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**THE SELF-STYLED GRAND LODGE OF
NEW SOUTH WALES.**

AS might have been anticipated, United Grand Lodge has, at the instance of the Grand Registrar, declined to recognise the Body which, with an assurance that scarcely accords with Masonic principles, has assumed to itself the style and title of "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Free and Accepted Masons." Modesty is not the least among the Masonic virtues, and it might have been expected that a small minority of the Lodges in the Colony of New South Wales would not have gone out of their way and arrogated to themselves a title to which they must be well aware they have not the smallest right. We pass over the fact of their ignoring altogether the claims to respectful consideration to which the eighty and odd Lodges holding under the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland are entitled. These are content to remain in allegiance to the Bodies from which they have sprung. They outnumber the malcontent Lodges in the ratio of about six and a half to one. In point of membership they are overwhelmingly superior, yet in the face of these indubitable facts these disturbers of Masonic harmony have not scrupled to meet together and organise themselves as an independent sovereign Grand Lodge. They have been applying right and left to the various Grand Lodges in other countries for recognition in their newly-assumed character, and in some quarters, on grounds which we shall not seriously concern ourselves about, their application has been successful. By Scotland, Ireland, and now by England, however, this application has been very properly refused, and as the Grand Lodges of these countries are the only ones really affected by the act of this irregular Grand Lodge of New South Wales, we shall look forward with some degree of interest to the steps that may next be taken by the Grand Lodges that have recognised it. Will they continue the recognition now?

The application to Grand Lodge on Wednesday last was refused, for the following reasons, as indicated by Grand Registrar. It had already been refused by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. The new body comprised only thirteen Lodges, whereas in the District Grand Lodges of New South Wales, under the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions, there were eighty-six Lodges. If, then, the application for recognition were entertained, these eighty-six Lodges would become irregular. In his opinion, moreover, the statement in the memorial as to the colony of New South Wales being unoccupied territory was not correct, and equally incorrect was the suggestion that United Grand Lodge should not reject the application on the grounds of the financial contributions of the Lodges in the colony to Grand Lodge—there being, as a matter of fact, no such contributions to Grand Lodge. We are not going to call in question the reasons assigned by Bro. McIntyre for the advice he tendered. His facts are accurate enough no doubt; but we think he would have better consulted the dignity of Grand Lodge, if he had based his advice on other and far stronger reasons. Had

the question involved some nice legal distinctions, such as a man possessing average intelligence, but unversed in points of Masonic law, there might have been some grounds for setting up the course adopted by the sister Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland in dealing with similar applications as an example to be followed by us. It was in the order of things that those Grand Lodges, having similar interests at stake, should do what they have done, but Grand Registrar should not have given their conduct the prominence he did. He should have ruled unhesitatingly that the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales was an irregular body, organised by a number of malcontent brethren, the recognition of which would be tantamount to an abdication by Grand Lodge of the authority invested in it. He should have pointed out that the establishment of such a body in the presence of so vast a preponderance of regular Lodges was, if not an insult to our common sense—as many might be disposed to say it was—a very gross insult to the members of those regular Lodges, the District organisation which held immediate sway over them, and the United Grand Lodge of England itself, to which such district organisation is in its turn amenable. He should have pointed out that even the faintest shadow of an idea that the irregularity of which the promoters of this movement had been guilty was a matter to be argued, could not be entertained with any sense of respect for our Grand Lodge. He should have laid it down, with all the authority that attaches to his high office, that these promoters had set at defiance the laws and regulations of our Craft. He might have gone further, and shown that the establishment of a so-called Grand Lodge in Lancashire or Yorkshire would have been no greater insult, and involved no more outrageous breach of discipline, than did the action of those New South Wales brethren. He might have added, also, that if even the slightest countenance were shown them, there must be at once and for ever an end to the integrity of all Masonic jurisdiction. Masonically, New South Wales is as much English territory as London, with this difference, that the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland have concurrent jurisdiction in it, whereas in London they have not. Had the bulk of the Lodges, in imitation of the example set them some quarter of a century since by Canada, said—We are no longer, as it were, children. We have arrived at the years of discretion, and are numerous and reputable enough to have a Grand Lodge of our own. We consider it would be preferable to the existing state of the Craft in our Colony, with concurrent jurisdictions and various systems of work. We shall organise ourselves, therefore, as an independent Grand Lodge, with all its sovereign rights and privileges, and apply to those from whom we are descended to recognise us in that capacity. We repeat, had the bulk of the Lodges done this, and made their application for recognition, we have no doubt our United Grand Lodge would have acted as it did in the case of Canada, and as it has done in other cases, under similar circumstances, and unhesitatingly recognised the new Body, subject, of course, to the very proper proviso that, if any of the Lodges were desirous of

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remaining in their old allegiance to England, they should have full liberty to do so. In our opinion, Bro. McIntyre on Wednesday last did not rise to the dignity of the occasion. He treated the application with a respect it did not deserve, and dealt with it much in the same manner as he might have done with some case in a court of law which involved certain nice technicalities. Having regard to the position of our Grand Lodge as the oldest and most venerable in the world, he should have ruled at once that the application must be rejected, as it was an absolute defiance of our Constitutions. England is too great a Masonic power to play at "follow my leader."

The position taken up by Bro. McIntyre would have been stronger, as well as more dignified, had he given precedence to his argument, that as there were eighty-six English, Scotch, and Irish Lodges in the colony, the recognition of a body consisting of only thirteen Lodges would stamp the others as irregular. But even here it would have been more satisfactory if he had pointed out that the small minority thus irregularly constituted into a Grand Lodge could not be regarded as representing the Masonic views of the colony with any greater show of reason than the historic tailors of Tooley-street, in years gone by, represented the people of England. He might further have argued that as the bulk of the seceders belonged originally to the Scotch and Irish Lodges, it would have been an act of disloyalty to the Irish and Scotch Grand Lodges to entertain the question of recognition, even in idea, for one single moment. Nor are we quite satisfied that this reason of Grand Registrar's, that to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales would convert the eighty-six other Lodges from regular into irregular organisations, will bear examination. The Lodges in Montreal, which hold under the Grand Lodge of England, are no more irregular now, that there is a Grand Lodge of Quebec, than they were when they were first warranted. We recognised the Grand Lodge of Canada on the understanding that such Lodges as preferred remaining on the roll of Grand Lodge should be at liberty to do so. We have expressed our willingness to recognise the Masonic independence of Quebec on the same terms.

Therefore, if the New South Wales Grand Lodge had been able to give as satisfactory reasons for their being recognised as Canada and Quebec, and the eighty-six Lodges had expressed a wish to remain as heretofore, in their original allegiance, it would have been quite competent—as far as our judgment goes—for England to have recognised New South Wales independence on the condition that all those of the aforesaid eighty-six Lodges which were on her register should remain there so long as they were desirous of remaining.

As to New South Wales being, Masonically speaking, an unoccupied territory, he must be a bold man who would adopt that view with eighty-six Lodges, many of them of long-standing, working regularly in accordance with the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions. Eighty-six Lodges are eighty-six irrefutable disproofs of the statement or suggestion, whatever may have been the sense in which it was made or intended. The North or South Pole, and the region round about, is an unoccupied territory in every sense, that of Masonry being included, but New South Wales answers not the description—except in so far as that the Grand Lodge of England may follow up its refusal to recognise its self-styled Grand Lodge, excommunicate its members, and forbid association with them on the part of her own Lodges. This will be equivalent to a declaration that the Colony is unoccupied, so far as she is concerned, by this irregular Masonic body.

The annual meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, was held on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, when Bro. C. F. Barham installed his successor, Bro. E. Benjamin. The meeting was a very good one, and the proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character. Pressure on our space precludes the possibility of our inserting a full report in this issue, but we hope to do so next week.

Bro. Douglas R. Sherwill was appointed caterer to the Health Congress and Domestic Exhibition, held at the Royal Pavilion, and Corn Exchange, Brighton.

The meetings of the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, will be adjourned until the second Thursday in January 1882, at 9 p.m., on which evening a ballot will be drawn for a Governorship of the Masonic Charities.

The regular meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, came off at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bro. John Waters W.M. presided, and there was a full attendance of officers and members. The occasion is noteworthy from the fact that the death we recorded last week of Bro. Drysdale, the oldest member and Past Master—in fact, the Father—of the Lodge, was made the subject of a vote of condolence with his widow and family in their bereavement. Bro. C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B., who proposed the vote, and had known our deceased brother intimately for some thirty years, spoke in the most eulogistic terms of the many sterling qualities exhibited by Bro. Drysdale, both in his private and Masonic capacity, describing him as one of the most genial of men, and one who sympathised in thought and deed with every object deserving of sympathy. But great as was the loss sustained by the Lodge through the death of one who had been connected with it for the lengthened period of 35 years, who had twice filled the office of Worshipful Master, who had been its Secretary for thirteen years, and who, above all things, had won the love and respect of all its members, still greater must be the loss experienced by his family with whom he was in daily intercourse, and to whom he had always proved himself most kind and considerate. It is needless to say the remarks of Bro. Greenwood were endorsed with the unanimous approval of those present, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Bro. Drysdale's widow the sincere condolence of the Lodge.

St. Michael's Lodge merits our sympathy on other grounds than that of the loss it has just sustained through the death of Bro. Drysdale. A Mr. R. C. D. Bradley, Master Mariner, and Chief Officer of the good ship Sumatra, had been balloted for at the previous meeting, and in the usual order of events should have been initiated on Tuesday. Unfortunately, Mr. Bradley had, in the interim, met with an accident, and, in consequence, was unable to be present. We must content ourselves with expressing the hope that Mr. Bradley will have recovered by the time the next meeting of the Lodge takes place. He will be most heartily welcomed when his health permits him to present himself for the important ceremony of initiation.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was among those present at the meeting held on Tuesday in the Chapter House of Westminster Abbey, under the presidency of Dean Bradley, for the purpose of promoting a suitable memorial to the late Dean Stanley. Earl Granville also attended.

On Monday, the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Prince Leopold Duke of Albany and Prince Christian, visited Manchester, for the purpose of attending a musical soirée, with a view to the cultivation of music. The reception accorded their Royal Highnesses was of a most enthusiastic character, and the speeches they severally made were applauded to the echo. The illustrious party visited Owen's College, the Peel Park, and other places and buildings of interest, receiving an address from the Mayor and Corporation, in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, after which they took train and returned to London. During their stay the Princes were the guests of the Mayor.

The Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Marlborough House from their visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath, at Longleat, on Saturday last.

An Irish Ladies' Distress Fund has been opened at the Mansion House under the immediate patronage of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor.

Bro. Holland, M.P. for Brighton, has been taking a prominent part in the Health Congress held in the Pavilion during the current week.

