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## THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

### *In Memoriam.*

THE Masonic Craft, like every other section of the English-speaking people, has this week been plunged into the deepest depth of woe and mourning by the death of one of its most distinguished members in the person of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Past Senior Grand Warden of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire. Not only had the Brother whose death we have to deplore this week won for himself the respect and esteem of the large number of Craftsmen with whom he came into contact, but from his close association with the head of the nation, as well as the head of the Masonic Craft, he had secured the veneration of all lovers of good order and regularity, in the foremost ranks of which we find the members of our Brotherhood. Not only in his position as ruler of one of the Masonic Provinces, but also as grandson of the Sovereign, and son of our Grand Master, does the death of the Prince call forth the sympathies of Freemasons, and we are justified in saying that those sympathies are accorded in all sincerity and with true heartiness to the various members of the Duke's family who are thus plunged into mourning by his all too early death. The sad event, which occurred on the morning of Thursday, is the more to be deplored in view of the preparations which were being made throughout the Empire to give expressions of loyalty and regard to the young Prince on his projected marriage, which was fixed to take place next month; and it seems but natural the whole sympathies of the nation should be poured out towards the fair young lady who in a few short weeks was to have been united to the distinguished Brother now lying dead. It would seem impossible to expect anything like consolation reaching the members of our Royal Family in this terrible hour of misfortune, but it must be some little gratification to them, and in a measure it may lessen their grief, when they know that every subject of the Empire mourns with them to-day in the loss of this illustrious member of their family, while every brother of the Masonic Order, no matter in what

country or under what jurisdiction we may find him, will feel anxious to pour out the healing balm of consolation towards the afflicted in this their hour of tribulation.

The deceased Duke was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, not long after he had attained his majority, the ceremony being performed by his father, the Prince of Wales. He was passed to the second degree in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth, and raised to the sublime degree in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge. He was advanced to the Mark Degree immediately afterwards, and had evinced a great interest in all the branches of Masonry with which he was connected. He was a Past Master of the Royal Alpha, was Grand Senior Warden of United Grand Lodge in 1887, and on the establishment of Berkshire as a separate Province he was appointed its Provincial Grand Master. In December 1890 he was formally installed into office by his Royal Highness the Grand Master; while in May 1891 he performed the like ceremony at Aylesbury on behalf of Bro. Lord Carrington, Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire.

Only a few days since we were rejoicing with our M.W. Grand Master upon the recovery of Prince George from a serious illness, and once again our sympathies and that of the entire nation is centred in the same Royal household. The lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale must at the present moment be regarded as little short of a national calamity. Just entering upon the brightest period of his existence, betrothed to the Princess of his choice, beloved by all with whom he came in contact, with a brilliant future before him, the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire has been suddenly cut off by the prevailing epidemic, at the early age of twenty-nine. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin;" and it is not too much to say that every household in Great Britain is in mourning for one for whom they entertained feelings of respectful regard. As Freemasons we lose an active supporter, and one who promised to fulfil the highest offices with credit and fidelity. In the name of the thousands who range under its banners, we tender the respectful condolence of the entire Craft to our Grand Master and his family in this hour of their affliction. More especially to that young heart upon whom the blow may perhaps be said to have fallen heaviest. May the great Architect of the Universe afford them relief and consolation in the midst of their distress.

During the meeting of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, at Newbury, last Wednesday, a telegram was

despatched to Sandingham, expressing the deep regret with which the members had heard of the serious illness of the Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Clarence, and their sincere hope that they would hear a more favourable report as to the state of his Royal Highness. A reply was shortly afterwards received from the Prince's equerry, stating that he was very sorry to say that the Prince's condition was most critical. The intelligence was received with the utmost regret.

## THE JUBILEE OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

**T**HE gratifying announcement we are able to make this week, in connection with the approaching celebration of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is robbed of its pleasures by the unfortunate event we have just referred to. It may seem out of place to write anything of a congratulatory character in face of the misfortune which has fallen upon the nation, yet under other circumstances we should have been able to call forth the heartiest enthusiasm by the announcement that a thousand Stewards have been enrolled for the Festival which will be held to mark the first fifty years' existence of our Benevolent Institution. As it is we feel we can only record the bare details of the good fortune which has fallen upon the youngest of the three great Charities of Freemasonry, and congratulate all interested in the approaching Festival on the manifest signs of a successful celebration which seem to be in store for it. There is no knowing what effect the death of the Duke of Clarence may have on this important celebration, but it is very certain that the Festival must suffer, in common with everything else, from the event of the present week, which it is reasonable to suppose will for a time paralyse the nation, and affect business and pleasure alike.

The remarks made by Bro. Jas. Terry, the enthusiastic Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, on the occasion of the Winter Entertainment to the Annuityants at Croydon, and which were reported in our last issue, will have prepared our readers for the very pleasing particulars we are now able to place before them, but it will not prevent them joining in our congratulations on the rapid rise which has taken place in the number of Stewards during the last few days, for it must be remembered that only as recently as Wednesday of last week the number stood at 919, while at the time of writing yesterday it had risen to 1040. We wished to discuss this week the possibilities of the future so far as they are likely to affect the Jubilee celebration, but speculation as to what is in store for Freemasonry during the next few weeks is for the moment crushed, and we must leave the matter for the present, with a fervent hope that even yet much more may be accomplished on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and that its Jubilee celebration may prove, as it gave promise of doing, if not actually the greatest success ever recorded in connection with the Charities of Freemasonry, at least a very good second.

## THE NEW MASONIC YEAR.

**T**HE Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania, and also in various other Masonic jurisdictions, has just entered upon a new Masonic year. High Twelve on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 27th December 1891, introduced the Craft's New Year's Day. This subject is worthy of more than a passing thought.

In the profane world there is manifested a constant craving for new things, sometimes merely because they are to be new, at other times because there is a felt need for a change.

In the newspapers of the day, in this city of Brotherly Love, we read much concerning the desire for what is styled a "new Philadelphia," that is, a Philadelphia with better paved streets, purer water, brighter gas, electric cars, rapid transit, less self-serving in its officials and more fidelity and honesty among those who are paid to serve their fellow-citizens. All of these new things are highly desirable, and they probably will come in with the millennium.

Other new things that are sought, and usually found, are new secret societies, to absorb time, money and effort, and give their initiates less opportunity to fulfil their duties to their families, and to such an ancient and honourable society as Freemasonry, together with others that with it have won an acknowledged place in the annals of fame. The new things that we should have, as a rule we have not, while new things of an injurious character may be had for the asking.

A famous remark by Daniel Webster is timely now. He said of a certain party: "I have read its platform; but I see nothing in it both new and valuable. 'What is valuable is not new, and what is new is not valuable.'"

This assertion is applicable to Freemasonry. Whatever is novel in the Craft is worthless; nay, more, is un-Masonic.

There is one Institution in the world which values the old—old usages, old customs, old Landmarks. It measures the worth of everything by an ancient standard, which has been handed down by honoured predecessors in the Fraternity: that Institution is Freemasonry.

Freemasonry has a new year every year, but no new duty. Our motto is, New Year, old duty; not New Year, new duty.

A poet once based his hope for improvement in his country's government on the possibility that

"New Lords may give us new laws."

No new Grand Master, nor Worshipful Master, nor Grand Lodge, can be expected to give the Craft new laws.

In the profane world, even, new laws are not desirable. What is desirable, is the faithful execution of the old laws. Nothing other than this can be rightfully sought in Freemasonry.

We are unwise to tinker even at the minutest details of our constitutional law. The old usages, customs and Landmarks are of course beyond the reach of any brother, for to alter them would be to make an innovation in the body of Masonry, which is abhorrent to the Masonic sense, and forbidden by Freemasonry's highest law.

But we have new rulers, year by year, and new members of our various Masonic bodies, introduced through initiation month by month. These are the only novelties permissible in Masonry.

New resolutions are always in order to fulfil old duties, and now is the time to make them, and all the time hereafter is the time to keep them.

Regularity and promptness in attending Masonic meetings is now in order for every member; the acquisition and perfect rendition of the official work is the duty of every officer; and the aim of all should be to open the new year with spirit, with devotion to duty, with zealous interest, with the aim to make the present year exceed all that have gone before it, in the introduction of only the best material in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery membership, in the conduct of the business of these several bodies by business-like methods, spending always less than the income, and thus building up the financial standing of every Masonic body upon the best and surest basis.

Let us have a new year distinguished by these traits of conduct.

Let us have an exemplification of the moral virtues which adorn the Freemason—uprightness of character, purity of conduct, obedience to the moral law, and faithfulness to the precepts of the Craft.

If we are careful to practise out of the Lodge the precepts of morality and brotherly love which we are taught within it, every social and fraternal virtue will grace our conduct, adorn our lives, and cement us into one band of Brothers. Let this be our aim throughout the new Masonic year before us, and we may rest assured we shall receive, both as individuals and as Masonic bodies, the approval and support of the Grand Master of the Universe.—*Keystone*.

On Tuesday last, Bro. Sheriff Harry S. Foster was appointed S.W. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No 1614. He was, however, unable to be present to be invested on account of illness, he having had a relapse after an attack of influenza. His doctor had ordered his immediate departure for the south of France, and our worthy brother went away on Monday morning last. We trust he will benefit by the change.

## MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1891.

THE record of the charitable work of English Freemasonry for the year 1891 bears favourable comparison with that of previous years, and no doubt the eleemosynary side of the society is vastly extending. A Committee of Charity was established as far back as 1725, and this, through various developments, now exists under the style of the Board of Benevolence, and assists petitioners who are properly qualified out of the Fund of Benevolence, to which every Mason who continues a subscribing member of an English Lodge is a contributor. In the past year the amount voted from the Fund of Benevolence was £8937. Connected with the Order are three Charitable Institutions, the Benevolent Institution, the Boys' School, and the Girls' School, all of which depend for their existence on voluntary contributions and invested funds which are the result of voluntary contributions. During the year 1891 these three Institutions have shown the following receipts:—The Boys' School, £27,333 11s 3d; the Benevolent Institution, £22,238 14s 5d, and the Girls' School, £13,190 18s 2d, or a total of £62,763 3s 10d. This amount has been exceeded only once, in 1888, when the total reached £82,904 1s 10d; but that was an exceptional year, as the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, and the Prince of Wales presiding at the Festival the Girls' School got a revenue for that year of £49,259 4s 6d. In 1887 the three Institutions netted £61,059 0s 11d, which is the nearest approach to their receipts for 1891. In the present year great efforts will be made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, which celebrates the Jubilee of its establishment, under the presidency of the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe. Such an effort on behalf of the Boys' School last year was the reason of nearly £27,000 being raised in subscriptions and donations alone; the whole Institution had been reorganised, a new Secretary had been appointed, and the Earl of Lathom, who presided at the Festival, had been made Pro Grand Master by the Prince of Wales. The Boys' School has in it 264 boys, and the Girls' School the same number of girls, the boys being kept till fifteen, and the girls till sixteen years of age. The Benevolent Institution gives 180 poor brethren £40 a year each, and 229 widows £32 each, and besides these there are twenty-seven widows receiving £20 each annually. Beyond these Charitable Institutions Grand Lodge of Mark Masons also aids in the education and clothing of children, and gives grants and annuities to adults, and many private Lodges, such as the Jewish ones and the Gallery Lodge, have a Benevolent Fund of their own for the relief of distress.—*Royal Cornwall Gazette.*

The Quarterly Court of the R.M.I. for Boys was held on the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. in the chair. There were present Bros. G. Everett, G. Corble, J. S. Cumberland, F. R. W. Hedges, J. Terry, J. G. Stevens, James Brett, H. Massey, R. J. Taylor, W. H. Lee, G. W. Speth, Charles Keyser, C. H. Webb and J. M. McLeod (Secretary). After preliminaries, it was announced that Bro. Scurrah was not in attendance, and the motion standing in his name, fell to the ground. It was incidentally mentioned that the Grand Registrar had given an opinion that was adverse to what Bro. Scurrah wished the Quarterly Court to adopt. The Court then adopted the recommendation of the Council, and placed 38 approved candidates for the April election, and declared 20 vacancies. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

At the monthly meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, Bro. P. J. King the W.M. was ably supported by his Past Masters and Officers. After preliminaries, Bros. Brightling and Mount were passed, and Bro. King was raised. The S.W. (Bro. Orlton Cooper) was elected W.M. for the next twelve months, and Bro. Past Master Green was re-elected Treasurer. The installation meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in February.

We reported, last week, some remarks made by Bro. Jas. Terry, to the effect that the Scholastic Institutions were not Masonically represented at the offices but by their respective Secretaries. We have received a communication from Bro. G. S. Peachey, Chief Clerk in the Girls' School Offices, to the effect that this statement is incorrect. Bro. Peachey was initiated in 1882, and now fills the chair of Senior Warden in his Lodge, The Villiers, No 1194. We hope shortly to be able to congratulate Bro. Peachey on his being elected to the chair of that Lodge.

Bro. E. W. Young, journalist, was installed W.M. of Lodge Faith and Unanimity, Bristol, on the 7th inst. The following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. E. Newman I.P.M., Huxtable S.W., Hewgill J.W., Lock Treasurer, Rev. H. Everett Chaplain, Knight Secretary, Eusor S.D., Neville J.D., Sampson I.G., Talbot Tyler. At the ceremony, the Deputy P.G.M. (W. Bro. Brymer, M.P.) was present.

The annual gathering of Freemasons of Grimsby and friends of the Craft took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, 5th inst., and proved to be the most successful ball that has ever been held by the brethren of the Pelham Pillar Lodge. The band known as the "Blue Hungarian" (nine in number) fulfilled its mission to the uttermost.

## OPENING OF LODGE No. 91, CARLOW.

THE interesting ceremony of opening a new Masonic Lodge in Carlow was performed, in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren on the 4th inst. All the necessary preliminaries having been complied with, a warrant (No. 91) was issued by the Grand Lodge for Ireland, and to the Worshipful Master and Wardens of Lodge 116, Carlow, was deputed the pleasing duty of dedicating the new Lodge, and of installing its Officers. This ceremony was performed in true Masonic spirit, and in compliance with ancient ritual, by Bro. R. O'Callaghan W.M., assisted by several of the Past Masters of 116, and at its close Bro. Robert Malcomson, the Senior Past Master present, congratulated the Master, Officers, and members of the newly-made Lodge upon the very auspicious circumstances under which it had been called into existence, the present year being not only the Centenary of the Female Masonic Orphan School, but also the Centenary of Lodge No. 116, whose warrant (previously issued to a "Limbrick" Lodge) was transferred to Carlow in 1792, and has since been preserved unstained and unsullied by faithful members of the Craft. Having referred generally to the noble principles of Masonry, as exemplified in its motto—"Faith, Hope, and Charity"—he expressed the confident hope that the new Lodge would ever maintain the glorious traditions of the Order. The brethren of Carlow Lodge, and some visitors from Athy Lodge, were subsequently entertained at supper by the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 91. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, in "peace, love, and harmony." During the evening Bro. Malcomson read the following lines (written by himself) as appropriate to the occasion:—

Dear brethren of the mystic tie!  
We yield our bounden duty  
To the Great Architect on High,  
The source of Strength and Beauty.  
The centre bright whence beamed the Light  
On that primeval Martyr,  
Whose Faith—with Hope and Love—we cite  
To sanctify our Charter.

To-day we meet, with pride and zeal  
A gracious work to do;  
Fresh bonds of Fellowship to seal  
And former vows renew.  
To you, good brothers, one and all—  
We hail your children too!  
May breath of slander never fall  
On worthy sons like you!

And may no sound of discord come  
Where our time-honoured Warrant—  
The Book—the Word—have found their home  
A hundred years concurrent!  
And while to ages yet unborn  
The lesser lights appear,  
May Masonry's Great Lights adorn  
A living temple here.

May Ninety-one like One-one-Six  
Avoid dishonour's track,  
Her steps on sure foundations fix,  
Nor falter nor look back!  
And kindred Lodges long combine  
In rivalry of Love,  
Till all true Masons here shall join  
The One Grand Lodge Above!

## AIDS A BETTER LIFE.

*An Oration by Bro. W. L. Bush, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Colorado, 15th September 1891.*

WHILE there may be a diversity of opinion among Masonic writers and speakers as to the antiquity of Freemasonry, its origin and early history, there can be no doubt in the minds of those familiar with its doctrines and teachings of its usefulness and its power to make better men of those who have been admitted to its membership. That the Masonic Order is the oldest of the fraternal societies in existence at the present time, will not be disputed. If its objects and aims were not for the betterment of mankind, its life would have been short. It has stood the test of time. It has outlived persecutions of the most vindictive character, and its rapidly increasing membership proves conclusively that it is exercising a beneficent influence on mankind, and there is a need for it. We know, also, that there has been both wisdom and ingenuity displayed in its construction, as witness its power to adapt itself to the needs of every country and age. It is gaining strength yearly by adding to its membership the best and most intelligent men of the communities where its Lodges have been formed. Of the beauty of its ritual and symbolism, only those who have knelt at the altar and taken the vows of an Entered Apprentice, ascended the winding stairs and received the wages and jewels of a Fellow Craft in the Middle Chamber, and as Master Masons have been admitted to the Sanctum Sanctorum, can appreciate to the fullest extent.

Masonry invites no man to enter its portals. They must seek admission of their own free will and accord. If, after due examination, they are found worthy and well qualified, they are admitted and become workers with us. And here, my brethren, it may not be out of place to say that we should keep the outer door of the Temple carefully guarded. Our strength will not be in the gaining of members, unless those members are good men and true. All material offered should be carefully scrutinized, and if any flaws are found it should not be accepted, that the structure may not be marred by the introduction of poor material.

We are told that at the building of King Solomon's Temple there was not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron, and when the building was completed its several parts fitted with such exact nicety it had more the appearance of the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than that of human hands. It is after this plan that Masonic work is done. There is no noise or bluster; no pomp or show. Quietly and without publicity are its charitable acts performed. It does not seek prominence in public parades and demonstrations; on the other hand, seeks retirement in its Temples, there teaching friendship, morality and brotherly love, and encouraging its votaries to lives of usefulness. Adding to its record of good deeds day by day, until finally, when the last trump shall sound, and the work is completed, it will form a beautiful, complete and perfect whole, with the appearance that other than human hands were engaged in the work.

As Masons we are taught never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. Here, at the very commencement of our Masonic career, we are shown the religious character of the Institution, and are taught that only the noblest designs are worthy of a place on our trestleboard—such designs as we may submit for the approval of our Supreme Grand Master, and ask His aid in carrying out. By a strict adherence to this teaching we will merit the commendation of our fellow men, and will be suitably rewarded when our pilgrimage on earth is ended.

Masonry teaches that all men are created equal, and that the internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what the Fraternity regard. Men of every walk in life have knocked at the outer door and knelt at its altar, and have, through its teachings, been urged on to higher and nobler aims. In the Masonic Lodge all ranks are levelled, all distinctions are done away with. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, meet upon the level, and part upon the square. Men who are foremost in national, state and municipal affairs find time to devote

to the advancement and welfare of the Craft, and feel honoured by being numbered among its votaries.

A Lodge is said to be a symbol of the world to denote the universality of Freemasonry is universal. In whatever civilized country we may travel the hand of friendship and brotherly love will be extended to us. If sickness or adversity overtake us, we have the assurance that our brethren of the "Mystic Tie" are there to render aid and assistance. From them we receive words of comfort and sympathy to cheer and sustain us. If perchance we are called upon to pass through the "Dark Valley of the Shadow of Death," we know that our remains will be tenderly laid away in due Masonic form.

