their midst, and Bro. Bell having kindly given his consent, and also several sittings, the result he had now the pleasure to offer to the Lodge for its acceptance. The portrait was then uncovered, amidst loud and continued applause. It is a three-quarter length portrait in oils, and represents Bro. Joseph Bell in full Craft clothing as P.P.G.J.W., is a striking likeness, and the execution of the picture was greatly admired. The health of Bro. Bell having been cordially drunk, Bro. Bell P.M., whose rising was the signal for a fresh demonstration of applause, said, in all his life he had never been placed in such a difficult position. He thanked the brethren for the kind way they had received the gift of their I.P.M., and he also appreciated most highly the feeling that had prompted Bro. Foster to undertake so much labour in his honour. He certainly had felt a great interest in Freemasonry during more years perhaps than he cared to remember, and the prosperity of the Walden Lodge was particularly dear to him. The inscription on the picture is as under:—"Bro. Joseph Bell, founder of Walden Lodge, No. 1280, P.M. 441 and 1280, P.P.G.S.D. Cambs., P.P.G.J.W. Essex, P.Z. 441. Painted and presented by Bro. Geo. Foster W.M. 1280, P.G.D.D.C. Essex, upon his relinquishing the Chair, 16th November 1891."

### EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE installation meeting was held on the 12th ult., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, the W.M., Bro. John Robinson Roberts presiding. Among the brethren present were Bros. D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer England (hon. member), Parkhouse P.M., Murlis P.M., Pearson P.M., and Woodmason P.M., and a large number of visitors. The W.M. raised Bro. E. W. Beard to the third degree, and afterwards installed Bro. Lieut. T. W. Heath S.W. W.M. elect as Master of the Lodge. The following were invested as Officers:—Bros. Dr. Pocock P.M. S.W., E. Rogers P.M. J.W., S. H. Parkhouse Treas., W. J. Muriis Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, J. H. Rutherford S.D., G. A. Williams J.D., J. M. Haish I.G., E. M. Lander D.C., H. Foskett A.D.C., Lockner Organist, J. French and W. H. Wadham Stewards, Schofield Tyler, and Lackland Assistant Tyler. Bro. Roberts then delivered the addresses, and afterwards votes of condolence were passed in consequence of some deaths which had

occurred since the previous meeting. The sum of £20 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the Steward's list for the Jubilee Festival of that Institution. The brethren, after closing the Lodge, adjourned to a choice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts. The W.M. in proposing the Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said they had that night a worthy representative of the Grand Officers, who was a prince in the hard work of Freemasonry and a prince in charity. His good deeds would last for evermore, and be monuments to all time; his name would go down to posterity as of one who had done an immense amount of good, not only in his own country, but in this country. Whatever his hand found to do he did it with the greatest heartiness and zeal. Bro. Cama P.G. Treasurer, who was received with loud applause on rising to reply, said he was much pleased with the way the toast of the Grand Officers was received, as it proved that the brethren had confidence in the Grand Officers. He also thanked the W.M. for coupling his humble name with such a distinguished toast. He took it as a graceful act, and assured the brethren that such a graceful act from the chair would always be the means of cementing goodwill between the Grand Officers and the Institution. As an honorary member of the Lodge, he wished the W.M. a prosperous year. Bro. Roberts I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said for many years past the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had given a grand reception to the toast, and he was sure that night would form no exception. Bro. Heath had been for many years a most active and generous Freemason, and he would do all that lay in his power to uphold the credit and reputation of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge during his year of office. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said it was a proud moment for him when he attained to the high position of W.M. He had worked through every office up to it. When one got to it it was a reward for many years' service. It would be his effort to give satisfaction to the brethren generally in Masonry, and to their Lodge in particular. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the I.P.M., and invested Bro. Roberts with a Past Master's jewel, with the observation that no Mason ever wore a jewel that was more honestly, fairly, and genuinely won. Bro. Roberts I.P.M., in reply, said he was especially grateful for the very splendid jewel which had been presented to him. It would always remind him of one of the happiest years he had spent in his life. Bros. E. M. Money, Goffin, Mulvey, Mason, and Unite responded to the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. John Mason for that of the Masonic Charities. The other toasts were then honoured and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

#### KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

THE thirteenth anniversary was celebrated, on the 25th ult., at Skolmersdale Hall, where the installation ceremony took place. It appears from the balance sheet that during the year over £100 had been distributed in charity, whilst £150 had been added to the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which is intended to relieve urgent and immediate cases. About 130 members and visitors attended the ceremony. The W.M. elect, Brother Bushell, was efficiently installed by Bro. Johnson, the retiring W.M. The Officers appointed were Bros. Johnson I.P.M., Milne S.W., Macaulay J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Chaplain, Croxton Treasurer (for the eighth time), Dr. Ricketts Secretary, Hood S.D. and Assistant Secretary, Reid J.D., Gaskill I.G., Pugh Organist, Hughes S.S., Hillman J.S., Ellams, Gee and Sutton Assistant Stewards, Molyneux P.M. D.C., and Watson Tyler. The banquet was supplied by Galt and Capper, Lord-street. The I.P.M. was presented with a silver P.M.'s jewel, collar, and apron, together with a handsome gilt drawing-room clock and side ornaments for Mrs. Johnson. A musical programme was given by Bros. Nicholls, Williams, Fargher, Griffiths, and Pugh. Oxygen-hydrogen limelight dissolving views were also shown by Bro. Fitzgerald.