At the picture exhibition in connection with the show of dogs by the Kennel Club at the Alexandra Palace, held this week, is one by Bro. H. E. Frances, called "Cavalier and Roundhead," in which two dogs of different breeds are shown, well painted, and admirably typifying these historical belligerents.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis), who will, we believe, be installed as W.M. of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, early in the New Year, has kindly consented to preside at the 84th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held in June next.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Richard Hervé Giraud, W. Hilton, William Hale, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas Cubitt, Charles John Perceval, Raynham W. Stewart, John Henry Leggott, William March, John G. Stevens, Thomas W. C. Bnsh, J. M. Case, Edgar Bowyer, Charles Daniel, Charles Lacey, J. R. Gallant, C. H. Webb, Henry Maudslay, and James Terry (Secretary). The death of six annuitants was reported. Bro. Terry reported that Bro. Richard Barnes, an annuitant, had been sentenced to a month's imprisonment for stealing Masonic jewels, and it was resolved to deprive him of his annuity. On the motion, however, of Bro. J. G. Stevens, seconded by Bro. W. Hale, it was resolved to pay Bro. Barnes' current quarter's annuity to his wife, who with her family were starving. Bro. Terry also reported that the alterations in the laws of the Institution had been sanctioned by Grand Lodge, which had also acceded to Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's proposal to grant £1600 instead of £800 a year to the Institution. The Committee authorised Bro. Terry to send in a notice of dissent to the proposal of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway to take part of the land of the Institution at Croydon, as scheduled to their Bill, for next Session, to increase the railway accommodation at Croydon. It was also resolved to remove one male annuitant from the building at Croydon, who had rendered himself very objectionable to the other annuitants there. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and it was announced that the New Year's Entertainment to the Old People would take place on the 4th of January. The Committee voted £20 towards the expenses of the Entertainment. One widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, and the Secretary was authorised to buy the furniture necessary for the enlarged Hall of the Institution, which is now complete. Fourteen male petitioners and nine widows were placed on the list for the election in May next, and the Committee then adjourned.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. SINCLAIR, AT SHOREHAM.

THE body of Alexander Sinclair was, on Wednesday, 7th instant, consigned to the grave in Old Shoreham Churchyard. The deceased was found dead in his bedroom, in an Hotel at Ramsgate, and the coroner, convinced that death was caused by apoplexy, did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest. Beyond this we do not care to dwell upon the melancholy event, but prefer to call to mind the life and good works of Captain Sinclair. Like many another who has made a name and position in the world, he could not boast of a great beginning. A Scotchman by birth, he came first to Shoreham as an able seaman. His excellent qualities, his knowledge of navigation, and his general capacity for every sort of work soon brought him to the fore. His rise was rapid from one post to another, until, in 1853 or 1854, he was appointed to the command of a ship owned at Shoreham. From that time he was for many years afloat, and proved himself one of the most able captains who ever sailed from England. His voyages were principally into the Mediterranean, and in many of them he was accompanied by Mrs Sinclair. The present writer, for the editorial "we" must for the moment be dropped, can say that, in the four years I have known Shoreham, I have never met with greater kindness than from Captain Sinclair. He was a man who could be ill spared, and will be long missed by all who knew him. The death took place at Ramsgate on Friday, and the body was removed from there to Shoreham. Long before the time fixed for the burial crowds had assembled in the old churchyard, and punctually at noon the funeral cortege, which had assembled at the residence of the deceased, in South Down Road, arrived at the gates. The procession was organised by Mr. Brown, of Lancing College, as follows:—The Tyler, with his sword; the Stewards, with white rods; the brethren, out of office, two and two; the Secretary, with a roll; the Treasurer, with his badge of office; the Senior and Junior Wardens, hand in hand; the Past Master, the Master; the Lodge to which the deceased brother belonged in following order; all the members had flowers or herbs in their hands:—The Tyler, the Stewards, Martial music (drums muffled and trumpets covered), the members of the Lodge, the Secretary and Treasurer, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Past Master; the Holy Writings on the cushion, covered with black cloth, carried by the oldest member of the Lodge, the Master, choristers, singing an anthem; the clergyman, the body with the regalia placed thereon and two swords crossed, the chief mourners, assistant, the Stewards, and Tyler. The York Lodge was well represented, and led the procession, headed by Mr. W. Marchant and Mr. J. Curtis, the oldest P.M.'s present. In their ranks were Messrs. Eyles, Burrows, Paige, Grinberg, Anderson, Dalimore, Hughes, Ridge, C. Saunders, O. Weston, and many others who wished to pay a tribute of respect to their late brother. They were followed by the coffin, which was borne by the coastguards, and covered with the Union Jack. The chief mourner was Mr. J. Sinclair, of Edinburgh (brother of the deceased). The Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Harris Smith), performed the duty in the church and at the grave. The service in the church was impressive, Mr. Rowell presided at the organ, and the choir rendered the opening hymn and the "Dead March" most excellently. The coffin bore the following inscription:—

ALEXANDER SINCLAIR,
Died December 2nd, 1881,
Aged 55 years.

Bro. C. J. Smith P. Prov. G.W. and I.P.M. of the Lodge, then addressed the Masonic Brethren most impressively, as follows:—Brethren—From time immemorial it has been a custom among the

fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother, to accompany his corpse to the grave, and there deposit his remains with the usual formalities. We attend to-day at the special request of our departed Bro. Sinclair to pay our last tribute of affectionate esteem for him; and although we are not clothed in the badges and insignia of that Order which he so greatly loved, our sorrow is not less, nor our regret less deep. This lamb's-skin, or white apron, with which 25 years ago he was invested, when initiated into our ancient Craft, is the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. It is more ancient than the golden fleece and Roman eagle, more honoured than the Garter—it is the bond of friendship when it is worthily worn. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased Brother. (Here the apron was deposited in the grave.) By it we are reminded of the universal dominion of Death. The arms of friendship cannot interpose to prevent his coming; the wealth of the world cannot purchase our release, nor will the innocence of youth or the charms of beauty propitiate him. The coffin and the grave admonish us of our mortality, and that sooner or later these frail bodies must moulder in the tomb. The Brethren, now following the example of the speaker, saluted the remains of the deceased in due form. Brethren—the occasion on which we are assembled this day reminds us of our frailty and mortality. "Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets." Often are we impressively reminded that "It is appointed unto all men once to die,"—that "There is no discharge in that war," that the dust must return to the prime of life and full activity of manhood. We hoped, for those connected with him by the most tender ties hoped, that he would still live for many years. The great disposer of events has, in His infinite wisdom, and no doubt in His goodness as well as in His wisdom, ordered it otherwise. It is for us reverently to bow our heads and adore. We are reminded also that life is very uncertain, and warned not to set our hearts too strongly on the things of the present world, but ever to live in preparation for death, that we may be ready, however soon, however suddenly we may be called away. May we so live that all our days are spent in doing some good work, of which others may enjoy the benefits when we are gone, even if we live not to see much of its results ourselves. It is not necessary that I should say much of our late brother as a Freemason. You all know how attentive he was to all his duties as a member of the Lodge, and how admirably he conducted himself in the various offices which he filled, and never were the harmony and prosperity of his Lodge promoted more by the manner in which any member discharged the duties of office. If the death of our brother has made a blank in our Lodge, how much more grievous must be the blank in the family of which he was the head? We are required by that law which is all summed up in love, to weep with those who weep, and surely the present occasion must call forth our sympathy. The widow has a right to expect our kind regard, not only now in the time of deepest affliction, but henceforth continually, and whatever we can do to soothe her distress or to promote her welfare, we will do—I am sure I speak the sentiments of you all—with cheerfulness and alacrity. And now, in conclusion, let me only express the hope that the lesson taught us may contribute not a little to our good, making us wiser, and moving us to greater assiduity in all the duties of life. "The time is short," how short we know not, but at most it can be but a little while till the last survivor of us all shall descend to the house of silence, the place appointed for all living. Let us listen, therefore, to the voice that says to us, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might: for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." But "now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation," now is the time for earnest prayer and for earnest work. Let us resolve, whilst the remembrance of our brother and of his grave is thus fresh in our minds, to be henceforth more religious than we have heretofore been, and also more diligent in business; redeeming the time for every good and useful purpose, so that we may press steadfastly along a path that ends not in gloom and darkness, but conducts to a land of brighter light than ever shines in this world—a land where there is no darkness or shadow of death, no night, no sin, no sorrow—a land of which the inhabitants shall no more say, "I am weary," and where all tears are wiped away from their eyes! Bro. Smith then took the sprig of acacia from his coat and proceeded,—This evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting place of the deceased, is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us that shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never die! By it we are admonished that, though like our brother whose remains lie before us, we shall soon be clothed in the habiliments of death and deposited in the silent tomb, yet through our belief in the mercy of God we may confidently hope that our souls may bloom in eternal spring. This, too (the acacia), I deposit in the grave, with the final exclamation, 'Alas! my brother.' All the brethren in order now passed the grave, casting therein their sprigs of acacia, with the touching words with which the ceremony was concluded.—*Brighton Gazette.*

We anticipate there will be a strong muster of brethren at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday next, the 21st instant, of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, 1288. A highly interesting paper on the all-attractive subject of "the Masonic Charities" will be read by Bro. W. W. Morgan, Secretary of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211. Brethren are specially invited to attend. They will meet with a cordial reception. If further inducement to put in an appearance is needed, it will be found in the fact that our Worthy and Worshipful Bro. Pearcey is the Preceptor of the Lodge.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

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They taught that "He who had neglected or refused to save a man's life when attacked, if it were in his power to assist him, was punished as vigorously as the assassin; but, if the unfortunate person could not be succoured, the offender was at least to be impeached, and penalties were decreed for any neglect of this kind." The Companions who read this can, I presume, perceive the point of the moral, and how it affects us in this nineteenth century—thousands of years after being inculcated on the banks of the Nile.

We in Royal Arch Masonry have adopted among other symbols the four colours, Blue, Purple, Scarlet and White. The Egyptians used them to represent the elements, viz., *White* for the air; *Blue* for water; *Purple* for the earth, and *Crimson or Scarlet* for fire, signifying and typifying the ordeal through which the initiates in the mysteries passed. And as we emblazon the *Ox, Lion, Man* and *Eagle* on our banners, as "having been borne by the four principal tribes in the wilderness," so also can we see that Moses copied them from the Egyptians. We find that the Ox was adored in Egypt, and for why? Because the celestial Taurus, opening the new year, was the creative Bull as worshipped by the Hindoos and Japanese, breaking with his horn the egg out of which the world is born. Hence the bull Apis was worshipped by the Egyptians, and reproduced as a golden calf by Aaron, who but a short time previous, with his brother Moses and those whom they led out of Egypt, had seen that symbol as one of the types and allegories of Nature's God. As the Ox was the predominating figure of the Cherubim, so was he also the most universal symbol of the then known "so-called idolatry," and was frequently worshipped in a compound form. He was looked upon as the great father of Noah, and the ark was called *Ken Taurus*, "the stimulator of the Bull." He was worshipped with splendid rites in that season of the year when the sun particularly was in the constellation Taurus. In India, the bull was held in high estimation and veneration, and was honoured with diurnal worship in conjunction with the Linga or Phallus, as an emblem of justice and prolific power.

A bull was also the well known symbol of Bacchus, who in the Coptic hymn is styled "the deity with two horns, having the head of a bull." The children of Israel, or as then known, the Hebrews, while Moses was in the mountain, gathered themselves together in a quasi state of rebellion unto Aaron, who had previously been set apart as High Priest, and cried out, "Up, make us gods which shall go before us." And he fashioned the gold with a graving tool after he had made it a "molten calf," and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt." They had not forgotten the Apis of that land. To this day the bull is worshipped in the East; is fed with dainty care, and has his attendant priests, equalling the allegory and symbolism of centuries long past.