We are taught to practice charity toward all mankind, more especially to our needy brethren, their widows and orphans. This lesson is impressed on the mind of every candidate in every possible way. The Masonic homes recently dedicated by the Masons of Missouri and Michigan, the laying of the corner stone of a home in New York, the homes completed and caring for the widows and orphans in other jurisdictions, prove that the lesson is not taught in vain. Let us hope that when the time comes, Colorado, by the proper care and investment of the fund now accumulating, will be able to build such a home as will be an everlasting monument to Masonic charity in this jurisdiction. But, my brethren, Masonic charity does not consist only in the giving of alms, or the erection of homes for the care of indigent Masons, their widows and orphans. It is broader, deeper, grander than that. It means charity for the faults of others, charity for human weakness, charity for the erring brother who has not the fortitude to withstand temptations and who need words of encouragement to help him fight the battle of life. Remember that you have promised to remind him of his errors in the most friendly manner and assist in his reformation.

If we would be Freemasons in thought, word and action, as well as in name, we must look deeper than the ritual. We must study the true meaning of the beautiful symbols and ceremonies of the Order. With a true knowledge of these ever in our minds, that our lives may be controlled and guided by them, we will be bound together in an universal brotherhood seeking only the greatest good for ourselves and our fellow man.

No one claims that all Masons reach the high ideal contemplated and taught by the Fraternity. Perfection on earth has never yet been attained. We do claim, however, that it exercises a beneficent influence on its members, and that the world is better for its existence. No man can kneel at the altar and take the several Masonic obligations, and hear the several Masonic lectures, without being benefited thereby, and through them be encouraged to a better and more useful life.

And now, my brethren, let us see to it that we do our part toward keeping up the high standard of the Order. It has come down to us hoary with age, and with its most excellent tenets unimpaired. Let us see to it that future generations shall receive from us in like manner. As Entered Apprentices, we should keep the twenty-four inch gauge ever before us, that our time may be so divided as to bring about the best results obtainable, ever remembering the three great duties we owe, to God, our neighbour and ourselves. As Fellow Crafts, proving our actions by the square of virtue, and storing our minds with useful knowledge that we may receive our full wages. As Master Masons, with the trowel of good example, spreading liberally the cement of brotherly love and affection, that no dissensions may arise in our midst, and the bonds which unite us be strengthened day by day and our Order become a brotherhood in reality. As we ascend the three steps of human life, keeping the lesson taught by the beehive ever in our minds, that we may not forget that Masons should be industrious. Labouring faithfully, not only to provide a competence of this world's goods, but to lay up a treasure of good deeds and actions the remembrance of which will last through time and eternity. Ever remembering that we are under the watchful care of that All-Seeing Eye whose rays pervade the inmost recesses of our hearts, that we may have no evil thoughts, speak only kind words, and commit no wrong acts. Then, when we are cut down by that all-devouring Scythe of Time, will the hope of immortality be strong within us, and we shall hear the welcome greeting, "Come, thou blessed of My Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."—*Voice of Masonry.*



## SENTIMENTALITY.

**T**HERE is a great deal of idle nonsense and very much maudlin sentimentality found among some of our members, and many "glittering generalities" are used which are often harmful and without practical effect. For instance, that very nice and much-abused phrase, "Once a Mason always a Mason," on the strength of which many think if they pass through the three degrees, and become Master Masons, that this is all that is required of them. They never pay any dues, and when the Lodge finally unaffiliates them for non-payment of just dues, why, it does not matter, once a Mason always a Mason.

We came across a "brother" very recently who talked Masonry constantly, and when we inquired into his standing, lo! we found that he was raised in 1857, stricken from the roll for N.P.D. in 1859, and has been talking Masonry ever since, and he considered himself a good Mason, too, yet had not contributed one sou toward the maintenance of the Craft, and has never taken a step for its good, simply was a Mason on the strength of "Once a Mason," &c.

Another delusion very prevalent, especially in Great Britain, is the idea that a Mason can travel through the world free of charge on the strength of the Brotherhood. A case of this kind came to our knowledge only last week, where a brother was made a Mason in Glasgow just before leaving there, and came to this city, and immediately applied to his brethren here for help; and when asked why he had joined the fraternity so shortly before leaving? frankly admitted that he thought it was £2 well invested prior to starting for foreign lands.

Here was a man who knew absolutely nothing of Masonry except that it was a brotherhood where every brother is called upon to help him because he had expended the sum of £2 to enter the fraternity.

Then where are those workers in our vineyard who toil and pay, who spend their time, their energy and their money for the benefit of the Craft? Are these to be classed on a level with the mercenary traders who become Masons for revenue only, who buy Masonry as they buy an overcoat to keep them warm, and invest their £2 to make the most of it?

There are several other sweet and sentimental phrases used to cover up the delinquent, the mercenary, and the neglectful, but the above will do to show that in these hard and practical days some discrimination should be observed to protect the hard-working, earnest and honest Mason from the inroads too often made by the mercenary Mason for revenue only.—*Hebrew Standard*.

## PIUS IX. AND FREEMASONRY.

## CURIOUS DOCUMENTS IN RELATION TO A QUEER DISCUSSION.

**T**HE weight of evidence in the famous inquiry in regard to the membership of Pope Pius IX. in the Masonic Order goes to show that the late Pope was not a Mason after all. After a careful search through Masonic Archives, the Secretary of the Grand Orient of France some time ago declared that the Pope was not a member of the Fraternity. The belief that he was admitted to the society was first founded upon a document unearthed in a German Lodge which records the initiation of Mastai Ferretti in the Lodge of Palermo, called the "Endless Chain," or *Chaine Eternelle*, in the year 1839. The names and addresses of the Officers and members who were present at the initiation were also given, but on further inquiry it was discovered that in the year mentioned in that document there was no Masonic Lodge in Palermo called the "*Chaine Eternelle*."

That queer little ferret among journals, the *Intermediaire des Chercheurs et des Curieux*, next took up the affair, and after a vigorous hunt captured the biggest mare's nest. Sig. Mastai Ferretti, it said, afterward Pius IX., was received as a Freemason in a Lodge in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1839. Under Pope Gregory XVI. he was sent on an ecclesiastical mission to South America. From there he came north, and was made a Mason in the Quaker City. Some Masonic papers upon which the name of Mastai Ferretti figured were said to be in the possession of some Lodges in that town. In 1868, however, the editor of the *Monde Maçonnique* published a letter signed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Secretary Hon. Richard Vaux, and John Thomson, in which it was declared that the name of Jean-Marie Mastai Ferretti could not be found in the registers of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The nearest name to that of Pius IX. was found in the papers of a Lodge in Havana (No. 157), that existed in 1819. It was "Martin Ferretti."

Again, according to the *New a-Masonia*, the Grand Lodge of the Orient of Palermo expelled the Pope from the Order for excommunicating and cursing his brethren. The document of expulsion was signed by Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, and Grand Master of the Orient of Italy. But here again we have the testimony of a writer

in the *Figaro*, who, as a Mason, states that Victor Emmanuel was never the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy or Grand Master of any Italian group of Masons. Furthermore, he claims that the *News-Masonia* is completely unknown to Masons, and that the form of the alleged Masonic document which it published is proof in itself that it could not have come from a Masonic source.

So far no genuine and undisputed record has shown that Pius IX. was ever a Mason. In the opinion of the learned in the Order the story came out in this way: Pius IX. was a soldier in his youth, and it is said that he belonged to a *vente* in the Carbonari. The word *vente* was translated Lodge, and there is where all the fuss comes from.

Just why the statement that Pius IX. was a Mason should create such a terrible state of excitement in the French Chamber of Deputies seems strange when we consider the company that he would be placed among, as shown by the following list of eminent members of the Order: Le Comte d'Artois (Charles X.), Angereau, Berryer, Marechal, Canrobert, les Carnot, Condorcet, Prince de Conde, Cremieux, Danton, Franklin, Le grand Frederic, Garibaldi, Henri Heine, Helvetius, Hoche, Lafayette, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, Leopold Ier, Rio des Belges, Louis XVI., Louis Philippe, Meyerbeer, Mozart, Murat, Napoleon I., Napoleon III., Prince Jerome, Duc d'Orleans, Louis XVIII., Baron de Rothschild, Duc d'Uzes, Voltaire, &c.

## EVOLUTION OF THE BIBLE.

**REV. DR. LYMAN ABBOTT**, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, spoke recently in the church of the Covenant, Thirty-fifth-street and Madison-avenue, on the "Evolution of the Bible." The church was well filled with an interested congregation.

"I believe in the Bible," said Dr. Abbott, "as the inspired word of God; as containing a revelation from God to man. I believe that God has made man his offspring; that God and man are kin, and that there is a real and veritable spiritual communication between them. God has spoken, and He still speaks."

"In the past this Bible has been regarded as without error. Every sentence, and every word in every sentence, and every syllable in every word were regarded as the product of inspiration. We have thought it an authority on theology, and on almost every subject of human knowledge, so that there was no error or mistake in it. But there are very few who hold this opinion now. They think they do, but if they will consider a little where this opinion will lead them, they will quickly see that they do not."

"In the first chapter of Genesis we find that the world was made in six days. All geology is mistaken. The day is limited by the rising and the setting of the sun, and we shall have a theological opinion of the creation for Sunday and a geological opinion for week days. We go against the Biblical institutions of slavery and bigamy and circumcision. We have abolished slavery and bigamy, and we say that baptism has taken the place of circumcision by a Divine decree. The whole system of sacrifices we have abandoned. The man who thinks he believes in the infallibility of the Bible turns to moral law. He takes the Ten Commandments; they stand as moral standards. He knows they are not. He knows a man may keep every one of the Ten Commandments and yet not be admitted to decent society in New York, and the civilised standards of the 19th century in New York are not too high for Christian living. He opens the Bible at a psalm which asks God not to forgive, and then to the sermon on the mount, which prays God to forgive all sinners, and he cannot reconcile them. Let us be true to ourselves in this matter. Such things as these confront us if we think."