#### HIGHBURY LODGE, No. 2192.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, on the 26th ult., Bro. John Barnett jun. in the chair. The usual Lodge business was transacted, after which Bro. Thos. Glass, 860, was elected as a joining member. Bro. Chas. Fredk. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer was then obligated and installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Barnett jun. in a masterly manner. The newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Barnett jun. I.P.M., J. Terry P.G. Sword Bearer S.W., W. Shurmur J.W., W. H. Baker Treasurer, T. Hastings Miller G. Standard Bearer Secretary, W. Maple S.D., A. P. Bowyer J.D., H. Sprake Dir. of Cers., E. S. Crick I.G., C. Cope and D. W. Bell Stewards, R. J. Morley Tyler. There was a large number of Visitors present, most of whom were distinguished in the Craft. Among the Visitors present were Bros. J. H. Cooke, J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., W. A. Harvey, T. B. Dodson, A. Clemow, H. Adams, E. Acworth Prov. G. Tr. Essex, G. Tessey, J. C. Hayes, J. Gallaher, Dr. Goddard, and Minstrell. At the closing of the Lodge the brethren partook of a choice banquet. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft had been honoured, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and alluded in sympathetic terms to the illness of Prince George of Wales. He said the brethren were very pleased to hear that he was progressing favourably towards recovery. The toast of the Grand Officers Present and Past was next submitted to the brethren by the Worshipful Master, who said it was a very comprehensive toast, and one in which they all felt very much interested, because they had amongst them Bro. Hastings Miller Grand Sword Bearer, whose name he would couple with the toast. Bro. Hastings Miller, in replying, said the W.M. had set a very good example in making the speeches as short as possible, but although his (Bro. Miller's) reply was short, it was not the less sincere, and he thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. He believed every Grand Officer had one desire

only, and that was the welfare of the Craft. He had endeavoured for the last twenty-two years to do his best for the Craft, and he was certain every Grand Officer had done the same. Bro. J. Barnett jun. next proposed the Worshipful Master, and in doing so said there were exceptional reasons why they should drink the toast at the present time with a vast amount of cordiality. He was told the health of the Worshipful Master had not been as good lately as they could have wished it. He could assure the brethren that when he was informed that Bro. Hogard was ill he thought it would be next to a calamity if the illness extended over many more days. They were very gratified to see him in the chair that night, and they trusted he would have better health during his year of office. Bro. Hogard said for the very cordial way the brethren had received the toast he could only express his very poor but very sincere thanks. The Highbury Lodge had been from its formation a success. They had not gone about to get in a large number of brethren, but they had got together a number of good brethren. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and he now found himself in the proud position of Worshipful Master. He expressed his best thanks for the very cordial and flattering terms in which Brother Barnett had given the toast, and if he could do anything for the good of the Highbury Lodge he should do so with the greatest pleasure. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said it had been in the Highbury Lodge a very desirable custom to receive visitors at their Lodge and festive board. He was very pleased to receive visitors, because whilst their number added to the dignity of the Lodge, they also gave an incentive to the W.M. and the Officers to perform the duties with a little more care than they might otherwise do. They had a long list of visitors present, but he would call on Bros. Acworth, Gallaher, Hayes, Dr. Goddard, and Dodson to respond. The toast was heartily drunk and replied to, after which the W.M. proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge, and referred in eulogistic terms to the services the Past Masters had given to the Lodge, mentioning in particular the services of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, the first Master. The W.M. also alluded to the services of Bro. John Barnett jun., who had performed every ceremony which had come before him in a most masterly way, concluding in the excellent manner in which he had installed his successor. While they had such Past Masters in the Highbury Lodge it must continue to prosper. Bro. Barnett, in responding, said the Highbury Lodge had never been opened without his being present. He had done the work to the best of his ability, and if it had been done to the satisfaction of the brethren with whom he had been associated he was perfectly satisfied. Bro. Hastings Miller also replied. He said there was only sincerity in his heart with regard to Masonry. He had done all he could for that grand and glorious cause. As one of its founders he took great interest in the Lodge, and it had given him great pleasure to see Bro. Barnett pass through the chair. He had been one of the best Masters of the Lodge, and the brethren were very proud of him, and hoped he would be spared for many years. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Officers, and in doing so said that unless the W.M. was supported by his Officers the ceremonies fell flat. They were favoured with very good Officers. In the S.W., Bro. James Terry, they had a brother whose services in Masonry might not be equalled, and certainly could not be excelled by any brother in the Craft. Bro. Shurmur the J.W. was an excellent Mason, and so were the other Officers. Bros. James Terry and Shurmur replied, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

#### MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387.

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper street, on Thursday, the 26th ultimo. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Broth W.M., Ramsay S.W., Cooper acting J.W., Simpson Secretary, Swinn S.D., Cavanah J.D., E. G. Simpson P.P.G.D. Cheshire D. of C., Richardson P.P.G.D. I.P.M., Core, Mandelberg, Thorne (Mikado Company), Brook (Nautch Girl Company), Paulsen, &c. The Lodge was opened at 2:30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Bull (Beresford), manager for the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company, and was announced favourable. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Hart, who was elected and initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Richardson P.M. P.P.G.D. Bro. Mandelberg was, at a later stage, raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by the W.M., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Burgess W.M., Hancock S.W., Lincoln J.W., Foan Assistant Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, Hoggins S.D., Rowe J.D., Seary Organist, Keen I.G., Weeks Tyler, Hambly, Kirk, Sherwood, Dukas, Cogliati, Vilain, Grist, Kedge, Wise, Harbert, Woodward, G. H. Reynolds, Matthews, Bennett, Warwick and Buxton. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. G. H. Reynolds offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Cogliati offered himself as a candidate to be passed, and was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony and gave the lecture on the tracing board. The W.M. worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Grist, of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—The weekly meeting was held on Monday last, at Bridge Chambers, 100 Street Railway Station. There were present Bros. W. Shurmur P.P.G. Treasurer W.M., P. Trickett S.W., H. Smith J.W., N. Forrester Treasurer, W. J. Short S.D., J. Clark J.D., W. Goulding I.G., C. H. Bestow Secretary, J. Collatt Steward, S. Herbert, T. H. Thrower W.M. 1766, L. Griffiths, J. Lewis, Young, James Pinder

P.M., G. Meade, C. T. Fuller, J. Ives P.M., R. Jeremy, A. Oakden, S. B. Thorogood, A. H. Wilson, S. C. Bateman, J. Hamilton, G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B., and W. Baillie. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Westfield candidate. After the investment of Officers Bro. Shurmur delivered the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Trickett was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting. There being no further business, Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 7th instant.