The Lion was another animal which entered into the religious system of the ancients, in the East as well as the West. In the former, by the Egyptians, in the latter, by the ancient Mexicans, as a most powerful divinity. And the same animal was emblematical of the sun in Persia and Tartary,—for a lion was emblazoned with the sun rising from his back, and used as the national banner of Persia. The sovereigns of that country have for many centuries preserved, as the peculiar arms or escentcheon thereof, the sign or figure of Sol in the constellation Leo, and the device which exhibits a lion couchant, and the sun rising at his back, has not only been sculptured on their palaces and embroidered upon their banners, but has also been converted into an order, which, in the form of gold and silver medals, has been given to those who have distinguished themselves against the enemies of their country. The Egyptian astronomers taught that the creation of the world took place at the precise period of time when the sun rose in Leo, which zodiacal sign was hence esteemed the peculiar habitation of the sun, and this belief gave an additional stimulus to the veneration which mankind entertained for the king of animals.

The Lion, even as far back as the days of Jacob, was considered royal. The blessing he gave Judah, "Thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise," &c. "Judah is a lion's whelp," &c., helps to the thought that the Tribe of Judah is not forgotten by us as Masons, even to this present day. In the ambition which is ever the role of the warrior, the noble, or the monarch, do we find in what signification the Lion is held. Go through the books of heraldry and see how they have all used the royal beast for their armorial bearings, from the days of so-called barbarism up to the full dawn of civilization. The royal animal has been displayed rampant, couchant, cut in two, bound to a unicorn, and in every imaginable position, quartered, lozenged and sandwiched, to gratify the egotism of those who, by caprice or otherwise, consider themselves "lion-hearted," and entitled to display it to generations yet unborn.

In "Bryant's Plagues of Egypt," we find he observes in reference to this superstition, "as the chief increase of the Nile was when the sun was passing through Leo, the Egyptians made the lion the type of an inundation. All effusions of water were specified by this characteristic. And from hence has been the custom of making the water which proceeds from the cisterns and reservoirs, as well as spouts from the roofs of buildings, come through the mouth of a lion."

We find it so used at the present day, as can be seen in the escape water from the fountain at the north front of the United States Treasury.

The Eagle was sacred to the Sun in many countries, particularly in some parts of Egypt, Greece and Persia.

In our Scriptures the King of Babylon is termed an Eagle. It was reputed to have fed Jupiter with nectar, in the Cretan cave, and was certainly an emblem of his kingdom and dominion. He is still called "the bird of Jove."

St. John the Evangelist is always represented as sitting by an eagle.

With the British Druids it formed a symbolic idea of the Supreme God. It was embroidered on the consecrated standard of the Mexican Princes, and the common ensign of the Roman Legions was a golden eagle. It is the bird of the United States legend, the motto, "In God we trust."

The Man, or idol in human shape, was worshipped all over the world, for which custom this reason has been assigned by Porphyry, when charged with worshipping God under the figure of a man. He allowed the deity to be invisible, but thought him well represented in that form, not because he is like man in external shape, but because that which is divine is rational.

The Cherubim of the Egyptians consisted of the four-faced figures of a man, an ox, a lion, and an eagle, in which combination he represented an awfully sacred and sublime appearance. Moses copied them. Volney, in his *Ruins*, page 138, says, "Ye inhabitants of India, in vain you cover yourselves with the veil of mystery, the hawk of your god Vichenon is but one of the thousand emblems of the sun in Egypt, and your incarnations of a god in the fish, the boar, the lion, the tortoise, and all the monstrous adventures are only the metamorphoses of the sun, who, passing through the signs of the twelve animals, was supposed to assume their figures and perform their astronomical functions."

"People of Japan! your bull which breaks the mundane egg is only the bull of the zodiac, which in former times opened the seasons—the age of creation—the vernal equinox. It is the same bull Apis which Egypt adored, and which your ancestors, O Jewish rabbins, worshipped as the golden calf. This is the bull, you followers of Zoroaster, which, sacrificed in the symbolical mysteries of Mithra, poured out his blood which fertilized the earth."

It would be supererogatory for me to say in what signification we use the same symbols.

It is very strange that nothing is more significant in the moral history of the human race than the development of the monotheistic conception of God. In the legends and narratives so ingeniously and undoubtingly related in the Old Testament, we may see, as in an entirely correct mirror, the slow ripening of this conception which was so often in danger of annihilation. Because in early childhood we all imbibed the truth, that the Holy and Eternal must be indivisible, we, on arriving to mature years, overlook the difficulties which necessarily encountered the diffusion of this idea when, in ancient times, it was novel, hesitatingly and vaguely held by a few, and rejected by the majority for the sake of other and older conceptions. Before reaching a belief in the Divine Unity, a people must have passed through long periods of intellectual and moral development, for monotheism has never been met with in a tribe of so-called savages. As to the change which transpired among the people whom Moses led out of Egypt, whether they really were the seed of Abraham, or seceding Egyptians, we can place full and implicit reliance on biblical history from the date when they adopted the art of writing, which appears to have been subsequent to the exodus. The Grand Omnicif word was, evidently, not in use before nor near that event, and if used, as we have some right to suppose it was by the Egyptians, it was conveyed by their priests to their higher postulants, as history informs us, in the self-same manner as we Royal Arch Masons do—in silence, and in the reverence as ordained by the High Priest, Aaron for the children of Israel, even when permitted to use it, and which was but rarely. In early periods, long before the mission of Moses, the Hebrews made use of other names than Yah-Veh, or Jehovah, for the Supreme Being. It is a curious fact that one of these, Elohim, is in the plural form, and that in swearing a solemn oath, three gods were successively addressed, as in Genesis xxxi. 53, which says, "The God of Abraham and the God of Nabor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac." If the Egyptians worshipped a Supreme Being under the name of I AM THAT I AM, the conjecture is not entirely to be rejected that Moses being fully initiated into the mysteries of the Egyptian worship, was the first to attain monotheistic views, after he had been instructed by God. "I AM THAT I AM," say unto the children of Israel, "I AM," and farther on, "I appeared unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as GOD ALMIGHTY; but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

Yet almost in the same breath Moses writes, "Say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD."

It is barely credible that a single mind, however ardent and highly gifted as Moses was, and assisted by Aaron and Jethro, could have converted an entire nation, completely unprepared for such a change, to a totally novel interpretation of the word. He had to resort to many of the workings of the mysteries he had been educated in, in order to accomplish his purpose.

And while his life, from his departure from Egypt until his death at a good ripe age, was devoted to the service of God and founding an empire, he does not appear to have remained fully or entirely unshaken in the new forms he had established, nor to have quite forgotten the old.

The brazen serpent he set up in the wilderness, or desert, as a protection from the snakes which infested the peninsula of Sinai, fully shows that he had retained the representation at Philæ of a brazen serpent hanging upon a cross, and worshipped by two priests.

It was a herculean task to make the effort to institute a new system of divine worship, and antagonizing, as it did, from that to which the people had been habituated. And we see throughout the history of the new nation, that idolatry was not surrendered up, despite the rigid laws laid down against the practice thereof. Up to the time of Hezekiah, a very impure conception of God had prevailed. The slavery, the conquests, and the division of the nation prove this.

From the theories of Moses, in centuries after, the new law became established as we now have it; the grosser acts of the human family were eliminated and condemned; peace and goodwill to all men were proclaimed, and all the theisms gave way before a higher and purer faith.

Masonry, coming down to us through centuries past, has been

formed into various branches, and now stands forth with its banners unfurled and thrown to the wind, bearing the old Egyptian symbols, to proclaim to the world its charities—its beneficences. It has garnered under its mantle all that is valuable of the past, and is ever ready to accept that of the present which can conduce to the happiness and comfort of all who enlist under its banners.

The Royal Arch Mason can deduce from what I have said, that we hold the most useful and valuable of the past, and ignore that which is worthless. We believe in the One Ever Living and Eternal God; we convey our lessons by those symbols which tend to His glory, without oppressing the minds or fears of our postulants, and we hold sacred that Charity which is neither sounding brass nor tinkling cymbals.

The fanatic may denounce us; the sore and disappointed may condemn us; the ignorant may vilify and abuse us; the renegade expose our work; our members may become careless; but God who has been our guide and our strength will be our tower and support, and Royal Arch Masonry, in whatever form it is practised, will flourish, until it gathers into its sanctums all who can understand and appreciate that that Great Name, in all its awful brevity, hath nought unholy breeding it, but both bless rather the tongue that uses it. For me, I ask no higher office than to fling my spirit at His feet, and cry His name, God! through all eternity, and bless the day wherein I first beheld the Light of Masonry.

In conclusion, I would direct the kind attention of my dear Companions to the fact that we must not take the flattering unction to our souls that we are the only repositories of Freemasonry, Holy Royal Arch Masonry, or any exclusive portion of Masonry. Royal Arch Masonry, as alleged by Laurence Dermott in 1754, was not a new idea. He emasculated the Master Masons degree so as to form the new degree, as up to that time the Master Mason received it as the completion to the Third degree, where it really lawfully belonged. Archæologists in Masonry assert that the "Arch degree" was brought from Palestine by the Crusaders, and was used in Templar Masonry very long anterior to the new system under Dermott. And it seems to be well understood by those who have given the subject a careful consideration that the Royal Arch degree has assumed four different epochs so far as its relation and connection with modern Masonry is concerned. The founders of these sublime systems had history both from the Egyptians and Jews for their guides and predicates. And it will possibly surprise my Companions who read this when I say, that ere another year rolls round new developments may reach their ears in connection therewith.

A student in Chinese is burning the midnight taper and poring over Chinese chronicles of ancient date, which are disclosing the fact that the ancient Chinese, long anterior to Confucius, had Masonry, with the use of the very symbols we have in our rituals. They had the square, compass and level, it is said, even before the Egyptians, and for the same purposes as we as Speculative Masons use them, and, to this day point with pride to the fact that they knew the father of the sun.

Most Eminent Grand High Priest Marvin, of Minnesota, impressed me so forcibly in his remarks recently given to his Grand Chapter, that I take pleasure in closing this article, in endorsing his sentiments, feeling that my dear Companions will be pleased with them, and probably be benefited thereby. He said, "Many societies and orders have been formed in all ages which have had a precarious and ephemeral existence, whose names are even scarcely known, and have passed into oblivion because they were founded on selfish and corrupt principles. But such societies as the Ancient Craft and Capitular Brotherhood can never perish so long as they recognize the Divine Master and human brother in all they do and teach; admitting all within the fold, of whatever nation or people under the sun, who will sincerely yield assent to these two great truths; but to guard well the portals of our Lodge-rooms against the introduction of the selfish, the vile and the base, to insure a permanency that shall last as long as any institution which man may create."

This, my dear Companions, is but the echo of the sentiment I have always expressed, and naught is left for Capitular Masons to do but to at all times reflect that God is with us always, blessing Masonry, because it is based on His Holy Name, and many who will long survive me, will in their heart of hearts rejoice that they are numbered among the votaries who, in our sacred temples, are permitted to whisper His Most Holy Name, and bend their knees to Him in prayer. May peace be with you all. AMEN.

G.L. OF F. AND A. MASONS OF IRELAND.

