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THE YEAR THAT'S AWA'.

BEING fairly launched into the year 1892 we are now enabled to look back upon its predecessor, and regard the Masonic work of 1891 in a very different light to what has been possible hitherto, when we have had nothing but suppositions and possibilities to deal with, and all sorts of contingencies to provide for. Now we are face to face with realities, and looking back on the past it is satisfactory to know we can dismiss it—in a Masonic sense at least—as a great success. The progress of Freemasonry in England during the past year has been of a most satisfactory character, and although we have had to chronicle some items of a painful nature, yet, on the whole, the year just concluded presents a picture which must be very gratifying to every member of the Order who cares to contemplate it, and regard it in its entirety.

One of the most pleasing features of the past year is the continued support accorded to Freemasonry by the leaders of the land. Not only have we the Heir to the Throne at our head, but other members of the Royal Family have taken a personal and prominent interest in our doings, and shown by the force of example a pattern worthy of imitation by members of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. Their efforts, moreover, have been warmly seconded and endorsed by many other leading members of society, and much as we may hear urged in support of the theory that in Freemasonry all men are equal, there is no gainsaying the fact that the support given to its principles and actions by those high in power, places it far and above any similar organization, and carries it beyond the reach of adverse criticism or ridicule.

Looking at the Benevolent aspect of the Order, 1891 compares favourably with any of its predecessors, and will stand out prominently for all time as an exemplification of what it is possible to do when enthusiasm and energy are properly aroused in a good cause. Elsewhere, in our present issue, we give a summary of the actual receipts of the three great Charities of English Freemasonry, and a record of the grants made at the monthly meetings of the Board of Benevolence, from which it will be seen that the Craft contributed no less a sum than £71,650 during the year, through these four sources alone, on behalf of the widow, the orphan, and the distressed Craftsman. These figures, however, could be very materially increased were it possible to add details of the grants made by different provincial funds for similar purposes, which system of affording aid has met with considerable success and support during the past year, as we have, on more than one occasion, specially noticed.

Freemasonry, taken in its entirety, has made considerable progress and advancement during 1891, and we can only hope that the future will be as satisfactory in this respect, for it is proverbial that

as Freemasonry advances and spreads its influence on the world, so also does good feeling and fraternal regard increase, not only among those who take a prominent part in promoting the welfare of Freemasonry, but also among those who are brought into close commune with members of the Order, or who take an interest in watching the progress of human events, and imitate, as far as lies in their power, all the good which comes prominently under their notice.

And now a word as to the future. We start the year with a vacancy in the office of Grand Secretary, which will cause some amount of speculation and excitement in various quarters for some little time, until, in fact, a formal announcement is made as to who shall succeed to the important post held during the last twelve years by the late Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, whose death, on Christmas day, is recorded in another column. Who is to be the new Grand Secretary? will be the Masonic question of the hour, and, for a time at least, it will quite put into the shade all consideration of the almost equally attractive matter—the filling of the office of Grand Treasurer, which, as our readers are aware, will this year be contested, two brethren having been nominated at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge for the coveted appointment. Naturally, speculation is already rife as to the qualifications of brethren in various parts of the country for the Secretaryship, and it is natural to expect a very large number of distinguished Masons will, directly or indirectly, be put forward as something in the form of candidates. The appointment itself rests with the Grand Master, but in these matters it is easy to imagine that the claims of many will be considered, and carefully weighed by the advisers of the Grand Master, ere the Prince of Wales makes the formal announcement of a successor in the executive office of the Craft.

As regards the Charities of the Order, the year 1892 opens with a most gratifying outlook, and there is no reason to expect anything but satisfactory answers to the appeals periodically made to the Craft on behalf of the great Institutions. The celebration of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be the first matter for consideration in this direction, and with the support already promised on behalf of this celebration only one result is possible—a grand success. The Deputy Grand Master of England has promised to preside at the Festival, and he will have the support of such a band of Stewards as will prevent all idea of failure on this most important anniversary. Doubtless the Girls' and the Boys' Schools will subsequently receive a fair share of support, but they will hardly begrudge having to give the place of honour for the year to their younger confrère on the special occasion of its Jubilee—a celebration which it is universally hoped will prove far and away the most satisfactory ever known in the annals of Freemasonry.

“FREEMASONRY; PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.”

THE following admirable Address was delivered by the Dean of York, on 5th November 1891, before the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society, Wakefield, England:

I believe I may venture to assert that I am one of the oldest Freemasons in this assembly. Initiated in 1847, I have been a member of the Craft for nearly half a century. I do not, however profess to be so well versed in Masonic ceremonial as many whom I see around me. I have, some will say, as it were, halted on the threshold, for I have never risen to a degree higher than that of a M.M.; yet it satisfies me, and I have no ambition to go beyond it, for in the M.M.'s degree you attain to that which is the peculiar Province of Freemasonry—viz., full participation in that wonderful fellowship with “all sorts and conditions of men” which, as far as I know, has never been achieved, or even attempted, by any other body corporate. The title of my address—“Freemasonry; Past, Present, and Future”—is a somewhat ambitious one, and perhaps even alarming, but I am not going to carry you back to the distant past. I leave that to the Masonic archaeologist of the day; I shall travel backwards only for a period of fifty years. And it may interest the Brethren to know in what aspect Freemasonry presented itself to me at that time, and what were the inducements which led me to join it. At that period of my life I was an undergraduate at Oxford. Oxford was then a little-known city; people knew scarcely anything, and cared perhaps less, as to what took place there. It was difficult of access. The authorities, in their wisdom, thought railways detrimental to the moral or the social health of the youths who frequented its time-honoured colleges. Those young men were left pretty much to their own guidance, and throughout the whole three years of my undergraduate life I do not remember to have received one serious word of counsel or advice from any of those under whose authority we were placed. The examples set by the Dons were not encouraging, the orgies of the Common room were notorious, and my own tutor was at once brilliant, learned and intemperate. At that time there was two Masonic Lodges in Oxford—the *Apollo*, confined to University men, and the *Alfred*, for the people of the town and neighbourhood. In the society of Masons I found what elsewhere Oxford did not afford. I found good fellowship and social intercourse, based not upon mere jovial and often excessive eating and drinking, but upon refined and intelligent society, scrupulously combined with the strictest temperance. In my Lodge I found conversation of a highly rational character, the opportunity of meeting men more or less distinguished in various walks in life, musicians like Stephen Elvey, for instance; and with all this charming talk and jest there was nothing to offend. One felt at once it was a beneficent movement, and I was drawn towards it, for within it I found not only pleasant intercourse but also safety. And this, Brethren, is no fanciful retrospect, as I will show you. In those days, at 9.15 p.m., “Great Tom” of Christ Church pealed forth its tones in token that the peace and good order of the city were handed over to the University authorities. The police were practically deposed, and the Proctors, with their myrmidons—nicknamed bulldogs—reigned in their stead. Their duties were to protect the streets, maintain order, arrest offenders, and to stop any undergraduates whom they might meet, ask their name and college, and require an explanation of whence they were coming and whither they were going. To declare yourself a Mason, and to say that you were returning from the *Apollo*, was a passport at once; no further question was asked, the excellent character of the Lodge was so well known and acknowledged. This gave people a high opinion of Freemasonry, and I should like that view of it to stand. But what wonderful development since! At that time it was no doubt substantial in strength and under distinguished patronage, for it was presided over by a Royal Prince, the late Duke of Sussex. But what is it now? I do not profess to know what its numbers may be, and we have been told that “there is nothing more fallacious than facts, except figures,” but its membership is rapidly increasing; we are adding Lodge after Lodge to our roll; it embraces all classes of society, and as old faces disappear, new men, it is gratifying to see, come forward to supply their places. As an instance, take my own county, Lincolnshire. Its affairs have been admirably administered, and now I am glad to