The annual supper of this prosperous Lodge, which meets under the Warrant of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, was held at the Victoria Hall, Hoe Street, on the 16th ult. A large number of the Craft assembled on the occasion to honour the popular Preceptor, Brother William Shurmur I.P.M. No. 2374, and the equally popular Treasurer Bro. Natl. Fortescue J.W. No. 2374, who presided. The Chair and Vice-Chair were supported by Bros. D. P. Holness W.M. 2374, H. F. Bromhead S.W. 2374, Archdeacon Dunbar Chaplain No. 2374, James Speller Treasurer 2374, James Pinder P.M. Secretary 2374, G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. Assistant Secretary 2374, H. F. J. Hallows P.M. 2374, Joseph Wilson P.M. 2374, Samuel Smithers P.M. 2374, F. Matthews P.M. 2374, R. Kinnaw S.D. 2374, W. P. Allen J.D. 2374, O. H. Bestow I.G. 2374, J. Collett 2374, J. Holland 2374, M. Blicock 2374, T. E. Pike 2374, R. Perry 2374, A. W. Orchard 2374, G. W. Knight P.M. 2374, C. MacCalla 2374, C. G. Cutchey P.M. 1685, Harris W.M. 1662, Geo. Graveley P.M. 1662, S. Herbert 2256, W. Bellingham 2256, J. Cropley 2374, J. Hall-Brown P.M. 2374, J. King 2374, T. W. Stacey 2374, E. Gray, C. Spurgeon, R. Jeremy, G. W. Fry, W. Cole, H. Grout, W. Goulding, J. Bird, Jno. Ives P.M., A. H. Wilson 2374, T. Maynard 2374, H. Smith P.P.G.S. Argentine, W. W. Cook, F. Islip 1278, B. Nicholson 1278, and many others. The Hall was tastefully decorated with flags of all nationalities, artistically arranged by Bros. W. P. Allen, J. King, and J. Collett. Handsome palms, ferns and flowers, were kindly lent by Bro. H. J. Short. After the supper, which was partaken of by over 100 brethren, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Archdeacon Dunbar proposed the toast of "Success to the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction and the Masonic Benevolent Association." Bro. William Shurmur Preceptor, who was warmly received on rising to respond, said they were all deeply grateful to their respected Chaplain, Dr. Dunbar, for the eloquent and graceful terms in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for their cordial reception of the same. The Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction comprised members from nearly 40 regular Lodges, and there were several of them experienced Past Masters, notably Bros. James Pinder, C. G. Cutchey, and others, who were regarded in the Masonic world as expert instructors and expounders of the ancient landmarks, principles, and tenets of the Order. Preceptorially speaking, he was bound to say he was more than pleased; he was proud of the zeal, the skill, and ability evinced by so many of the junior members, who, by their assiduity, had gained the esteem and regard of their seniors, and were to be congratulated upon having entered upon that path which would undoubtedly lead them to Masonic honour and preferment. With regard to the Benevolent Association, that was the third that had been formed in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, and their united donations to the Central Masonic Charities would amount to nearly fifteen hundred guineas. The toasts of "The Chairman," "The Vice-Chairman," "The Visitors," and "The Officers and Stewards," were proposed, and were heartily responded to. An excellent musical programme was well carried out by Bros. T. H. Lloyd, H. M. Hind, H. Prenton, W. H. Finch, and C. Spurgeon; the latter presided at the piano.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### STARKIE CHAPTER, No. 935 (SALFORD).

THE installation of Comp. Armstrong took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi, on Thursday, the 12th ultimo. There was a fair attendance. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. A. H. Jefferis P.G.J. The following Companions were invested Officers for the ensuing year by Comp. Jefferis, viz.:—Armstrong Z., Lean H., J. Williams J., W. Craig Royle S.E.

### ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 993 (MANCHESTER).

ON Monday, the 9th ultimo, Comp. W. H. Peak was installed First Principal, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, by Companion John Marshall a P.P.G. Officer of West Yorkshire. He also installed Comp. James Cookson as H., and Comp. Buckley Carr J. The remaining Officers invested were Comps. Eblanger S.E., Clulow S.N., Allitt P.S., Ward and Mottram Assistant Sojourners. The whole of the installation ceremonies, addresses, &c., were performed by Comp. Marshall in a most finished manner, and reflected great credit upon him. During the evening the M.E.Z. Comp. Peak caused a telegram to be sent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, tendering hearty good wishes and congratulations on his fiftieth birthday. His Royal Highness sent a reply, as follows:—

"To the First Principal and Companions of the Alexandra Chapter. I sincerely thank you for kind and fraternal congratulations.

ALBERT EDWARD."

### LEWIS CHAPTER, No. 1185.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday last, at the Assembly Rooms, Wood Green, for the installation of Principals and induction of Officers for the ensuing year. Companion Henry Garrod P.G.S.B. officiated as Installing Principal, when Companions Hildreth, Carr and Cushing were respectively installed

into the chairs of Z, H. and J. The subordinate Officers invested were Companions Row P.Z. Treasurer, Thompson P.Z. S.E., Osterstock S.N., Hewett P.S., Goodwin and Powter Assistants, Evenden Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Companion Goodfellow, in recognition of his services to the Chapter.