AT the Stated Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Thursday, 1st inst., the R.W. Robert William Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master in the chair, the following brethren were unanimously elected as the Grand Officers for 1882:—

Bro. His Grace the Most Noble the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.	M.W. Grand Master
Most Hon. the Marquess of Headfort	R.W. " Senior Warden
Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.	" " Junior Warden
Robert Warren, D.L.	" " Treasurer
Right Hon. Earl of Bandon	" " Secretary
Rev. John J. Macsorley	" " Chaplain
Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket Bishop of Meath	" " "
Theophilus E. St. George	W. " Senior Deacon
Geo. Moyers, LL.D., J.P.	" " Junior Deacon
George A. Stephens, J.P.	" " Supt. of Works
Harry Hodges	" " Dir. of Ceremonies
John Thomas Banks, M.D.	" " Steward
Jas. Creed Meredith, LL.D.	" " Sword Bearer
Charles Frederick Phillips	" " Organist
W. J. C. Crawley, LL.D.	" " Inner Guard
Samuel B. Oldham	" " Dep. Sec. and Treas.

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GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Perceval's motion at Grand Lodge, will, no doubt, lead to some amendment of the very clumsy way in which divisions are taken, but there is another reform in the arrangements for G.L. which I had hoped some more powerful pen than mine would have advocated in your last, viz.—that for the admission of Provincial Brethren. At the meeting on the 7th instant, there was undoubtedly an unusual number of brethren in attendance, and the result was that, in their anxiety to ensure a sitting, it was quite a struggle to get to the Scrutineers' table, and, as is usual in such cases, the weakest, or I might add, the most modest, went to the wall. For myself I may say, that being of a somewhat retiring disposition, and moreover of only moderate physique, I found I could not, without what appeared to me unseemly violence, get a chance of being passed, and though I reached the clothing room at 6.25, I was unable to leave it till 6.55, while others who came much later, were able, by vigorously elbowing their way to the table, to get their pass and be admitted within a few minutes. It would be presumptuous on my part to suggest a remedy for this state of things, but I have no doubt now that attention has been drawn to it, something will be done.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.M.

R.M.B.I. AND OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I agree with every point in your article of last week, in which you advocate the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart for doubling the grants to the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Grand Lodge is slow to do anything of its own motion, but it very readily and gracefully adopts a good idea or suggestion when it is brought under its notice. If not at all times an adventurous leader, it is invariably a bold and willing follower. I am not at all surprised, therefore, at the fact of its having unanimously accepted Bro. Stewart's motion. The question now arises—Are the Schools to remain, as they will undoubtedly, at a still greater disadvantage, and be left out in the cold, with a small £300 between them, or the half of what is now to be paid annually to the Female Fund of their sister Institution? The permanent income of the R.M.B.I. has jumped at once from some £3,670 to £4,470, but that of the Girls' School is under £2,000, while the Boys' School is in the worst plight of all, the resources it has to look to for certain not being more than £800 at the outside. It is 42 years since Grand Lodge arranged to commute its capitation grant of half-a-crown per initiate into a fixed annual payment of £150 to each School, and, having regard to the fact that between them, some 450 children are maintained, clothed, and educated, I think it is very nearly time it took upon itself to reconsider that amount. At the time the sum of £4,000 was voted by Grand Lodge to the Royal National Life-boat Association, in commemoration of the safe return of the Prince of Wales from India, the Earl of Carnarvon said they had adopted this form of memorial in preference to making one special grant to our Institutions, because the latter would never appeal in vain for support. Well, the necessities of all the Institutions are equally urgent, if not equally great. And now the Benevolent is in receipt of £1,600 per annum, the Schools should have something more than £150 apiece, more especially if it is borne in mind that had the capitation grant been continued, each of them would have been in receipt of a round £1,200 per annum.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

JUSTICE.

9th December 1881.

The annual meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, will be held on Monday next, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, in that city. Bro. J. Sykes Rymer is the W.M. elect, and Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. the installing officer. We hope to give a report of the meeting in our next issue.

The Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25, has removed from the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, to the North Pole, 387 Oxford-street, six doors from Wardour-street, where the brethren meet every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Bro. Baker P.M. is the Preceptor.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE Annual Festivals of this Lodge are usually held on the 9th of December, the date of the birth of the distinguished brother after whom the Lodge is named, and who was for many years its patron. To celebrate this auspicious event, on Friday, the 9th inst., the Lodge met at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, at five o'clock, when the members entertained the following distinguished Visitors:—Bros. H. D. Sandeman P. District G.M. Bengal, Col. Creton Grand Treasurer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, S. Peirce G.D., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., Barron P.G.D., Case P.G.D., H. Smith P.P.G. Chaplain Leicestershire and Rutland, Kerr Prov. G.R. Gloucester, Dubois P. Prov. G.W. Middx., the Hon. C. T. Agar Robartes, M.P., Gooding 1 P.G.S., Stillwell 1, Meadows P.M. 4 P.G.S., Wild W.M. 96, Riseley 103, Wilkinson 145, Johnston P.M. 147, Phillips 166, Bayley 180, Speth P.M. 183, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Ramsay 259, Daley 279, Dumbleton 357, Finch 404 and 780, Kurr P.M. 570, Elgood 871, Edo 874, Breanski 890, Norbury 1118, Rushfield 1395, Dent 1506, Hughes 1556, Hubbard 1704, Smart Urban Lodge. The customary requirements in opening the Lodge having been satisfied, the ceremony of installing Bro. Auldjo as W.M. for the new year was carried out in accordance with ancient usage, and congratulations having been offered, and the Officers appointed and invested, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner. In due course, the usual list of toasts was honoured, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Sandeman P.D.G. Master Bengal. Bro. Dr. Gooding P.G.S. replied for the Visitors. On Bro. Andrew I.P.M. devolved, of course, the pleasant duty of proposing the health of the W.M. In doing so, he spoke in terms of well-merited praise of the manner in which Bro. Auldjo, who was initiated in the Lodge, had fulfilled his duties heretofore, and he anticipated from his experience of Bro. Auldjo's zeal and ability, that his year of Mastership would prove to be a most successful one. After a brief but appropriate reply from the W.M., Bro. Gould gave the "Pious Memory of the Earl of Moira"—Marquis of Hastings. Bro. Gould, in the course of his speech, delineated the career of the distinguished nobleman and Mason, who, on a memorable occasion in the year 1813, had been described by the late Duke of Sussex G.M., as "the Friend of his Prince, of his Country, and of Man." He enumerated the great and important services he had rendered to his Sovereign as soldier and statesman, and what to the Lodge was necessarily far more interesting, his arduous and successful labours in behalf of Masonry. This, the toast of the evening, was drunk in solemn silence. We must not conclude this brief account without bestowing a word of praise on the musical arrangements, of which Bro. Lawler had the direction, and to which Miss Matilda Roby, Bro. Schartau, Bro. Lawler, and Mr. Trelawny Cobham most effectively contributed.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th December, in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk. The Lodge was opened at two p.m. by Bro. W. Hall W.M., and the minutes were confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., who appointed Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. S.W., and Bro. J. S. Cumberland J.W., and proceeded to open the Lodge in the second degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Greensides, was then presented by the outgoing W.M., and the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree the Master Masons retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, and Bro. Greensides was placed in the chair of K.S., saluted and greeted, and the Board closed. The usual salutes and greetings in the three degrees were given, and the working tools, &c., presented by the Installing Master. The appointment of Officers then took place, the addresses on investment being given by Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. The final charges were given by the Installing Master, and Lodge was closed, with hearty good wishes. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. G. Simpson W.M. 1611, R. S. Palleser W.M. 1337, F. Smith W.M. 837, A. S. Davies 337, J. S. Iveson 837, F. Barroby 837, W. H. Conochie 837, J. Nettleton 1337. Amongst the members of the Lodge present were W. Coltman P.M., G. Ayre P.M., J. S. Walton P.M., Charles Elsy, J.P., J. H. Buchanan, M.D., &c. The following is a list of the Officers appointed:—W. Hall I.P.M., Reginald Bell, J.P., S.W., James Walton J.W., Rev. C. E. Camidge P.M. Chaplain, T. J. Wilkinson Treasurer, F. R. Hansell Secretary, Z. Wright S.D., H. Longford J.D., H. Smith M.C., J. T. Hansell Organist, A. W. Cass I.G., W. Coltman P.M. and H. Smith Stewards, C. Kipling Preceptor, J. S. Farmery Tyler. The brethren and their Visitors afterwards met at a splendid banquet at the Fleece Hotel, when the usual toasts were given and a pleasant evening passed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

THE gold and the purple of Grand Officership that mustered in force at the above Lodge on the 12th inst., and the host of the Earl's Court Hotel, West Kensington, must have wished his hostelry had been built on the expanding principle, from the number of the brethren who assembled there to do honour to the Installation of Bro. D. F. Ramsay, M.D., P.P.G.W. Middx., when that worthy brother was placed in the chair of K.S. On this occasion the Board of Masters consisted of the following brethren:—Bros. Sir F. Burdett P.G.M. Middx., H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Giddy P.P.D.G.M. Grigahand, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain honorary member, Col. Shadwell Clarke G.S., Lieutenant Colonel Somerville Burney G.D. (member), Fenn P.G.D., Colonel Phillips P.G.D., Raynam Stewart P.G.D., Frank Richardson P.G.D., J. L. Thomas

