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### THE JUBILEE OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE holding of the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for next year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution reminds us that the date for the celebration of that event is fast approaching, and the Craft very naturally begins to speculate on what is likely to be the result of the efforts made to ensure a suitable Jubilee. It is only necessary to mention that Bro. James Terry, the energetic Secretary of the Institution, was able to announce a list of 780 Stewards already enrolled, and working for the Festival, to convince the Masonic world that it will be a grand success. We imagine there are very few among us, who were not actually in possession of the facts of the case, who contemplated such an announcement two months before the date of the Festival, and with no chairman secured to preside on the occasion. No doubt the announcement will be received with additional pleasure because of its being unexpected, while many who perhaps had held aloof, in order to see what was being done, will now throw their energies into the work and assist in making success doubly assured.

Although the progress thus far made in connection with the celebration may come as a surprise in many quarters, we imagine it will be no surprise to learn it is hoped a member of the Royal Family may be induced to preside at the Jubilee Festival. That, it may be said, is a natural desire, in view of past events, and the great interest always displayed by the Grand Master and other members of the Family in all that concerns the welfare of the Masonic Institutions. We hope nothing will occur to prevent a Royal gathering, as an event of such importance to the benevolent aspect of Freemasonry could hardly be said to be complete without Royal patronage, and Royal support of the most marked description. We have no hesitation in saying the Grand Master of England will himself recognise the importance of the event, and will do all that lies in his power to ensure its success, but there are other engagements on hand just now which may stand in the way of his personal attendance, and may also prevent other members of the Royal Family so actively participating in the Jubilee as they may desire. However that may be, we shall have the good wishes of our rulers, if not their active encouragement. There is one point very much in favour of the Institution, and one which the Grand Master will not be slow to recognise; the Stewards already number 800, and to preside over such a band is not only an honour to the Craft and a graceful action to one of its Institutions, but is also an event of which even a Grand Master may be proud. But the number of Stewards will not stop at 800. There are yet several weeks in which to work, and there is also the possible magic charm of having a Royal chairman, which would in itself work

wonders, although sufficient has already been done to prove that it was not Royalty alone which induced the Freemasons of England to support the Jubilee of their Benevolent Institution, no matter what may be the outcome of the celebration, to be held early next year.

Having got so far with the work of the Jubilee celebration it is but natural to ask what more is possible to further advance the good cause, and ensure the complete success of this most interesting event? As we have pointed out, there are yet some weeks in which to work on behalf of the Institution, and if a particularly popular member of the Craft should accord his patronage, and undertake the Chairmanship of the Festival, there is no knowing what further support could be secured. Eight hundred Stewards at this date is a truly grand display, but it is only an evidence of what might be achieved under the most favourable auspices possible. We heartily congratulate Bro. Terry and the executive of the Institution on the results thus far, which must have entailed an amount of work, personal enthusiasm and general attention which can be easier imagined than described, but what would Bro. Terry do, even at this late hour, were he able to urge, in addition to the fact that the Festival will mark the Jubilee of the Institution, that a distinguished member of the Royal Family would preside on the occasion of the celebration? We can only hope, for Bro. Terry's sake, as well as for the benefit of the Institution he so faithfully serves, that he may have the opportunity of proving to the fullest extent his capabilities in this direction. The work of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is too well known throughout England to need any elaborate specification on the present occasion; but special events provide the means for special efforts, and as the celebration now before us is of an absolutely unique character, there is every reason to hope it will call forth such a response as will add another to the many grand efforts which have been made by the Craft in days gone by on behalf of one or other of its magnificent Charities.

We have spoken in the past of what we should like to see done as the outcome of this Jubilee celebration, and we think it would be an additional incentive to brethren to work for the coming Festival if some elaborate programme was set out, with a definite sum mentioned as necessary to perform a definite work as a commemoration of the Jubilee. To our thinking this should be the creation of fifty new annuities, not, of course, of the same amount as is now being paid in the two sections of the Institution, but as much as could be afforded out of the special sum it is fair to expect will be realised from the Jubilee Festival. We are not desirous of appearing too sanguine, but we hope that such a sum will be secured as would permit of this large addition to the number of benefits, with special annuities of one-third, or perhaps one-half the amounts now given in the male and female branches of the Institution, and we fail to

see a more appropriate method of marking an event which the Craft justifiably regards as one of the most important of the present time. If, however, the Stewards and other advisers of the Institution do not approve of our proposition, we would at least urge them to make a suggestion as to what should be aimed at, as we believe that with a definite programme before the Craft there would be an additional incentive to special effort in all directions.

The first official meeting of the Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 11th instant, when Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. presided. The Board was formally constituted, and the following Officers were appointed:—

PRESIDENT:

R.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W.

ACTING VICE-PRESIDENTS:

R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex.

" " T. F. Halsay, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire.

" " Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire.

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" " F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

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V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn President Board of General Purposes.

CHAIRMAN OF LADIES' STEWARDS:

W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B.

HONORARY SECRETARY:

W. Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. of the Institution.

It was resolved that all Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents of the Institution, all Present and Past Grand Officers and all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, be Vice-Presidents, and that an Executive Committee, consisting of 40 London and 40 Provincial Stewards, with power to add to their number, be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for holding the Festival; Bro. C. F. Hogard Past G. Stand. Bearer to be the Chairman of the said Committee.

It was also resolved that the Steward's fee be £2 2s, but in the case of Stewards from Foreign and Colonial Lodges, who are unable to attend the Festival, and Ladies, £1 1s.

## ORNAMENTATION OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

"On the top of the pillar was lily work," 1 Kings vii. 22.

WE have in this chapter a graphic description of that splendid temple built by Solomon. God was the architect. The plans and specifications were given to Moses on the Mount, and first wrought out in the Tabernacle, afterwards enlarged in the Temple. Whatever originates in Heaven—whatever is designed by the Great Architect of the Universe—deserves, and demands our attention. Heavenly things are perfect, and earthly things should copy after them. God is not only an architect, but a practical builder. He is also a master in art decorations. It is a significant fact that the Son of God was a carpenter, and the idea of building and decorating runs through nearly all creature life. Man himself is a builder. He builds fortunes, houses, cities, empires, but, greater than all, he is the builder of his own life, and if there be any defect in this wonderful Temple called life, the fault is in the builder, not in the architect, nor in the plans, nor in material, for God is the architect and He furnishes the material. He has not only given us the volume of the Sacred Law as a text book of life building, but he has given the idea tangible existence in the perfect life of His Son.

1.—Solomon's Temple was built by foreign skill. The old Hebrews were not artists, and Hiram, King of Tyre, sent Solomon the necessary assistance. Hiram Abif, who superintended the work, is said to have been inspired as a cunning workman.

2.—At the entrance of the Temple was a porch supported by two brazen pillars. The one on the right was named Jachin, the one on the left Boaz. Jachin literally means "He that strengthens," or "Will establish;" Boaz means "In strength." The two words together signify "In strength shall this my house be established." "Symbolizing the eternally continuing fixed relation in which Jehovah stood to His people whom He had redeemed, and among whom He condescended to dwell." Following the pillars up to the top we discover lily work

which adorns the massive columns with exquisite beauty. Altogether we have in these pillars the divine idea of a perfect figure—gracefulness, embodied in strength, stability, and beauty. These words describe all the works of God. The motion of the universe represents strength, its continuity represents stability, its variety of feature and adornment, beauty. Transfer this thought to the realm of moral life, and you have the same lesson at its best in the living person of Christ. There was more force in the glance of His eye, than in the armoury of Rome. His integrity was immovable as the pillars of Heaven. In deportment, He was the most beautiful character on record. But we are told that He is our pattern, and that in Him is wrought out God's idea of human life, strength, stability and beauty. These are the possibilities in human nature that become realities under the agency of the Holy Spirit, who alone understands the material out of which to build our redeemed manhood. With Him we are to co-operate, and when the perfect figure of a holy life is wrought out, it will not only be strong and firm, but adorned with beautiful graces.

3.—The religion of Christ is a system of culture. It refines the heart, and in that refinement are developed the finest qualities that grace the social world. Such Christ will present at last "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." This is God's method. The strong firm column first, then the lily work. The useful and the fine arts combined. The useful, then the ornamental. The most perfect æsthetic culture is found in the Christian civilisation. In the midnight dark of ages, not only the sciences but the arts were lost, and returned not till the Reformation. God built the solid globe first, fixed its mountains securely, established the continents and filled them with the force of life, built up its Masonry of rocks, then carved out the decorations, forests, orchards, harvest fields, groves, and all the beautiful scenery that fringes the river, and crowns the mountain, and drapes the starlight, and floods the noontide.

4.—The lily work is the culmination of providentially arranged conditions. It is the crown of beauty growing out of the moral character. Out of the self-same material are the pillar and the lily work. Strength, firmness, and beauty. In the rough material we may discover neither, but the skilful artist brings out all. That material is an interesting study out of which characters and crowns are built. As the visitor would look upon those massive pillars, eighteen cubits high and eighteen feet in circumference, he would be inspired with admiration. There is something commendable even in the healthful physique of the well-trained athlete. We admire the splendid force of the battle field, the majesty of government, the great thought of the poet, the philosopher. In these there is a human force divine out of which God is building the temple of human excellence. Over the foundations of a solid Christian life God is bringing the world to honour. Its strength and beauty, are in the life, not in the symbol, in the character, not in the badge, in regeneration, not in the initiation.

5.—The lily work is the last thing to reach. The pillars seem to be growing up to the lily. The life of purity and beauty is a thing of growth. It begins in the new nature born of the Holy Spirit and we by His help are to build it out. The real beauty of the picture—its full effect—is not seen till the last touch of the artist's brush. He was building towards that last touch. The full beauty of the Christian life is not seen until its graces are matured.