### TRAFFORD CHAPTER, No. 1496 (MANCHESTER).

THE bi-monthly convocation took place on Wednesday, the 18th ultimo, at the Western Hotel, Moss Side. Present—Comps. Beggs Z., Maybury H., Rathbone J., J. H. Jones P.Z. S.E., Jacobson S.N., Burslem P.Z. Treasurer, Thomason P.S., Kershaw and Blears Assistant Sojourners, Giltman P.Z. P.P.G.T., McKellan P.Z. P.P.G.A.S.; Comps. W. Jones, Percy E. Land, J. Morrison junior, Wilson, Knight and Hampson; Visitor—Comp H. Nall 1375. The Chapter was opened in due form at five o'clock, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Corse, Dunkerley and Dalglish, and announced favourable. Bro. Burslem (who had been balloted for at the last meeting) and Dunkerley were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree by the M.E.Z. Comp. Walter Biggs, and Bros. Corse and Dalglish by Comp. Burslem. This being the night of election, the result was as follows:—Comps. Maybury Z., Rathbone H., Kershaw J., H. P. Jones S.E., Burslem Treasurer, Jacobson S.N., Thomason S.E., Blears 1st and Battersby 2nd Assistant Sojourners. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### A NEW LODGE AT KINGSBRIDGE.

AT Kingsbridge, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., who is the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Freemasons for Devon—consecrated a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and in doing so expressed his pleasure in having to perform the office in such a remote part of the county. Bro. the Hon. H. V. Duncombe was installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge by Bro. Lowe Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Brother Duncombe afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Square S.W., Gill J.W., Rev. T. C. Lewis M.O., Watts J.O., Webb Treasurer, Chase Secretary, Rev. J. Henning Chaplain, Cranch jun. Organist, Hooper S.D., Way J.D., Staig I.G., Lee Tyler. Sir Stafford Northcote, was subsequently entertained by the brethren of the Lodge at a banquet held at the Kings Arms Hotel.

MASONIC DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—When one's friends are taking part in a theatrical performance the interest is naturally increased. This was the case on the 25th ult., at the Bath Saloon, Convent Walk, when the friends of the Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gathered in force to witness several of its members in Conway Edwards' delightful comedy "Heroes." The play is not of an ambitious kind. The plot is simple. The charm lies in the character sketches, for each character is a distinct individuality, affording plenty of scope for displaying what histrionic powers the actor or the actress may possess. Whether it be the snappy, but after all kind-hearted old Major-General Herries, the peppery Anglo-Indian Major Herries, the warm-hearted and faithful Archibald, the easy going Tom Croft, or the scheming, purse-proud young Ruggles, the caste lends itself to considerable development. The same observation applies to the ladies. There is Lilian Herries, with her half-heroic talk about that dreadful creature man; Mary Mason, gay, but ever tender and loving; and Miss Herries, who combines an aptitude for sanctimonious expressions with a keen desire to obtain a husband. The members of the Masonic Dramatic Society are amateurs, and as amateurs they acquitted themselves creditably. Miss Edith Jordan made a charming, happy, and affectionate Mary Mason. She acts with ease, and does not indulge in that affectation which amateur actresses are prone to. The difficult role of Miss Herries could not have been placed in better hands than those of Miss E. Brunton. Miss Brunton, with her experience, was able to put in those little touches of by-play which so materially assists towards success. Miss Ellen Rutland made an excellent Lilian Herries. As to the gentlemen, it can be said they were all good. Mr. Robert Watts might, indeed, have gained greater laurels had he been allotted a part with more comedy in it than is to be found in the role of Archibald Herries; still, as a loyal soldier, with his heart full of love for a good woman, he was deserving of all praise. Mr. F. Cleves was admirable as Sir Douglas Herries; Mr. W. F. Flather made a good Major, although he was inclined at times to let his voice drop. Mr. C. Maples, as Tom Croft, was commendable; and Mr. E. T. Barker made a capital Willis. The stage was somewhat small, but otherwise the play was exceedingly well mounted. Mr. F. R. Booth was manager. There was a first class orchestra, under the direction of Mr. S. Suckley.

The English edition of Bonvalot's Travels in Thibet, is in a forward state of preparation, and will be shortly published by Messrs Cassell and Company, in two volumes, under the title of "Across Thibet."

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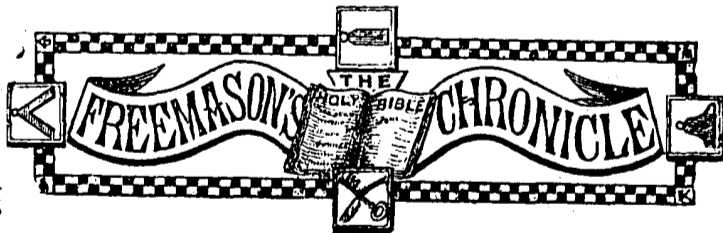
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SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 1891.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire held their half-yearly meeting on the 27th ult., in the Assembly room of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Colonel le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and was accompanied by Bros. G. Mellor Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. O. Walker P. G. D. of England acting as Grand Senior Warden, and Captain Lingard P. P. G. J. W. acting Grand Junior Warden. The following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were also present: Bros. the Rev. W. C. Procter and R. W. Perry-Circuit Chaplains, J. H. Greenhalgh Treasurer, W. S. Weekes Registrar, J. Chadwick P. G. S. B. England Secretary, W. Forrest, M. Thomas and T. Black Deacons,