say that one of the latest recruits to our ranks is the young Lord Yarborough, a popular man, with large landed interest and influence, both here and in the West Riding of Yorkshire, one who will make an excellent Mason and will, at no distant date, I have no doubt, take high Masonic rank. He will shortly be “raised” at Lincoln. In addition to this wonderful numerical increase, our Society, I believe, has improved its position in the public regard. In many places, some years ago, a Mason was looked upon as an objectionable, self-indulgent creature, if he were not something worse, whilst in certain classes of society on the continent he is regarded, even now, as little short of a monster. My friend, the Dean of Lincoln, who is a great traveller, but is not a Freemason, was telling me the other day of a conversation he had held with a French Abbé on this point. Bemoaning the unsettled condition of society, the French priest laid all the blame on the Freemasons. It was they, he declared, who caused and carried out the horrors of the French Revolution, they who upset thrones and destroyed dynasties, they who formed secret associations for all kinds of iniquity, they, in fact, who would overthrow all law and order and substitute no one knew what. They were Red Republicans, Socialists, and unbelievers, and everything should be done to destroy their pernicious influence and to root them out from society. When assured by my friend that in England they were the very opposite of all this, that they were loyal, patriotic, and charitable, and that every movement for the public good was invariably supported by the Freemasons, the surprise of the Frenchman was extreme. The Dean of Lincoln, though no Mason, could yet testify that we were a steady, respectable body of men, who certainly did no harm and very likely much good. I am strong in the belief that so far from our Brotherhood exercising a disturbing influence, it has, on the contrary, done more to bring men together, promote good feeling, and enlist human sympathy, than any other institution that could be named. As to the future, I believe that as it is no effete survival of the past, so will it make its influence continue to be felt, and that as time goes on, by means of its three great and eternal principles, it will help to keep alive the idea that we are all one brotherhood, that we need sympathy and support, and do much to promote a genuine feeling of confidence amongst all classes and all nations. In former days its great work was to make men known to each other who did not know and could not know much of each other. Its special work seems now to be to mitigate and dissipate, by mutual intercourse and fellowship, those fallacious and mischievous misrepresentations which are tending to set class against class, and to promote “envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness” broadcast through the world in the columns of the so-called “society papers,” the great curse of the present day. Those papers live on gossip, speculation, and untruth, often I fear intentional untruth. Take an instance: *ex uno disce omnes*. It has been lately reported by one of them that my predecessor, during the twenty years that he held the Deanery, had amassed and did actually leave behind him half a million of money. Now all those who knew the late Dean of York also knew that whatever he left at his death he had inherited from his father, and that so far from obtaining personal wealth from his position in the Church, he spent every penny that Church supplied to him, and more, on religious and charitable objects. Thus an attempt is made to set the masses against the classes, thus a good and kind-hearted man is grossly maligned. Now, I think that Freemasonry is invaluable as a countercheck for this sort of thing. Men learn to know each other, not as these papers would have us, but by mutual intercourse, and thus a kindly feeling is generated and spread through society. The tone of a well-conducted Lodge, if lived up to, raises a man above this petty spite, and teaches him to look upon his fellow man with consideration and charity. Brethren, we have a great responsibility, we inherit a high prestige, we have a grand opportunity for the future—what shall we make of it? Only let us keep steadfastly to our principles, and I have no fear of the result.

Let us bring our Freemasonry, as it were, up to date, let us make it a great beneficial power amongst us, let us remember that its key-note is unselfishness, that it is embodied philanthropy, and that the benefit of humanity and the general good of society are comprehended within its tenets. Again, let us watch well our conduct. We live as it were “in a city set on a hill;” the eyes of a watchful world are upon us, both as individuals and in

bodies. We must, to some extent, satisfy the world at large; we must disabuse their minds. We know that our frugal repasts are by no means what the world understands by "banquets," though often so styled; we cling to that archaic expression, but it will be well for us to make it, and let the world know that it is, a frugal meal. We must remove any cause of misrepresentation, and prevent any blemish falling on our Craft. In conclusion, very much depends upon us as individuals; it is no use making professions unless we carry them out. Moreover, in adding to our number, we must try to get the right men, not men of any special grade; men with right motives, who will understand and appreciate our objects. Freemasonry has great power for good; I have myself repeatedly experienced it. The right hand of fellowship has ever been extended to me, and at no time more than when I first came into Yorkshire, and thus the practical principles of the Craft have been put into operation on my behalf. In carrying out the wishes of your esteemed Provincial Grand Master in addressing you this evening, I have given you my personal experience of the past, the actual condition of the present, and my own ideas as to what the future ought to be. I trust, Brethren, you will throw yourselves heartily and thoroughly with me into this great matter, and you will strive to the utmost to further the views which I have endeavoured to put before you.

Following the recent constitution of a Lodge of Freemasons at Stroud, a warrant for a new Lodge of Mark Masons at Gloucester has recently been granted, on the petition of local members of the Order, by the Grand Mark Master Mason, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Lodge will be named the Gloucester. The consecration will take place at the Masonic Hall, Gloucester, on Wednesday, 27th January. Through a technicality the ceremony cannot be performed by the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, and it consequently will be undertaken by Grand Lodge, the following members of which will officially attend for the purpose, viz.: The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Deputy Grand Master Consecrating Officer, Lord Dungarvan Senior Warden, Sir Reginald Haugson, Bart., M.P., Junior Warden; Rev. J. H. Lloyd Chaplain, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Secretary, R. Berridge Director of Ceremonies, Col. A. B. Cook Inner Guard. Sir Lionel Darrell, Bart., will be the first Master of the new Lodge.

The last meeting for the year 1891 of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the chairmanship of the President, Brother Robert Grey. The list of petitioners for assistance was unusually heavy, the names numbering 53. The petitioners were qualified through Lodges in the London District, and at Sunderland, Harwich, Tipton, Burton-on-Trent, Gravesend, Rye, Warwick, Leeds, Gorleston, Birkenhead, Nottingham, Stourbridge, Newtown (Montgomery), Splisby, Lucknow, Newton Abbot, Diss, Ilford, Sherness, Liverpool, Port Chalmers (N.Z.), Port Adelaide, Tywardreath, Battle, Brighton, Solihull, Malton, Singapore, Calcutta, Rochford, and Newbury. Some of the petitioners had been for many years members of the Order, and one brother had a record of 39 years. There were others of 33, 30, 29, and 28 years; three were of 27 years each; and there were some of nearly all the years between 24 and 11. The Board sat nearly five hours in dealing with the list, and the result of their deliberations was a total award of £960, in various sums. Two cases were dismissed, one petition was withdrawn, and the consideration of four cases was deferred as they were incomplete.

Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, have unanimously elected Bro. S. Rogers S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. A. Bennett P.P.G.S.B. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Paull Tyler.

HARTFELL FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.—Registered in Scotland, with office in Moffatt; capital, £500 in £1 shares. Object, to provide a public hall for the use of the Freemasons' Lodge, Hartfell, No. 728, Moffatt, and for public meetings, entertainments, and similar assemblies, and the doing of all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above object.

Obituary.

COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE.

ON Wednesday of last week, it was mentioned, at the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence, that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was unable to be present, through indisposition. Beyond this announcement eliciting a general feeling of regret and universal expression of the hope that the Grand Secretary would be so far recovered as to take an active part in the Christmas Festivities, but slight notice was taken of the intelligence. As a consequence, when it was publicly announced, later in the week, that the gallant Colonel had succumbed, deep were the expressions of regret, and sincere the sympathy evidenced towards the members of our esteemed brother's family.

The story of our brother's illness may soon be told. Unfortunately it is a familiar one during such weather as prevailed nearly all last week. While on his way to Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, he was seriously affected by the dense fog which then prevailed, and towards evening he became so ill that it was deemed advisable for one of his staff to accompany him home. He grew gradually worse, and died on the afternoon of Christmas Day. Bro. Colonel Clerke had held the post of Grand Secretary since 1880, when he succeeded the late Bro. John Hervey, receiving the collar of Grand Secretary from the hands of the Prince of Wales. During his service in the army the Colonel was identified with the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, with whom he distinguished himself in the Crimean campaign. He subsequently served in the Mediterranean and the West Indies, at the latter station discharging the duties of Secretary to the Commander of the Forces. In 1875 he was appointed one of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, an office which he continued to hold up to the time of his death.

In the fulfilment of his duties as Grand Secretary Col. Clerke was most zealous, and there are many amongst us who entertain the opinion that his unswerving devotion to duty somewhat overtaxed his powers. In fact, that he overworked himself. He made a point of never relegating to another any function he thought it was within his province to undertake. By so doing he won the applause of the multitude, but at a fearful sacrifice to himself.

At the funeral, which took place at Norwood Cemetery, on Wednesday, there was, despite the inclemency of the weather, a large representative body of Craftsmen. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, was represented by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was represented by Col. Egerton. The Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Master was represented by Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton Past Grand Warden, and Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was represented by Col. A. B. Cook President of the General Board. The Supreme Council of the 33rd degree was represented by Capt. N. G. Philips and Col. Money. The National Great Priory of the Temple was represented by Bro. George Cooper Grand Sub Marshal.

The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg and the Rev. Charles Martyn, Past Grand Chaplains, conducted the funeral ceremony, both in the church and at the grave side. Bro. Frank Richardson took charge of the general arrangements, he was assisted by Bro. J. H. Matthews.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

BRO. S. I. Thompson's year of office as W.M. of this Lodge, which holds its meetings at the Heaton Moor Conservative Club, fast draws to its close, the installation of his successor being fixed for the second Thursday in January. At the last meeting, therefore, the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year were duly elected, and the resignation of the Rev. W. H. Smartt, D.D., as joint Chaplain of the Lodge with the Rev. John Henn, was tendered and accepted, on the ground that the reverend brother had so many parochial engagements as to interfere with the duties appertaining to his clerical obligations in connection with the Lodge. Bro. the Rev. John Henn was therefore unanimously elected Chaplain of the Lodge.

BRO. JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z. is prepared to enter into arrangements with Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges (however distant) for the delivery of his Lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry (two hours), in respect of which most favourable criticism has been published by the Masonic and Local Journals. "Brother Stevens must be heard within the four walls of our respective Lodge Rooms, for there only can his most useful work be understood and appreciated."—Address, in first instance, to the care of the Editor of this paper.