"A minister ought to be sincere. I do not believe the Bible is infallible. I do not think it can be an infallible book. I do not believe anybody believes it to be an infallible book. For a book to be infallible means that the author should be infallible, his means of knowledge infallible, and what he writes infallible; the person who copies it infallible, and that copy infallible; the translator infallible, and the translation infallible, and we who read it infallible. Now we do not believe these things. We may believe Moses was infallible, but we do not believe his copyist and translators were infallible and ourselves infallible."

"We have an infallible book. It was written some centuries before Christ—*Euclid*. That book has been found to be absolutely infallible, but it has never taken a place alongside the Bible."

"But the Bible is the book that brings God to the human heart. It is the divinity, not the infallibility of the book that makes it sacred. If it is bringing to us the truth of God, then it is to be accepted."—*Boston Daily Advertiser*.

Whatever else the Freemasons of England may or may not be, they certainly are not stingy. No doubt the transaction of business is sometimes accompanied by a little refreshment of the inner man (we have known church conferences and chapel conferences afflicted in the same way), but like the grand old English gentleman mentioned in the song, they "ne'er forget the poor." At all events, during the past year they have raised a sum of money amounting to nearly £73,000 on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The Boys' School received £27,333; the Benevolent Institution £22,239; and the Girls' School £13,191. This amount has been exceeded only once before, viz., in 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, and got a revenue of £49,259. The Boys' School has in it 264 boys, and the Girls' School the same number of girls; the boys being kept till 15 and the girls till 16 years of age. The Benevolent Institution gives 180 poor brethren £40 a year each, and 229 widows £32 each; besides these, there are 27 widows receiving £20 each annually. Besides the amounts mentioned above, it should be pointed out that the Mark Masons have a charity of their own, and that almost every Craft Lodge has a Benevolent Fund for the relief of distress. People who innocently ask what good Freemasonry is may reflect with profit on the figures given.—*Derby Mercury*.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

THE installation and annual banquet has been postponed to 7th March, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Chapman, suffering from an attack of influenza.

## MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 128.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 5th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Smith, after which the installation was carried out by Bro. the Rev. J. Lawson. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. H. Palmer W.M., Matthew Fowler Treasurer, G. Hewitt Secretary, W. Goodenough J.W., H. Brown S.D., Isaac Burrell J.D., J. Leonard I.G., T. Brooks Tyler, J. Pilling Organist, J. Walton Senior Steward, W. Graham Junior Steward.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

BRO. WM. THOMAS was installed W.M., on the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Bros. T. Parker and W. E. Chapell 156 were the installing Officers, assisted by Bros. W. K. Michell, F. G. Knight, P. B. Clemens, W. C. Howard, H. F. Hearle, Rev. W. Whitley Past G.D. of England, G. Whitley, J. Parkhouse 156, Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. and Chaplain, S. Jew, J. R. Lord, F. B. Westlake, G. R. Barrett, R. Pike, B. S. Johns, E. J. Knight, H. J. Kitt, W. J. Sweet, W. Allsford, A. Rowe, E. Roseveare S. J. Hearle, C. G. Withell, J. Bray. The Officers invested were Bros. W. E. Chapell I.P.M., W. J. Newell S.W., S. Jenkins J.W., Rev. W. Whitley Chaplain, H. F. Hearle Treasurer, W. K. Michell Secretary, C. S. Stebbing S.D., R. Greet J.D., G. Endacott D.C., F. C. Barter A.D.C., T. R. Clark Org., G. Burman A.Org., T. B. Luke I.G., S. G. Yonatt, C. S. Rattenbury, R. R. Redmore Stewards, W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bros. F. G. Knight, Representative at Committee of Petitions, G. Whitley Charity Steward, were re-elected. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M.

## DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, among those present being Bros. T. B. Goodfellow W.M., E. A. G. Smith S.W., Alfred Piper J.W., Geo. Everett (Grand Treasurer) Treasurer, Thomas Morris Secretary, N. Salmon I.P.M., Past Masters W. J. Ferguson, Harry Price, Richard Harvey, H. J. Chapman, W. M. Foxcroft, R. Pierrepont, Edward White, J. E. Walford, John Barnett jun. S.D., C. Riechelmann Organist, George Gardner I.G., T. H. Hobbs D.C., T. N. Morris Steward. The minutes having been confirmed and the auditors' report adopted, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. G. Clark was raised. Bro. T. S. Smith was passed, and then followed the chief event of the meeting, the installation of Bro. Ernest E. G. Smith as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. This ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Harry Price, and at its conclusion the following were appointed the Assistant Officers for the year:—Bros. A. Piper S.W., John Barnett jun. P.M. J.W., Geo. Everett P.M. (Grand Treasurer) Treasurer, Thos. Morris Secretary W. E. Wigmore S.D., Geo. Gardner P.M. J.D., T. H. Hobbs I.G., T. N. Morris D.C., Jas. Stephens P.M. W.S., W. S. Andrews A.D.C., A. Walkley P.M. Tyler. A proposition by Bro. G. Everett, that the sum of twenty-five guineas be subscribed from the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons was agreed to, and other business having been transacted the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the newly installed Worshipful Master. At the conclusion of the feast the usual Loyal toasts were given from the chair, the Master referring to the activity of the Prince of Wales who, he said, devoted all the time he possibly could to Freemasonry. Bro. Ferguson proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, referring to the presence among the company that day of two brethren who had won the highest elective office of the Craft—Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer, and their own respected member, Bro. George Everett, the present holder of that high appointment. Bro. Everett replied. He valued very highly indeed the honour of being able to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers. The death of the Grand Secretary had cast a gloom on Freemasonry, his decease being much deplored by the whole of the Craft. Bro. Everett appreciated the high compliment paid by his brethren, who had elected him to the office of Grand Treasurer, and assured them he should use every effort to advance the principles of the Craft. The toast of the Worshipful Master was submitted by his predecessor in the office, who spoke of Bro. Smith's steady work on behalf of the Domatic, and was convinced the Lodge would find him an efficient ruler. The Master acknowledged the toast. He felt it a proud moment to be in the position of Master in the old Domatic Lodge, which was one of the best known Lodges of the metropolis. He hoped to hand it over to his successor with the knowledge that he had kept up the old traditions associated with the Lodge. Bro. Richard Eve proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, which in his opinion were the bright stars of the Craft. Bro. Eve made a very effective speech, reviewing the position and progress of the three Institutions, and urging for each the support of the Craft. He specially spoke of the progress made by the Boys' School, which was in a better position, educationally and financially, than had been the case recently. As the result of last year's work they had been enabled to clear off all the debts, and add £7500 to

the invested capital of the Institution, a result which was very gratifying. Several other toasts were honoured, while some excellent songs were given, under the directorship of Bro. C. Riechelmann, the Organist of the Lodge.

## FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE members held their annual banquet, at Devonport, on the 7th inst., over 80 being present. The W.M. (Bro. Holman) presided, supported by Bros. Knight P.P.G. Pursuivant, Allsford, Price, Burns P.P.G. Supt. Works, Laugmead P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Leonard Treasurer, Carter, Organ, Oldfield I.P.M., Hancock S.W., Coombe J.W., Broom Chaplain, Sandy Secretary, Martin S.D., Lark Dir. of Cers., Tucker Organist, Collins I.G., Leonard, Herring and Bartlett Stewards, Shears Tyler. The visiting Officers included Bros. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. Chaplain, Lord P.P.G. Sword Bearer Treasurer, Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Supt. Works, Harris, Pitcher, Warren 230, Radmore Secretary 159, Akenhead 1136 Cornwall, Mathieson J.W. 2025, Penberthy S.W. 230, Brickwood I.G. 2025, Tabb I.G. 1136, Hedger 1255. Bro. Bosworthick's catering gave every satisfaction, and among the entertainers during the evening were Bros. Hutchins, Penberthy, Hedger, Burns, Organ, Collings, Akaster, Brickwood, Leonard, and others. Bro. F. W. Harris 1690 accompanied on the pianoforte.

## BEDFORD LODGE, No. 282.

ON the 6th inst., Bro. Wm. Thomas Gill was installed W.M. at the Abbey, Tavistock. The veteran worker of that Lodge Bro. T. Chapman P.P.G.A.D.C. conducted the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. J. Matthews, G. Merrifield, James Harris, S. Richards, W. R. Northway jun., J. J. Daw, J. F. Fine, Isaac Rosekelly, T. Kerslake, J. Drew, J. Squire. Visitors: E. Aitken-Davies, J. Kinton Bond, J. Gill, W. H. Gray, John Ward. The Officers invested were Bros. J. Squire I.P.M., S. Richards S.W., T. Cowan J.W., T. Chapman Chaplain, G. Merrifield Treasurer, Kerslake Secretary, J. D. Williams S.D., J. B. Chapman J.D., J. D. Johnstone D.C., W. Backwell Org., Skinner I.G., J. Morris and W. Trevorton Stewards, J. Harris Tyler. Bro. G. Merrifield, a very old member of the Lodge, in addition to being reappointed Treasurer, was again chosen as the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions. Bro. T. Chapman was appointed Charity Steward. In the evening the brethren dined together at Bro. Squire's, Bedford Hotel. At the conclusion of the dinner a capital entertainment of songs and recitations was furnished.