P.G.D.C., Binckes Secretary Boys' School, Brierly P.P.G.D., H. E. Frances honorary member P.P.G.D. Surrey, W. H. Smith P.M. Treasurer, T. Holland P.M. Secretary, C. W. Tayleur P.M. member, C. J. Foakes P.M. member, Casey P.M. 33 Ireland, Gladwell W.M. 172, Egan P.M. 858, Ruf P.M. 12, Rolls P.M. 27, Hoadly P.M. 172, Cordingley W.M. 45, Marlis P.M. 1642, Pocock, M.P., S.W. (member), G. Marshall P.M. (member). On the re-admission of the brethren, the following members and visitors greeted the new Master, viz. Members—Bros. Mallet Jones Organist, Becket, Hill, Beckley, Bruce, Rennie, F. Quartermaine Smiles, F. T. Cater, G. Edwardes, Harris Carpenter, Fletcher Jones, G. Mastel, Perry, Morlet, S. Kar, Lichtwitz, C. Godfrey, C. D. Philpott, Giffa. Visitors—Bros. Peacock 857, Whittaker 1648, Gostrell 246, Bargeter 1828, Hall 859, Cook 259, Outre 158. The ceremony of Installation was ably performed by the outgoing Master, the Very Worshipful Bro. Rev. Ambrose Hall Grand Chaplain, who had previously to the Installation of Bro. Ramsay duly initiated the Rev. W. F. Bruce, B.A., and raised Bro. Bruce Rennie to the degree of M.M. These ceremonies were most impressively rendered by Bro. Hall, and were augmented in their effect by the admirable organ accompaniments of Bro. Mallet Jones. The three addresses of the installation ceremony were duly delivered by the retiring S.W. Bro. Col. Somerville Burney G.D. The Officers were appointed and invested, and the W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Hall with a superb Grand Officer's regalia and jewel, which had been subscribed for by the Officers of this Lodge. In a few simple words, and with much feeling, Bro. Hall thanked the brethren for their kind present. The Lodge was then closed. A very handsome banner, (painted by Bro. H. E. Frances), the gift of Bro. Hall, was displayed in the Lodge, and was much admired. At the Banquet, Bro. Sir F. Burdett returned thanks for the Grand Officers, Bro. Fenn P.G.D. for the Visitors. A telling and most sensible speech from the W.M., on behalf of the Charities, elicited a fitting reply from Bro. Binckes. The W.M., in proposing the Officers, reminded them of the Lodge of Instruction formed at the house, under the able guidance of Bro. Frances, who advised them to avail themselves of his instruction. Some excellent singing, by Bros. Quartermaine Smiles, Morley, and Mallet Jones, added much to the pleasure of the evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, Bro. James Griffen S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. W. Bro. L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S.Wks. was elected Treasurer and representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. W. Bros. J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, W. Odam, Tout, and Griffen were appointed the Committee to represent the Lodge at the meeting of the Associated Lodges. It was also resolved to present a jewel to the retiring W. Master, the day selected for installation being Wednesday, 23th instant, the banquet to take place the same day, at Bro. Watts's, Globe Hotel.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 10th instant. Present—Bros. Wolf W.M., Glass S.W., Weeden J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, A. Ferrar S.D., Catling J.D., G. Ferrar I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Stroud, Gribbell, Fysh, Robinson, Parkes, E. Woodman, Killick jun., and Wenborn. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wolf vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fenner. Bro. Wolf answered the usual questions satisfactorily, and was duly entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Percy, assisted by the brethren. Bro. E. Woodman answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge advanced to the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Woodman being the candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Glass was duly elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On the 9th December, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. W. Goss (P.M.) W.M., Tucker S.W. and Treasurer, Gomm (P.M.) J.W., Blasby (P.M.) S.D., C. C. Botley Secretary and J.D., F. Botley I.G.; Past Master Bro. E. H. Sugg; Maton, Jefferys, Metcalfe. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and resumed to second, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The questions leading to the third were asked, and the Lodge having been resumed to that degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. G. Jefferys of Lodge 1089 was elected a member. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for 16th December, and the Hon. Secretary gave notice that he should move at the next meeting, that the Lodge at its rising be adjourned over the Christmas Holidays. The Lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until 16th December.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Maldon, on the 6th inst., and was well attended. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Blue Boar Hotel, where the annual widgeon supper was held, there being a plentiful supply of birds, which were splendidly served by Mrs. Hickford. Among those present were W. Bros. D. J. Wright W.M., H. J. Sansom P.M. and Treas. P.P.G.J.D., F. G. Green P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.S.W., W. Humphreys P.M. P.P.G.J.W., E. Humphreys P.M. P.P.G.R., T. Oldham P.M. P.P.G.R., F. Freeman I.P.M.; Bros. Edmund Gowers P.G.O., H. Venn Ellis, A. H. Priddy, &c. The following visitors:—Bros. S. Sawyer E.C. 1500, L.C. 730, S.C. 145, W. Strutt 697, T. B. Ardley 1224, and C. Brown 1312. A very pleasant evening was spent.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The Annual Supper of this popular Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road. The chair was occupied by Bro. Pierpoint, Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, who was ably and effectively supported by Bros. L. C. Haslip and Tiddeman, his Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Among those present were Bros. T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813 Preceptor, Forge I.G. 619 Secretary, George P.M. 813, Whale, Hubbard P.M. 820, Bolton P.M., W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Wicks, Harper, Moring, Trewinnard P.M., Galer, Wood, Snook, Wenborne, Weeden, Killick jun. P.M., Hawkins P.M., Cooper, Haggard, Allardyce, Hobinstock, Painter, F. Perl, W. Potter, F. Willcocks, A. Marks, A. Perl, J. Greenhill, R. Slaymaker, R. Pye. The business, which was of a formal character, having been promptly despatched, the brethren sat themselves to an admirably served repast, which reflected great credit on the host. When the cloth had been removed, the brethren settled down to complete their enjoyment of the evening, and songs and toasts followed each other at frequent intervals. The event of the evening was, naturally, the toast of "Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge of Instruction," by Bro. Pierpoint, who, though evidently suffering from a sharp indisposition, stuck manfully to his duties, and complimented the Lodge on the character it had long since won for ability and zeal in the discharge of its important functions. Bro. Preceptor Cusworth, whose name was associated with the toast, and who has worked for some eight or nine years most assiduously and disinterestedly in his Preceptorial capacity, returned thanks. In doing so he laid especial stress on the warm sympathy shown by the mother Lodge in the welfare of her daughter. Bro. Cusworth may be justly proud of the reception he met with from the brethren he has so materially benefited. For the toast of the Visitors, Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211 was called upon to reply, and he congratulated all present on the success of the evening, and the career of the Lodge in its corporate capacity. The brethren separated at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 10th December, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bros. Charles Taylor W.M., Hamer P.M. as S.W., Keeble J.W., and the rest of the Officers, including Bros. Headon P.M. Treasurer, and Blackie P.M. Secretary. The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. John Williams Benn and Paul Johannes were respectively examined as to their proficiency, and the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, they were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Gwyn was then subjected to a preliminary examination, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when he was raised to the degree of M.M. The rest of the sitting of the Lodge was devoted to the consideration of objects of charity seeking benevolence; the first was that of a wife of a member of the Lodge, who had been in business in the City, in partnership with another gentleman, but had unfortunately lost his reason, and was now a hopeless and incurable lunatic in Colney Hatch Asylum. This case excited considerable commiseration, and a substantial sum was voted to this applicant from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. It was mentioned in reference to this case that at the marriage of this lady with the unfortunate member, in Paris, a marriage settlement was made, and a sum of money invested in the French Funds, but in consequence of a fiction in the French law this sum cannot be obtained only in the event of the applicant to the Lodge becoming a widow, which is only a possible event, as she may be survived by her lunatic husband. This state of things is looked upon as a great hardship, as she is in want of the money for her support. A petition has been agreed upon, to be presented to the Board of Benevolence. Another case was brought before the Lodge, of a member who had fallen down dead, leaving a wife, and daughter, and this will have to be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Lodge. There being no further business the Lodge was closed and adjourned until the second Saturday in January.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At the regular weekly meeting on Wednesday 30th November, held at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, the chair was taken by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Robson S.W., C. Robson J.W., Laroone S.D., C. Smith J.D., Kimbell I.G., Seymour-Clarke Secretary, also Bros. McDonald, Job, Ewen, G. H. Stephens, Haldane, Kingston, W. Batchelor 1178, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Partridge, W.M. 1445, was presented as W.M. elect, and Bro. Myers duly installed him into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being rendered in an excellent manner by the worthy Preceptor. Bro. Partridge then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. McDonald worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Batchelor 1178 was elected a member, and Bros. Kingston 1249, the host, and G. H. Stephens 1623 were elected Hon. Members. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Myers, for his excellent rendering of the Installation ceremony. This was briefly responded to. This ceremony is worked when there is a fifth Wednesday in the month.

At the weekly meeting held on 7th inst., Bro. C. Robson presided, Bros. Kimbell acting as S.W., Laroone J.W., McDonald J.D., Richardson S.D., J. Robson I.G., also Bros. C. Smith, Ewen, Partridge, W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, and Seymour-Clarke Secretary. After due formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Kimbell was elected W.M. for Wednesday 14th, and Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for a life subscribership in one of the Masonic Institutions, in accordance with the custom introduced into this Lodge of Instruction. As soon as the sum of £5 5s is in the Treasurer's hands, that amount is balloted for amongst those

members who have attended not less than six meetings during the three months then ended, in accordance with the bye-laws. One black and several white balls were used, and it was found that Bro. H. Seymour-Clarke the Hon. Secretary had been "blackballed," (and thus won the life subscribership). We have pleasure, however, in recording that he will not be excluded from the Lodge in consequence, but on the contrary, Bro. Seymour-Clarke will often be present, and ready with the other members to accord a hearty welcome to any brethren wishing to improve their Masonic knowledge, under the able preceptorship of Bro. Myers, and to be in their turn "blackballed" at these ballots.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on the 15th inst. Bros. C. Bellerby W.M., T. Smith S.W., A. Jones J.W., J. Green S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., J. Owen I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary; also Bros. S. Dyer, H. Stephens, Nevil Parker 1428, E. C. Porter, C. O. Walker, Hewlings, Lamb, Walker 733. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Porter candidate. Bro. C. Andrews P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Bros. Walker 733, Parker 1421, Hewlings 1612, Lamb 1612 were elected members. The Lodge unanimously voted the sum of 20s to a distressed Brother. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Bellerby for his conduct in the chair (for the first time). Bro. T. Smith was appointed W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 5th January.

Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847.—The annual meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse. There were present at the Board of Installed Masters W. Bro. J. H. Stephens W.M., who, with the assistance of W. Bros. R. Lose P.M. and S. Jew P.M. Treasurer, installed Bro. Charles A. Nicholson as Worshipful Master. The other brethren present were W. Bros. A. Lethbridge P.M., F. Littleton P.M., Cooper P.M. 105, S. Hearle P.M. 1255, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, P. B. L. Pearce W.M. 1247 B. Elliott P.M. 1247, W. J. Thomas P.M. 159, P. S. Johns P.M. 159, D. Knowles Worshipful Master 159, T. Goodall Past Master 954 and 1550, E. Aitkin-Davies P.M. 1099, L. D. Webber P.M. 1550. The usual business having been transacted, the Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. J. H. Stephens I.P.M., H. Macmillan S.W., R. Lose jun. J.W., S. Jew P.M. Treasurer, J. Henry Stephens P.M. Secretary, Rev. J. P. Garland Chaplain, Isaac Masters S.D., James Lose J.D., I. Morriss D.C., H. R. Farr Organist, F. Goodyear I.G., W. H. Macey S. Steward, John Griffin J. Steward, James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. V.W. Bro. S. Jew was complimented on the accounts of the Lodge as being very favourable, and it is only due to the Treasurer to say he always does his duties well. It was arranged that the banquet should be held in the rooms of the Lodge on 3rd January 1882.

Chapter of Harmony, No. 156.—At the Convocation of this Chapter, held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Excellent Companions Rev. W. Whitley Provincial G.J. as Z. for the second year, D. Banks as H., W. H. Pike as J., W. K. Michell Treasurer and S.E., R. Hambly S.N., George Whitley P.S., W. H. Phillips Janitor.

Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.—A meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Tuesday, the 6th December, for the election of Officers, with the following result:—Comps. J. S. Cumberland Z., C. G. Padel H., J. T. Seller J., J. Kay S.E., M. Millington S.N., G. Simpson Treasurer, P. Pearson Janitor.

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GLOBE.—At 7.30, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, IMPRUDENCE, &c. (Last Night.)

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STRAND.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, OLIVETTE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, MARRIAGE BELLS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.45, PLOT AND PASSION. At 10, A LESSON.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLE, and PATIENCE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, THE CAPE MAIL. At 8.15, HOME.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, PRINCESS TOTO. (Last Night.)