MASONRY—ANCIENT OR MODERN.

An address, read at the Grand Visitation of the Washington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, Washington, D.C., 25th Nov. 1891, by Bro. Isaac P. Noyes.

MUCH Masonic literature has been devoted to the claims of Masonry as a very ancient institution. Opposed thereto, not a little of the Masonic literature of the world has contended that the institution is quite modern, dating back less than two hundred years.

Of course, both of these claims cannot be right, yet there may be elements of truth in them both.

Our most able writers are divided, so the weight of evidence cannot be influenced, to either side, by them. Even the scholarly and very wise and illustrious Brother Albert Pike was on the side of the modern interpretation.

As to which side of the argument one will take, much if not all would seem to lie in the interpretation we ourselves will give to the facts in the case. If we contend for the spirit rather than for the mere external form, then it may be said to be most ancient. If we reckon only by the external forms as now visible, then it is perhaps not even much over a hundred and fifty years of age.

The external form of the order, have, as it were, been up with the age with which it was contemporary, and have marched quite abreast with it. But too many Masons get the impression that these mere external forms are the ancient part, and that as they exist to-day, so they have existed for thousands of years. The same class of men also have the idea that these external forms are the same all over the world.

If they would travel, or listen to Brethren who have been around the world, and visited Lodges in the various countries where the Order is established, they would learn that such is not the case; that the Lodges of the different jurisdictions of the world are alike in the spirit, but quite unlike in their manner of work, or external forms. But we believe that the tendency is for a greater unity and harmony even in this respect.

Through the force of circumstances of the past, men were separated into many little circles, and isolated from each other. It was quite natural under these circumstances that differences in detail should have sprung up. But the intercommunication of the world, and rapid transit to all parts of the world, is working wonders in this line, and bringing not only Masons, but all the nations of the earth nearer and nearer together. As they are brought together, there may be a little clash at first, but it will be a clash of modern rather than of ancient form. A clash that soon gives way to friendly rivalry and mutual improvement and advancement.

The spirit of harmony and enlightenment is abroad and working wonders for the world. And Masonry is the chief instrument whereby it is being wrought.

The history of the Craft well illustrates how the circles of enlightenment are ever growing wider and wider. As with education itself, so with Masonry, we well know that in ancient times that education was confined to the few. There were as able men then as now, but their numbers were quite insignificant in comparison with the present. The modern mind is smarter and quicker to comprehend the general facts of the world. As to mere wisdom, many thousands of years ago the able men, then living, had mastered, and perhaps exhausted wisdom in certain lines. The old saying of Solomon, that there was nothing new under the sun, well illustrates this. He discovered that even in his day certain topics were developed to their fullest extent. Yet while this thought remains, as pertinent to-day as on the day it was uttered, and the wisdom of that day remains and holds its place. While this is all true, nevertheless the world has made great strides since then. Not so much in moral law, for moral law seems to have been one of the first, if not the first subject of importance to be developed. But in the details of physical development the changes have been the most marked. The great struggle has been to develop and to comprehend the great physical laws; their knowledge and application for the advancement of mankind. And the more they have been developed the better has it been for the advancement of the race, to higher and higher plains, where they could the better profit by the moral laws that were first given to man.

The history of the world has proved that while the moral law is not only good, but all important, it is substantially strengthened by the support of the physical. So all the modern investigations into the secret forces of nature has strengthened men, and supplemented the moral light of the world. Man's intercourse with man, and his utilising of these forces—subduing them and making them his servants, has developed his nature far beyond what the most wise and ancient philosophers of the world even thought practical. Sure they dreamed of some mystical utopia, where wonderful things would come to pass; but these philosophers little thought of the practical methods whereby their dreams would be accomplished.

With other things these wise men of the Orient had their "mysteries," whereby certain moral truths were taught; and mystic ties, whereby kindred and lofty spirits should be the better able to hold their own against the sordid and selfish powers wherewith they were surrounded. For selfish and sordid powers were as potent then as now, if not more so. And not the least interesting study to man is the study of the ways and means that man has been forced to invent and develop in order to further the reign of "light" upon earth. A comparatively modern poet, and by the way a Mason, wrote that pertinent saying that "man's inhumanity to man has made countless thousands mourn." A saying that has been verified in every generation from the earliest days of the world even up to the present hour.

From most ancient times to the very present there has been that conflict of light and darkness, so well put forth in the philosophy of Zoroaster. The enlightened spirits of the world were not sufficiently strong in numbers to hold their own before the physical darkness of these ancient times.

The moral and intellectual force was there, but the brute force was also there and in greater numbers. Progress was slow in those days. Slavery was dominant; not only the slavery of the lower classes, but communities of the most intellectual people of the world were forced into slavery by the ruffians of their day. Even Israel with all her culture was not exempt. In those ancient days some of the wisest men the world has known were slaves. And yet there are men, and even wise men of to-day, who will expatiate on the glories of these times; refer to them as the golden age of the world, and belittle the present age. Their proof, such as they have, all lies in the fact of the early development of the moral law. It is queer, perhaps, that the moral law should have been thus early developed, yet it is a fact. But it is also a fact that this one-sided development did not develop the higher qualities in man. India is a fine example. Probably no nation in the world ever had so fine a start in this direction as she. But where is she to-day, and where has she been for the past three thousand years? A dead, lifeless limb of a great tree. No, the history of the world proves that man cannot exist alone on fine sentiment, nor even on lofty conceptions of the Deity and his works. Man must go out and learn practical humanity to man; to learn to subdue the forces in nature as well as his own passions. In all of which the modern world is superior to the ancient world, as the man is superior to the youth.

Because of the bondage of the Hebrews in Egypt, they are often referred to as mere slaves, and as such, as a low class of beings.

Surely they were slaves, but in those "good old times" the man of culture had no more protection than the merest rude clod, fit only to be a hewer of wood and drawer of water. And herein the modern world is infinitely superior to this ancient world. Though there are some human beings still held in bondage, slavery, for the past thousand years or more, has been confined to the lower strata of society. Quite a difference between now and then, when the whole nation of Israel was taken to Babylon, and at another time enslaved in the lands of enlightened Egypt.

So the circles of humanity have been enlarged. At first the circles were very small, the humane spirits of the world could not work by open day. The powers of darkness were against them. A mere generation was as nothing; a century even made little show upon the hard sands of time. The ship of humanity was sailing along over the rough seas, with the heavy winds "dead ahead." The tacks were laborious and the gain of each individual tack infinitesimally small. But the good angel presided at the helm. A mysterious tie bound the enlightened spirits together as one man. That such brotherhoods should have been a potent force in Israel was not surprising. Israel's hope,

faith and aspirations, was the hope and aspirations of the world. She held to the true "light." Her experience had been bitter. It was quite natural that her influence should be seen and felt in the enlarging of these circles. Numerically, she was a small and insignificant power. She must unite her forces with the other free spirits; encourage them and receive encouragement from them.

Changes in the political lines of the world, especially in Europe, where the spirit of "Westward, Ho" first began to show material progress, and where the circles began to increase to notable size, became more and more radical, and wrought agreeable changes upon the esoteric world. Though there is a long period when we heard little of the mysterious Brotherhood, it is not at all probable that the spirits that had knowledge of the importance of the ancient mysteries allowed them to drop into oblivion. For such an institution was just what was needed, and it seemed the only channel whereby humanity could hold on to what "light" it had. But it must not parade that "light" before the world, nor expose too much before the tyrants of those early days. For they were ever ready to crush out all influences whereby the cultivated and intelligent masses of the world were working for that ideal state of society which had in theory so long been their dream. Man's inhumanity to man crops out all through this dark period. But the hermetic philosophers worked on. While the tyrants of the world were able often to head them off, they were quite on the alert to take another tack, shifting their course, perhaps many points, but with their eyes ever on the "polar stars of truth and right, which guide Masons over the stormy seas of time." And so the grand old ship sailed onward—tack here—tack there; sometimes under one banner or name, and sometimes under another. Banner or name mattered little so long as the true spirit was there, and substantial gain was made. It is a law of nature that no creation can exist until the surroundings are favourable. The animals of to-day could not exist in the pre-historic ages, when the hideous monsters of that age inhabited the earth and were in their glory. The earth must be prepared for the modern types. And so with society. The higher grades of society could not exist where brute force was the dominant power of the world. What little and even superior intelligence there was in the world was the slave of the brute power in man. The "light" that saved the world and gradually lifted it up on to a higher plain, was forced to hide itself until the world had grown sufficiently in charity to permit it to come to the front. And come to the front it did, though it was a long struggle with darkness. Man's inhumanity to man was the great preventative by the way.