## AFFABILITY LODGE, No 317 (MANCHESTER).

THE installation of Bro. Septimus Staton took place and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Thursday, the 7th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. V. M. Vultchoff W.M., Staton S.W., Read J.W., Canliffe P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Wm. Garside Secretary, Spencer S.D., Jackson J.D., Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Whitehead Organist, Bushell P.M. I.G., Sly Tyler; P.M.'s Hine P.P.G.J.W., Dawson, Walmesley, Lisenden, Akerman, Robinson, W. Garside, Chesworth and Mountain; Bros. Allen, Guest, Ward, Brownhill, Marsh, Whitaker, Plumpton, Quail, Greenshaw, Rottmayer, Paterson, Holland, Ashe, Field and Simcock. Visitors—Bros. John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary P.G. Standard Bearer, W. W. Wilson P.G.J.D., Black P.M. 1170 P.G.J.D., T. J. Hooper P.P.G.T., Nicholl P.P.G.T., Littler P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P. W.L., Martin Thomas P.M. 204, 350, 2363 P.G.D., Rome P.M. 1009 P.P.G.S., J. Pollitt P.M. 1055, Waddell P.M. 163, Tysoe P.M. 1634, Uttley P.M. 307 S.C., Vos 1357, Hartley 1140, Campbell P.M. 1357, Kyle P.M. 122, Myers P.M. 1730, Jas. Robinson J.W. 1219, Millward P.M. 992, Crosland W.M. 1009, Moss P.M. 1375, Pitcher and Clarke 116. The Lodge was opened at 3.30, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance sheet was reported by the auditors and presented a very satisfactory state of affairs. It was unanimously adopted. According to custom in this Lodge, the retiring W.M. elected to instal his successor; consequently Bro. Vultchoff retained his position, and after the usual preliminaries installed Bro. Staton into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. On the re-admission of all Master Masons the Installing Master proclaimed to them the fact of Bro. Staton having been duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and called upon them to salute him in the customary manner, which was done. Bro. Dawson P.M. then invested the following brethren Officers for the year:—Bros. Read S.W., Spencer J.W., Canliffe P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Wm. Garside Secretary, Jackson S.D., Bushell Past Master Junior Deacon, Whitehead Organist, Allen I.G., Quail, Paterson, Field and Brownhill Stewards. Brother James Dawson Past Master addressed the W.M., Bro. Bladon P.M., the Wardens, and Akerman P.M. the brethren. The ceremony throughout was carefully and impressively rendered, a feature in the same being the chants and responses, ably sung by Bros. Quail, Grimshaw, Robinson J.W. 1219, and Martin Thomas P.M. 2363 P.G.J.D. There being no further business hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, at a banquet, on the conclusion of which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and heartily drank. Bro. Chadwick responded for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M. Bro. Vultchoff, the brethren receiving the toast with enthusiasm, and drinking heartily to it, after which Bro. Quail sang "Here's to his health," and Bro. Staton replied in appropriate terms. The health

of the I.P.M. was proposed by the W.M., who spoke most highly of the manner he had conducted the Lodge during his Mastership, presenting him, on behalf of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel for his appreciated services. After Bro. Vultchhoff had returned thanks, Bro. Dawson proposed the Visitors, in one of his telling speeches, and several of the number replied. The other toasts were the Officers, responded to by Bro. Read, in a most humorous speech that caused roars of laughter, and the Masonic Charities, the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable evening to a conclusion. The following brethren contributed to the harmony with songs and recitations—Bros. Robinson 1219, Grimshaw, Quail, Marsh, Whitehead, Black P.G.J.D. and Lisenden.

#### ALFRED LODGE, No. 340.

THE annual festival was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on the 5th inst., a large company being present, including Lord Valentia Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Brother Bacon was installed Worshipful Master by the outgoing W.M. (Bro. Shipp). Bro. Hill was appointed S.W. and Bro. Giles J.W.

#### YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 422.

THE annual gathering took place on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, when Bro. F. J. Sowby the W.M. elect was installed into the chair. He invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Mason I.P.M., C. F. Liversidge S.W., J. F. Johnson J.W., B. T. Adlard S.D., Rev. C. E. Laing J.D., R. G. Pearson Assistant Secretary, Walter Beard I.G., W. H. Hanson and Ledger Stewards. The banquet was subsequently held, at the Sun Hotel.

#### ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 510.

THE popularity of the Lodge at Liskeard, and of its W.M. elect Bro. E. Venning, was attested on the 5th inst. by a larger attendance than at any previous installation in the Lodge. Brother W. H. Stanton ably and impressively conducted the ceremony, the Board of Installed Masters including Bros. R. A. Courtney P.P.G.S.D., and P.G.J.W., T. White P.P. Supt. Works, W. Nettle P.P.G.J.W., J. Harris P.P.G. Standard Bearer, E. Mallett, G. P. N. Glencross P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Huddy P.P.G.J.D., P. P. Henwood, G. Hallett, W. Hammond P.P.G. Supt. Works (Warwick), W. George, all of 510, B. F. Edyvean P.G.S.W., C. Truscott P.P.G.J.W., J. Hill P.P.G.J.D., F. A. Rawling, W. P. Wood, R. N. Betty 1164, G. Varcoe 977, J. Pearce 1136, F. Luget 39, W. L. Jones 112, E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Supt. Works 1099. The Officers invested were Bros. J. Lobb I.P.M., W. Ridgman S.W., R. H. Williams J.W., Rev. W. Fookes, M.A., Chaplain, T. White Treasurer, R. A. Courtney Secretary, W. H. Stone S.D., R. Faull J.D., J. Harris Dir. of Cers., A. E. Morcom I.G., A.W. Venning and J. T. Cheves Stewards, R. Penwarden Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel, presented to Bro. Stanton, was inscribed, "Presented by the Past Masters and Officers of the St. Martin Lodge to Bro. W. H. Stanton P.M., for services rendered 1890 and 1891. Bro. Courtney in making the presentation said Bro. Stanton had with only one exception filled the Master's chair at all the meetings for the past two years, through the removal of Bro. Lobb to Scotland. They trusted Bro. Stanton would continue to assist them for many years to maintain the high position of the Lodge he had aided them to obtain. It was resolved to hold a Masonic ball in aid of the Charities on 14th January. In the evening the brethren dined together, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were proposed, and a capital entertainment of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was given by the brethren.

#### FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE members held their annual meeting on the 4th inst. Both the W.M. and W.M.-elect being indisposed, the installation was postponed. Among those present were Bros. Tonkin P.P.G.S.Wks., J. Doney P.P.G.D.C., P. Giles P.P.G.D.C., H. W. W. Durant P.M., C. Slade P.M., F. J. Denison P.M., W. Andrew P.M., N. C. S. Couch I.P.M. 1151, St. Andrew's, W. Beckerleg W.M. 856, Restormel, Searle W.M. 1151, St. Andrew's. The banquet, at Bro. W. H. Pulman's, Ship Hotel, was attended by about twenty-five members.

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE annual banquet was held on Saturday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth. At the Lodge meeting held prior to the banquet three new candidates were initiated, in the presence of a large number of brethren. The banquet hall, which has recently been prettily draped and decorated at great expense, presented a handsome appearance, and the dinner provided by Bro. and Mrs. Harvey, the Steward and Stewardess of the club, was all that could be desired, and the caterers were specially thanked for the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out. A small band under Bro. Liddiard, played some excellent music during the evening, and also accompanied the vocalists in their songs. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the toast of the Right Worshipful Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M., and the Grand Lodge of Devon was given from the chair, Bro. J. Kinton Bond responding. The W.M. also proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall, and Brother G. Roseveare P.P.G.Supt. of Works returned thanks. Brother Evans S.W., then proposed "The Master of the Lodge," of