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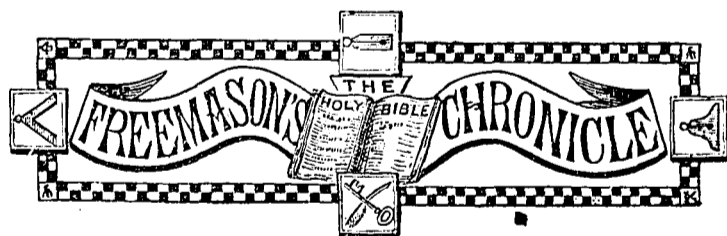
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

AS briefly announced in our last week's issue, the annual meeting of the brethren of this district took place on the 8th inst at Hinckley, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Master, Bro. George Toller jun. P.G.S.B. England. Reviewing the events of the past few years in connection with this particular section of the Masonic Brotherhood, we find that its present Grand Master—the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers—was appointed to his office by the Grand Master in the year 1873, and that at the present time there are ten Lodges working under his jurisdiction, of these, the one held at Hinckley, the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England is the oldest. Its constitution took place as far back as the year 1756, the Warrant being registered as bearing date the 23rd of November of that year. It was granted by the then Grand Master the Right Worshipful and Right Hon. Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, "to Mr. James Rawson, Mr. William Millett, his Senior Warden, and Mr. George Bradnock, his Junior Warden," authorising them "to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the sign of the Red Lion (or elsewhere) in the Town of Macclesfield, in the county of Chester," and

according to an endorsement signed by "Thomas Harper D.G. Master," was "transferred to sundry Brothers, to convene at Hinckley, in Leicestershire, at such times as may be most convenient" (A.D. 1803). At the time of its constitution it bore the number of 47 on the roll of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Lodges, becoming No. 66 at the Union of the two sections of English Lodges, No. 58 at the re-numbering in 1832, and No. 50 at that of 1863. Of the other Lodges of the Province, No. 1560, held at Leicester, is the youngest, dating its constitution from 1875.

From the returns issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge itself, we find there are 379 subscribing members of the Fraternity in the district, of whom a few subscribe to more than one Lodge, whereby an addition is made to the actual number of fees paid into Provincial Grand Lodge of 44, thereby giving the district an actual membership of 423, of which 256, or rather over one-half, are accredited to the four Lodges meeting in Leicester.

The great Charities of the Order have in this district some of their warmest supporters, and it is seldom a year passes but a substantial sum is sent up to one or other of the Festivals held in connection with the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. In proof of this, it is only necessary to give particulars of what has been done during the last seven years, from which it will be seen that a sum of £1,617 16s 6d has been subscribed by the Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland to the Charities of the Order, which shows that considerably over £5 has, on the average, been contributed by each Mason in the district during that period, a result reflecting the greatest credit on all concerned. The actual figures announced at the several Festivals were:—1875, Boys' School, £181 13s; 1876, Benevolent Institution, £109 16s, Boys' School, £12 10s; 1877, Benevolent, £15 8s, Boys' School, £400 18s 6d; 1878, Girls' School, £233 16s; 1879, Benevolent, £125 14s, Boys', £42; 1880, Girls' School, £73 10s, Boys', £194 5s; 1881, Girls' School, £228 6s. Totals—Benevolent, £250 18s; Girls' School, £535 12s; Boys' School, £831 6s 6d. Previous to the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, at Hinckley, a meeting of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, already referred to, was held. At this the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was installed, and the several Officers were invested. The following is a copy of the Report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes:—

"The Committee have to report that they have met and duly audited the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts. . . . Although, as will be seen from the Provincial Grand Registrar's report, Freemasonry in this Province during the last twelve months has not been characterised by the increase in numbers to which in previous years the Committee have had so much gratification in referring, the Provincial Grand Lodge, so far as its financial position is concerned, continues in the most satisfactory state, the balance now standing to its credit being £99 1s 3d, which is considerably in excess of the amount brought forward from last year. The present balance would have been still larger but for the fact that some of the private Lodges do not include in their annual returns, or pay the quarterage in respect of such of their members, as may happen to be in arrear with their Lodge subscriptions, although such members may not have resigned or been excluded, and as a misapprehension appears to exist on this point, the Committee desire the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the subject for the guidance of the Provincial Grand Officers and others whom it may concern.

"In Masonic matters generally, the Committee have to report that the past year has been comparatively quiet and uneventful.

An examination of the returns from the several Lodges shows that the steady increase of recent years has not, during the past twelve months, been maintained, a considerable diminution having taken place in the total number of subscribing members as compared with the returns for 1880. The latter, after making allowances for members subscribing to more than one Lodge, showed a total membership of 417, while at the present time the number has fallen to 389.

This decrease, however, the Committee do not regard as an indication of any lack of Masonic life and vigour in the Province, for from the Reports which have come to hand, and from general observation, the several Lodges were never in a more satisfactory and harmonious condition than at the present time.

With regard to two of the Country Lodges, the hope expressed in last year's report that the almost dormant condition into which they had fallen would soon cease has, in the case of one (No. 1007) received most gratifying fulfilment, the muster roll having, under the influence of its energetic W.M. Bro. General Burnaby, been nearly doubled; while as to the other (No. 1265), a smaller, though most useful, addition of active and energetic joining members from other Lodges which it has recently received will not fail to infuse fresh life and vigour into it, and under the rule of the present W.M., a distinguished Past Grand Officer of Norths and Hunts, and also with an expected considerable influx of new members, the Lodge should take a position in the United Province worthy of the county of which it is at present the sole representative.

The Committee have further to report that, in pursuance of the directions given at a previous meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, now Provincial Grand Lodge collars and jewels have been purchased to supply the place of the missing ones. The set having now been made complete, at considerable expense, it is hoped that in future greater care will be taken by Provincial Grand Officers in returning their collars and jewels of office to the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. A careful observance of the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge on this subject is recommended, and ought to be most rigidly enforced.

In the Leicester Lodges attention has of late been directed to the inadequate accommodation of the Leicester Masonic Hall. At the meetings of the Hall Committee the subject has been discussed on several occasions, and various suggestions have been made, that most generally approved being the entire disposal of the present premises, which in consequence of recent public improvements in the neighbourhood, have increased considerably in value, and the erec-

tion of a more convenient building on a less expensive site. It being apprehended, however, that the powers of the present Hall Committee are confined to the letting and management of the Hall, and do not extend to any dealing with the building itself; and, consequently that the suggestion above referred to would have to be considered and dealt with by the various Masonic bodies, by and for whose use and benefit the present premises have been provided, your Committee recommend that the Prov. G. Lodge, as one of such bodies, should now nominate representatives to act with any Committee or delegation which may hereafter be appointed for such purpose.

In concluding their report, the Committee desire to refer with feelings of sorrow to the loss the Provincial Grand Lodge has sustained by the death of one its Officers, W. Bro. John Wright Smith P.M. 279, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, whose Masonic zeal and energy and kindness of disposition had gained for him the regard and esteem of all those of his Masonic brethren to whom he was known. The members of his Lodge (St. John's, No. 279) have expressed their sympathy with his widow in her bereavement by passing a vote of condolence, and in that expression this Committee most fully concur.

(Signed)

G. TOLLER jun. D.P.G.M.

Chairman.

Some amount of discussion followed the reading of this report, the question of Lodge quarterages receiving the greatest attention. It was urged that the same rule as applied in the case of Grand Lodge should guide Provincial Lodge, while others considered that Provincial dues were of a different character. Eventually a proposition was put before Provincial Grand Lodge, and carried, making it compulsory for the future for each Lodge to remit dues for every member on its roll, whether his subscription had been paid or otherwise. The subject of the Leicester Masonic Hall accommodation was ordered to stand over.

The following is the Annual Report of the Provincial Charity Committee:—

"The Committee, in presenting their report, regret that for the first time for many years they have been unsuccessful in the election of the boy Roe, their candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in October last. Their Secretary called up all the votes owing to the Province, and also borrowed 625; these, together with the current votes belonging to Lodges and members of the Province, amounted to no less than 1472, which in all former elections would have easily returned the boy for whom they were polled. They hope that at the next election in April he will be more successful, but may take this opportunity of expressing their hope that all the brethren in the Province will continue to assist them by sending their voting papers, directly they receive them, to the Secretary of the Committee, and they regret that from neglect of this several votes were lost to the Province at the last election. The Province is now 625 Boys' votes in debt, and at least 300 more votes will be required to make the candidate safe in April next; it will, therefore, require strong and united action to carry on successfully their work. They may mention that they are working on terms of mutual and friendly interchange with the Provinces of Wilts, Somerset, Monmouth, North Wales, Derbyshire, and Lancashire.

The Committee do not forget that in a year's time a daughter of the late Bro. Weare will be eligible for the Girls' School, and towards her election they now hold 364 votes, and they see no reason to fear her failure on the first occasion of her candidature.

The widow of the late Bro. Black, of the St. John's Lodge 279, applied to the Committee for her boy to be placed on the list of candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but on inquiry being instituted, they found with regret he was not eligible under the rules of the Institution; they therefore voted the small sum of £5 5s for her immediate needs.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows claims its turn for our support in the coming year, and the Committee are glad to find that several names have been forwarded to them of brethren willing to serve as Provincial Stewards. They have pleasure in recommending Worshipful Brother W. Carrick Crofts, of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, P.P.G.J.W., as Steward to represent the Province, and they have voted a sum of £10 10s to be placed on his list for the Aged Masons.

The Committee further beg to state that their accounts have been duly audited, and that a sum of £30 8s 9d stands to their credit for the coming year. The Committee cannot conclude their report without expressing their deep sense of obligation to the Rev. Brother W. Langley, for the very able manner in which he conducted the case of the boy Roe. For one small Province to poll such a number of votes as were recorded for him involves (for the Secretary) an expenditure of time and amount of correspondence which can only be realised by those who have themselves been engaged in similar undertakings.

(Signed)

G. TOLLER YOUNG D.P.G.M.

Chairman.

17th November 1881.

Various other items of business having been disposed of Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, as also was the Knights of Malta Craft Lodge, and the brethren sat down to banquet under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., who proposed the customary toasts. Bro. Wright gave that of the Provincial Grand Master, Right Honourable Earl Ferrers, coupled with that of the Past P.G.M. Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., &c. He felt that all must regret the circumstances which prevented the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master at the meeting that day, not that he was not well represented in his Deputy, but because the Masons of the Province were proud of him as their head. They could but feel the compliment his lordship conferred on the Province by allowing his name to be associated with Masonry in the district as he did. With regard to Bro. Kelly, he was too well known in the Province to need any remarks on the present occasion; he was ever ready and able to carry out whatever Masonic duty might be required of him. Bro. Terry proposed the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand

Lodge. This was a comprehensive toast, in giving which he was certain it would receive the attention it justly deserved. In the absence of the chief, it was necessary to have some brother to take his place, and the selection not unnaturally fell upon the Deputy, who in the case of the Leicestershire brethren was in every way fitted to the position. In the head of a Province it was not unfrequent for the brethren to possess a brother with whom they were really unacquainted, but in that of the Deputy such was not the case, he was usually known personally to each of the brethren, and know most of them. For this reason he could speak from personal knowledge of the merits each possessed when called before him on any occasion, and could give that kindly greeting which could only arise from familiar intercourse. Such he (Bro. Terry) felt was the Deputy of the Province of which he was that night a guest, and he was happy to have the opportunity of proposing his health. Of the Officers of Grand Lodge generally he could say little, except that he considered the way in which they had carried out the work of the Lodge proved they were fully competent.