Early in the eighteenth century, a society that had long been in darkness began to crop out here and there in a peculiar manner. The world had so progressed as at last to tolerate it; or perhaps better, the tyrants of the world were overpowered by the "light" that had been these many centuries struggling for permit to shine; that they were at last forced by the moral "light" of the world to tolerate this "light" to shine openly. Now the mysterious brotherhood came to be known as Masons. The name mattered little. Indeed, it seems a queer name, and yet when we come to think that all these years they were the builders of society—the builders of those grand pillars of "wisdom, power, and harmony," fraternity, charity, and toleration; when we come to think that they were the builders of these all important truths, the name "Mason" does not seem so inapplicable; indeed, it becomes endowed with a higher sense.

And this only reveals and illustrates the spirit of Masonry, from the lowest to the highest degree. She is ever after a higher interpretation of the affairs and walks of life.

Despite all that has been written on the subject, for one I care not whether the ancient or the modern views of origin prevail. All I have to say is that it has been a grand society; from the first it has been on the side of the Deity in man. It has done more than any other human power to elevate mankind, and to put both more Deity and more humanity in man.

While it has made no claims to spiritual power, it has been the subtle force at work quietly rubbing off the rough edges in humanity. Its field has been peculiar. It did not clash with the church, nor invade her grounds, but worked on lines outside of her. The ideal of the church is to make man better. Her influence is good, yet there were lines that she could not and did not reach.

The church was first practically one; then it became divided and subdivided. Each subdivision was perhaps more true to itself, and mankind within its borders, than towards all conditions of men. Masonry only went *so far*; and yet in going only *so far* it really went farther than all the churches, for it stopped not at the confines of race, nationality, or even religion itself. It went out unto all people. It only demanded adherence to a few all important and grand truths, more minute tenets it left to the churches of the world. It wisely did not venture on their ground. It went out to the Mussulman, and to the Jew, as well as to the Christian. And while it asked them all to become Masons, it did not ask them to renounce their religious faith. There was a common ground on which all men could meet, and be as brothers, without invading the territory of any religious sect nor interfering with any creed. This was Masonry's grand discovery and labour in the world. There were certain grand terraces to these several grand structures on which all could stand, without at all interfering with the allegiance that they might owe to their church or State. So, while I am pleased to believe in an ancient interpretation of the existence of this most honourable Order, it matters little to me which of the two is the most accepted. It is the work that it has done, and is still doing for mankind that should, it would seem, invite the praise and goodwill of all intelligent men, who have at heart the elevation of humanity.

There is abundant proof that there was a demand for such a society, and if such a society did not exist, it would seem full time that one was organised on the plan of that now known by the name of Masonry. But we find it already organized and doing most excellent work; work that no other power has done; work peculiarly its own; and work, it would seem, that the intelligent and humane people of the world should be deeply interested in, and willing to aid and support. For surely humanity owes it a debt that it can never repay.

But Masonry asks no pay in this sense; it only asks for a fair inspection of its work, and for the moral support of the world.

To a certain extent it has done its great labour; its labour of the future will not be so onerous as that of the past. Still this would be no reason why it should haul down its banners, dissolve its councils, and put its goods up for auction. It still has a duty to perform. A more quiet duty than in the days of its great struggle. A duty nevertheless. And those who would be faithful to it should, it would seem, look well to those who are entrusted with its helm. That they be not mere ambitious men—men seeking first, last, and all the time, only their own miserable glory. But see that good men—men honest and true—are put at the helm. For even in times of calm we know not what emergencies may arise. And we do not want any knaves or fools at the helm, who stand ready to compromise us, through intent or weakness whenever their own interest may come in competition with the welfare of the Order.

Masonry, whether ancient or modern, we find it here in the modern world a potent element for good. May it long abide, and may the true men in its Lodges ever be envious of its fair name, and become not sluggish nor indifferent to its true interests; but ever on the alert to protect it against all knaves and fools, and thereby maintain its high rank among the powers of the world.

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The following figures give the sources from whence the income of the year has been supplied.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	26306	12	1
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call	560	3	5
Miscellaneous Receipts	253	15	9
Legacy	52	10	0
	27333	11	3

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	16463	11	1
Grand Lodge	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Dividends	1680	10	0
Interest	292	3	4
Legacies	2052	10	0
	22238	14	5

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	9626	12	3
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
One Admission by Purchase	178	10	0
Admissions by Annual Payment	102	2	8
Dividends	2007	13	0
Interest on Deposit	41	14	6
Receipts for Musical Instruction	227	6	0
Income Tax Recovered	57	4	6
Sale of Books of Subscribers	2	14	9
Window Memorials (including £500 from Grand Lodge)	734	0	0
Legacy	52	10	0
	13190	18	2

The following Table shows the number of cases relieved, and the total amounts voted month by month, by the Board of Benevolence:—

Month.	Cases relieved.	£	s	d
January	19	392	0	0
February	29	1010	0	0
March	39	980	0	0
April	31	765	0	0
May	30	890	0	0
June	22	660	0	0
July	21	615	0	0
August	12	360	0	0
September	24	575	0	0
October	30	970	0	0
November	29	710	0	0
December	46	960	0	0
	332	£8887	0	0

CHARITY BALL.—The members of the Humber Lodge gave their annual ball at the Public Rooms, Hall, on the 21st ult. It was an unqualified success, and the proceeds, which must be considerable, are to be devoted to different Charitable Institutions. Under the supervision of Messrs. Edwin Davis and Co., the interior of the hall had been entirely transformed, and the choice decorations, mingling with the striking dresses of the ladies and the insignia of the brethren, combined to produce a scene of gracefulness and beauty. Enconced in the orchestra, and almost hidden by foliage was Mr. Lax's County Band, who discoursed the latest tunes with a sweetness which added greatly to the enjoyment of the dance. Altogether, there were upwards of 180 present, including the Mayor (Councillor Robson), the Sheriff (Major Clarke), Colonel Padsey, Major Welsted, the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. Henderson), the Senior Warden (Bro. G. Latus), the Junior Warden (W. C. Broadley), the Immediate Past Master (J. Matthews), the Steward (James Milestone), Past Masters T. Thompson and M. Haberland, and many other leading Masons. Ably assisting the Worshipful Masters were Broz. T. Thompson P.M., J. Matthew, and J. Wildbore, who acted as Masters of Ceremonies, and a number of Stewards. A dainty supper was provided by Mr. Summers, and dancing was continued from nine in the evening until the small hours.

BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

BRO. "The Mallet," of the *Evening News*, Glasgow, thus writes of this deservedly esteemed Craftsman:—

At the very commencement of the self-imposed task of writing a sketch of Brother William James Hughan, of Masonic literary fame, I despair of doing the subject justice in the limited space at my disposal. Brother Hughan's influence in Freemasonry is wide-spread and weighty. It is not confined to locality, but is felt and appreciated wherever the symbolism of the Craft is taught and its history read. As one of the pioneers of Masonic history, free from the trammels of credulity, he is interwoven in its pages, and his personality has become *ipso facto* a part of it.

Brother Hughan's admission to Freemasonry dates from 1863, when he was made in Lodge St. Aubyn 954 (E.C.). During these 28 years he has accomplished a large amount of arduous work in the interest of the Craft in the elucidation of abstruse problems; by painstaking investigation in establishing or condemning on proof subjects in its history that had hitherto been merely statements, without corroboration, and by bringing to light much that had been, until attracting his attention, hidden in dark places or seen only as through a glass darkly.

He belongs to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland; but as an antiquarian and archaeologist, his special favourite, because of its old records, is Scotland. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, in his "History" (1872), says of Brother Hughan:—"In his writings he has ever been careful to mark the distinction between matters that are purely historical and those that are merely legendary, and in this respect has done much to dissipate the superstition which has so long enveloped Masonic history."

Brother W. Lake, to whose contribution in the Christmas number of the "Freemason" (1889) I acknowledge myself indebted for some of the facts of Brother Hughan's connection with the Craft, says:—"Those who have the privilege of a closer intimacy have a feeling of love and veneration for the man, who is ever ready to aid by pen and tongue the cause of universal brotherhood and charity. No sketch, however, of Brother Hughan could claim to be worthy of its subject without a kindly reference to the lady who has shared his joys and sorrows, sympathised with him in his aspirations towards all that is good and true, and ministered for nearly a quarter of a century to the needs of a frame never robust and often requiring weeks of constant care."

Brother Hughan has been identified with many philanthropic movements other than Masonic, and for over thirty years has devoted considerable time to the practical work of Sunday-school teaching. His labours in behalf of the Charities of the Order are by no means the least important of his services. As a Steward, he achieved the distinction of taking up the largest single list of any one in England for one of the Institutions.

On removing from the district in which his Mother Lodge was located, he became a member and was elected Secretary of 331, and, afterwards joining 131, he became Senior Warden, and in 1868 was elected Right Worshipful Master.