whose services he spoke in warm terms of eulogy, remarking that his personal popularity, and the ability with which he discharged his duties, had earned for him the warm regard and confidence of the brethren; and had done much also to contribute to the increased and increasing prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M., responding, remarked, from his connection with the Lodge, five years ago, until the present moment he had met with nothing but kindness from the brethren, and this had greatly encouraged and assisted him in the duties which he had to discharge. The increased prosperity of the Lodge to which the Senior Warden had referred he believed to be largely due to the care which the brethren exercised in their selection of candidates. In Freemasonry it was not numbers they wanted so much as quality. More numbers did not necessarily mean success: they often meant something very different. They wanted as Masons men who could and would take an intelligent interest in the important and responsible work that often had to be done, and if this was always borne in mind Masonry would hold a position and do a work of which not only its own members but the whole country ought to be proud. Although Prudence was one of the smallest Lodges in the Province, he was glad to say that in the amount it subscribed annually, and in the number of its subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, it stood third among the whole of the Lodges in the Province. This was exceedingly gratifying, and he was not without hope that they would at no distant date see the Lodge at the head of the list. Brother Mutton concluded by proposing the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge, whom he warmly thanked for the valuable assistance they had given him during the time he had been in office. Bro. Bird humorously responded. Bro. Kevern P.P.G.D.C. gave the Treasurer and Secretary, remarking that they were there that night to take farewell of their old Secretary Bro. Goodall, who had served them faithfully for many years, and to welcome his successor, Bro. Selleck, from whom they expected, and were certain to receive, similarly valuable service. In Bro. Philp they had a Treasurer of whom any Lodge might be proud, and Lodge Prudence was to be congratulated on having such an excellent set of executive Officers. Bros. Philp and Sellick returned thanks. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Goodall, the late Secretary, who, having received an appointment at Chatham, is about to leave Plymouth. The W.M. remarked that Brother Goodall had, by his many good qualities, endeared himself to all the brethren of the Lodge, and he was known throughout the Province as a thoroughly good Mason. Only a few months since the brethren showed their appreciation of his services as Secretary, as well as those of Bro. Philp as Treasurer, by subscribing together and presenting them with two costly Past Masters' jewels, and in now taking farewell of Bro. Goodall they desired him (the W.M.) to ask his acceptance of a gold signet ring and a locket, formed of a spade guinea and a blood stone, as a further evidence of their great regard for him. They parted from him with deep regret, but offered him their hearty congratulations on the appointment he had received at Chatham. Bro. Goodall, in acknowledging the presentation, said no one regretted more than he did the severance of his long and pleasant connection with Prudence Lodge. He was glad to know, however, that he was leaving it in good hands and with every prospect of a continuing success. He earnestly appealed to the brethren to act upon the advice which the W.M. had given them, for the reputation and the success of Freemasonry was entirely dependent upon the class of men whom they admitted to their ranks. He assured them that he should carry with him to Chatham very grateful recollections of his long and happy connection with Lodge Prudence, and the kindness he had always received from the brethren. The toast of the newly initiated brethren was proposed by Bro. Bird, and acknowledged by Bros. Lewin and Crimp. The Senior and Junior Wardens and other Officers was proposed from the chair, and acknowledged by Bros. Godfrey Evans S.W., G. Budge J.W., H. T. Robins S.D., J. Penwarne J.D., R. J. Sewell D.C., J. Griffiths I.G., A. Roberts Organist, and W. Pryor Steward. Bro. Sellick proposed the Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, and Bros. S. Jew, W. Colling, S. J. Page, W. E. Chapell, W. Sweet, H. Roberts, and W. H. Mayne, with Bros. Brock (Natal), R. R. Rodd jun., and J. Gee all replied. Bro. Jew next proposed the Chairman and Directors of the Masonic Hall Company and Brother F. B. Westlake, Chairman of the Directors, who replied to the toast, made an earnest appeal to the brethren to take up the shares that still remain unallotted, between now and March next. They had a hall and club of which they ought to feel proud, and if the shares were taken up it would relieve the directors of considerable anxiety and place them in a satisfactory position. There was no reason whatever to doubt that when the capital was all subscribed the shareholders would receive at least three per cent. for their money. Bro. Goodall joined in Bro. Westlake's appeal to the brethren to take up the unallotted shares. The remaining toasts on the list were Masons' wives and sweethearts, proposed by Brother Kinton Bond, and responded to by Bro. Rendle, and Our poor and distressed Brethren. During the evening capital songs were sung by Bros. Mutton, Kinton Bond, Bird, J. Rendle, Arnold, Barrett, Crimp, Buchan, White, and others, and recitations were given by Bro. Mutton and Griffiths.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—At the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, on the 7th instant, there were present—Bros. W. Hoggins W.M., C. O. Burgess S.W., H. J. Keen J.W., J. Greenway Preceptor, G. H. Foan Assistant Preceptor, G. Reynolds Secretary, T. C. Seary Organist, F. S. Jarvis S.D., A. Cogliati J.D., H. Willis I.G., T. E. Weeks Tyler, J. H. H. Warwick, W. Wood, J. W. Herbert, S. Dallas, W. Brett, C. Cogliati, R. Kirk, G. H. Reynolds, and others. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation by the W.M. Bro. G. H. Reynolds next rehearsed the installation ceremony, Bro. G. H. Foan candidate. Bro. Willis 1914 was elected a member, and Bro. Burgess was appointed W.M. for next meeting.



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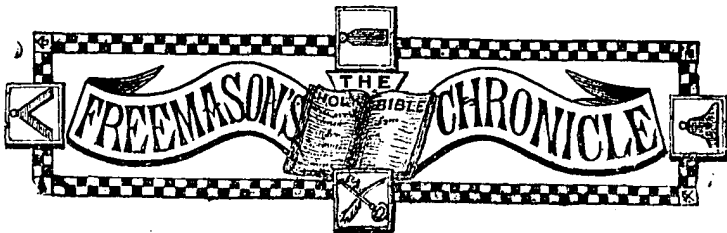
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### A MASTER MASON'S WORD.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MASONIC VETERAN  
ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC COAST, 11th JUNE 1891.

**T**HE Secretary then stated that he had recently paid a visit to Napa, and while there had made the acquaintance of a brother Mason, Dr. Trowbridge, then resident with his family, who for the long period of seventeen years had been the United States Consul at Vera Cruz, Mexico, and had obtained from him the loan of some large photograph pictures of the ruins of ancient buildings of a pre-historic nature at Uxmal and other places in Yucatan, which were of great interest; but before exhibiting them he had other matters



to communicate, of exceedingly great interest to the members of this Masonic Veteran Association in particular, and for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, which were worthy of consideration, recognition and action of this association.

Early in the year of 1875, in New York city, a young man of about 28 years of age took his degrees of Masonry in one of the Lodges of that city. At that time he was employed as purser on board of the steamship City of Havana, plying between the ports of New York, Havana and New Orleans, Tampico and Vera Cruz. In the month of July 1876, on one of the trips, he met a brother Master Mason at New Orleans, who for another brother Master Mason raised the flag of distress and made an appeal to him for assistance, which none but the purser, and as a Mason, could grant, and then only under the most trying and peculiar circumstances, which might involve himself in great personal danger and almost to a certainty cost the brother in distress his life.

An officer in the Mexican army and a brother Mason had become involved in a revolution against the government of Lerdo de Tejada, President of Mexico, and had escaped to the United States, and was domiciled at New Orleans, but was anxious to return to Mexico, his native country, incognito if possible, and retrieve his shattered fortunes, even in the face of the reward of fifty thousand dollars that was offered for his head, dead or alive. The risk of running his head direct into the tiger's mouth, or being stung to death by the serpent by treacherous betrayal, he was willing to undergo, provided he had the pledged word of a brother Master Mason that he would shield and protect him on board of the steamer, at all risk of personal danger, loss or blame. The moment was a trying one for the purser, who had but recently, as it were, become a Master Mason, and his fidelity, integrity as well as powers of strategy were to be tested to their fullest limit. Who this stranger brother was at this time he did not know, but a fictitious name as passenger was given him, and he assigned him a stateroom in a certain part of the steamer. Due precaution was taken for his security, and with a tireless eye, that scarcely slept, the purser kept watch during the voyage and counselled at times with his mysterious passenger and brother Mason.

On arrival at Tampico, the steamer was boarded by a regiment of Mexican troops, who guarded every door of entrance and place of exit. This adventurous passenger heard the voices of officers and men, some of which he recognised, and among them all he had not a single friend who would aid him in peril, but, on the contrary, each would strive for himself to secure the reward of fifty thousand dollars offered for his head, dead or alive.

Strange as it may seem this passenger was determined to take the most desperate chances, and in disguise he contrived to get out of his stateroom in some way, and leaped overboard in the harbour of Tampico, among the sharks of the sea and the almost certainty of being discovered, and losing his life for his temerity, by the troops, who were under orders to capture him at all cost and hazard.

Being unable to swim ashore without detection and capture, he swam to the gangway and would most certainly have been recognized had not a friendly hand thrown a shawl or sheet over his head as he climbed to the deck of the steamer, and was immediately seized by the purser, who scolded him severely as a crazy man and got him down below and to his stateroom, and there secured him, and then caused it to be given out that it was an insane man who had broken loose and wanted to commit suicide, and that he wished to God he had, and thus, for a time, all suspicion was lulled.

The steamer arrived and anchored at Tampico, in the midst of a heavy rainstorm and gale. The sentries, which had been placed at all the doors on deck, went to the leeward side of the upper cabins on deck, to obtain shelter from the pitiless storm. In the night, and while the gale was raging, this mysterious passenger made his way out and up on deck, guided by the purser and, crawling like a rat along the windward side of the ship, unperceived, got to the door of the purser's stateroom, which was opened instantly, and he was at once concealed in the purser's wardrobe, where for three long days he had to stand erect, roll with the ship in the sea, and breathe through the slats.

He could look down and see what was going on, but others could not look up and observe him. The sentries were relieved from time to time and a watch kept on every part of the ship. No food could be smuggled in without its being seen, and the least suspicious movement on the part of the purser would have given the whole thing away.

Fastening the shutters and blinds on the inside and locking the door, he let his brother Mason prisoner out of the wardrobe every night, gave him a cracker to eat, and put him to sleep in his own berth, while he kept faithful watch. A few hours' rest and then he replaced him in the wardrobe again. The soldiers were ordered ashore with their baggage and equipment, while sentries were placed at the mole and a large number patrolled the shore to capture this brother, if he attempted to swim ashore and make his escape.

The steamer was there hired to convey this regiment of troops from Tampico to Vera Cruz, and for several days at sea, and comparatively without food or sustenance, that passenger and brother Mason was a voluntary and barred prisoner. It was surmised that he was on board of the steamer, by some of the officers and soldiers; and who watched with intense prying eyes into the faces of every man on board.

The most consummate tact, wariness and vigilance had to be practised by the purser, to provide against discovery. He, for the time, incurred the hatred of every officer and man, from the captain down to the coal-heaver, on board of that steamer for his pretended eagerness to capture that individual aboard of the ship, so well did he simulate the character of a man who would do anything to secure the blood money offered for that brother's head, while at the same time he was planning to secure his safety and aid him to escape.

When the ship arrived at Vera Cruz, and while still in the purser's room disguised and ready to leave, his brother Mason and passenger took a sheet of paper and drew his draft for fifty thousand dollars in favour of the purser, stating that it would be paid on presentation.

The purser indignantly spurned the offered note and tore it into infinitesimal fragments, saying: "Do not you attempt that thing again, unless you wish to insult me. I was appealed to as a Master Mason, to aid a brother in distress and convey him in safety under my immediate care and protection to his native land." His passenger brother said:

"This is the amount offered for my head, dead or alive, and I cannot see why I should not reward the man who saved it by presenting him with at least the promise of an equal amount, which will surely be paid on demand, as that just offered to you in my hearing by the colonel of the regiment." The purser replied: "My Masonic word of honour is pledged to carry out my agreement to the end with a worthy brother Master Mason, as you were so vouched for to me, and I want neither money or price for what I have done in this affair for you."

Thus the matter was dropped. A disguise of the dirty clothing of one of the coal-heavers, or one of the crew, was brought to the purser's room from time to time, as opportunity offered, and when the last lighter, filled with freight, was leaving the steamer at dark in the evening, the passenger jumped aboard, as it was to be hauled toward the mole or landing. It got so near that the voices of the officers of troops could be heard in conversation concerning the man whom they hoped to capture, and how they would share and spend the blood money offered for his head, either dead or alive. The intended victim heard it all, and but a few moments more and his fate was to be determined.