6.—The foundation that makes this climax a certainty is Faith in God. Faith in God was away back of the Tyrian builders, and the Jewish contractors. No man is a true Mason who does not believe in the existence of God. Masonry itself could not exist without it, and he who rightly understands Masonry will never be an atheist. The wise man builds his house on the rock. The mountain must be strong or it will be shattered by the thunder shock. Faith in God is a necessity. Believe in nothing and life will be a failure. Every man's soul cries out for the Truth. Myths and fictions will not do for a soul that is to live for ever. God alone is true, and He puts the reality of His own nature into His own works. The sunshine, the rain, the frost and the dew are factors of Truth, ministers of God, material blessings, carving out the numberless beautiful objects that greet us everywhere in God's natural world. And what is the Truth concerning ourselves? Every true Mason lives under the conviction

and in the full and firm belief that "God seeth not as man seeth, for man looks at the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart." "The precepts of the Gospel are universally the principles of Masonry." For the benefit of others let me quote a high Masonic authority,—“According to Masonic teaching, a Mason must be a man of strict morality, humane, benevolent, charitable. He must be no gambler, no tippler, no profane swearer. He must be no reviler against the religion of Christ, or the professors thereof; he must be strictly honest, industrious and upright in all his conduct.” For this column of morality and flower of excellence there is but one foundation—Faith in God.

7.—This foundation has a meaning that reaches all the way up to the lily work at the top. We are not done with the pillar till we have reached the lily; go on to perfections is the highest law of life. The germ of the lily is in the foundation. We are not done building life's character till it is graceful and refined, as well as strong and firm. The pillar and the lily belong to each other. The foundation is to be used, we are to trust it, build on it. We are not to trust in the world, it is vain, deceitful, unrefined, but we are to build on Christ, working life's thoughts and deeds into the pillar of Truth and lily of Purity.

8.—To accomplish this is not an easy task. Applauding multitudes may gather about the unveiling of some hero's statue, but no such grateful enthusiasm swings the golden censer while you build life's manhood. Paul says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood." He was not concerned about the fleets that sailed the high waters of the Mediterranean, nor did he fear the mailed warriors of Rome. His contention was with the weakness of his own nature, and the sins that assailed him with the fury of death, and with the godlessness that feasted in the palace of the rich, and overshadowed the throne of royalty; yet he went to the very courts of the Cæsars, and preached Christ in the fullness of power. But the greatest conquest of his life was when he stood in the presence of death, saying, "I am now ready to be offered." We have something to tax our courage more than some temporal force, something better to build than even an Empire. The empires will go down to the unremembered past, but the invisible and the Eternal, wrought into the moral life, will become established as the strength of the throne, and crowned with the lily of moral beauty, whose graceful cup will for ever drink in the sunshine of an approving God. Difficult as the task may be in squaring life with the law of God, the result is worth the effort. "He that loseth his life for My sake and the gospels shall find it."

9.—The presence of the lily work reveals to us the lesson of love. It was a matter of sentiment. It was there for effect. The architect thought of its appearance. He wanted it to look well. Hiram applied to the brass something more than his hands. His love for the work said, "These pillars shall not only be strong and firm, but graceful, symmetrical, and adorned with the beautiful symbol of purity. The head and the hands say, I will build a house, the heart says, I will build a home. Masonry when true to herself inculcates this principle, and she never appears to better advantage than when translating her creed into deeds of kindness. The highest principle of life is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and love thy neighbour as thyself," and where this love prevails, the plain substantial pillar of morality will blossom into life's most attractive forms.

10.—Add to this, obedience, itself a Masonic virtue. Obedience transferred the authority of the architect to the lily crowned pillar. We are to build as God commands. The bee, true to its own laws, builds a perfect cell. The bird, a perfect nest. Human nature, true to its own laws, i.e., obedient to God's laws, builds a temple in which God himself will take pleasure in dwelling.

Lastly.—Let me urge the divine order of life. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Masonry is nothing if it is not methodical. She believes in perfect measurements and proportionate forms, in regular steps and degrees, as orderly as the course of time. Every member must prove himself worthy before advancing to deeper mysteries. Life is not to be spent only in gathering flowers for decorations. The ornament will soon perish if it have nothing to support it. Build the pillar of a Christian character first, and out of it will bloom the lily work. Christ was strong enough to burst the bars of death, and raise the dead, yet his ministry was a fine art of tenderness and kindness. The Christ life

is at once the strength, stability and beauty of society. Let us build according to the divine measurements, that life may be like the city of God that lieth four square, the length, and the breadth, and the height of it being equal.

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## ESPRIT DE CORPS.

THE following is worthy the attention of every Master Mason, but more especially Worshipful Masters:—

A Masonic organ in New York, like the owl, plaintively complains of such as, wandering near our sacred bower, molest our ancient solitary reign. There is a tendency to carelessness, says the writer, in many things in Lodge management—in the propositions for degrees, in the examining committee appointed on petitions, in the balloting for candidates, in the admission of visitors, and in all that tends to the harmony and prosperity of the body. There is a good deal of truth in all this, and an instance the same writer gives, and which gave rise to the foregoing remarks, is very instructive. A brother may be asked by an acquaintance to be proposed for membership in his Lodge. For fear of offending him he presents the application, trusting to the committee to find out "all about him." The committee, having confidence in the brother proposing him, reports in favour of the applicant; the members, relying on that report, ballot, and he is elected, to the regret of half-a-dozen or more very soon after he is initiated. The Lodges working under the Netherlands here offer a most commendable example in this respect.

Writing on the "History of Freemasonry," published recently, Brother W. Watson (Leeds) says—"Among the many beautiful and interesting plates are views of American Masonic Temples, which will come like a revelation to many of us. When we speak or hear of American Freemasonry, we have in mind zeal, activity, untiring vigour, and we naturally look for creditable buildings in which our cousins hold their gatherings. But these are buildings something more than homes for Lodges—they are superb palaces."

Whatever may be said as to the success that is attending the present course of "working" at Wood Green, there are many amongst us who consider Bro. Dr. Morris, the late Head Master, was somewhat scurvily treated when the clean "sweep" was made shortly after the Inquiry Commission had reported on its labours. We do not care to go into this matter, but we would call attention to the following paragraph, which has gone the "round" of the newspapers during the past few days:—

The unopposed nomination by the University of Oxford of the Rev. Richard Morris to the vicarage of Arundel is a very graceful recognition on the part of that University of Dr. Morris's exceptional services to the scientific study of the English language. For many years he has held a first place among the authorities on the grammar of our language, and his "Historical Outlines" has long been considered the best text-book on the subject. A Past President of the Philological Society, Dr. Morris has done much good work for the Early English Text Society. For several years he was Head Master of the Royal Masonic Schools at Wood Green; while latterly he has been Head Master of the Grammar School at Dedham, one of those ancient foundations which seem somehow to have fallen behind in the competition of to-day. The vicarage of Arundel is not a very arduous post, and all will hope that Dr. Morris may add still more to those obligations under which he has placed every lover of our English tongue.

Personally we congratulate Bro. Dr. Morris on this public recognition of his scholarly attainments. We knew him before he came to the Masonic Institution, and he brought with him a record that any man might justly be proud of.

The conclusion at which I have arrived is that every Lodge ought to be examined by a competent person at least as often as once a year as to the manner in which it performs all its functions; that this visitation is not for the benefit of the particular Lodge, but for the safety of the whole Craft, and, therefore, that it ought to be done throughout the jurisdiction at the expense of the whole Craft of that jurisdiction. The matter of expense in a good many jurisdictions is an exceedingly important one, and, in my judgment, has really prevented a proper supervision of the subordinate Lodges. The history of these visitations shows conclusively that the Lodges which most need them are the ones least likely to call for them and the least able to pay for them.—J. H. Drummond.



## MORRIS MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

*Address by Hon. Elisha S. Fitch, Past Grand Master, on the Occasion of the Dedication and Unveiling of the Monument erected by the Craft of the United States to the Memory of Bro. Rob Morris, LL.D., Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky and Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, at La Grange, Kentucky, 29th May 1891.*

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NO writer, perhaps, of any age or country, has been more successful in stamping his own image, the lineaments of his own character, upon the productions of his pen, and of them all it may be justly said :

"The words which thou hast uttered,  
Are of thy soul a part ;  
And the good seed thou hast scattered  
Is springing from the heart."

As a poet, while it is true that our laureated brother never attempted, and, therefore has never contributed to our literature any elaborate or pretentious epic, it is nevertheless true that his poetic writings, embracing a wide range of topics, are all of acknowledged merit, and have secured for their author an enviable distinction among his contemporaries in the world of letters. Distinguished throughout by a devotional spirit of the highest type, there are found underlying his easy versification an indefinable magnetism, a fervour of feeling, and an outflow of soul, which at once and for ever enshrine him in our hearts and hold us in charmed captivity to his power. His impromptu poems, descriptive of localities, scenes and incidents, which embellish his "Travels in Holy Land," are replete with a beautiful oriental imagery, rich with all the jewelry of thought, and suggest to us that our Poet Laureate might have sat for that picture which Bailey has drawn :

"The Bard must have a kind, courageous heart,  
And natural chivalry to aid the weak ;  
He must believe the best of everything ;  
Love all below, and worship all above."

We hesitate not to express the conviction that the fame of our brother as a poet will rest chiefly on his Masonic Odes and Sentimental Lyrics. These inspirations seemed—

— "Native to his mind,  
Like precious pearls, within a clasping shell ;  
And winning grace, his every line refined,  
Like sunshine shedding beauty where it fell."