J. Sutcliffe Superintendent of Works, J. Studd, A. Hebden, and J. Bowden Dir. of Cers., and R. Harrison Sword Bearer. The general body of Present and Past Provincial Officers and Visitors included Bros. J. W. Maclure, M.P., P.P.G.J.W., James Terry P.G.S.W.B. England and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, E. G. Harwood P.P.G.J.W., R. H. Hardman P.P.G.S.W., J. O. S. Thursby P.P.G.S.W., Nicholas A. Earle P.P.G.J.W., A. Clegg P.P.G.S.W., Colonel Rocca P.P.G.D., J. H. Sillitoe P.G. Standard Bearer England and P.P.G.J.W., and John Roberts P.P.G.D.C. Upon the roll of Lodges being called, it appeared that out of the total number of 103, five were unrepresented. In accordance with notice of motion, Bro. E. G. Harwood (Bolton), Chairman of the Charity Committee, proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be given from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. He said that during the 21 years Colonel Starkie had presided over the Province the sum of £9,375 had been contributed to the Benevolent Institution by the brethren of that Province. In the same period the Institution had paid to East Lancashire annuitants £15,518—£11,400 to men, and £4,100 to widows,—leaving a difference to the benefit of the Province of £6,200. It would, therefore, be readily seen that there was ample reason why they should adopt the resolution before the meeting, and do something further for the good of the Institution. He appealed to brethren present to qualify themselves as Life Governors. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Vice Chariman of the Charity Committee, seconded the resolution. He said there were explanations which might be given with regard to a portion of the discrepancy referred to by the mover of the resolution. Although they had not given the money directly to the Institution the brethren of the Province, he explained, had not placed their annuitants upon its funds unfairly. He endorsed the appeal that had been made for funds, and reminded the meeting that the Jubilee Festival of the Institution would be held next year. The Provincial Grand Master, in submitting the resolution, intimated that he should again become a subscriber to the Institution next year. He trusted the Jubilee Festival would further increase the usefulness of the foundation. The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Mellor, addressing the Provincial Grand Master, asked him to accept in the name of the brethren of the Province, and to commemorate the occasion of his having presided over them for 21 years, an illuminated address and a presentation of plate. The address was then read by the Provincial Grand Secretary. It had been prepared by Messrs. Palmer and Howe, of this city, and formed a splendid specimen of the illuminator's art. The introductory page bore the arms of Colonel Starkie, displayed in their proper heraldic colouring. The succeeding page, bearing the name, &c., was in the style of Louis XIV., and richly engrossed in panels surmounted by Masonic emblems. The address, which commenced on the third page, was surrounded by a handsome border in missal form with conventional and flourished ornaments. The volume is bound in scarlet morocco, with crest on the front and monogram on the back. The address was in the following terms:—

To Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of the Province of Lancashire.—Manchester, 27th November 1891.—Dear Sir and Brother,—The brethren of the Province desire to approach you with most fraternal congratulations on the completion of your twenty-first year as head of this large and important division of the Province of Lancashire. They specially wish to record their sincere pleasure at seeing you in your place at this half-yearly meeting. They heard with great sorrow of your long and severe illness in the early part of the year, and express their earnest prayer that you may be blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe with health and strength for many years to come. They review with considerable pride and satisfaction the progress made in the Province during the past twenty-one years. In the year 1870, when you, Right Worshipful Sir, were installed into the office of Provincial Grand Master, by the late lamented brother, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, there were seventy-four Lodges in the Province with a roll of 3,419 subscribing members. Now there are 123 Lodges, with an aggregate of 4,600 subscribing members. Since your installation the Province has subscribed to the Masonic Charities in London no less than £23,532, namely to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £4,961; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £9,216; and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, £9,375. Coming more immediately home to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, fostered as it has always been by your fatherly care, a sum approaching £17,000 has been subscribed in the Province. Of this sum £3,062 has been spent

in educating and clothing 98 children of Freemasons, and a further sum of £2,922 has been distributed in relieving the necessities of indigent Freemasons or their families, and the Institution has now £10,000 invested for these several purposes. Such a record the greatest and noblest in the land might be proud of, and the brethren of this Province feel they are in the main indebted to you for such a result. In conclusion, Right Worshipful Sir, the brethren respectfully beg your acceptance of this address, together with the accompanying silver plate, as a memento of your government of the Province; and the balance of the subscriptions received, amounting to £400, will be handed over to the East Lancashire and Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution as the nucleus of a fund hereafter to be known as the Starkie Annuity Fund, which will be a permanent monument of the esteem of the brethren for you as Provincial Grand Master. Signed, on behalf of the brethren of the Province, George Mellor Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary.

The plate consisted of a massive silver bowl or centrepiece for fruit or flowers, and two silver claret jugs. The articles were designed by Messrs. Elkington and Co., on classic lines, and, though massive, are chaste and beautiful. The principal decoration is a bas-relief composed of Greek figures, chased scroll work, and other ornamentation. The centre-piece bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, by the Freemasons of East Lancashire, in commemoration of his twenty-one years' service as Provincial Grand Master.—27th November 1891." Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P., said it afforded him great pleasure to supplement the words of Bro. Mellor. Colonel Starkie had conducted the affairs of that great Province in a manner which he thought could not have been excelled. Nothing, he believed, would be more appreciated in the history of the Starkie family than that address and presentation. That family was historically connected with Lancashire, and their honesty, their perseverance, and the way in which they performed the various duties appertaining to their station was beyond all praise; there was not a blot on their escutcheon. He (Bro. Maclure) should like to mark the occasion by giving 50 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and 10 guineas to the fund which had been inaugurated that day. The Provincial Grand Master, who was received with loud cheers, expressed the gratification with which he received that tribute of affection and regard from a body of men who had rendered him faithful allegiance in the discharge of the duties of his office. He should value these gifts not only for their intrinsic value but as a memento of the feelings entertained towards him by the brethren of the Province of East Lancashire. The twenty-one years of his reign over them had been most happy and prosperous. Freemasonry had flourished, not in consequence of anything he had done, but because of their exertions. In the present age—an age marked by scientific and mechanical discovery—things were altered and many institutions, indeed, passed away; but Freemasonry flourished, and he hoped it would long bear fruit by its good deeds in the extension of charitable effort. His father had the privilege of ruling over the Province of West Lancashire for nearly 30 years, and during that period he established the local Charitable Institution of that Province. Although he (Col. Starkie) did not establish the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution, yet he took some credit that he had been enabled, with their assistance, to maintain a society which was a benefit to themselves and the community. He trusted that the Order might continue to prosper, and he urged that they should be particularly careful to admit none into their ranks whom they could not meet in their commercial and family life. In conclusion, he referred to the loss the Masonic Fraternity had sustained by the death of a prominent member of the Order, Dr. Peter Royle. The report of the Charity Committee was presented, and after some other business had been transacted, Brother W. Craig Royle handed to the Provincial Grand Master a cheque for £100, proceeds of the Masonic garden party held at Old Trafford in July last. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Committee who had organised the party for the exertions they had made, and expressed his pleasure that the result had been so satisfactory. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, thanked the meeting for the vote of 100 guineas towards the funds of that Institution, and urged the claims which it had to their support. Bro. M. Thomas P.G.D. stated that, following the successful entertainment given by the Minnehaha Minstrels in aid of the Masonic Charities some time ago, it was proposed to give a similar entertainment for the same object in February next. The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed.