He quietly crept over to the side of the lighter, and, when unperceived, slipped down into the water in the darkness, and, at the risk of being devoured by sharks, swam a long distance, of nearly two miles, to the mouth of a small stream, and silently feeling his way along the banks until he reached a shallow spot, where, almost exhausted, he waded ashore, and among the thick grass, and under the foliage of an immense shady tree, laid himself down to rest upon the bosom of his native land.

The next morning, rising very early, he took to the stream again, and following up the banks, he came near to a ford, where he secreted himself, as he heard the voices of men and horses and mules approaching. Watchful and wary, he bided his opportunity and, judging from their conversation, that they might prove to be friends, and as he was on the point of starvation, he approached them, and travelled along into the interior of the country with them, until he arrived where he knew he had friends who would look out for his personal comfort and interests. They did so, and when he fully recuperated, and became supplied with means, his friends flocked to his standard, he gathered and disciplined his army, met his enemies on the field of battle, and successfully routed them; established rights of conscience, drove out the foreign and Jesuit priests from his country, established law and order everywhere, with public education for all classes, fostered, protected and maintained the Lodges of Freemasonry everywhere, when persecution had closed the doors of their temples, and marching on the road of freedom and progress to a higher state of development and civilisation, with civil and religious liberty guaranteed to all. There stands that brother Mason, the once refugee, hunted by enemies, the brave, the noble, the faithful, indomitable and unconquerable patriot President of Mexico, Illustrious Brother and General Porfirio Diaz, the Robert Bruce of the Mexican Republic.

What of that faithful brother Mason, the purser of that steamship, who, when his fortunes were at their lowest, saved his brother Mason's life for the benefit of his country and mankind?

Some considerable of a length of time afterwards, that purser thought he would take a hasty trip to the city of Mexico, not having been there for many years. He accordingly went and put up at his hotel, and in the evening, retiring to his room, he closed the door and was disrobing for the night when he heard the noise of feet and the jingling of metal, followed by a knock at his door. Expecting no one and not being acquainted in that large and strange city, he cautiously opened it, when in marched several general officers in brilliant uniform, with their leader in advance, who halted them and said: "Gentlemen, and brethren, there stands the man to whom I owe my life, and all of us our positions."

It was General Porfirio Diaz, the President of Mexico and his staff. He then embraced the purser, who was astounded at what he saw, and with difficulty could scarcely recognise the poor brother Mason whom he had so faithfully given protection and given his Masonic word to, in the person of the President of Mexico, and his staff, who now stood before him. Bewildered and confused at what he saw, it was some time before he could recover his senses.

The interview was briefly brought to a close that evening, and the next day the purser was the guest of Bro. Diaz, the President of Mexico, who prevailed upon him to accept the position of Consul of Mexico at the Port of St. Nazarre, in Brittany, France, where he was stationed for several years, performing his official duties to the satisfaction of the Mexican Government. He was then promoted to Consul General of Mexico at the City of Paris, from whence, at his own request, he was a few years since transferred as Consul-General for Mexico at the city of San Francisco, where he is now, to the entire satisfaction of the Mexican Government and all who have business with him, filling the duties of his office. He married a lady of Mexico, and has a most charming and interesting family.

He is still a Master Mason in good standing and a member of Parfaite Union Lodge, 17, F. and A.M., at San Francisco, California, and his name is Alexander K. Coney, an American by birth, having been born 1st April 1847, in the State of Louisiana.

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## CLARENCE LODGE, No. 2386.

ON the 7th inst. there was a large attendance at the Masonic Hall, Chester, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. T. Litherland as W.M. There were about seventy brethren present, including visitors from various Lodges in the Province of Cheshire and from Liverpool, whilst Bro. M'Farlane, the late Secretary, travelled from Glasgow, and Bro. Alfrey from Newcastle-on-Tyne, to be present. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Finchett, officiated as the Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Finchett, was presented with a handsome pair of photographs of his wife and himself by the civilian brethren of the Lodge, and the military brethren of the Lodge presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel on his vacating the chair. Subsequently the brethren, to the number of about 80, sat down to an excellent supper, under the presidency of Brother Litherland, and a social evening was passed. It should be stated that the Clarence Lodge has been in existence only about twelve months, and during that period it has contributed over £120 in Charity to Masonic objects. The Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, the brethren numbering about 70, with 10 nominations for initiation at the present time.

**PERSONAL STATISTICS.**—The oldest Cabinet Minister is Viscount Cranbrook, G.C.S.I., Lord President of the Council, aged 77; the youngest is the Right Hon. Arthur John Balfour, M.P., First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Commons, aged 43. The oldest Member of Her Majesty's Privy Council is the Right Hon. Sir James Bacon, Knt., aged 93; the youngest the Right Hon. Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, M.P., aged 26. The oldest Duke is the Duke of Northumberland, K.G., aged 81; the youngest, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany (a minor) aged 6. The oldest Marquis is the Marquis of Northampton, K.G., aged 73; the youngest, the Marquis Camden (a minor), aged 19. The oldest Earl is Earl Grey, K.G., aged 89; the youngest is the Earl of Dalhousie (a minor), aged 12. The oldest Viscount is Lord Sherbrooke, G.C.B., aged 80; the youngest, Viscount Torrington (a minor), aged 4. The oldest Baron is Lord Ebury (who is the oldest peer of the realm), aged 90; the youngest, Lord O'Hagan (a minor), aged 12. The oldest Member of the House of Commons is the Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers, M.P., for the southern division of the borough of Wolverhampton, aged 90; the youngest, the Hon. Wm. Frederick Danvers Smith, M.P. for the borough of the Strand, aged 23. The oldest Judge in England is the Right Hon. Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, aged 75; the youngest, the Hon. Sir Francis Henry Jeune, of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court, aged 48. The oldest Judge in Ireland is the Hon. John FitzHenry Townsend, LL.D., of the Court of Admiralty, aged 81; the youngest, the Right Hon. John George Gibson, of the Queen's Bench Division, aged 45. The oldest of the Scotch Lords of Session is the Right Hon. (George) Lord Young, aged 72; the youngest, the Right Hon. Lord Robertson, Lord Justice-General, aged 46. The oldest Prelate of the Church of England is the Right Rev. Richard Durnford, D.D., Lord Bishop of Chichester, aged 89; the youngest the Right Rev. Alfred George Edwards, D.D., Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, aged 43. The oldest Prelate of the Church of Ireland is the Most Rev. Robert Ben Knox, D.D., Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, aged 84; the youngest, the Right Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, D.D., Bishop of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, aged 57. The oldest Prelate of the Scotch Episcopal Church is the Right Rev. Charles Wordsworth, D.D., Bishop of St. Andrews, aged 85; the youngest, the Right Rev. Jame Robert A. Chinnery-Haldane, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged 50. The oldest Baronet is the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, of Newlands, Arborfield, Berks, aged 91; the youngest, Sir Coleridge Arthur Fitz-Roy Kennard, created a Baronet in 1891 (a minor), aged 6. The oldest Knight is Sir Provo William Parry Wallace, G.C.B., the senior Admiral of the Fleet, of Funtington House, near Chichester, aged 100; the youngest, Sir Henry Beyer Robertson, of Palé, Merionethshire, aged 29.—*Who's Who in 1892.*

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**Vaudeville.**—In the new four-act play by Mr. C. Haddon Chambers, entitled "The Honourable Herbert," we have a pathetic story of a devoted and forgiving wife, though it bears traces of hurry on the part of its author. The Honourable Herbert Doring has married a wealthy, true-hearted and spirited American girl, who has no thought beyond him, yet he proves false to his marriage vows and leaves his wife for a former mistress. Like a plucky woman, Mary Doring determines to save her husband, and follows him to Brighton, where however she is repulsed by Herbert. Providence interferes, and by means of an accident, restores the foolish man to his senses, when he acknowledges his fault and is duly forgiven. The character of Mary is capitably played by Miss Dorothy Dorr, who wears some very beautiful dresses, and the unsympathetic part of the husband is carefully sustained by Mr. H. B. Conway. Mary's father, Mr. Pym Brady, a typical Yankee, does not afford the genial manager Mr. Tom Thorne much opportunity of displaying his peculiar humour, but the character would be strengthened by the omission of the confession to his daughter, which is needless. Herbert's friend, who first pities, then falls in love with the neglected wife, finds an excellent representative in Mr. Arthur Elwood; and a silly pair of sweethearts are suitably portrayed by Miss Mary Collette and Mr. Sydney Brough. The play requires careful revision; we do not consider it the author's happiest effort.

**Alhambra.**—It may astonish some of the unco' guid to learn that the ballet can be the means of conveying a moral lesson, yet that is the case in the new grand fantastic production "Temptation," which has been recently brought out at this handsome theatre, with considerable success. Guido di Leardi, a poor deformed gentleman, falls in love with Liella, a relative of Count Ornelo, but is rejected on account of his affliction. He appeals to Hymen, who promises him beauty and wealth if he proves himself faithful. In the second scene he is submitted to the temptation of beautiful women of different countries, and even the Count's daughter tries to captivate him, but he remains true to his love and is finally united to her. The vast resources of the establishment are combined in the really beautiful tableaux that illustrate the story, and while the imagination is delighted, the senses are enthralled with the magnificent spectacle. The charming costumes, designed by Mr. Howard Russell, worn by hundreds of pretty girls, grouped by Signor Carlo Coppi, and the enchanting music composed by Mr. Jacobi, a past master in the art, together with Mr. Ryan's scenery, enhanced by coloured lights, produce an effect seldom if ever witnessed elsewhere. The principal dancers are Signorina Elia, who makes her first appearance in England, Miss Hoby (Hymen), and Signor Biancofiore, whose wonderful dance has to be repeated. Signorina Cristino, a handsome Guido, Mdme. Roffey, Madlle. Zimmerman, and Miss Hooton appear as the other characters of the piece, which is received by vociferous applause from the spectators.