Amongst the many Masonic honours of distinction conferred upon Bro. Hughan was his appointment to the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden in 1874 by the Marquis of Ripon, then Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and that of Past Assistant Grand Sejourner in the Grand Chapter by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He has likewise been made Past Grand Senior Warden of several foreign Grand Lodges. His name is on the rolls of scores of Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves, &c., throughout the world, and in Scotland he is an honorary member of Mother Kilwinning (0) and Mary's Chapel (1). The 30 degrees, 31 degrees, and 32 degrees have been conferred upon him by the Supreme Council 33 degree, "because of his literary services to the Craft."

Very few of the many Lodge Histories have been published during the last twenty years (says Bro. Lake) without Bro. Hughan's assistance and an introduction from his pen, while a great number of works have been dedicated to him, a few of the more important being—"Kenning's Archaeological Library," Vol. I.; Bro. George F. Fort's "Critical Inquiry into the Condition of the Conventional Buildings and their Relation to Secular Guilds in the Middle Ages;" and Bro. John Lane's "Handy Book to the Study of Lists of Lodges," &c.

He was "Consulting Editor" in the production of the latest "History of Freemasonry," written by a Board of Editors, and published by the Fraternity Publishing Company, United States of America, and is the author of an exhaustive introduction in which the old Lodges of Scotland figure conspicuously.

As an author Bro. Hughan has been most prolific. Commencing with the "Constitutions of the Freemasons" in 1869, and ending for the present with that charmingly written "History of the Apollo Lodge, York," and the Grand Lodge of all England, 1705-1805; 1891, the interval has been filled by the issue of "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," "Old Charges of the British Freemasons," "Memoirs of the Masonic Union," "Numerical and Medallie Register of Lodges," "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," "Engraved List of Regular Lodges, A.D. 1734," &c.

Bro. Hughan is one of the founders of Lodge Quatuor Coronati (London), which has proved so great a power for good in the spread of Masonic literature.

Already I have far exceeded my limit, and must perforce take leave regretfully of a brother who has shown himself possessed of courage as a writer, to be untiring in research, and in every other respect an ideal Freemason.

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The chair will be taken at Four o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 26th December 1891.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 7th day of January 1892, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for the election in April next, to declare the number of girls then to be elected, and to consider notice of motion as under, viz.:

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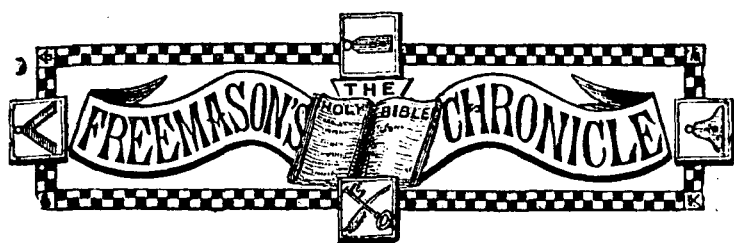
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Monday, when Brother W. L. D. Colling, who is 77 years of age, and one of the oldest brethren in the Province, was installed as W.M.; Bros. Westcott P.P.G.J.D., Hooking, Pengelly P.P.G.A.D.C., Griffin P.P.G.S.D., and Lord P.P.G.T., Installing Officers, were supported by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. and Chaplain, Bird P.P.G.T., Jew P.P.G.T., Cornish P.P.G.T., Gover P.P.G. Sec., Westlake P.P.G.S.D., Pearce P.P.G.S.D., Cooper P.P.G.J.D., Aitken Davies P.P.G.S. Wks., Kevern P.P.G.D.C., Du-Pre P.P.G.D.C., Mitchell P.P.G.A.D.C., Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., Stribling P.P.G.S.B., Johns P.P.G.S.B., Gidley P.P.G.S.B., Pike, Blight P.G.S., Tout, King, Evans 70, Chappell 156, Thomas 189, Leonard and Allsford 202, Rogers 223, Page 1099, Wilson and Sitters 1205, Lavers and Piper 1255, Lakeman 1550 Macey and Williams 1847, and Pengelly 2025. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Evans I.P.M., Hicks S.W., Goad J.W., Bird Chaplain, Pengelly Treasurer, Gover Secretary, Stanlake S.D., Jacobs J.D., Holloway D.C., Sercombe A.D.C., Burton Organist, Collings I.G., Vincent, Leach, Coles, and Treasure Stewards, and Phillips Tyler Bros. Pengelly, the representative at the Committee of Petitions, and Hooking, Charity Steward, were re-appointed. A handsome volume, entitled "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," with illustrated lectures in Freemasonry for the Craft, and a popular description of King Solomon's Temple for the uninitiated, by C. N. McIntyre North, were presented to the Lodge by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon as an addition to its library. The annual banquet of the Lodge was presided over by Bro. Colling W.M. Over eighty brethren were present, and among them, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. Kinton Bond P.P.G.D.C., and Dyke P.P.G.O. (Cornwall). Bro. Harvey, the Steward, provided an excellent banquet; and a band, conducted by Bro. A. T. Lidiard, played a capital programme of music. After dinner the usual toasts were given. Bro. J. H. Evans I.P.M. was presented with a life-governorship in the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and an entertainment of songs and recitations was furnished by brethren between the toasts. Among the entertainers were Bros. Lavers, Dyke, Leonard, Kinton Bond, Hedger, Prout, Bischofwerder, and Andrews. Replying to the toast of The Directors and Shareholders of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, Bro. J. R. Lord gave a satisfactory account of the progress of the company, but strongly urged that it should be better supported by the brethren of the Three Towns.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ON the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, Bro. E. B. Devereux was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of upwards of eighty brethren. The ceremony was performed in an efficient manner by Bro. W. Hampton, the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Piercy P.P.G.S.W., Brandon P.P.G.R., Greatbach P.P.G.S. of Works, Tunncliff P.P.G.S. of Works, Robinson P.M., and Windle P.M. The following were appointed for the year:—D. Jones S.W., E. Jones J.W., Hales P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Baker Secretary, Howson S.D., Allerton J.D., the Rev. Waterr Chaplain, Tunncliff D.C., Edwards Organist, Salt I.G., Wood Tyler. Amongst the other members of the Lodge present were Brothers Bromley P.P.G.S.W., Ashworth P.P.G.R., Boothman P.P.G.C., Jackson P.G. Supt. of Works, Stringer P.P.G.A.P., Charlesworth P.P.G.S., Boardmore P.M. The visiting brethren included Webberley 546 P.P.G.R., Tooth 2214 P.P.G.R., Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., M'Neale 1942 P.P.G.P., Blackshaw 533 P.P.G.S.B. (Cheshire), Weston 98 P.P.G.S.B., Mason W.M. elect 98, Penn W.M. 637, Ward W.M. 546, Newton W.M. 451, Keeling W.M. 456, Howson W.M. 2064, White W.M. 2214, Woolridge W.M. 1942, Palmer P.M. 2149, Barker P.M. 1942. Bro. Stringer, on behalf of Bro. George H. Mollart, presented to the Lodge a bust of the late Earl of Zetland, G.M. of English Freemasons. Bro. Mollart was initiated in the Menturia Lodge in February 1877, and the gift is highly appreciated by the brethren. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Munro. Bro. Devereux the W.M. presided, and proposed the loyal toasts. Bro. Piercy, in proposing the health of the R.W. P.G.M., said Col. Gough had contributed 50 guineas to each of the three principal Charities belonging to the Craft, in order to qualify himself for a vice-presidency of those Institutions, which would carry with it a good number of votes for the benefit of the Province of Staffordshire. Bro. Robinson proposed the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Bindley, and the other P.G. Officers Past and Present, for whom Bro. Jackson responded. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Hampton and heartily received. The toast of the Masonic Charities was submitted by Bro. Windle, who observed that he was proud of his