These Odes and Lyrics not only exceed in number, but also excel in pathos, all that have ever been inspired by our mysteries, or dedicated to our Craft during the many centuries of its existence, notwithstanding the well known fact that many of the most eminent poets of every age and country have been enrolled among her votaries. Viewed from this standpoint, therefore, the triumphant laureation of Rob Morris, in the city of New York, 17th December 1885, as *par excellence* "The Poet of Freemasonry," was simply an act of justice on the part of the Fraternity at large, an extraordinary distinction as well deserved as it was honourably conferred and universally approved.

As a Masonic lecturer Bro. Morris was well nigh ubiquitous, and stands without a peer in the realm of Masonry. Thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Masonic philanthropy, he at once became its champion missionary—not indeed to solicit the "profane" to enter the sacred precincts of the temple, but to relume the desecrated altars of this temple with the true Promethean fire, to restore and dignify its ancient ritualism, to elevate its practical morality, to arouse the general Craft to a sense of duty and achievement toward their fellow men, and to impress, by precept and example, an unfaltering "trust in God." Accepting this as his high and holy mission, "No pent up Utica contracts his powers." The Masonic world at large becomes the theatre of his labours, and the prosperity of the universal brotherhood the guerdon and goal of his ambition. In the prosecution of this mission his zeal and unflagging energy were simply phenomenal. With courage undaunted by any obstacle, with hope ever buoyant, whether in the sunshine or under the shadow, he passed like a meteor from Lodge to Lodge, from district to district, from state to state, from continent to continent, directing and enlightening the brotherhood in the pathway and purposes, the ritual and the ethics of Freemasonry. And

wherever he went, whether among his own countrymen, or meeting upon the level in their tyled retreats with the crowned heads of Europe, or the princes and potentates of the eastern empire, or sounding the symbolic gavel in the subterranean chambers of some ancient ruin of the Holy Land, his presence was ever greeted with fraternal joy, his person honoured with the highest badge of Masonic distinction, and his welcome signalized by a spontaneous ovation of Masonic hearts. Whether in the "old Kentucky home," or on the western plains, amid the savannas of the South, or the metropolitan cities of the North, traversing "Free America," or visiting "Merry England," exploring the Asiatic coast, or standing with chisel and mallet upon the Pyramids of Egypt, he was everywhere hailed by the "good and true" as the *avant coureur* of Masonic light, the accredited and heroic herald of the mystic Craft, a moving "pillar of fire" to direct the "Sons of Light" in their wilderness march, and a "pillar of cloud" to baffle and defeat the Pharaohan hosts of infidelity and anti Masonry.

The harshest criticism, perhaps, which has fallen within our notice, as emanating from his brethren, has been that he was an *overzealous* craftsman, subordinating all other purposes of life to the weal and advancement of Freemasonry. This criticism may be just, but to one possessed of his ardent temperament and earnest convictions it was a "manifest destiny" to become the devotee to any cause which his judgment endorsed, his conscience approved, and his heart espoused. In harmony with the theological bond of his early education and training, it was but natural that he should become fascinated with an institution which accepted the revelation of heaven as its "great light," and which based its mystic superstructure upon the divine philosophy of faith, hope and charity. With the innate ambition of a born antiquarian and relic hunter, he determined to push his researches to the utmost, with a view to solve the esoteric mysteries of this champion friend of the Bible, which, throughout all the ages, and despite the malice and persecutions of its enemies, had so heroically and persistently proclaimed in every land and clime the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." He found much in the beautiful and symbolic ritual of the Order to inflame and intensify such an ambition, and perhaps no Mason ever became more thoroughly committed to the search for "more light," and but few, if any, ever attained to clearer and higher conceptions of its noble mission into our world, as "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," and certainly none have ever pushed their inquiries with such a persistent ambition, such an all-absorbing enthusiasm. His Masonic career, as we have seen, began in earnest ; it was continued in earnest, and he was never willing to relinquish the pursuit of his fondly cherished ideal until he had personally visited the Orient again and again, and literally stood upon the enchanted spot where his beloved Freemasonry first flashed its dazzling splendours around the brow of Mount Moriah !

In view of the extended circuit of his travels, and the incessant and herculean labours connected with these travels, at home and abroad ; in view of the magnetic influence of the man in his social relations and the permeating influence of the Mason in his esoteric teachings, embracing the latter half of the nineteenth century as the period of its development, it is no marvel that the name of Rob Morris has become a household word in every Masonic home, however humble or exalted, throughout the land, and that in every organized association of the Fraternity, whether Blue Lodge or Chapter, Council or Commandery, the mere mention of that name is at once suggestive of all that is bright in her ritual, authentic in her traditions, pure in her morality, profound in her philosophy, praiseworthy in her philanthropy, or noble and grand in her personal development. In our Masonic circles it is an accepted truism, that those who knew him best loved him the most. Though battling through life with disease, and ever and anon buffeted by the rude billows of adversity, he was uniformly cheerful and hopeful, and ever kept our "cardinal virtues" on duty as alternat pilots to take the helm of the stately Craft. Few of us have been more fortunate in posting a vigilant sentinel at the door of our lips, none, perhaps, more successful in warding off from the heart the malign influence of rancor and revenge. While in matters of grave concern he was dignified and conservative, wise in counsel and discreet in action, he was nevertheless possessed of an irresistible *bonhomme* which

rendered him eminently sociable and companionable. Affable in manner, transparent in purpose, attractive in speech, and ever ready with incident or illustration "to point a moral or adorn a tale," sparkling with genuine wit without asperity, a wit diamond-pointed yet sugar-coated, elastic in spirit, fluent of soul, mirth loving and mirth inspiring, his presence exerted a magical influence over every circle he entered, and of which he readily became the centre of attraction.

Born and educated in the "land of steady habits," employed during the early years of manhood in the Sunny South, thence removing to Kentucky as his adopted home, it is a noteworthy fact that his ardent and impressible nature became readily assimilated to the dominant peculiarities of each respective section of our national domain. As the natural result of this process of assimilation we discover as the underlying basis of his character a tricoloured mosaic of staid conservatism, heroic ardour and impulsive generosity; and upon this mosaic as a pedestal we find our distinguished craftsman erecting for himself a colossal column of personal distinction, beautiful and symmetrical in design, massive in structure and ornate in finish, combining the strength of the Doric with the beauty of the Corinthian, and carried up in fair, due proportions from base to summit, with chapter ornamented with symbolic "lily work, net work and pomegranates," surmounted with the amaranthian wreath of faith, hope and charity, and duly prepared for the crowning capstone, which shall be placed by the Almighty Architect himself in a higher and brighter sphere, where its proper place shall be assigned it in that "spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Such, my brethren, is but a dim, shadowy outline of our own and the world's Rob Morris, whose memory we have met to-day to honour and to perpetuate. Lesser lights have vanished from the "starry-decked canopy" of Masonry, followed by darkening shadows throughout their respective orbits, but when this great Masonic light was extinguished, the obscuration was felt all over the Masonic world; and was not unlike that visited upon the physical world by a total eclipse of the great luminary of day.

The character of our illustrious brother has been indelibly impressed upon his age and generation, and constitutes one of the noblest themes that Masonry ever gave to fame, and is destined to brighten in lustre as the passing years roll by. But, alas! alas!

"Earth's highest station ends in—'Here he lies'  
And 'dust to dust' concludes her noblest song."

But side by side with this sad requiem, as sung by the plaintive author of the "Night Thoughts," we would place the more cheering sentiment of America's own gifted child of song:

"Life is real, life is earnest,  
And the grave is not its goal:  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul."

Nay, verily: and we know of nothing more befitting with which to conclude our humble tribute to the dear departed than his own farewell lines to a loving brother on his dying couch.

"We'll not forget thee, we who stay  
To work a little longer here;  
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie  
On memory's pages, bright and clear;  
And when o'erwearied by the toil  
Of life, our heavy limbs shall be,  
We'll come and one by one lie down  
Upon dear mother earth with thee.

"And there we'll slumber by thy side,  
There, reunited 'neath the sod,  
We'll wait, nor doubt in His good time,  
To feel the raising-hand of God,  
To be translated from the earth,  
This land of sorrow and complaints,  
To the all-perfect Lodge above,  
Whose Master is the King of Saints."

Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47:—For many years past, and up to the date of his death our distinguished brother was in regular affiliation with your Lodge, and whenever within its jurisdiction was a familiar form in all your assemblies, and—

"Oft honoured with supreme command,  
Presided o'er the Sons of Light."

This fraternal association has inseparably linked his home Lodge and its locality with his own personal fame and achievements, and rendered both in a pre-eminent

degree historic and illustrious in the annals of Kentucky Freemasonry. This local interest has now been greatly increased and intensified by the erection of his mausoleum in your midst. As Mount Vernon and Monticello, as Ashland and the Hermitage have been rendered hallowed and famous for ever by the associations which cluster around the honoured tombs of their patriotic dead, thus attracting the hero and statesman of every land to pay homage at their shrines, so, in the providence of God your own Lagrange, as the home of Rob. Morris while living, and the site of his sepulchre, now dead, is destined to become a Masonic Mecca, to which the pilgrim craftsman of every clime and nationality will oft repair with a zeal not less ardent than that which leads the devoted Moslem to worship at the shrine of his fiery prophet. 'Tis meet, therefore, that into your hands as a special trust, we should commit to-day the future guardianship of our Rob Morris Memorial; and as the attracting magnet which is to render this hallowed spot the rallying place of the "good and true," for generations yet to come, we adjure you to preserve it with jealous care in all its pristine purity and beauty. Suffer no vandal feet to invade its sacred precincts no vandal hand to mutilate its marble, to erase one line or obliterate one letter which Masonic love has traced upon it. Accept this mausoleum as your special legacy from that rich inheritance of renown which has been bequeathed by a sainted member of your Lodge to the Fraternity at large. Guard it from injury, protect it from desecration, and, as far as possible, shield the sacred shrine from the influence of "time's corroding tooth and oblivious wing," that it may long continue to perpetuate "one of the few, immortal names that were not born to die."