Bro. Toller in reply said the observations of Bro. Terry had really called him to a sense of his duty, and shown him that he really neglected the work of his office, for he must admit he was not so well acquainted with the several members of the Province as Bro. Terry had led them to think he should be. At the last meeting of P.G. Lodge (at Loughborough) he had said he would visit every Lodge of the district, and although he had really carried out that promise, he felt he had hardly acquired that knowledge of the brethren which he should do. The Prov. G.J.W. replied for the other Officers. Bro. Toller next gave the Masonic Charities—he really looked upon this as the chief toast in a Masonic assembly. He referred to what the Province had done, and urged the members to support Bro. Crofts, as Steward for the Old People, pointing out that the district had hardly done as much for that Institution as he could have wished. Bro. Terry replied. He felt that the old adage, that gifts which were carelessly and prolifically strewn were less appreciated than those which required hard getting, might apply to the Masonic Institutions. The brethren of Leicestershire knew what it was to secure the election of a lad to the Boys' School, and the trouble it entailed made them remember that Institution, but as regarded the Old People's Institution, they had secured its benefits for one of their old friends, and that too without anything like the amount of exertion required in the other case; in consequence he felt they had not thought so much about the source from which the grant was derived. In any case they had hitherto been less attentive and less generous to the Institution he represented. Now that they had a Steward going up to represent them, he hoped this would be changed. Their Steward was a popular man, and he trusted would be generously supported throughout the district, his advocacy came rather late, but he hoped that would make no difference. Bro. Terry concluded by remarking that it was the fathers of Masonry—the men who had in their day done the work required of them, and who had made Masonry what it at present was—for whom he and Bro. Crofts were pleading. Bro. Crofts also replied, and then the Chairman proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. replied. The W.M. of the Knights of Malta Lodge, and the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province having each been honoured, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AT PORTSMOUTH.

A meeting of the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth, on Wednesday evening, 7th inst., when the attendance of members was exceptionally large, it having been arranged that on this occasion presentations should be made to Bros. H. W. Townsend and A. Leon Emanuel, two of the principal founders of the Lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., J. Johns Acting J.W., H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Hon. Sec., Latham Cox S.D., J. L. Martyr J.D., Sam Knight D.C., J. McLeod I.G., G. Sylvester Organist, E. Haldane, H. Hyams, C. F. Parker 1293, A. Cudlipp, Colonel Hodson P.M. P.D.G.S.W. Madras, &c. The three degrees were worked, and after the usual business of the Lodge, Bro. A. L. Emanuel proposed that a letter of congratulation be forwarded to Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold on his betrothal. Bro. Martyr seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Threadingham, who occupied the chair, stated that he had to perform a task which amounted to a pleasurable duty. He should have shrunk from performing it but for two or three reasons, one was that their Worshipful Master (Lord Charles Beresford) was unavoidably absent from England, and he had been requested by letter to state his regret at his absence that night. He hoped the two brethren who were about to receive the testimonial which he had to present would not underestimate it because it should come from his hands rather than from one in a more exalted position. They were all aware why the presentation was to take place. He would not go into the details of the starting of the Lodge, but simply state that they were all greatly surprised at the suddenness with which it sprang into existence, and the support it received from members of all positions. From H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught down to the Entered Apprentice all had expressed their pleasure at the way in which the arrangements were carried out, H.R.H. even going so far as to say that he had not witnessed anything like it since the time when his brother was installed as Grand Master. The Lodge had started well, and had so far gone on well, and he could only hope that it would proceed as well in the future. The whole of the success was due to Bros. Townsend and Emanuel. Nothing could have surpassed the manner in which those brethren had carried out their duties, and a handsome sum had been contributed by the members to show their appreciation of their efforts in the form of a testimonial. Bros. Townsend and Emanuel then proceeded to the foot of the pedestal, and the presentation was proceeded

with, Bro. Threadingham addressing the recipients in eulogistic terms. Bro. Townsend, who was enthusiastically received, said that he was at a loss to find words to express his thanks. He had no idea when that Lodge was first thought of and started that it would assume such importance. He had received hearty support from all quarters, and felt that he had not merited that reward. Their gift would, however, be always appreciated by his wife and himself, and after they had gone the cup should be returned to the Lodge, where, he trusted, it would be appreciated by the members, as it was by him. Bro. Emanuel, who was also most warmly received, remarked that he had not anticipated when he took office that he should receive such an acknowledgment of their esteem. They had worked cordially together, and they had also to thank all who had so kindly assisted them, particularly Colonel Bray, who had introduced the deputation when obtaining the consent of H.S.H. Prince Edward to use his name and arms, also to Bro. A. W. Cosser, the Chief Constable, and to the Stewards, who had so materially assisted in the conducting of the installation ceremony. After noticing the valuable help rendered by Bro. Page, he expressed a hope that he (the speaker) might gain the same esteem in the Craft which his late father enjoyed. Thanks were then accorded to Bros. Threadingham and Page for their exertions in connection with the testimonial. Bro. Townsend's testimonial consisted of a massive silver cup, and Bro. Emanuel's of a silver cup and a collar. The cups were on ebony stands. The following inscription was engraved on each:—"Presented to Bro. ——— by the founders and members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, as a mark of their high appreciation of his valuable services rendered in connection with the foundation and constitution of the above Lodge. Portsmouth, December 7th, 1881." The collar was of silver, gold, and enamel, and bears the same inscription, with the name and number of the Lodge, monogram "A.L.E.," garter, shield, square, and compass.—*Portsmouth Times*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of Emergency was held on Monday, 12th inst., in the banqueting-room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, to welcome all brethren of the Brighton Health Congress. A greater attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge has never been known, the room being crowded, the attendance numbering over four hundred brethren. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, presided, and opened the Lodge, accompanied by Bro. John Henderson Scott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other influential members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, while among the brethren present was Bro. J. R. Holland, M.P. Addresses were given by the Provincial Grand Master Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., Bros. Davies Prov. Grand Chaplain, Francis, and John Henderson Scott Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Master welcomed the brethren connected with the Brighton Health Congress, and in a short but admirable speech stated that he fully concurred with his brother, the Mayor of Brighton, in acknowledging the warm invitation given by the Congress last year at York to their Masonic brethren. The meeting, he hoped, would tend to many acquaintances ripening into friendship and affection. The Provincial Grand Chaplain trusted that they met not only for friendship, but for the purpose of learning something new as to scientific matters, and particularly those governing the health of their brethren. Bro. Francis, in an admirable paper (read by Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary, who gave it with rare intelligence), reviewed the history of Freemasonry in Sussex, while Bro. John Henderson Scott gave a most interesting account of the history of the Brighton Royal Clarence Lodge. Each paper was warmly applauded. The Mayor of Brighton also gave an interesting address. During the evening the musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. E. Broadbridge, A. King P. Prov. Grand Organist, H. S. Gates, J. B. Hannay, J. Large, and G. Cole, the whole being under the guidance of the talented Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. W. Roe, upon one of Alexandre's 22 stop and 2 manual harmoniums, lent by Bro. J. B. Hannay, which added to the success of the musical part of the ceremony. The introductory sacred music was from the pen of Bro. E. Broadbridge, and was much admired. The composer also sang the solos in the anthem, "O Lord, our Governor," with marked taste and expression. The Lodge having been duly closed by the Prov. Grand Master, the brethren adjourned, though owing to their number with some difficulty, to the Masonic Room, where they had a champagne supper. The Mayor of Brighton must be congratulated upon the success of the meeting promoted by him.

His lordship held a large and influential meeting in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House, on Tuesday, for the purpose of organising a National Fund for the defence of Property in Ireland. Among those present were the Marquis of Hamilton P.G.S.W. England, the Marquis of Headfort G.S.W. Ireland, Viscount Powerscourt, Viscount Folkestone, M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Alderman Staples, Bro. J. Allcroft, &c. The preliminary steps having been settled, the meeting broke up after passing a unanimous vote of thanks to Lord Mayor Ellis.

Yesterday (Friday) was fixed for the reception, by the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, and a deputation from the Oldham cotton spinners and manufacturers. To-day his Lordship will address a meeting of his constituents in the Salem Hall, Nelson.

GRAND AND PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

The following is copy of a circular addressed, by order of the M.W. Grand Master, to the Grand Masters of the several Provinces, for the purpose of setting at rest the question raised some time since as to the precedence of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers in their own districts.

Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
9th November 1881.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—It having been recently brought under the notice of the M.W. The Grand Master that a question has been raised in one of the Provinces as to the relative precedence of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers within the respective Provinces of the latter.

His Royal Highness deems it desirable to call your attention to the matter, and to inform you that Grand Officers have a clear right of precedence, as such, over all Provincial Grand Officers, whether in their own province or not.

This precedence has been invariably acknowledged and acted on, and has been the established usage and custom of the Craft for over 150 years, without protest or question; and in every case recorded of Great Masonic Ceremonials in the Provinces, the Official Records show that the Grand Officers of England, present and past, have always taken precedence of the Local Masonic Authorities, of whatever grades (other than that of Provincial Grand Master) they may have been.

The M.W. the Grand Master, as the Fountain of Masonic Honour under the English Constitution, has therefore declared that such is to be considered as being, and as having been from time immemorial, the status and precedence of the Grand Officers of England in relation to those of the respective Provinces, and I am now commanded by His Royal Highness to notify the same for your information and future guidance.

I have the honour to be,

R.W. Sir,

Your faithful Servant and Brother,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S

REVIEWS.

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WE are not in a position to congratulate the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes on any fresh exhibition of that spirit of reform which led them to make sundry innovations in their mode of dealing with the Calendar issued under the authority of the Grand Master and for the benefit of the Charity Fund. We imagine they must have become somewhat alarmed at the success which attended the introduction, some time back, of much valuable information. It was a good idea, somewhat tardily adopted, in imitation of Bro. Kenning's "Cosmo," to distinguish the "Ancient" and "Modern" Lodges. It was an act of wisdom to mark the Lodges to which Centenary Warrants have been granted, while it was good to insert the dates of Constitution in the case of those Lodges that had formerly been held under the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients." The "Table of Grand Masters" was, as we remarked at the time, a most desirable addition. On the other hand, as we noticed last year, the insertion of the magic letters T.I. against Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15—all formerly "Ancient" Lodges—is an obvious absurdity. Bro. Hughan, who must be allowed to be no mean authority, has fixed the limits of this "Time Immemorial" in the "Cosmo," and why the Calendar Committee of the Board have gone out of their way to involve themselves in such ridicule passes all understanding. Again, we confess to being of a conservative mind—that is, we are desirous of conserving what is good, and abolishing, as far as possible, the evil. But our conservatism does not go the length of perpetuating error. Yet the Calendar Committee still continues to announce that the Lodges meet monthly, not in so many words, but on "1st Mon." "3rd Thurs." "last Fri." which, if they have any meaning at all, must apply to every month in the year, not to the particular months in which the Lodges meet. Is it too much to ask that Grand Lodge Calendar Committee, with the information at its disposal, should do what Bro. Kenning, who is dependent on others for what they are pleased to furnish him with, has made a point of doing these two years? What is Sir J. B. Monckton, with his Town Clerical mind, about; what Sir Albert Woods (Garter), with his heraldic mind; what Bro. R. F. Gould, with his legal mind, that they countenance so noticeable and so terribly misleading an error? They are all men in whose eyes the strictest accuracy is an absolute necessity. We trust the Calendar Committee will have acquired between now and next November the courage necessary to make the desired change, and that they will not allow the fact of the "Cosmo" having been beforehand with them from making their Calendar as correct as it ought to be, if it is to be of any value to those who purchase it.

DEATH.

MADDEVER.—Suddenly, on the 10th instant, at the residence of his brother, Dr. Maddever, 19 Battery Place, Rotherhithe, S.E., WILLIAM COOMBE MADDEVER, of Nos. 124 and 126 Commercial-street, London, E.