position as Charity Steward of the Menturia Lodge. When he took over the duties five years ago the contributions of the Lodge to the Masonic Charitable Association of Staffordshire amounted to £48 12s: that was for 1886. The next year £56 was raised. Last year the amount was £71. Two years ago the Abbey Lodge made a strenuous effort, which enabled them to head the list of subscribing Lodges. The total contributions of the Abbey to the association had reached £1042, Menturia Lodge coming next with £993. He hoped before relinquishing his position as Steward to see the Menturia at the top of the list of subscribing Lodges. He then called attention to a proposed alterations of rules of the Staffordshire Association in favour of widows of Masons. Bro. Greatbach responded, and for the benefit of the young members he described the scope and object of the three principal Charities, towards which, he said, over £50,000 a year was contributed. He then explained the local objects contemplated by the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and stated that it was intended to establish a fund for the support of aged Freemasons and their widows in Staffordshire, the nucleus of which would be the Cartwright memorial fund, which was to be considerably augmented at an early date. It was also intended to increase the educational advantages of the children of poor Masons in the Province. The Menturia had 96 members on the roll, and they might reasonably expect to reach a hundred this year, and he appealed to them to lend a helping hand for the benefit of the Charities. For the Visiting Brethren, proposed by Brother Bromley, Bros. W. H. Howson, Penn, and Webberley responded. Other toasts followed, the speakers including Bros. Rushforth, A. B. Jones, Stringer, D. Jones, Edmund Jones, and Robinson. There was some excellent music during the evening, which included a duet by Bros. T. Edwards and W. Edwards, and a solo by the latter on the pianoforte; and songs by Bros. Fenton, Edmund Jones, Edwards, Stringer, A. B. Jones, Bromley, and Baker, the latter of whom also accompanied the other vocalists on the pianoforte.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, at Brightlingsea, Essex, on Monday, 14th Dec., Bro. Fisher, the Worshipful Master, presided over an unusually large meeting, and performed the ceremonies attaching to his office in a very able manner. Before closing the Lodge notice was given of two other candidates. During the evening Bro. J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary P.P.A.G.D.C., addressing Bro. R. D. Poppleton P.M. P.P.G.D., told him that he was deputed by the Lodge to present him with a Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of his services as their representative on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee for the last ten years. Bro. Wiseman, in very feeling terms, alluded to the pleasure he felt in presenting this Past Master's jewel, having installed Bro. Poppleton in the Master's chair in that Lodge 10 years ago, having also been present on his being advanced in the Mark degree, and when he was exalted in the Royal Arch, and congratulated him on his being now W.M. of the Constantine Mark Lodge and occupying the second chair in the Patriotic Chapter. In concluding, Bro. Wiseman said he felt sure he was only echoing the sentiments of all present when he said that he trusted that Bro. Poppleton would be spared for many years to wear the jewel, and that they should also have the benefit of his services as Charity Representative for many years to come. (Long and hearty applause.)—Bro. Poppleton was quite overcome with emotion, but expressed his thanks for the great honour done him, an honour of which he was quite ignorant of their intention to confer till he was addressed by Bro. Wiseman. He had always felt grateful to the Lodge of Hope for their great kindness, to which was due his progress in Freemasonry in the various degrees. The inscription on the jewel was as follows:—

"Presented to W. Bro. R. D. Poppleton P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, as a small token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of his valuable services as their representative on the Charity Committee for the last ten years."

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 476.

ON Tuesday, the 15th ultimo, the annual installation of Officers took place at the Masonic Hall, Carmarthen. Bro. Jones J.W. was installed as W.M., and the other Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. Lloyd Lewis I.P.M., Barker S.W., Baker J.W., Ll. Rees, Chaplain, Howells Treasurer, Ll. Lewis Secretary, Cadle D.C., Phillips S.D., Morris J.D., Evans I.G., Harding Organist, Lewis and Nicholas Stewards, Stokes Tyler. After the installation, the W.M., in accordance with the usual custom, entertained the brethren to a banquet at the Ivy Bush Hotel. Bro. Williams provided a spread of the most excellent kind; indeed his catering could hardly be surpassed. The various good things on the elaborate menu card were all served in the best style. Toasts and songs were indulged in, and the banquet was most successful throughout.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

AT the usual meeting, on Tuesday, the 15th ultimo, Bro. Watts Secretary was presented with Provincial clothing and with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. At the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at St. Austell, P.G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe called Bro. Watts to the chair of the Senior Deacon. The presentation of the clothing was made by the W.M. Bro. Simon Truscott, who spoke of the pleasure it was to them to do honour to so deserving a Mason. Bro. Watts suitably and feelingly acknowledged the gift, and Bro. Lake I.P.M. afterwards made the presentation of the Past Master's jewel, for which the brethren generally and liberally subscribed. The jewel was a very fine one, and was suitably inscribed. Bro. Lake alluded to Bro. Watts's long and useful connection with the Lodge; and when he came to collect for the jewel he found that every one agreed that so deserving a brother should be presented with

some token of their personal esteem. He (Bro. Lake) initiated the movement by naming it to two brethren who were about to leave St. Austell for America, and they readily and liberally responded; and the proposal was so readily taken up that he now found himself with a balance in hand, with which he proposed to ask Bro. Watts to have his photograph taken in his Masonic clothing that a copy of it might be preserved in the Lodge. Bro. Watts feelingly expressed his gratitude, and mentioned that Bro. Higman had also made him a personal present of a Deacon's jewel. The visiting brethren present included:—Kevern and Peacock (Plymouth), Bailey (Tywardreath), and Brewer (Truro). After the business of the Lodge Bro. Charles Truscott entertained the brethren to a banquet at the General Wolfe Hotel (Bro. Job's). Bro. Truscott occupied the chair, and Brother Lukes the vice-chair. About thirty brethren assembled. The principal toast was the health of Bro. Charles Truscott. It was proposed by Bro. Higman, who alluded regretfully to the fact that Bro. Truscott is about to leave the neighbourhood. Bro. Truscott, in reply, alluded to the fact that he had been a Mason for twenty-six years, and having been initiated in Peace and Harmony. He was extremely sorry to leave them, but he hoped to visit them occasionally, and to retain his connection with them as a subscribing member of the Lodge. Bro. Truscott spoke very feelingly, and was most heartily applauded. The toast of the Visitors was ably responded to by Bros. Kevern and Brewer.

FAITH LODGE, No. 581 (OPENSHAW).

THE installation of Bro. Whittaker took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, at Bro. Pollitt's, Church Hotel, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. Present:—Bros. Wainwright W.M., Keighley I.P.M., Whittaker S.W., Barnes J.W., Frost Secretary, Brown J.D., Richardson P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Tyers P.M., Rathbone P.M., Greenup P.M., Moran, Chadderton, Connor, Hartley, Lees, Adshead, and Harrison. Visitors:—Bros. Gaggas Organist 2156, Trevor-Smith 1387, Swindells S.W. 1730, Hilton W.M. 1458 Sec. 2363, Pike 163, Beaston 1459, and Lisenden P.M. 317. The brethren met at 2:30, and the Lodge was shortly afterwards opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Moran having answered the necessary questions, was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by the W.M. The Lodge being lowered to the second degree, Bro. Rathbone P.M. took the chair, for the purpose of installing the W.M.-elect (Bro. Whittaker). After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Whittaker was presented to the Installing Master, and, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the M.M. Bro. Whittaker was proclaimed Worshipful Master of the Faith Lodge for the ensuing year, and he was saluted in the customary manner. Bro. Joseph Truelove Richardson P.M. P.P.G.S.D. then invested the following brethren Officers for the year:—Barnes S.W., H. B. Brown J.W., John Brown Treasurer, Frost Secretary, Hartley S.D., Harrison J.D., Greenup P.M. D. of C., Lever I.G., Jones, Adshead, and Woolf Stewards, and Dawson P.M. Tyler. Bro. Richardson also addressed the W.M. and brethren, and Bro. Greenup P.M. the Wardens. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, which gave satisfaction to all present, and reflected credit on Bro. Pollitt, his wife, and assistants. The usual preliminary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Wainwright, who referred in high terms of praise to the great interest and care Bro. Whittaker had taken in every duty that had been allotted him. At the time he (Bro. Wainwright) was being passed in the Faith Lodge, the W.M. was initiated, so that practically they had been running in harness together through the various offices in the Lodge. He was sure the brethren could not have elected a more worthy Brother to preside over them than Bro. Whittaker, who would perform his duty ably and well. He would ask them to rise and drink heartily to the toast. The invitation, it is needless to say, was promptly responded to, after which Bro. Fred Hilton sang "Here's to his Health in a Song." The W.M., in reply, said he felt it very difficult for him to express adequately his thanks for the kind expressions of opinion that had fallen from the I.P.M., and the kindness that he had experienced at the hands of the brethren ever since he had belonged to the Lodge. He assured them he felt very proud of the position they had placed him in, and would do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him during his year of office. It was a difficult matter to follow in the footsteps of those able Masters who had preceded him, but he would do his best. The Lodge had a good roll of members at the present time, and a good balance in the bank, a portion of which would, at an early date he trusted, be devoted to charity. He felt sure his Officers would support him in his efforts to maintain the prestige the Lodge enjoyed, and, if so, he felt sure the brethren would never regret having elected him to preside over them. The health of the Installing Master, Bro. Rathbone, was proposed in glowing terms, for the admirable manner he had performed the ceremony that day, and trusted he would long be spared to give the Faith Lodge his valuable assistance. The toast was heartily drunk; and, in reply, Bro. Rathbone said it had given him exceeding pleasure to instal Brother Whittaker into the chair of K.S., inasmuch as he had known him for a great number of years, and also his parents, and, in addition, had had the pleasure of proposing him for initiation in the Faith Lodge. It would therefore be easily understood what pleasure it had given him to instal so worthy a member into the chair, one who had done credit to his introduction and to the Lodge. So far as his (Bro. Rathbone's) services were concerned, he felt at all times only too happy to render any assistance or advice in his power. His heart was with his Lodge; and he assured them, so long as he was a member, he should do all that lay in his power for it. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by the W.M., who spoke most highly of the

ability and zeal he had shown for the Lodge during his year of office. There had been a lot of work done by Bro. Wainwright, and every member of the Lodge felt assured he had performed his onerous duties in a thoroughly competent manner. The toast was well received, and Bro. Wainwright replied in appropriate terms. Other toasts included The Visitors, The Officers, Masonic Charities, &c., a pleasant evening being spent.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 993 (LEVENSHULME).