## MASONIC LECTURE AT NOTTINGHAM.

THE handsome and spacious Temple in the Masonic Hall at Nottingham was well filled by brethren of the Craft connected with the several Lodges in that town and district, on Friday evening, the 27th ultimo, when Bro. James Stevens, of London, attended for the purpose of delivering his popular lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonies of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry. The presence of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Bro. the Rev. F. B. Russell had been expected, but at the last moment he was unable to attend, and telegraphed his regret. The Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. Kiddier, who was supported by his Officers:—Bros. S. V. Holgate I.P.M., E. Francis S.W., W. W. Sibley J.W., A. Lawson P.M. P.P.G.T. Treasurer, J. Levy P.M. Secretary, F. H. Spencer J.D., J. W. Woodward I.G., E. Kidron, W. Wheatley and G. E. Mycroft Stewards, G. Essex Organist, W. E. Hartshorn P.M. Dir. of Cera. Amongst the members of the Lodge were Bros. J. T. Spalding P.P.G.J.W., A. T. Mitchell P.G.J.W., O. H. Gascoyne P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Taylor P.P.G. Pursuivant, G. T. Alenson P.P.G. Standard Bearer, P. Wharton W.M. elect 506, W. Sibley P.P.G. Assist. Pursuivant, and many others. The W.M.'s of the Southwell Lodge, No. 1405, Bro. F. Farrands; the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493, Bro. F. T. Rushmer; and the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909, Bro. Rev. H. W. W. Foulkes were also present. Amongst the principal visitors were Bros. H. R. Hatherley P.P.G.W. Prov. Grand Secretary, A. Stubbs P.P.G.W. P.G.A.S., G. Baxter P.G.S.D., W. J. Gardner P.G.D.C., G. A. Bolton P.G.A.D.C., J. Severn P.G. Pursuivant, J. Roberts P.G. Steward, E. T. Ingram P.P.G.D., H. E. Wilson P.M. 47, G. Clark P.M. 471, W. Wood P.M. 506 Derbyshire, W. Wilks P.M. 506, T. P. Walker I.P.M. 1909, &c. Bro. Stevens commenced his most interesting lecture at 6.30 p.m. and kept his audience earnestly attentive until 9 o'clock, without the slightest interruption. His address was throughout of an extempore character, full of most instructive matter, and very different to any of the stereotyped discourses known in our Lodges as section working. At its termination a hearty burst of applause testified to the pleasure the lecturer had afforded and to appreciation of the many points of interest whereby the working of the Lodges might be facilitated, and in some respects improved. The Provincial Grand Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, remarking that he had listened to his discourse with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction, and felt assured that much benefit would accrue to the Lodges which had been that evening represented, by the valuable suggestions and explanations the lecturer had given them. He hoped that other Lodges in the Province might be afforded the opportunity for like instruction, and that Bro. Stevens might at some early date again meet them for a continuation of his instructive lecture. The proposition was duly seconded, and unanimously carried. After Lodge had been closed the brethren assembled in the dining room and partook of supper, after which a few toasts were honoured, and an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music terminated a most instructive and highly pleasurable evening.

## THE BARGAIN COUNTER.

MANY good housewives watch the papers and eagerly run to the bargain counter to buy cheap. They often buy what they do not want or need, but being deemed cheap they purchase the article, and, like Mrs. Toodles, expect that it will be handy to have in the house; and, furthermore, the alleged bargain usually turns out to be dear at any price.

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So with Masonry. Masters, do not go to the bargain counters for your candidates; you do not want them, you do not need them, and the bargain counter candidates are dear at any price. Have none but the best material for your Lodge, and you will find it cheapest and best in the end. The better the man, the better the Mason he will make, and the more it will be to your credit to have him for a member in your Lodge and as a member of the Fraternity. A poor and cheap candidate is dear at any price; he is not handy to have in your Lodge, but rather a positive injury; he lowers the standard of the Craft; he lowers your own honour and the honour and reputation of your Lodge. Pick your candidates from the best class of our good citizens. Show them that Masonry is a grand and glorious institution, which exists only by the good that it is doing and through the elevation of its votaries.

Rather be a "shopper"—that is a lady who when entering a store knows just what she wants, and no blandishment of the polite salesman will swerve her from her purpose and no inducement of "bargains" will make her buy what she does not want. She goes shopping until she finds the right article. Do not accept a candidate because he is a good fellow, or because Brother Jones, his proposer, is a good fellow. Accept none but the best. Wait. Do your shopping, your buying, your initiating, when the right article comes along. Do not take a man because he is cheap or easily obtained.

Do not, Brethren? Do not go to the bargain counters for your candidates.—*Hebrew Standard.*

On Thursday, 26th ult., Bro. C. W. Blaxland, Grand Director Ceremonies Kent, was installed W.M. of the Save and Sele Mark Lodge (No. 309), at Belvedere. Bro. B. Snell, was, yesterday, installed W.M. of the Invicta Lodge (No. 709), at Ashford, by the out-going W.M. Bro. C. W. Blaxland.

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## SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119, (WHITEHAVEN).