Brethren of Fortitude Lodge:—Another and a holier trust is also committed to your considerate protection and care. There is yet in your midst a living legacy of the distinguished dead, in the person of that venerable matron who has so long and worthily worn his honoured name and shared with him all the trials and triumphs of his most eventful life. With stricken heart, from which have vanished the cherished hopes of life, she still lingers on the shores of time, awaiting a glorious re-union with the loved and lost beyond the swelling tide. We most affectionately commend her and her household to your fraternal sympathies, to your unfaltering filial love. As you venerate and love the memory of him from whom in life you also took sweet counsel, and with whom you also enjoyed an ennobling companionship, see to it, brethren, that the evening of her days shall be tranquil and serene, free from care and full of brotherly endearment. And when in the providence of God, she, too, shall be called from earth away, and you shall have assembled as a "Lodge of sorrow" to commemorate her worth, forget not, we entreat you, the honours due to her self-sacrificing spirit, which alone rendered possible the life-long labours of her husband for the Craft. With bowed heads and sorrowing hearts bear her gently and lovingly to this consecrated spot and deposit her venerable form by his side. 'Tis meet that she who stood by his side at the altar of their wedded love in the pride of her early womanhood, who has so heroically stood by his side in maternal grace and dignity, and nobly withstood the turmoil of life, should also rest by his side in the silent chamber of death, there to await the archangel's trumpet call which shall summon them to meet again in blissful reunion, and as immortal guests at the "marriage supper of the lamb."—*Voice of Masonry.*

The following extracts, set side by side, of the instructions respectively given to Garibaldi and the Prince of Wales, on their investiture as Grand Masters of Freemasonry (33rd degree) have a peculiar significance of their own:

To Garibaldi.

Masonry, being simply the Revolution in act, a permanent conspiracy against political and religious despotism, does not trick itself out with absurd decorations, through which Princes and Priests play in public the parts they have stolen and usurped. . . . Man is at the same time God, Pontiff and King in himself. Freemasonry is therefore the God, the Pontiff, and the King of Humanity.

To H.R.H.

Our rituals will prove to you how Freemasonry tends to inspire in all the purest morality, to recommend obedience to the laws, fidelity to rulers, the zeal and devotion of philanthropy, and, in a word, to teach all the domestic and social virtues. . . . Masonry sets out to make of a man a being essentially believing, by virtue and goodness.

—*Tablet.*

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 80.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic, Sunderland, on the 8th inst. There was a numerous gathering of brethren and visitors. The W.M. elect (Bro. T. Gibbons) was presented for installation by Bro. T. Elwin P.M. to Bro. H. J. Turnbull P.M. P.P.J.W., who performed the ceremony in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. Dr. Piercey I.P.M., Todd S.W., Bigham J.W., Elwin P.M. Treasurer, Atkinson P.M. Secretary, Walker S.D., Robertson J.D., Buckley I.G., Wilson P.M. Assistant Secretary, Grieve P.M. Tyler, Peake Organist. The annual banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Bridge Street.

## MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 11th inst., and in the presence of a numerous company. Brother Fearfield W.M. elect was duly installed with the customary formalities. The other Officers being Bros. Greiner I.P.M., Tweedie S.W., E. Greiner J.W., Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Gould P.M. Secretary, Tweedie S.D., Mitchell J.D., Noakes P.M. Steward, Rev. R. I. Woodhouse Chap. I.G. There were also present Bros. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., P.M., Noakes P.M., Mortimer P.M., Auldjo P.M., Pringle P.M., Tweedie P.M., Bohm P.M., Andrew P.M., Shorter P.M., Munrough and Davis, together with the following visitors:—Bros. Sandeman P. Dist. G.M. Bengal, Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Gooding P.G.D., Catler, Q.C., G.O., Speth Secretary 2076, Astle 2224, Hallett W.M. 2224, Richards P.M. 1584, Rylands P.G. Steward W.M. 2076, Chapman W.M. 2190, Macaire 44 (S.C.), Brannon P.M. 394, Jones 259, Smith P.M. 279, Reid P.M. 142, Barr 1669, Gardner 2309, Hooker 1670, Mussared W.M. 2264, Lennox Browne Vice-Pres. Board of General Purposes, Gardiner 1150, Benthall 50 (I.C.), Bennett 172, Chatterton 698, Handlow 181, and Orwin W.M. 1491. At the banquet, which followed the meeting, Bros. Sandeman and Fenn responded for the Grand Officers, and the toast of the evening, "The Memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge, was proposed by Bro. Wilkinson, in a strain of eloquence which wholly forbids any feeble attempt at reproduction in these columns. After the applause had subsided, Bro. Greiner rose and said: One of the most pleasing tasks that an outgoing Master has to perform is that of introducing the new Master to the brethren of the Lodge, and to the visitors who grace our banquet by their presence, and of proposing his health on this auspicious occasion. This duty is a specially pleasing one to me to-day, because the brother who has just been placed into the chair of the Moira Lodge is in every respect a Mason, and a man who has shown the greatest aptitude and capacity, and who will know how to do his duty to the satisfaction of every one. I am sure you will not accuse me of having "drawn the long bow" in what I have just said when I have recited to you all I have been able to learn respecting him, and there are no doubt lots of other creditable things which I ought to mention. Taking his Masonic career first, I find that he was admitted into this, his Mother Lodge, in October 1886, and in due course he took his second and third degrees. I may here mention that our W.M. lives near Nottingham, and consequently his regular attendances at our Lodge meetings have entailed no inconsiderable expenditure of time and money on his part. He persevered through all the various offices with true Masonic zeal up to J.W. in our Lodge, and on our Bro. Tweedie the S.W. expressing a wish to remain in his chair for another year, we have had the privilege of electing Bro. Fearfield to the highest honour that it is in the power of the Lodge to give. Evidently Masonry impregnated our worthy brother from the very start so thoroughly that in the following year he took the bold step of founding a Lodge of his own, namely, the Fearfield Lodge, No. 2224, in his district, and served as W.M. of the same in 1888. He is further a member of the ancient St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, and this year he was appointed Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Cers. for Derbyshire. Next, as to his private career, he received his education at Manchester and Belper, and later on we find him doing good work at the Moravian School in Newwied, Germany, where he spent a few years. Originally, he was taught the profession of an engineer, but on the death of his father he took to his business, and I am happy to inform you our W.M. has, by his energy, managed to so greatly improve that business, that he is now the owner of the largest warp crochet lace manufactory in the world. When the County Councils came into existence a few years ago he was elected without a contest, four gentlemen retiring in his favour, and almost immediately after, that body elected him a County Alderman for Nottinghamshire, which proud position he still holds. This shows the high esteem our brother enjoys in the neighbourhood. But the record of our W.M. does not stop here. Besides being a member of some of the leading clubs in London, and other Societies too numerous to mention, he is also Captain and in command of the Ilkeston and Long Eaton Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters Derbyshire Regiment, and doubtless if ever this country requires his services in the field "he will be there or thereabouts." With all these qualifications and this very satisfactory record, need I say more than congratulate the Moira Lodge upon having such a Master. I therefore call upon you to drink the health of the W.M. in bumpers, and be good enough to join me in wishing him the best of health and prosperity, and a successful year of office in the Moira Lodge. The W.M. having made a suitable response, other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at a late hour, carrying away with them a grateful sense of the hospitality of the Moira Lodge, and a most agreeable recollection of the rich musical treat which had been provided for them.

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## BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when Bro. Hayward P.M. 516 P.P.G.R. Suffolk was installed as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, the ceremony being impressively performed by Brother Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W. of England P.P.G.S.W. The Officers and members of the Lodge present were the W.M. Bro. Peter de L. Long P.M. P.G.D. of England, Bros. Casley P.M. I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Palmer Mus. Bac. S.W. P.G. Organist, Penraven J.W., Boby P.M. P.G.S.B. England Treasurer, Grimsey P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Secretary, Tempest S.D., Read J.D., Ashwin I.G., Wainwright Steward, Colchester P.M. P.P.G.S.D., R. K. Casley P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Legge-Carrie P.M. 929, Tidbury P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Miller jun. P.M. P.P.G.P., South, Jones, Flower, Grimwood, Gibb, and Cotman. The Visitors present included Bros. Lord Elcho, M.P., 357, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Fraser P.M. 376 P.P.G.S.D., Vaux W.M. 650, Ward P.M. 650 P.P.G.R., Cheston 99 P.G.D. and G.S. of Suffolk, Harvey P.P.G.J.W., J. Terry P.G.S.B., Stow 376, Elkington 376, Took P.M. 516, Leech W.M. 376, Hardwick W.M. 959, Atkinson P.M. 376, Read 376, Bird 376, Capt. W. Barnard, R.N., 120 (Scotland), Aymard 376, Rev. Canon Bulstrode Chaplain 376, Whitehead W.M. elect 225, Sleight 376. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the Worshipful Master appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Peter de Lande Long P.G.D. P.M. 114 I.P.M., Penraven S.W., Tempest J.W., Sanderson P.G. Chaplain England P.M. 114 Chaplain, Boby P.G.S.B. England P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk P.M. 114 Treasurer, Grimsey P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk P.M. 114 Secretary, Read S.D., Ashwin J.D., Casley P.P.G.J.W. P.M. 114 Dir. of Cers., Palmer Mus. Bac. P.P.G.O. Suffolk Organist, Wainwright I.G., Read Senior Steward, Wainwright Junior Steward, Gould Tyler. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the installation festival was held, the newly-installed W.M. Bro. C. G. Hayward presided.