THE installation of Bro. Parker P.M. took place, and the St. John's Festival celebrated on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Midway Hotel. Present:—Bros. Fletcher W.M., Parker S.W., Walker J.W., Bibby Treasurer, Clulow Secretary, Dr. Looker S.D., Edwards J.D., Peak P.M. Dir. of Cers., Green I.G., Ward, Dillon, Plumpton, Mottram, Osborne, Pearce Stewards; P.M.'s Allison P.P.G.T., Howe, Allitt, Hind, Cheetham P.P.G.J.D., Davies, Dottie and Mason; Bros. Pocklington, Ferguson, Goddard, Ashworth, Wilson and Mitchell. Visitors—Bros. Lieut.-Col. Clark P.M. 317 P.P.G.S.D., Valtchoff W.M. 317, Armitage W.M. 1033, Parker J.W. 1033, Macfarlane P.M. D. of C. 1633, Robinson S.W. 1219, Tunaly P.M. 1033, Wilson W.M. 1161, Veale J.D. 2339, Farrington W.M. 1633, Marsh P.M. 210, Wright P.M. 210 1459, Vaughan W.M. 1030, Rome P.M. 1009 P.P.G.S., Taylor 1033, Dunbar 1609, Rowley 1170 and Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G.S. The Lodge was opened at 3:30, and the minutes of the emergency and last regular meetings read and confirmed. Bro. Peak was chosen to perform the duties of Installing Master and he forthwith took the chair for that purpose. The W.M. elect (Bro. Parker) having been duly presented to the Installing Master, was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. Bro. Parker was proclaimed to the M.M.'s on their re-entry to the Lodge and saluted in the customary manner. Bro. Davies then invested and addressed the following brethren Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. Walker S.W., Bibby J.W., Lord Treasurer, Clulow Secretary, Looker S.D., Edwards J.D., Allitt P.M. Dir. of Cers., Green I.G., Dillon, Plumpton, Osborne, Pearce, Ward, Mottram and Poole Stewards. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Fletcher I.P.M., and to the Wardens and Brethren by Bro. Peak, who concluded the ceremony with prayer. The highest credit is reflected on Bro. Peak for the extreme care and correctness with which he performed the ceremony, the eulogiums passed upon it later on by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clark being thoroughly deserved. The balance-sheet, a copy of which was handed to each member, presented a very healthy appearance, and was adopted. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, prepared by the worthy host and his assistants. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, that of the V.W. D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers being replied to by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clark and Bro. Timperley. The toast of the evening, viz., the W.M. (Bro. Parker) was ably proposed by Bro. Fletcher and, needless to say, enthusiastically received and heartily drunk, Bro. Peak singing "Here's to his health," with great verve. The W.M. made an appropriate reply, and in alluding to the expressive and beautiful words of the song, so ably sang by Bro. Peak, said it perhaps might not be generally known that the able composer of the song, Bro. Dr. Bentley, was a member of the Alexandra Lodge at the time he composed it and dedicated it to the Lodge. Since that time it had been generally sang at all the installation meetings, not only in East Lancashire, but other Provinces. Respecting the toast of his health, it gave him, he need scarcely say, great pleasure to be once again installed W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge, a position which many of them knew he held seventeen years ago. He assured the brethren he had never ceased to take a great interest in the Lodge ever since he joined it, and with the assistance of his Officers, whom he felt convinced were thoroughly competent to perform their duties, he would do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed and responded to, and a handsome Past Master's jewel presented, manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of London. Other toasts were honoured, including the Visitors, the Past Masters, Officers, &c. An excellent musical programme, arranged by Bro. Dottie, was thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. Dottie, who is well known and highly appreciated in and around Manchester, contributed a scene from "Venice Preserved," and later on a piece by the late Edwin Wagh, in the Lancashire dialect, entitled "The Nomination." Bro. Dunbar also rendered, with dramatic effect, the Torreador's song, from "Carmen," and the "Village Blacksmith." Other contributions, from Bros. Robinson, Walker, Lisenden, &c., were much applauded.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

AT a recent meeting of the members, Bro. Pooley presiding, a presentation was made to Bro. Barr, on the occasion of his leaving London for Shrewsbury, to take up the position of goods manager. Bro. Kasner said it was well known that they were about to lose the services of a brother who had faithfully served the Lodge for a number of years past. Bro. Barr, as many of the brethren know, was one of the founders of the West Middlesex Lodge, and out of ten of those brethren he regretted to say there were but six remaining at the present time. Besides being a founder Bro. Barr was also a Past Master, and for a number of years had faithfully and zealously performed the duties of Secretary. The brethren one and all knew the amount of labour he had thrown into his work in carrying out the duties of that office, and that he had exercised that brotherly kindness which had won for him an amount of respect and esteem which would cause his name always to be remembered. When Bro. Barr's contemplated resignation was mentioned at the last meeting, the Treasurer, Bro. Acworth, suggested that some token of their recognition of his services should be presented to Bro. Barr, and he (Bro. Kasner) was pleased to be able to state that the hearty response

to the appeal made to the brethren was such that he was enabled on that occasion to ask Bro. Burr's acceptance of a silver tea service as in some degree a recognition of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren. He was sure that every member would hear with pleasure that Bro. Burr's services outside the Lodge had also been lately recognised, and that he had been appointed to an important position in the Great Western Railway Company's service at Shrewsbury, a position which he (Bro. Kasner) felt sure he was thoroughly deserving of; he had for a number of years worked very energetically in the Company's interests. Bro. Kasner then asked Bro. Burr's acceptance of the silver service, suitably inscribed, accompanied by a vellum testimonial setting forth the circumstances under which the testimonial was presented. Bro. Acworth, as treasurer of the testimonial fund, followed with a few suitable remarks. Bro. Burr reminded the brethren that the present was not the first recognition he had received from the West Middlesex Lodge, inasmuch as the watch he had worn for the last ten years was a present made to him in April 1880, on his relinquishing the Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction. He thanked the brethren very warmly for the handsome testimonial and address that had been handed to him. He felt that he owed a debt of gratitude to the brethren who had promoted the testimonial, and especially to Bro. Kasner, who had spoken far too highly of him, but who was a friend of twenty-five years' standing. He concluded by stating that he would carry the handsome present home to his northern home, and when his wife and children saw it he felt sure that they would highly prize the testimonial, and often think of the kindness of the brethren.

MASONIC SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY, WOOLWICH.

ONE of the most remarkable services that have been held for some years in Woolwich was that which took place on Sunday, the 20th ult., in Holy Trinity Church specially for Freemasons of the town and district. Previous to the service, members of the Masonic Craft, to the number of some 200, assembled in the schools adjoining the church, and after putting on their regalia entered the church by way of the vestry, and occupied seats specially set apart for them in the centre of the building. The seats at the sides as well as the galleries were filled with members of the congregation and others who desired to take part in a service of special interest. The clergy present were the Dean of Rochester (the preacher), the Rev. J. W. Horsley, the Rev. S. P. Statham, and the curate of St. Pauls, Charlton. The Dean of Rochester wore over his surplice the red collar of the Rosy Cross of the 18th degree, the Vicar, who is Chaplain to the Pattison Lodge, wearing his light blue collar of the Craft. The service opened with the well known hymn, "Lo! He comes with clouds descending," in which the body of men's voices produced a grand effect. The prayers were intoned by the Vicar, the special Psalms were 15 and 122, and the first lesson, 1 Kings vii. 13 to 22, was read by the W.M. of the Nelson Lodge Bro. McCalloch, and the second lesson, 2 Thessalonians iii. 6 to 18, by the W.M. of the Pattison Lodge Bro. Busbridge. The Masonic anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing," was finely sung by the choir, the solo being taken by Bro. T. Jefferson Nell the Choir Master. The hymn before the sermon was "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost." The Dean of Rochester (Dr. S. R. Hole), who is a Mason of over 50 years' standing, preached from the words, from the Book of Chronicles, "And he set Masons to hew stones to build the house of God." The sermon was worthy of the high reputation of the Dean as a preacher, and was an eloquent setting forth of the work of a true Mason and of the dignity of labour. During the collection of the offertory, the hymn, "O, Lord of heaven and earth and sea," was sung. Over £18 was realised, which was divided between the Royal Masonic Institutions and the fund for enlarging and rebuilding Holy Trinity Schools. Afterwards the choir gave a fine rendering of the tuneful carol, "It came upon the midnight clear," the soprano part being rendered by Miss Bowden. The Masonic Collect, "Almighty and Eternal God! Architect and Ruler of the Universe," was said by the Vicar, to which the choir chanted the response, "So mote it be," and this most successful service closed with the Benediction. The principal Masonic Lodges represented were the Pattison, Nelson, Florence Nightingale, Waterloo, United Military, Ordnance, St. George's, Greenwich, St. Peter and St. Paul, Erith, besides which there were a few brethren representing other Lodges. Colonel Hughes, M.P., was present wearing regalia, and amongst the members of the Craft who rendered assistance in ordering the procession or collecting the offertory were Messrs. G. Mitchell, C. H. Lawson, H. J. Butler, I. Turton, S. Green, J. Wallis, and F. Nicholls. Madame Kate Tester Jones was at the organ.