MR. W. F. LAMONBY, Melbourne, who is at present on a visit to this country, writes as follows:—"I have been deeply interested in the two communications from "33" and Brother John Lane relative to *bond fides*—I use the term with no desire whatever to offend those concerned—of the Centenary Warrant held by Lodge No. 119, of Whitehaven. Last year, when the question cropped up, and provoked a long and somewhat heated controversy. I was in Australia, and consequently placed at a disadvantage in following a subject about which I might claim to possess some little knowledge. My particular object in now writing is to crave the permission to point out that one highly important period in the history of Lodge 119 has never, so far as I am aware, been alluded to or imported into the discussion about the Centenary Warrant of that Lodge. Let me explain. The warrant of the original No. 157 (now 119) was issued by the "Ancients" in 1768. The document may still be seen in its mahogany cabinet on regular Lodge nights. So far so good; but up to the year 1804, so far as I am aware—and I made very diligent search when compiling the material for my little work on "Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmoreland"—there is no documentary evidence of the Lodge ever being in existence, unless the cash books of the "Athole" institution in the archives of our present Grand Lodge can prove to the contrary. And while on this point I may point out a curious coincidence with respect to the Lodge in dispute, and three others also warranted by the "Ancients" in Whitehaven, during the last century. I will include the present No. 119 under its original No. 157 in the four, and they ranked thus: Concord Lodge, No. 154, Whitehaven; No. 157, no name (now Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven); Royal Cumberland Militia, No. 215, Whitehaven or Kingston-upon-Hall; and No. 217, no name, Whitehaven. Now, the coincidence is this—that Brother W. J. Hughan, in his valuable "Masonic Register," gives every one of these four Lodges as being warranted by the "Ancients" in the early part of the present century. I cannot name the precise years from memory, seeing that my library is stored in London, but I believe I am correct as to the main facts. On the other hand, I discovered the warrant of the Cumberland Militia Lodge, in Whitehaven, 13 years ago. The date is 10th October 1781, and the parchment is now framed and hanging on the wall of No. 119 Lodge-room. The foregoing circumstances certainly provide food for careful reflection, though how they can effect the actual holding of the Centenary Warrant by Lodge 119 is more than problematical. *De jure* it is a Centenary Lodge, whether *de facto* is quite another matter, that I do not intend to combat.

An influential Committee has been formed, for the purpose of presenting Brother Frederick West P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, with a Testimonial, in recognition of his valuable services during the time he held the responsible position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge, as well as a token of the esteem and regard with which he is held by the Brethren of the Province of Surrey. In addition to the testimonial itself, a handsomely bound volume will be presented, in which will be recorded the names of the Lodges, Chapters, and individual members who have subscribed. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to either of the Treasurers of the Fund, Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough or Hugh M. Hobbs, and crossed "West Testimonial Fund a/c," London Joint Stock Bank, Limited (Chancery Lane Branch.)

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Aix has been hauled over the coals of a public trial for having written an insulting letter to the Italian Minister of Justice in reply to a circular asking the Bishops to abstain from participating in the pilgrimages of French workmen. Said the Archbishop to the Minister:—

You had something better to do than to write this letter, which is a sad and odious misconstruction. . . . Peace is sometimes on your lips; hatred and persecution are always in your acts, because Freemasonry, that eldest daughter of Satan, governs and commands. A thousand times willfully blind is he who does not see it.

That letter will cost the Archbishop 3,000 francs, that being the sum which the Court, having found him guilty of an offensive imputation on his chief, has condemned him to pay.

A complete One-volume story, entitled "Whyola; the Rose of Corve Dale," by Evelyn Everett Green, author of "Dorothy's Vocation," &c., is the *pièce de resistance* in the Quiver Annual, "Christmas Arrows," to which the Rev. P. B. Power and the Dean of Ripon also furnish seasonable papers.

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## CHRISTMAS 1891, AND THE K.T.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to make known the following invite, just received from my friend Bro. Berry, of Maine. It is customary for us thus to unite, the beverage being according to the wishes of participants. Mine is always Tea.

Yours fraternally,  
W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, 1st December 1891.

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“STEPHEN BERRY,  
Templar Correspondent Maine

“R.S.V.P.”

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

**Criterion.**—With Mr. Charles Wyndham back again at his bright little theatre, an enjoyable evening is sure to be obtained; but Mr. Wyndham as the amorous Bob Sackett, in Bronson Howard's lively farce “Brighton,” is a treat no one should miss. The versatile actor, who so well fills the place on the English stage vacated by Charles Matthews, may justly be denominated “the perpetual youth,” since the manner in which he rattles through the piece is more consonant with a boy of fifteen than a man of—well of mature years. Laughter, commencing with ripples and ending with roars, greets the genial comedian whenever he is on the stage, until the spectator is almost tempted to cry out, “Hold! enough,” though doubtless he would be very willing to exchange places with Mr. Wyndham, in order to worship three such charming divinities as Miss Mary Moore, Miss Mary Ansell, and Miss F. Francis. Mr. F. Atherton makes a capital Jack Benedict, and plays well up to the principal part, while Messrs. Everard, Crofton, Valentine and Shirley sustain their characters with great credit. Mr. W. Blakeley as Vanderpump is amusing, but hardly up to his usual form. Miss C. Ewell is good as the termagant wife, and Misses S. Carlisle and E. Grattan fill in two small sketches with advantage. If he depend upon his admirers Mr. Wyndham has no need to change his programme for a considerable time to come. On Tuesday afternoon, 8th inst., a new and original play in four acts will be produced here. It is entitled *Margaret Byug*, and is written by Messrs. F. C. Philips and Percy Fendall.

The success of “A Royal Divorce” necessitates its being played nine times a week, afternoon performances being given on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

A musical comedy by Messrs. W. S. Gilbert and George Grossmith will succeed “Miss Decima” at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, when that attractive young lady has satisfied the curiosity of the public.

The next production at the Garrick is to be a new play by Mr. Sydney Grundy, which is entitled “A Fool's Paradise.”

Mr. D'Oyly Carte having arranged his difficulties at the Royal English Opera will re-open the house this evening with the successful opera “The Basoche.”