The banquet over, the Worshipful Master gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past," "The Right Worshipful Lord Henniker P.G.M., the V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge past and present," the last two toasts being responded to by Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton and Charles Cheston respectively. Bro. Peter de L. Long proposed "The Installing Master," Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, whom he said they would all cordially thank for the charming exposition he had given that night of Masonic work. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton responded in appropriate terms, observing in the course of his remarks that he believed he had installed some half-dozen, more or less, Masters of the British Union Lodge, while the present Master would be the 110th he had installed in various Lodges. He rejoiced with them in the prosperity of the British Union Lodge, which was second to none in the kingdom. Bro. Peter de L. Long, in giving the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master," said he thought the Lodge was extremely fortunate in securing a brother as Worshipful Master who had the real interests of Masonry at heart, and who would thoroughly uphold the dignity of the Lodge. That night an almost unique incident had occurred in the Lodge, so far as his recollection went, in the fact that a son of the Worshipful Master had been initiated into the Craft. A greater proof of the allegiance and loyalty of the Worshipful Master he held could not be given. He asked them to drink with him to the health and prosperity of the Worshipful Master in his year of office. The toast was received with full Masonic honours, and the Worshipful Master, in response, said there was an old saying that a man constrained against his will is of the same opinion still, and he was convinced that he ought not to have been Master of the Lodge. They ought to have chosen a Master from one of their original brethren, and he would have liked to have seen their S.W. in the chair, but the S.W. did not wish to fill it. Last year a deputation of Past Masters asked him to take the chair, but he refused. They came again this year, and upon their persuasion he was forced to say "Yes," still he thought they had got the wrong man in the right place; but has he had been placed in this position he would try to be the right man in the right place for the future. He would do his duty as the Master of the British Union Lodge to the best of his ability, knowing perfectly well that any shortcomings on his part would be met by his brother officers. He thanked them, in conclusion, most heartily for the honour conferred upon him, for he considered it a great honour to be elected Master of the British Union Lodge—one of the grandest Lodges in the Province of Suffolk. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who responded. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, in submitting the toast of the newly initiated brothers—Henry Clarke jun., J. S. Corder, G. W. Horsfield, and Percy Hayward—observed that he had three sons and one son-in-law initiated, and within the last few weeks he had been blessed with a grandson, whom he hoped if spared, to see initiated also. The newly initiated brethren appropriately responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was associated with the names of Bros. H. E. Leech and J. Hardwick, who acknowledged the compliment. "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Tyler's toast concluded the toast list.

## CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204 (MANCHESTER).

THE installation of Bro. Normanton took place and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Duckworth W.M., Guthrie I.P.M., Normanton S.W., Bramwell J.W., Rev. Phillip Hains P.M. Chaplain, Cliffe P.M. Secretary, Bagnall S.D., Brey J.D., Maxfield P.M. 1957 P.P.G.Org. Cheshire Organist, Eldershaw P.M. Dir. of Cers., Watson I.G.; P.M.'s Martin-Thomas P.G.J.D., Bagnall P.P.G.S.D., Mulleck, Shorrock, Aldred and



Hill; Bros. Parker, Orrell, Guest, Bargon, Lookwood, Thornhill, Hawken, Hinchcliffe, Williams, Stanley, Armstrong, Challenor, Sugden, Gordon and Taylor. Visitors—Bros. Chadwick P.G. Secretary P.G.S.B., Studd P.M. 163 P.G.D.C., Hebden P.M. 1458 P.G.D.C., Jaffrey P.M. 152 P.P.G.J.D., Wollaston W.M. 44 S.W. 2863, Valtchoff W.M. 317, Ramsbottom W.M. 325, Gregory W.M. 999, Battye W.M. 1219, Nall W.M. 1375 Dir. of Cers. 2363, Hilton W.M. 1458, Wrigley W.M. 2363 P.M. Treasurer 1052, Blackie P.M. 152, Ayland P.M. 1134, Locke P.M. 1387, Macfarlane P.M. Dir. of Cers. 1633, Nathan P.M. 1798, and 13 others. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Installing Master was Bro. Martin-Thomas P.G.J.D. The W.M. elect Bro. Normanton was presented by Bro. Eldershaw P.M. to the Installing Master, and after the usual preliminaries, and with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s Bro. Normanton was proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. Bro. Cliffe then invested the following brethren Officers for the year:—Bros. Bramwell S.W., Bagnall J.W., Roberts P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Rev. Phillip Hains P.M. Chaplain, Mullock P.M. Secretary, Bretty S.D., Thornhill J.D., Eldershaw P.M. Dir. of Cers., Maxfield P.P.G.Org. Cheshire Organist, Lookwood I.G. Bro. Shorrook addressed the W.M., Bro. Rev. Phillip Hains the Wardens, and Bro. Mullock the brethren. Prior to closing the Lodge Bro. Cliffe was elected Charity Representative. It was also decided to have a soiree in February next, and a notice of motion was given that a presentation be made to Bro. Duckworth for his appreciated and valuable services during the past year. In giving hearty good wishes on behalf of the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Chadwick spoke of the repute the Caledonian Lodge held in the Province, and commended the efficient manner in which the Officers and Past Masters carried out their respective duties. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. Sixty-one brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The health of the W.M. was naturally well received, heartily drank, and responded to in appropriate terms. The other toasts were the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master and Past Masters, the Visitors, Masonic Charities, Officers, &c., a most enjoyable evening being spent.

#### ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 225

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Whitehead was installed Worshipful Master for the year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. S. Maude, after which the W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. the Rev. Samuel Maude I.P.M., Cooke S.W., Cockrell J.W., Rev. Samuel Maude Chaplain, Talbot Treasurer, Napier Secretary, Orton S.D., Ball J.D., Skerritt I.G., Cook Dir. of Cers., Daniels Organist, Lewcock and Mapperly Stewards, Gould Tyler. A banquet followed, the W.M. Bro. Whitehead presiding over about 50 brethren.

#### UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 287.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Brother Smith, of Wilmslow and Stockport, was installed as Master of the Lodge by Bro. Lancaster, the retiring W.M. The following is a list of the Officers:—Bros. Lancaster I.P.M., Roberts S.W., Rev. A. Symonds J.W., Booth P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Cookson P.P.G.T. Secretary, Leigh P.M. P.P.G. Steward Dir. of Cers., Howard S.D., Hudson J.D., Rigby P.M. Organist, Brooke I.G., Cookson, Hardie, Hewitt, Jagger Stewards, Clarke Tyler, Rigby Charity Representative. Among the Provincial brethren present were Bros. Chadwick (East Lancashire), Newhouse, Cookson, Finch and Rev. A. Symonds. The Sister Lodges in Stockport were represented by Bros. Kain, Hargreaves, Wyld and Lomax. At the installation valuable assistance was rendered in the ceremony by Bros. Cookson (whose appointment as Secretary was greeted with loud applause), Booth and Leigh. The customary banquet followed. The coming year is the Centenary of the Unanimity, and among the plans projected for the celebration of the event is one for raising fifty guineas for the Aged Freemasons' Institution.

#### BELVEDERE LODGE, No. 503.

A LARGE gathering from all parts of the Province of Kent assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer Street, Maidstone, on the 8th inst., to assist at the installation of Bro. Kite P.M. P.P.G.D.C. as Master of the Belvedere Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Ward P.M. P.P.G.I.W., supported by the following Masters and Past Masters, viz.:—Bros. Wiggins of 20; Wagon, Gordon, and Lyle, 1063; Urnston, Cornwallis, and Wright, of 1725; Wood, 1915; Petch, 2278; Powell, 2404; Neach 1837; McVicar, Stonham, and Groom, of Lodge 2046; with Bros. Sage, Foord, Long, Hunt, Harpur, Cruttenden, Baker, G. Baker, Wallis, Elmore, Cornell, and Appleyard, of 503. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Sage I.P.M., Weller S.W., Hope J.W., the Rev. J. Roe Chaplain, Cruttenden Treasurer, Appleyard Secretary, Betts S.D., Bow J.D., Bridge I.G., Epps D.C., and Williams Steward. It is worthy of notice that Bro. Kite occupied the chair in 1869, and since that time he has rendered many and valuable services to the members. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, a most enjoyable banquet was prepared by Bro. Keeley, at the Star Hotel, the W.M. being supported by Bros. Cornwallis, M.P., Ward P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Russell Prov. Grand Treasurer, Major Harpur P.P.G.J.W., Sage I.P.M., and a very large number of the brethren of the

Belvedere and other Lodges in the Province. During the evening Bro. Schartau P.P.G.Org. Middlesex sang a choice selection of songs.

#### PEVERIL OF THE PEAK LODGE, No. 654.

THE annual banquet and installation ceremony was held on the 9th inst., at the Public Hall, New Mills, when there was a large attendance of members of the Craft from the various Lodges in this part of the country. Bro. Thornley was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and afterwards invested his Officers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

#### EDINBURGH DRAMATIC AND ARTS LODGE, No. 757.

THE members held a "musical evening" in the Waterloo Rooms, on the 4th inst. The hall was crowded with members of the Craft and invited guests. The chair was occupied by Bro. Bannar Depute Master, who was supported by ex-Provost Christie Stirling (Grand Master of Ceremonies), Bros. Mackesy W.S., Anderson, Dr. Macadam, and Dr. Foulds, Glasgow. In addition to local talent of a high order, which supplied a long and entertaining programme, Mr. John Child, M. Jean Dimitresco, and M. Jaquinot, of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, contributed respectively songs and violin solos, which were enjoyed and warmly applauded.

#### ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852 (SALFORD).

A MEETING was held in the Masonic Hall, Peel Crescent, on Wednesday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. J. W. Booth W.M., J. A. Woolley I.P.M., J. Blackwell S.W., J. Beardmore J.W., T. Hulse Secretary, T. W. Watson Organist, J. Willis S.D., R. B. Palmer J.D., Thos. Pike P.M., W. H. Fulford, G. H. Wheeler, J. Corney; Bros. E. Denton, J. Cooper, C. W. Jones, W. A. Wood, Jas. Bradbury, Thos. Williams, E. Burgess, E. Pierce, J. Ind, T. A. Turner, J. White, W. Greenhalgh, J. R. Leach, W. Egan, J. Robinson, B. L. Barnett, H. Gee, Mark Baxter, Wm. Baxter, B. T. Barnett, John Griffiths, Tom Bradbury, O. Garner, G. W. Onsey, Wm. Ison, H. Shiers, W. Sherlock. Visitors—Bros. J. H. Clarke P.M. 935, H. Baron, J. Hamer, A. Fulton 491, J. West W.M. 935, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 5.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Rowlinson and Hunt, and both elected to become members of the Lodge. They were subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. B. T. Barnett, who had travelled specially from London to take his second degree, was interrogated as to his proficiency in the first, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. He was afterwards passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Past Master Wheeler. This being the night of election the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. J. Blackwell S.W., who was declared elected W.M. for the ensuing year. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8.30. After supper the health of the Initiates was proposed by the W.M., and heartily drank. The health of Bro. B. T. Barnett was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Past Master Wheeler, who also initiated him. Bro. Wheeler in the course of his remarks dwelt on the interest Bro. Barnett had shown in his opening Masonic career by travelling 80 miles to be initiated, and over 200 miles to be passed. Bro. Wheeler said he considered this a good augury for the future, and felt satisfied he would become a zealous and useful member of the Craft. The toast was drank with enthusiasm, but Bro. Barnett, who had been compelled to leave early, owing to the illness of a near relative, reserved his reply until next meeting. The Visitors' toast, which is always well received in this Lodge, was responded to in a humorous speech by Bro. Conncillor Malkid. Also by Bros. West, Lisenden and others. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

#### ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 976.

THE annual festival took place at Bruton, on Thursday, 3rd inst., when Bro. Phippen was installed as W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Hayter P.M. 976 P.P.G.Org. Somerset. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Buckley I.P.M., Clarke S.W., White J.W., Austen Chaplain, Hayter Treasurer, Locke Secretary, Cruse D.C., Creed S.D., Pearse J.D., King I.G., Lydford and Porter Stewards, Swain Tyler. Bro. Huntley, at the conclusion of the ceremony, in a few well-chosen words, presented to Bro. Hayter a massive and very handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of the appreciation the members of the Lodge had for his many years' service in the Lodge. The brethren afterwards dined together, the banquet being provided by Mr. Carhart, of the Blue Ball hotel.

MASONIC BALL IN NEWCASTLE.—The fourth annual Masonic ball, to be held under the banners of the following Lodges:—Walker, 1342, Bro. Cooper W.M.; St. Nicholas, 1676, Bro. Charlton jun. W.M.; and St. Peters, 481, Bro. Purvis W.M. will take place in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle, on the evening of Tuesday, 12th January. The arrangements are in the hands of a very influential body, and permission has been granted to wear Masonic clothing of the several degrees. The music will be supplied by Bro. Amers, and the refreshments by Bro. Fish.

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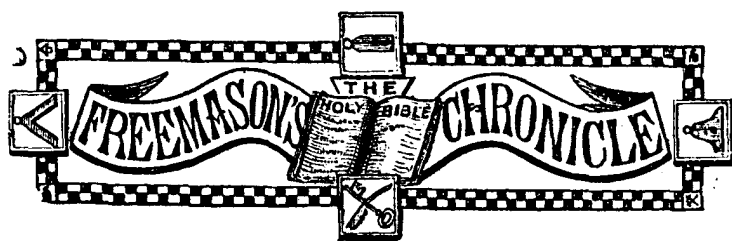
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SATURDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 1891.

## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and was numerously attended. Bro. Okeover D.P.G.M. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, and was supported by Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. of Middlesex; Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. B. Coulson P.P.S.G.W. as D.P.G.M., Thomas Cox P.P.G.S.W., Sir John Smith P.P.G.S.W., Marsden P.P.G.S.W., Abraham Woodiwiss P.P.G.S.W., Percy Wallis P.P.G.S.W., Ward P.P.S.G.W., Thomas Roe, M.P., P.P.G. Treasurer, and a great many other members of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Officers were in their places, and all the Lodges in the Province were well represented. The written reports of the Worshipful Masters were more than usually satisfactory, indicating as they did harmonious working and financial stability. It was noteworthy that the claims of the great Charities of the Order had been recognised in an exceedingly liberal spirit.

The report of the Masonic Hall Committee was presented by Bro. Sir John Smith, and contained mention of sundry steps designed to promote the comfort of the brethren.

It was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Wallis, in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition of Bro. Wright, submitted the Charity Committee's report, which bore testimony to the large amount of zeal which had been displayed by the brethren in connection with the cause so dear to the Mason's heart. No fewer than thirty-one Stewards had worked for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and had taken up an aggregate of nearly £1000. Three candidates from Derbyshire had been, moreover, elected as pupils in the Schools. Subsequently Bro. Wallis drew attention to the desirableness of improving the present system of conducting charity work in the Province, and moved the annexed resolution:—

"That bye-law No. 51 be rescinded, and that a new one be adopted in lieu thereof, as follows:—There shall be a committee, to be called the Charity Committee, consisting of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Secretary, a number of brethren, not exceeding ten, to be elected from time to time, by, and as Provincial Grand Lodge shall determine, and also a representative to be elected annually by each Lodge, to be called the Charity Representative. This Brother shall bring the claims of the Masonic Charitable Institutions periodically before his Lodge, collect the voting papers of the brethren, and forward them to the Chairman or Provincial Grand Secretary as early as possible after issue; he shall also furnish the same authority with a copy of the list of each Steward from his Lodge as soon as possible after any Festival. The committee shall hold a general meeting of its members at least once in every year, and shall present at each Provincial Grand Lodge a report of its proceedings."

This was seconded by Bro. W. H. Marsden, supported by Brother Henry George, who detailed the successful working of a like scheme in Nottinghamshire, and carried.

Bro. Cooper P.M., after presenting a favourable report from the Audit Committee, proposed the election of Bro. Thomas R. Gee, P.M. of the Arboretum Lodge, as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

This was seconded by Bro. Sir John Smith, and carried with acclamation.

Bro. Gee, who is an old and deservedly popular P.M. of his Lodge, suitably responded, and was very cordially received.

The Masonic Hall Committee, on the motion of Bro. Woodiwiss, were re-elected.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:—

G. M. Bond	Senior Warden
T. S. Boden	Junior Warden
Rev. T. B. Mundy	} Chaplains
Rev. W. F. Drewry	
T. R. Geo	Treasurer
A. W. Slack	Registrar
W. Naylor	Secretary
B. Wilks	Senior Deacon
N. Ashurst	Junior Deacon
Whitehead	Supt. of Works
Flint	Dir. of Cers.
Pike	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Holland Rowbottom	Sword Bearer
John Ryley	} Standard Bearers
J. Gladwin	
Neville Cox	Organist
James Cutting	Assist. Secretary
Windle	Pursuivant
J. Fisher	Assistant Pursuivant
J. Jones	} Stewards
A. Butterworth	
B. Cooper	
W. S. Fisher	
Farnsworth	
Lomas	} Tyler
Thomas Day	

At the close of the proceedings the Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren. He said he thought they would all agree with him that the reports which had just been read of the various Lodges were eminently satisfactory. They all seemed to show that the Lodges in the Province had worked in a truly Masonic spirit. They had supported the Charities in some cases with the greatest liberality, and that must be a source of the greatest pleasure to them all. It showed that the Province was imbued with a proper appreciation of the value of the Charities, and that they regarded it not merely as a duty, but as a privilege, to assist those who for many years had done good work in Masonry, but who in later years found distress and trouble come upon them. It was a grand thing for a man to feel at the close of his life that he had been able to give something of what the great Architect of the Universe had given him to alleviate the distress of others. He hoped the appeal that had been addressed to them that afternoon by Bro. Terry would be considered by every Lodge in the Province, and that the response would be such as would gladden the hearts of them all. As to the affairs of the Province generally, he was glad to say that during the year they had consecrated one new Lodge—the Scarsdale, at Chesterfield. During the previous year the Chantry Lodge was consecrated at Dore, so that progress was being made. It was very gratifying to himself, and, indeed, to them all, to know that their young Lodges were progressing in such a successful manner. Referring to the visit of the Queen to Derby, in May last, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master said it would be a pleasant recollection in their minds as long as they lived. They were all delighted to see the Queen amongst them, performing at her advancing years a duty which had for its object the alleviation of suffering and sickness. That was an object dear to every Mason, but to himself the pleasure of the occasion was intensified by the fact that he stood there as the representative of the Masons of Derbyshire, and handed to the Queen in their name an address of welcome and loyalty. Whilst he was speaking of the Queen his thoughts naturally reverted to the members of her family. The Prince of Wales, their Grand Master, had had the sympathy of every Mason during the illness of his son, and they were all thankful that it had apparently pleased the great Architect of the Universe to place him out of danger. They had heard with pleasure of the engagement of Prince Albert Victor, and he would only say that he hoped his Royal Highness would follow the good Masonic career of his father, and be, like him, a credit to Masonry.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master next thanked the brethren for the manner in which the question of arrears had been dealt with, and concluded by hoping that they would all enjoy a prosperous new year, full of happiness and joy and Masonic harmony.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master afterwards moved a vote of sympathy with Bro. Wright P.P.G.S.W. in his affliction, and thanking him for his past services in the

cause of charity. He said they would all be grieved to hear that Bro. Wright himself felt the sands of his life were fast running out. Any one who had known Bro. Wright's services in the cause of charity would feel that they had been of a splendid character, and deserved the heartiest recognition in their power. The resolution would, he was sure, have the heartfelt appreciation of them all.