**Venice in London.**—It was certainly a very happy thought to bring even the resemblance of the blue sky and bright sunshine of Italy to the people of London during the dull and gloomy days of the metropolitan winter; and the success that has attended Mr. Imre Kiralfy's venture proves at once that that astute manager has properly gauged the popular taste and that the public appreciate a novel and interesting form of amusement. The fine hall at West Kensington is admirably adapted for the purpose, and faithful representations of the principal buildings of the "Queen City of the Adriatic" have been erected, at great cost, while the introduction of gondolas on the miniature canals assists to make the illusion complete. Standing on one of the numerous bridges that cross the waterway the visitor gets a very fair idea of Venetian life, and even the climate is attempted, for the building is pleasantly warmed and lighted. There is also a good exhibition of sculpture, some pictures and stalls for the sale of various Italian manufactures; but after all it will be the grand spectacle, entitled "Venice, the Bride of the Sea," that will prove the principal attraction. One side of the building is occupied by the stage, in front of which is a large lake, used during the spectacle for the beautiful aquatic pageant. The play is given in six scenes, the first representing the Public Place before the Arsenal of Venice, A.D. 1378. Of course the actors would require stentorian lungs to be heard in so large a hall, therefore the piece is presented with pantomimic action. The casket scene from "The Merchant of Venice" is brought in, and there are various processions, battles and ballets, in which quite an army of supernumeraries take part. The grouping is most artistically arranged, and reflects the highest credit on the designer, while the music is delightfully appropriate and capitally rendered. Indeed, in its novel conception, its costly magnificence, and beautiful accessories, it must be fairly asserted that no more gorgeous spectacle has ever been presented in London.

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"Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the year 1892." London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

As year after year comes round, and we are called upon to write a few words in reference to this work, we find it somewhat difficult to say anything we have not already given utterance to. That the Grand Lodge Calendar does not require any praise from us we are fully aware, but in the present case, after careful perusal, we have failed to find anything that has not already been before the Craft. We do not wish to be misunderstood; we are not complaining, far from it; what more can the compiler do than to give us a complete list of all the regular Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, with their places and times of meeting, as recorded in the books of the United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and a variety of details concerning Freemasonry to date? As in other years the Calendar has been compiled by the late Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund, under the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Kenning, the publisher and printer, has done his work well, and we feel sure the Craft at large will find the Calendar for 1892 very serviceable.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1892." London: George Kenning and Co., 16 and 16A Great Queen Street.

As with the Grand Lodge Calendar, so in the case of our old friend the "Cosmo." Very little new matter has been inserted, so we must be content with a comprehensive Masonic book of reference. This the "Cosmo" unquestionably is; it contains particulars of the Grand Masonic bodies of Scotland, Ireland, and all colonial and foreign jurisdictions. All the varied information has been carefully collated, and is set forth in a concise and attractive form, and it will be found a useful adjunct to the Grand Lodge Calendar, for whereas the latter only gives such information as concerns the English Grand Lodge, the Cosmopolitan gives particulars of every grade connected with the different degrees of Freemasonry. We can cordially recommend the work.

"The Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar for 1892." Printed and published by Bro. G. J. Cosburn, Caxton Printing Works, Newbury.

The compiler of this book (Bro. J. T. Morland, Deputy Provincial Grand Master) has given us a careful history of the Craft in Berkshire. The sketch of Freemasonry in the Province, from 1725 to 1891, is both interesting and accurate, and will repay any one for the time spent in reading it, while the list of Officers for both Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the members of the different Lodges in the Province are carefully put together. Moreover, a large amount of information is supplied concerning the doings of the members of the Province in connection with the different Masonic Institutions, and as far as we can see the Calendar for each month is comprehensive and complete. We congratulate the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. Thornhill Morland, M.A., on the way in which he has compiled the book, and Bro. G. J. Cosburn on the way he has produced the little brochure.

MEXICAN CONVENTS BROKEN UP.—An American press correspondent at the city of Mexico states on Monday, 22nd December, there was much excitement in the city of Puebla on account of the breaking up of three small convents by a body of soldiers. The convents were those of San Augustine, El Carmon, and Santo Domingo. A law enacted during the presidency of Juarez forbids the assembling of persons in religious orders to the number of more than three under one roof; but in the last three or four years there have been clandestine attempts by the clerical party to establish convents, and, as there is much devotion to the Church at Puebla, it was not difficult to secure houses for the three communities mentioned. The attention of the authorities having been called, the district judge issued a formal order for the expulsion of the monks. This was accomplished by a corp of rurales. During the execution of the order a crowd assembled and began throwing stones at the cavalry men, who, after suffering the attack patiently for a few minutes, opened fire and killed one of the crowd. The arrested monks, who were holding a service when the troops arrived, were escorted through the streets in their priestly vestments. The clerical organ, *El Tempo*, publishes a fiery article, ascribing the arrests to *Masonic intrigues*, and the public excitement is intense. It is believed that secret convents exist in other cities, and that they also will be broken up.

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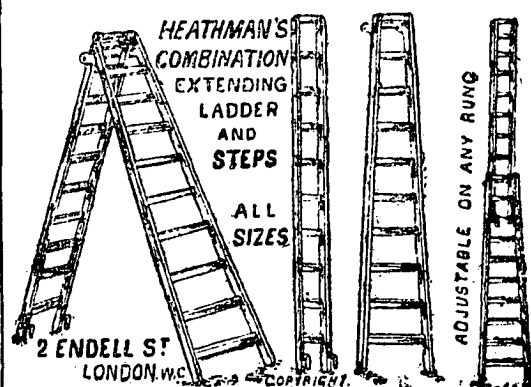
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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## Saturday, 16th January.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1614 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 142 St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
R.A. 1672 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Moltlam  
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon  
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

## Monday, 18th January.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham  
802 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.C.  
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
R.A. 1693 Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro  
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton  
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron  
622 St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimbome  
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury  
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton  
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
934 Merit, Dorby Hotel, Whitefield  
985 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach  
1337 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris  
1111 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1170 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
1199 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1208 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
1238 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1502 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1973 Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent  
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham  
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport  
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston  
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## Tuesday, 19th January.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4  
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark  
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel  
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
867 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
2021 Queens Westminster, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
R.A. 26 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.  
R.A. 46 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
R.A. 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor  
402 Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham  
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
445 Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
441 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
809 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff  
1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall  
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness  
1113 Anglesca, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool  
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugby  
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing  
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath  
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos  
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York.  
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
R.C. 51 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## Wednesday 20th January.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4  
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
110 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. E.C.  
619 Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich  
700 Nelson, Masonic Hall, William St., Woolwich  
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
1014 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
1110 Buckingham and Chancery, F.M.H., W.  
1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav, Victoria Park  
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon  
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town  
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
M.M. 181 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
M.M. 193 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shorelitch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance  
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole  
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.  
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton  
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham  
274 Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch  
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
311 South Saxon, F.M., Lewes.

325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth  
428 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
581 Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw  
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton  
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn  
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells  
889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston  
933 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield  
1040 Sydes, Masonic Hall, Driffield  
1068 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
1129 St. Chad, Foobuck Hotel, Rochdale  
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1246 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston  
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse  
1353 Duke of Lancashire, Athelstan, Lancaster  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsens, Hull  
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rumsbottom  
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot  
1988 Mawddack, S. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales  
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire  
R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester  
R.A. 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields  
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
R.A. 417 Faith and Unity, M.H., Dorchester  
R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Walsall  
R.A. 580 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
R.A. 663 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
R.A. 731 Truth, Masonic Hall, Dorby  
R.A. 1060 Marazion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool  
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick

## Thursday, 21st January.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea, at 4  
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford  
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kensington  
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
595 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1723 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1991 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich  
R.A. 217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury  
56 Howard, High Street, Arsenal  
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, St. Yarborough  
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
253 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ash-on-a-Moor, Lyons  
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Room, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge  
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton  
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
694 Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke  
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
605 Conquerors, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Gilling  
1011 Richmond, Old Bull's Head, Manchester  
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool

1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Gilling, Devon  
1332 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry  
1339 Ashbury, Justice Room, West Gorton  
1512 Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon  
1872 St. Margaret, St. Mary's Church, Scarborough

1893 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton  
2107 Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket  
R.A. 116 Cana, Swan Hotel, Colno  
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester  
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Hastings  
R.A. 327 St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigan  
R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Penrith  
R.A. 516 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Loughton  
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead  
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
R.A. 1324 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
M.M. Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

## Friday, 22nd January.

60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.  
1691 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
K.T. 29 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

## Saturday, 23rd January.

1679 H. Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1293 Burdett, Mire, Hotel, Hampton Court

## INSTRUCTION.

## Saturday, 16th January.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1233 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1361 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, 730  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent, St. W.

## Monday, 18th January.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7  
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  
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
518 Wollington, White Swan, High St., Deptford  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 73  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1330 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630  
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 272 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 730  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730  
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Wulbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2192 Walthamstow, Bridge Chambers, Ho. Street Walthamstow, 8

## Tuesday, 19th January.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
111 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8  
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
869 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dulston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 730  
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730, 8  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
1549 Craner, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N., 8  
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
2148 Stratton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630  
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 20th January.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
34 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8  
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
533 La Tolérance, Portland Hotel, 65 Portland St., 8  
594 Downside, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8



720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Pav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
 973 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
 1681 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8  
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
 1791 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1923 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

#### Thursday, 21st 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 Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
 1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45  
 1614 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  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

#### Friday, 22nd January.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
 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. 3  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, 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

#### Saturday, 23rd 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', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8  
 1283 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, Fimlico, 7  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith 7:30  
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