The annual ball of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, takes place at Grimsby on Tuesday. The exertions put forth by the Officers of the Lodge to render the occasion as attractive and successful as possible, including the engagement of the famous Blue Hungarian band, have given a great impetus to the demand for tickets, of which 170 have been already sold. The number will be strictly limited to 200.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—A most amusing afternoon attraction is now provided by the very enterprising young manager of this house, Mr. Herbert-Basing, in the shape of an English adaptation of the French pantomime, "Le Voyage en Suisse," which our readers may remember was produced some years ago at the Gaiety. Bob Rollingstone and Dudley Green have both been cut out in their matrimonial ventures by a quack, Doctor Gull, and in revenge follow him on his honeymoon to Switzerland, giving him no peace until they finally expose him and prove that he has a wife still living. In the execution of their plot they are assisted by two footmen, James and John, and Gadabout, a tourist, characters that are capably played by Messrs. Charles, Rene, and Fred Renad. Mr. Herbert-Basing gives an admirable portrayal of the reckless Rollingstone; Mr. Henry Dana is a pleasant Dudley Green, and Mr. Wilfred E. Shine more than equal to the part of Dr. Gull. Miss Phyllis Broughton has little to do as Virginia, but dances divinely; while Miss Courtenay, Mr. L. J. Munro and Miss Alice Stuart creditably sustain some minor characters. Special mention must be made of Mr. Henry Bedford, whose Swiss landlord was a perfect study. The fun runs fast and furious throughout, and it is a happy thought of the manager to grant a quarter of an hour's respite between the second and third acts, and serve tea and cake to restore exhausted nature, suffering from the effect of too much cackinnation.

The Royal Aquarium.—A most liberal programme is now presented by the management, so that from early morning till late at night a constant round of varied amusement may be enjoyed, over a hundred performers appearing on the central stage throughout the day. In addition to Minting, the cyclist wonder, and Nitram Neeg, with his startling leap from the roof, to whom we have previously referred, there are selections by the Ladies' Orchestra, the Bessmire Troupe of Living Statuary, Miss Sells, denominated the Boneless Lady, a marvellous contortionist; Fritz Young, clown; the Musical Lindsays, and the Wonderful Levenes. There are also several "side shows," including Signor Succi, who is now undergoing a fast for fifty-two days; while in the theatre Sampson, the Strong Man, and Professor Germaine, mesmerist, appeal to those who may be palled with the other entertainments. In the St. Stephen's Hall adjoining, there is the new Crystal Ice Rink, on which the ordinary ice skates may be used; it has been largely patronized by patineurs lately, who endeavour to emulate the clever feats accomplished by Stiegert, the German Champion Skater. Our climate can never be depended upon, but for a wet day there is no place in London that affords more amusement than the Aquarium.

It is stated that, last week, Colonel Shadwell Clerke wrote to the management of "Venice in London" to engage a box for himself and family for the 30th ult., so that while the performance was taking place on Wednesday afternoon our lamented Grand Secretary was being buried.

The Countess of Clancarty, formerly known in theatrical circles as Miss Belle Bilton, was, last Sunday morning, safely delivered of twin boys, at Upper Hare Park.

Mr. J. L. Toole is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

In order to meet the great demand for seats to witness A. W. Pinero's enormously successful play, "The Times," at Terry's Theatre, the management have decided to give, in addition to the usual Saturday matinées, extra matinées on Monday, 4th January, and Wednesday, 6th January.

MESSRS. CASSELL AND COMPANY'S NEW PUBLICATIONS.

IT is with pleasure we have perused the last two numbers of Messrs. Cassell's "Family Magazine," for we have found therein some useful, instructive, and interesting reading. The opening chapters of the serial stories are most interesting,—and they bid fair to be very attractive tales. The short stories are also good, while the hints on dress are up to date. We heartily recommend the new volume of this magazine to our readers.

As we anticipated, the success of the companion work to the "World of Adventure," the "World of Romance," has proved very great. This cannot be wondered at, for Messrs. Cassell have spared no pains to make it a most attractive work, and the fourth number, just to hand, is well up to the mark. Each romance is written in a masterly style, and proves a happy medium to while the time away. The work is profusely illustrated, and should be secured by all lovers of this kind of literature.

Another of this well known firm's publications, "Little Folks," is also before us. The January number commences a new volume, and if it is a sample of what may be expected during the year—and we believe it is—the young people have a good time in store for them. The two serial stories, "The Next-door Neighbour," by Mrs. Molesworth, and "Through Snow and Sunshine," by Henry Frith, have both started well, and will prove a rare treat to those who read them. The current number also contains several short stories, specially adapted to the young, while full particulars of new competitions for 1892, with a list of the prizes offered to children of all ages are also given. Altogether we may say that "Little Folks" has started on another successful year.

We may add that these works are sent out in Messrs. Cassell's well known excellent style, and may be procured from any bookseller.

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, 2nd January.

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester

Monday, 4th January.

25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
144 St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1024 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
R.A. 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav, W.C.
M.M. 139 Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
351 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs. Over Darwon
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
629 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622 St. Cuthbert, Wimpoleton
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Athol, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypriid
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 262 Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37 Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke

Tuesday, 5th January.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
166 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1181 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
R.A. 1528 St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav, E.C.
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sherness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
393 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, North
364 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
791 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
801 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentagon, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Rodcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1388 St. Elth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesey
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1670 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolsley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool

Wednesday 6th January.

1298 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1687 The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1707 Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moura, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate

471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kearsley, Barnworth
898 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Beighton
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1655 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Lower St., Derby
1691 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167 Alwick, M.H., Claverton Street, Alwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 29 King Street, Wigan
1351 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1812 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards
1903 Pr Edward of Saxo Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 312 Royal Sussex, 79 Commercial Rd., Portsea
R.A. 1125 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Tiverton
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 7th January.

45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Wigan, E.C.
192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street, Hotel.
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
338 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Altrich
1672 Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thoruton, Bath
R.A. 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 241 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville Place, W.
24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7'30
31 United Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
59 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshires
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Napthali, Masonic Hall, Haywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
303 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
310 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
425 Cestria, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
633 Ya-borough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumston
976 Royal Carance, Blue Ball, Bratton, Somerset
1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury Lanc.
1074 Ur Lerley, Masonic Rooms, Kirby Mousdale
1088 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231 Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282 Ancient, Foresters Hall, B'gigg
1284 Brer's, Globe Hotel, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1394 Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807 Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parato, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hull
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 758 Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
R.A. 1074 Beehive, Masonic Rooms, Kirby
R.A. 1393 Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 8th January.

157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1201 Eclectic Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, 3a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
602 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
815 Blair, Town Hall, Holme
916 Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland.
K.T. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

Saturday, 9th January.

178 Cayene, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1558 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2029 King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.
2039 Providence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095 Caterham, Drill Hall Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1293 Burdett, Mire Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton
R.A. 305 Affability, Station Hotel, Tadmorden

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Saturday, 2nd January.

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, 4th January.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 232 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
1585 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 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street
Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 5th January.

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, Greyhound
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, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
881 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, Cannon Town, 7'30
1418 Mount Edgecombe, 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, 6
1540 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
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2116 Stribitton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1355 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting
Hill, 8

Wednesday, 6th January.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 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.
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1355 Foxottel, 149 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 516 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
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
1791 Cretton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 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, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 7th January.

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 Wolsley, 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 Courts, Swan, Bathnal Green Road, 8
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wembleton, 7'3
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
 Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
 1614 Covent 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
 1096 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, 8th January.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley
 Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,
 Camberwell, 7
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge,
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30

1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Solwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
 Criterion, W., 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8.

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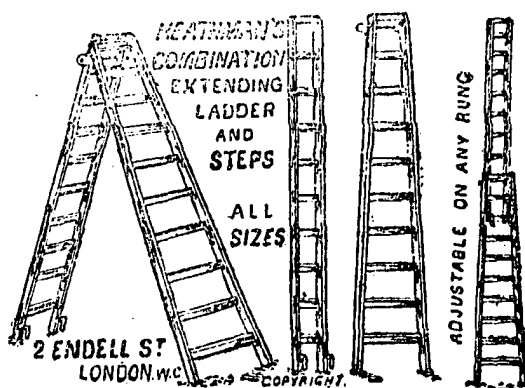
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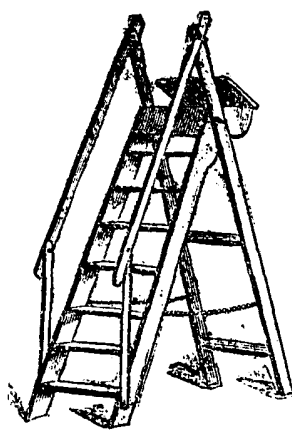
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