Bro. Percy Wallis seconded the resolution, which was supported by Bro. Naylor, and carried.

Bro. Piper P.M. moved a resolution of sympathy with P.G.M. the Marquis of Hartington in the domestic troubles which had overtaken him, and expressing the hope that his venerable and distinguished father might be restored to health.

Bro. Roe P.P.G. Treasurer seconded the resolution, which was supported by the D.P.G.M., and carried with acclamation.

Incidentally, Bro. Terry drew attention to the approaching Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and bespoke the cordial co-operation of the Derbyshire Province, especially as it would appear the particular Institution in question had previously received comparatively little support from this locality. He pointed out that the means at the disposal of the Governors were quite inadequate to meet the many claims addressed to them, and it was hoped that the special effort to be made next year would tend to permanently increase its usefulness.

Bro. Naylor P.G. Secretary announced his intention of representing the P.G. Lodge on the occasion, and expressed the hope that every Lodge in the Province would send a Steward.

The Lodge was then closed.

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

AT the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., a meeting was held under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., and was attended by a large gathering of Masons. Among those present in addition to Sir Michael were Comps. R. V. Vassar-Smith Prov. G.H., W. Forth Prov. G.J., Jas. B. Winterbotham Prov. G.S.E., J. Bruton Prov. G.S.N., J. A. Matthews Prov. G. Regis., J. L. Brotherton Prov. G. Prin. Soj., W. C. Heare and J. S. Carleton Assist. G. Sojs., J. Balcomb Prov. G.S.B., W. C. Ferris Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Dr. Campbell Prov. G.D.C., J. A. Matthews Organist (present Officers of Prov. G. Chapter); also Comps. A. Woodward P.Z. 493 P.P. Assist. G. Soj., Sir Brook Kay 82, Rev. P. Hattersley Smith 82, W. Renwick 493, F. W. Fisher 493 P.P.G.R., Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin 82, E. W. Brereton 82, J. David H. 839, R. W. Northcote 839, R. Prowde Smith J. 82, R. H. Barrett 493, C. S. Atkins 82, J. L. Butler I.P.Z. 82, Rev. W. S. Fallon 82, A. R. Grieve Z. 493, H. S. Stephens P.Z. 839, Colonel Moutray Read 82 P.G.S.D. Malta, W. R. Felton P.Z. 82, W. R. Porcher P.Z. 82 P.P.G.J., E. L. Baylis 82. The Prov. G. Treasurer's report having been presented and passed, Comp. Bryan was re-elected Treasurer, votes to Charities were made, and the roll of the Chapter was called. The Grand Supt. then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

R. V. Vassar-Smith	H.
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James David	Director of Ceremonies
J. A. Matthews	Organist
H. Phillips	Junitor

Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the Companions dined together in the Banqueting hall, the Provincial Grand Superintendent (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) presiding.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HICKS-BEACH LODGE, No. 2407.

ON the 17th ult., a new Lodge was formally consecrated at Stroud, by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. There was a large gathering of the brethren from throughout the Province. The occasion was notable for the delivery of an address to the brethren by the Rev. Chris. Venn Childs, of Christ Church, Cheltenham, the text of which follows:—"Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren,—It has been wisely ordained that at the consecration of a new Lodge we should call to mind those grand principles upon which our Institution is founded, and which constitute its real nature, its hidden mysteries, and deepest significance. For there is a danger amid the pressure of life's duties, yes, and even in the social enjoyments of fraternal intercourse, lest on the one hand in the symbols we should lose sight of the things signified, and on the other of not maintaining a due harmony in the relative proportion of the several parts of that moral superstructure which as Free and Accepted, or rather Speculative Masons, we are sworn to raise, under the guidance and help of the Great Architect of the Universe, in accordance with the design and plan unfolded in the Volume of the Sacred Law. For the truest and best Mason is the brother who seeks to penetrate the deepest into the mysteries of the Craft, and appropriate and make his own, both by apprehension and practice, the truths veiled in its allegories and illustrated by its symbols, and but 'prentice hands will his always be, no matter to what high office he may rise, who is content to rest in the mere surface beauty of our ritual or the indolent enjoyment of our privileges. Therefore it is that the consecration of a new Lodge is an event of immeasurable importance, not merely to the Order in general or to the Province in particular, but to the community in which it is established; for it is in the power of that Lodge, either through the maturing character and forceful example of its members, to be a centre of light and life, diffusing outside its walls a bracing, refining, ennobling influence which cannot fail to bless, or to degenerate into a source of additional temptation to disregard those very social duties and personal virtues which it is the great object of our Institution to inculcate and foster, so bringing discredit upon itself, misrepresentation upon the Order. Therefore, guard well the portals of this Lodge; keep ever bright in unsullied beauty the foundation stones upon which it will be built to-day—Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth. Familiar are the words to us, old as the hills, still found emblazoned to-day—as recent travellers tell us—in the sanctuaries of the worship of the Syrian Druses, the lineal descendants of those first Phœnician Craftsmen who accompanied our first Grand Master to the building of King Solomon's temple, the first but never surpassed achievement of our Order. But, though familiar, how we need ever to reburnish those foundation principles that they may reflect to others the beauty of our Fraternity. Brotherly Love, which shall be no mere vague sentiment of genial benevolence, but that unity which emphasises the brotherhood of men in the Fatherhood of God, cementing them, as in our Order, into yet closer fraternity of its mystic points of fellowship—ever careful, moreover, to guard against that shadow of defect which tends to mar the lustre of every virtue, for even Brotherly Love may blind the eyes and warp the judgment until the well-being and good government and fair fame of a Lodge may be sacrificed to personal preference and individual opinions, engendering unbrotherly cliques and factions. Brotherly Love means unity—a unity which shall ever shun and discountenance self-regarding rivalries and competitions between Brother and Brother, between Lodge and Lodge; a unity which shall ever jealously guard the fair name and honour of our Order by keeping it free from jealousy; a unity like the consecrating oil of the ancient priesthood, overflowing in its abundance, an unction of the whole body, diffusing its fragrance to all around. "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." But to Brotherly Love, there must be added its active expression, Relief. Again, something far higher, far deeper than that charity of beneficence and magnificent liberality to which we may justly point in refutation of the ignorant calumnies of the uninitiated. And to prove worthy of the name it receives to-day, this new Lodge cannot fail to be conspicuous in the Province for its zeal, within its measure, in the cause of Masonic Charity. But, Brothers, we have each need of more consistent practice of that truest charity symbolised by the mystic key which hangs and does not lie, ever ready to protect and never to betray—a heaven-born charity of thought and word, which, like the golden corn scattered in plenty broadcast, brings forth its rich harvest of blessing, blessing him who gives and him who takes. But to these foundation-stones, Brothers, Love and Relief, there must be joined a third, binding the two together, the bed on which they rest—Truth. Something more, again, than mere veracity of speech. Truth demands that in all the domestic, social, and political relations of life, we should not be bound by the average standards and the popular fallacies, but do the thing and that only which is right, and do it in the teeth of natural indolence and inherent selfishness. Truth is that sincerity which cannot brook the shams and unrealities of life; sincerity which, like some generous wine upheld before the sun, sparkling and glowing in unadulterated purity, shall give the strength of confidence and the joy of trust. May we each, Brethren, ever and again, look to the foundation-stones upon which we are to build, tearing away all that mars their beauty or would force them apart, while slowly but surely upon them we raise the glorious superstructure of maturing character and consistent life; and so in His infinite mercy may the Great Architect Himself, the Master Builder, not only pass our work, but take us as living stones, to be built by Him into the glorious temple above, made pillars in the House of our God, to the glory of His Holy Name.

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A VERY large number of brethren from the Sister and neighbouring Lodges attended at the Masonic Hall, Kingston Square, Hull, on Wednesday 2nd inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Woodhouse, LL.D., B.A., as Worshipful Master. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Lonsborough, Hon. Orde-Powlett, King M.P., Grotian, M.P., Hopwood P.M., Brodric P.M., Brekke W.M. Minerva, Dodson W.M. Constitutional, and Tindell W.M. De la Pole Lodge. The banquet followed after the closing of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Dr. Woodhouse) presiding over the ceremonies, and being supported therein by the majority of the distinguished Masons who had honoured his installation by their attendance. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed from the chair, and met with cordial acceptance from the assembled company. Bro. Sissons P.G.A.D.C. responded, and stated that Freemasonry, to his mind, played an important factor in the integrity of the vast Empire which our forefathers had won and the wisdom of our statesmen retained for us. The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Rulers, and Bro. Peck P.G. Sec., in reply, stated they had 31 Lodges in the Province, which were most prosperous. The Earl of Zetland took a personal interest in all, and highly appreciated the invariable kindness and consideration shown to the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Peck P.M. next submitted the W. Master of the Kingston Lodge and his Officers. He said he thought this must be the proudest moment of the new Worshipful Master's life, and he sincerely and heartily congratulated him, for the brethren of the Kingston Lodge had done themselves credit in electing him to that high office. In Hull there were five Masonic Lodges, and the Kingston Lodge was particularly distinguished by the choice of its members and the high social standard of the Officers and Brethren. They were all exceedingly pleased to be present at the installation of Dr. Woodhouse, and the energy and kind attention and forethought that distinguished him in everything he took in hand was a happy augury, and afforded every indication of a very successful year of office. To assist him he had got together a most admirable staff of Officers. In Bro. Briggs, the Senior Warden, a more popular man did not exist in the town. Proceeding, Bro. Peck alluded to the remainder of the Officers in eulogistic terms, and concluded by wishing the Worshipful Master a most happy and successful year. The Worshipful Master, on rising, was very cordially received. He said that he had to thank Worshipful Bro. Peck for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, which it was now his pleasing duty to acknowledge, and he desired to express the deep gratitude he felt to them all for the enthusiastic reception which they had accorded to it, not only on his own behalf, but also for his Officers, whom he was assured would give him that loyal support without which no Worshipful Master could hope for success. Those brethren present who had already filled the position which it was his good fortune to occupy for the first time that night, would agree with him that to be elected to the chair of the Kingston Lodge was an honour of which any Mason might be proud. That was the proudest moment of his life. The reason for the popularity of Freemasonry was not far to seek. It possessed this grand feature, that the more they knew of it the more they desired to know, and the better they felt for that knowledge when acquired. Those who presumed to speak disparagingly of the Craft, and unhappily it had detractors—should remember that it was the abuse they were condemning, and not the many useful and beneficent purposes which Freemasonry subserved. Properly pursued as an art and a study, Freemasonry lent dignity to a man, elevated his mind, and being founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, possessed great and invaluable privileges. It impressed upon man the importance of that great lesson—the knowledge of himself. It was commonly known that Freemasonry gave particular prominence to the inculcation and practice of that cardinal virtue—charity. And it was his firm belief that in the spread of true Masonic principles the chain of human friendship was ever widening, and would ere long engird the whole world in one common of amity and love. He cordially thanked all the brethren who had assembled there to do the honour they had to him by their presence. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that all the members of their Lodge, not only those below the chair, but the Past Masters also, would, by their regular attendance and support, aid him in his endeavour to make his year of office an active, successful, and harmonious one. Bro. Briggs S.W. supplemented the eloquent remarks of the Worshipful Master by assuring him of their cordial support during the year. Bro. Nicholson P.M. proposed the Immediate Past Master and the retiring Officers. He said the Worshipful Master last year discharged his duties with conspicuous ability, and the efficiency of his Officers was evidenced by the majority of them having been chosen for the present year. Bro. Baldwin, S.W. last year, responded on behalf of the Immediate Past Master, who was unavoidably absent. The Installing Officer and other toasts followed.