Mr. John Donald and Mr. D. Barleigh-Tesseman have taken the Royalty Theatre for daily matinées, commencing on Saturday, 12th December. They will open with two new and original juvenile comic operas, each in one act. Music by F. Pascal. Their respective titles are “Cook Robin,” written by Mr. C. Lythington; and “Old King Cole,” libretto by W. Younge. These will be followed by a shadow pantomime, and then by a good old-fashioned harlequinade. The London “Juvenile” Opera Company, including Miss Gracie Marielle, will interpret the operas, and it will be a juvenile show by juveniles for juveniles.

**MASONIC BUILDINGS, BIRMINGHAM.**—The Masonic buildings in Severn Street, Birmingham, opened recently after re-construction. The front block is three stories in height, and consists of ante-rooms capable of accommodating 200 members. Entering from Severn Street, a tiled hall communicates with the ante-rooms and then into the Lodge room, where the rites and ceremonies of the Craft are conducted. Daylight is entirely excluded. The walls are divided by pilasters supporting an entablature and coved ceiling. In the east, behind the Master's chair, is a Doric portico, and in the west is an organ-chamber, approached by a concealed staircase entered through the Lodge Room. The architects engaged in the work of re-construction and decoration were Messrs. Essex and Nicol, of Birmingham; the general contractor being Mr. Moorhouse, of Birchfield; the decorative work being carried out by Mr. John Taylor, of Birmingham.

Never in the history of Liverpool has it been the privilege of the chief magistrate to occupy the three distinguished positions at present occupied by Bro. J. de Bels Adams—that of the mayoralty, and those of the Worshipful Master of the Prince's Lodge, No. 2316, which during its brief existence has taken a leading place in the maintenance of Masonic Charities, and the Senior Grand Wardenship of the Province of West Lancashire, to which he was appointed about three weeks ago, at B'ackpool. The usual monthly meeting of the members of the Prince's Lodge, at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Prince's-avenue, on the 17th ult., accordingly assumed a festival form, when the Mayor Mason (Bro. J. de Bels Adams), as the chief of the Lodge, was welcomed with an enthusiasm which has rarely been witnessed at any gathering of the Craft in this district. Amongst those who assembled to give him a hearty greeting were several members of the Grand Lodge, about 30 members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, numerous Masters of Craft Lodges in the Province, and a full attendance of the members of the “Prince's,” over which the Master presides so genially and successfully. The Mayor was escorted into the room by the chiefs of the Craft, and, in response to the frequent expressions of cordiality in the Lodge and at the banquet table, his Worship again expressed his intention to make his devotion to Freemasonry only second to the fulfilment of the mayoral duties during the coming year. Excellent music was supplied by a strong force of brethren during the evening.

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3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
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 761 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1356 Porteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8  
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30

1791 Ureton, Wheatsheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
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111 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  
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 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bathnal Green Road, 8  
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 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  
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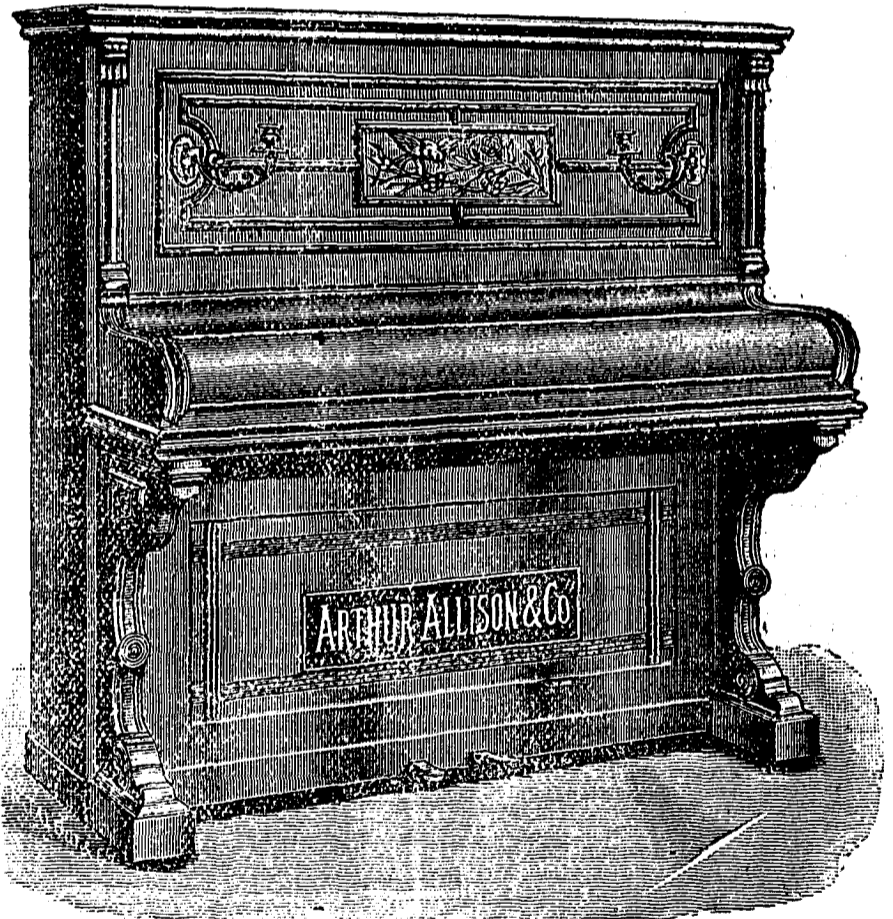
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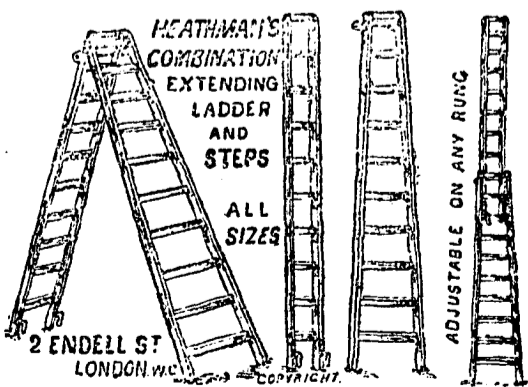


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