THE OLD KENT MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THIS Lodge held its annual Festival on Monday, the 12th December, at the Crown and Cushion, London-wall, when a number of members sat down to an excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. Medworth. Bros. James Moon W.M. Old Kent presided, W. J. Nicholls P.M. Croydon occupying the chair of S.W., and Pargeter that of J.W. The W.M. was supported by his Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Dicketts and Date, and by Bro. F. Davison Grand Treasurer, D. M. Dewar Grand Assistant Secretary, G. Clark Grand Steward, Turquand P.M. Tenterden, and many others. In giving the toast of the evening, Success to the Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction, the W.M. coupled with it the name of Bro. Turquand the Preceptor, and took the occasion of complimenting him on the interest and pains he took with the Lodge, and on the successful results which had arisen from it. Bro. Turquand, in reply, stated that the Lodge was now well on in its third season, that it had this year removed to much better quarters, and that it evinced every sign of success, both from the number of members attending, the work done, and the state of its funds, adding that the Lodge was highly, and he trusted deservedly, honoured by the presence among them that evening of three Grand Officers.

The Lodge meets on the second and fourth Mondays, of each month, up to April, at 6 30. p.m., at the Crown and Cushion, but as the next occasion falls on Boxing Day, the next meeting will not take place till the 9th January.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Let the sick take heed.—The stomach is the commissariat of the physical system. It furnishes the material sustenance of every organ. If disordered, the whole body languishes; but, however severely it may be affected, its tone and vigour may always be restored by a course of these irresistible Pills; biliousness, indigestion, liver complaints, and other disorders of the stomach can easily be cured by the use of Holloway's Pills. Thousands attest this assertion, and no sufferer who has ever tried them will deny their supreme efficacy. In every case of stomach disease these Pills immediately relieve, and by perseverance effectually cure.

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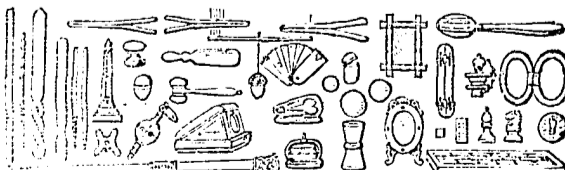
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tregleat, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 432—St. James, New Inn, Huddersworth
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1330—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 394—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1096—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1099—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesa, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Bury-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 234—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich

- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, W.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Prince Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction) at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd., N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 690—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Fortitude Lodge, No. 105.—The election meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when Bro. J. Kitt S.W. was elected as Worshipful Master, W. Bro. G. Bignell P.M. as Treasurer, Bro. W. H. Phillips as Tyler. The Lodge, after a long evening's work, including all the degrees, voted an annual subscription of one guinea to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; and, by the unanimous wish of the Lodge, V.W. Bro. S. Jew P.M. consented to act as the Charity Steward for this Institution.

York Lodge, 236.—A meeting was held at York, on Monday, 5th December, for the election of Master. The unanimous vote of the brethren fell upon Bro. J. Sykes Rymer S.W., who thanked the brethren for their mark of confidence. Bro. J. Todd P.M. was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Calvert was re-elected Tyler. The ceremony of installation will be performed by Bro. J. Todd P.M., on Monday next, at four p.m., after which there will be a banquet, for which we understand there are a goodly number of acceptances.

Pomfret Lodge, No. 360.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 1st instant, at the Masonic Buildings, Abington-street, Northampton. George Ellard W.M., John Bingley S.W., F. Jairs J.W., B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. Treasurer, George Robinson P.M. Sec., J. J. Hart S.D., H. W. Parker acting J.D., J. T. Green P.M. D.C., J. Sadler I.G., J. U. Stanton P.M., E. Haynes Stewards: C. Dean, W. Kirby Tylers; P.M.'s Bros. M. A. Boeme, J. Kellett, R. Howes, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. R. C. Nunn was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. John Bingley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The sum of five guineas was voted to a brother who is suffering from ill health.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—There was a numerously attended meeting of this Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 8th instant, when the members met under the presidency of Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M., who was supported by Bros. Lancaster S.W., Smith J.W., Runtz S.D., Bieling J.D., Day I.G., Tongue D.C., and Davis Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form shortly after five o'clock. A ballot was taken for Dr. W. H. Pardoe, M.D. (who was proposed by Dr. Jackson W.M., seconded by Bro. Paas Secretary); this proved to be unanimous in favour of the candidate, who being in attendance, was duly initiated by the W.M., who acquitted himself equally as well as he had previously done in the ceremony of raising Bro. Jonah Nowakowski, son of the respected Treasurer. Both ceremonies were rendered by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his Officers, in a most impressive and correct manner. Ballot was taken for Bro. E. Bowley, Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Secretary British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Company, who was proposed as a joining member by Bro. J. J. Runtz S.D., seconded by Bro. George R. Foster; this likewise proved to be unanimous. After the Committee, which consisted of the W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary, had handed in their report as to the purchase of new furniture, and some formal business had been transacted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banquetting room. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The health of the Initiate was proposed, and responded to by him in a few well-chosen terms. The brethren separated and departed for home in good time. There were several visitors present, who stated they had passed a most enjoyable evening.

Wellington Lodge, No. 548.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, 13th inst., under the gavel of the W.M. Bro. S. P. Catterson. There was a good muster of the brethren, with the following visitors:—Bros. Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C. England, Dr. V. Jagielski I.P.M. Polish National, 534; B. P. Holditch and H. Cooper, Old Concord, 172; W. Eaton, Southwark, 689; J. Woollacott, Peckham, 869; J. Buckland, Welchpool, 998; H. J. Tallantire, Blackheath, 1320; Thomas Nunn, Chislehurst, 1531. Bro. T. E. Musto was passed to the second degree. W. Fieldson S.W. was duly appointed W.M. elect, and received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. J. J. West was again elected to the post of Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard to that of Tyler. After the naming of the brethren for the Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees, one of the most pleasant and enjoyable scenes took place that ever characterised the proceedings of the Wellington Lodge. Bro. E. J. B. Bumstead has been its Secretary for twenty years, and so well has he discharged his duties that it was thought the time had arrived when his valuable services, his unwearied labours, and self devotion should receive some recognition. A committee was formed, and although only members of the Lodge were permitted to subscribe, a sum was soon collected large enough to purchase a splendid silver tea and coffee service. This was accompanied with an address, elegantly engrossed by Bro. Nunn, of Ironmonger-lane, framed and mounted with much taste and beauty by Bro. Saegartt, who is an old and very much respected P.M. of the Lodge. Bro. Wakefield P.M., who preceded Bro. Bumstead in the chair, over twenty years ago, addressed the brethren at some length, tracing the history of the Lodge and detailing the labours of the Secretary, who through good and ill report had worked steadily on, with the result they now saw—of being a strong, healthy, and happy family. The brethren were taken by surprise by Bro. Wakefield's speech, which though homely was to the purpose and from the heart. The W.M. made the presentation in a very kind and pithy speech. Bro. Bumstead was evidently overcome, and his manner the tone of his voice conveyed more than any words could do. The whole proceedings were marked by deep earnestness, and a sincere desire to pay honour to a brother who

had deserved so well of the Lodge. A banquet followed, which did credit to the catering of Bro. Morgan, and the brethren enjoyed a few hours together in social intercourse. Many speeches were made, Bro. Magnus Ohren responding for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Jagielski for the Visitors. The last-named brother spoke very eloquently, and met with a very cordial reception. The meeting will be remembered as a pleasant one, for never were brethren more united in giving honour to whom honour was due, and never was testimonial more worthily bestowed.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On the 12th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. T. Brooks W.M., Rowles S.W., Cotton J.W., Nicholson S.D., F. Botley J.D., Gray I.G., Duffin Tyler. After the Lodge had been duly opened, the minutes were read and signed. Bro. Tucker Preceptor rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Taplin being the candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the third section of the first section. After a call off, Bro. Andrews gave the explanation of the first tracing board in a very impressive manner. Bro. Rowles S.W. was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 13th inst. Present—Bros. Wardell W.M., Boyce S.W., Allen J.W., Glass S.D., Catling J.D., T. Clark I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Christian Preceptor; also Bros. Jones, Robinson, Smyth, Dignam, Greenwood, Job, Edwards, Nash, F. W. Jones, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dignam was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Dignam was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board, and the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Allen worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Boyce was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The regular weekly meeting took place at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday last. Bro. Howe W.M., assisted by Bros. Rawe S.W., Willoughby J.W., Johnson S.D., Day J.D., Winterton I.G., Smith acting Preceptor, Ives acting Secretary, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Byford candidate. Bro. S. Perritt, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 465, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Rawe was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place at York, on Monday last, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren. The W.M. (Bro. George Simpson) occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. T. Seller I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., George Balmford P.M. Treasurer, P. G. Padel P.M. Secretary, J. S. Cumberland P.M., J. Kay S.W., M. Millington J.W., and a full muster of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were brethren from the York Lodge 236; from Leeds, Gainsborough, and other places. After the reading of the minutes, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and Mr. Mennell was introduced, and initiated, the whole of the work being performed by the W.M. Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hngham P.G.D., a copy of the Bye-Laws of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presented a handsomely framed copy of Bro. James Stevens' lately published Masonic Chart of England, a most useful work, and one that should be on the walls of every Masonic Hall. He also presented on behalf of Bro. Lake (Freemason), an old Masonic Token, struck on the occasion of the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1790, and on behalf of Bro. W. W. Morgan (Freemason's Chronicle) a large bronze medal, struck in commemoration of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1875. Bro. Cumberland also gave to the Lodge library a bound copy of "The Proceedings at the British Association Reception at York." A candidate for Masonry was proposed, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at refreshment, when a number of toasts were honoured, and a most pleasant musical evening was passed.

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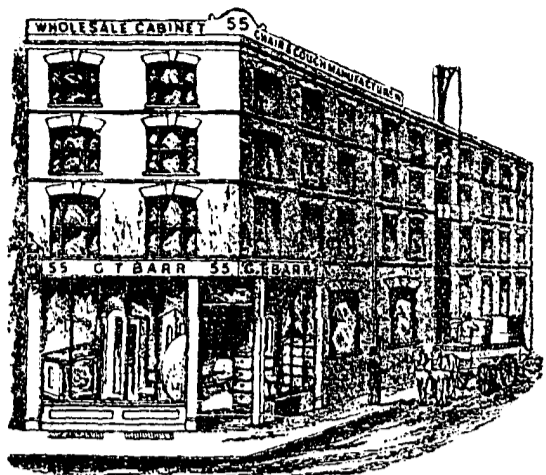


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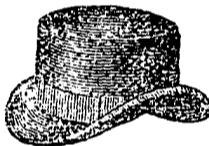
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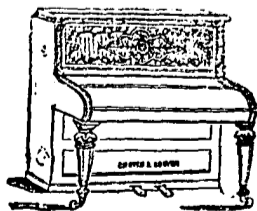
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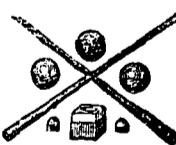
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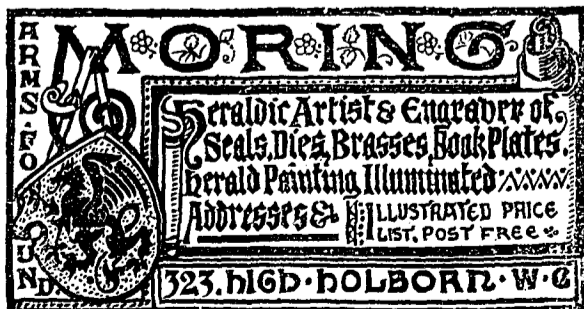
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