## WENTWORTH LODGE, No. 1239.

THE annual meeting was held on the 7th instant, when Bro. A. E. Kirkham was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of the brethren present to witness the ceremony, which was impressively performed by Bro. Wilson I.P.M. Afterwards Bro. Kirkham invested the following brethren as Officers:—Bros. Wilson I.P.M., Drury S.W., Stokes J.W., Westenholtm Treasurer, Rev. G. Ford Chaplain, Dodworth Secretary, Barker Assistant Secretary, Rowbotham S.D., Firth J.D., Hewitt D.C., Cole Assistant D.C., Forsdike I.G., Wragg S.S., Green J.S., Barker Organist, Leighton Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the banquet was served by Bro. Turner Steward, the W.M. Bro. Kirkham presiding, who gave the Loyal toasts, after which Bro. Wilson proposed the health of the W.M., in eulogistic terms. Bro. Kirkham suitably responded. The toast of

the I.P.M. and Installing Officers was proposed by Bro. Eyre. The usual Masonic toasts followed, between which a special musical programme was gone through, under the direction of Bro. Wragg.

## "THE OLD MASONIANS."

THE Second Invitation Concert of the season (Ladies' Night), given by the above Association, was held on Friday, 11th instant, at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, presided, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lieut. Colonel George Lambert P.G.S.B. An excellent concert was provided, and it was duly appreciated by a large audience. Amongst the visitors were Bros. George Everett Grand Treasurer, James Stevens, Capt. Walls, H. Price, and E. Smith. The vocal portion of the concert was provided by Miss Uwins, Master Collinson and Messrs. C. O'Doherty, H. Pickett, and Auckland Bramwell. Miss Blanche Dannett played a solo on the pianoforte. Messrs. C. H. Uwins and A. B. Whiteley gave some laughable character sketches, and Bro. R. H. Williams and Mr. E. A. Gough recited. Mr. A. J. Ryman was the accompanist. In reply to a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. R. S. Chandler, hon. secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be present, and said he would do all in his power to forward the interests of the Association. Mr. Gough proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, and Mr. Uwins, in replying, alluded to a concert to be held in the early part of next year in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

"The Mallet," of the *Glasgow Evening News*, in a recent issue, therein discourses:—

Accompanying a deputation from the Prov. G. Lodge of Ayrshire I visited three Lodges—namely, St. James, Tarbolton, 135, St. John, Catrine, 497, and St. David's, Mauchline, 133. There are many relics of Burns in the Lodge of Tarbolton, 135, in which the poet filled the office of Depute-Master for nearly four years (1784-1788), and as such

Off, honor'd with supreme command,  
Presided o'er the Sons of Light.

In a letter written to the Lodge, dated from Edinburgh, 23rd August 1787, and which is preserved in a strong frame, he apologises for his absence from the quarterly meeting, and assures them, "if I must be absent in body, believe me I shall be present in spirit." The letter, which has been repeatedly referred to in proof of Burns's humane disposition, concludes.

Within your dear mansion  
May wayward contention  
Or withered envy ne'er enter.  
May secrecy round  
Be the mystical bound,  
And brotherly love be the centre.

The minute book contains many specimens of his signature, and till 1st March 1786, he signed "Robert Burness." In at least one instance his mark is added. There is also the chair which he occupied when presiding, the mallet he wielded, &c., all intensely interesting as associated with the life of our Bard Burns. Although the Lodge St. James, 135 has now a good membership, it has not always been in a prosperous condition, but can boast that, though for years there were no members made, the brethren always paid the Grand Lodge fees. A brother from Canada who was present on this occasion regarded it as a great honour to be allowed to turn over the leaves of the minute book. In the estimation of the brethren in Canada, he said, Tarbolton Lodge is of greater importance than the Grand Lodge of the old country.

The Lodge at Catrine calls for little remark. It was certificated to have good "work," but as might be looked for in a Lodge left without due supervision it has dropped into some errors against the Constitution. Strange to say, though the Provincial Lodge passed a set of new bye-laws for this Lodge last August, the office-bearers on Saturday last referred to the bye-laws of the Lodge passed in 1871 in justification of their faults.

St. David's, in Mauchline, it has been stated, "has had a chequered career." It was dormant for nearly forty years, but has been doing steady work since 1877, and the Lodge on Saturday showed all the elements of success. It was in St. David's that Burns got his degree. A snuff-box made from the wood of "Burns's kist," and presented to the Lodge, was handed round and reverentially examined by the members of the deputation.

It is seventeen years ago since George Frederick Samuel Robinson K.G., G.C.S.I., C.I.E., the first Marquis of Ripon, resigned the Grand Mastership of English Freemasons, when he became a convert to the Church of Rome, his Holiness Pope Pius IX.—Mastai Ferretti—having ordered all members of secret societies to be excommunicated; yet, strange to say, there are thousands of Roman Catholic Freemasons, and in France nearly all Freemasons are Roman Catholics. On the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, the Prince of Wales gladly took the Grand Mastership, and was installed with great ceremony into the chair of King Solomon, at the Royal Albert Hall, and since that time that innocent folly, Freemasonry, has so flourished that there are ten times more members of the Order than there were seventeen years ago.—*Modern Society*.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## Saturday, 19th December.

- 1361 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney  
1614 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

## Monday, 21st December.

- 1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham  
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney  
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham  
931 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro  
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton  
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron  
622 St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
1039 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
1337 Egerton, George Hotel, Heston Norris  
1141 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1170 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
1199 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1208 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
1238 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth  
R.A. 557 Valletort, M.H., Callington, Cornwall  
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, F.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton

## Tuesday, 22nd December.

- 1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1052 Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1809 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1875 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
M.M. 168 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## Wednesday 23rd December.

- 1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 753 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's, St. John's Wood  
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury  
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston  
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire  
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester  
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton  
R.A. 225 St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich  
R.A. 290 Prosperity, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon, Castle, Carnarvon  
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle

## Thursday, 24th December.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea, at 4  
1421 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
M.M. 118 Northumberland Masons' Hall, E.C.  
51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton  
248 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate  
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
1605 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

- 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere  
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston  
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
R.A. 44 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
R.V. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland

## Friday, 25th December.

## Christmas Day.

## Saturday, 26th December.

- 1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Houslow  
1482 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone

## INSTRUCTION.

## Saturday, 19th December.

- 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  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

## Monday, 21st December.

- 23 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,  
393 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1327 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 8:30  
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  
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleonor, 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, Hoos Street  
Walthamstow, 8

## Tuesday, 22nd 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  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Grayhound  
Hotel, Croydon, 8  
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,  
820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, 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  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
1446 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8  
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7

- 1940 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2145 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
R.A. 704 Cindon, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1345 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting  
Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 23rd 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  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
229 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 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.  
882 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
973 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1358 Textek, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-  
ford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,  
S.W., 7:30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8  
1693 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
1791 Creaton, Whentshear, Shephard's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell  
New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
2204 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
M.M. Grand Masters, 81 Red Lion Square, 7

## Thursday, 24th 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, 7:30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool  
Road, N., 8  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45  
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
1744 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  
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,  
St. John's Wood, 8  
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,  
Canonbury, 8

## Friday, 25th December.

## Christmas Day.

## Saturday, 26th December.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's  
Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
1288 Finsbury Park, 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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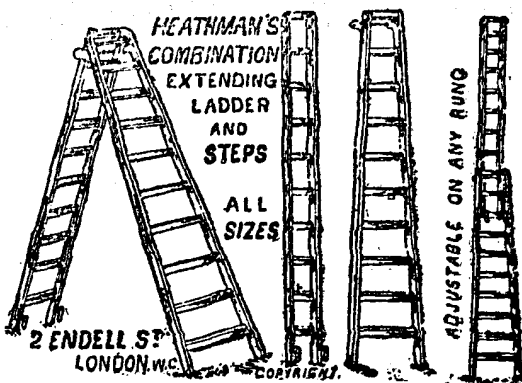
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