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THE LATE DUKE OF ALBANY.

AS we write, the arrangements for the reception of the remains of the late Duke of Albany may be said to be complete, and to-day (Saturday) they will be deposited in the Royal Vault beneath the Albert Chapel at Windsor.

The suddenness of the death of our gifted brother has caused a deep impression, and but one feeling pervades society; a feeling of the most profound regret that the Nation has lost the services of a gentleman and a scholar whose public life, short though it has been, has been devoted to the task of studying how to ameliorate distress, and to promote the welfare of his fellow creatures.

At the present time, when the daily journals are devoting so much space to details of every incident associated with the last hours of our late Royal Brother's existence, we feel it would be out of place for us to say much. Still, all Craftsmen who knew the Duke of Albany are aware how enthusiastic he was, and how willing to advance the best interests of the Order we love so well. We feel assured no section of Her Most Gracious Majesty's subjects will be more sincere in tendering their condolences to the afflicted Widow and the other members of the Royal Family than the Brethren of the Mystic Tie.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

IT has long been the wish of many, if not all, of the brethren who interest themselves in our Schools that the day might come when every deserving candidate should be received into the Institutions without the trouble, expense, and anxiety of election, but such a condition of affairs, however desirable, is far from possible, and we fear that suffering and distress will never so far diminish as to allow the good things provided at our Schools to go begging. The case of the Girls' School, however, is as near an approach to equality of supply and demand as perhaps is good for all concerned. Whether the number of girls needing such support as is there offered is smaller than used to be the case, or whether greater care of selection or a higher standard of examination is in force, we will not attempt to decide, but certain it is that for some time past the number of candidates has not been so vastly out of proportion to the number of vacancies as is the case with the Boys' School, or as was the case a few years back with the Girls. It is certainly true that considerable additions have been made to the number of inmates of the Girls' School, but that cannot wholly account for the present state of affairs, as sufficient time has since elapsed to have provided a whole regiment of candidates if some strong check had not been placed on them. For the coming

election, which takes place on Saturday, the 19th instant, there are thirty-five candidates to compete for twenty-three vacancies, so that two-thirds of those who go to the poll will be returned as successful. This is as it should be, and it is a most gratifying state of affairs to all concerned in the promotion of the welfare of the Institution.

As usual, the list shows varied and, in most cases, urgent need for that friendly aid which the Craft provides for the less fortunate of its members, and, as usual, it is very difficult to say which of the thirty-five girls is the most deserving of support. We shall, therefore, devote our attention to the candidates in turn, adopting the precedence which we have often followed in the past. Such a course brings us first to No. 32, Lilian Edith Thomas, one of a family of four children left parentless and unprovided for. We have previously urged that candidates so circumstanced have the strongest claim on our benevolence, and we see no reason to alter our opinion. It is bad enough for a father or a mother to die, but when both are called away, and their offspring left to the care of friends, the case is sad indeed. All that we hold dear in family ties, and the dear name of "home," must then be all but unknown; for it seldom happens that any other course can be adopted than for the orphans to be distributed among the friends of the family, perhaps never to meet again for years, even if at all. We are pleased to find that this girl is the only one on the list so situated, and we trust sufficient votes will be polled for her to secure her one of the coveted twenty-three vacancies. Her father was a member of No. 1429, Monmouth, and died in November of last year. Nos. 3, 18 and 33 are last applications. The former, Annie Lucie Ochsenbein, who now appears on the list for the third time, is one of three fatherless children, and brings forward 169 votes. Her father was a member of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, London. No. 18, Emily S. J. Hall, has both parents living, and is accredited to the Province of Gloucestershire—this is her second election, and she has 3 votes already to her credit. Being the only Gloucestershire case on the list, there should be little doubt as to the ultimate result, which we have reason to believe will be for her benefit. No. 33, Marion Anita Warner, a first application case, is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was P.M. of a Derbyshire Lodge, and also held office in the Grand Lodge of that Province during his lifetime. No. 21, Rose Ethel Vowles, one of a family of eight left to the care of their mother, polled 937 votes in October last, and therefore stands a very good chance of success at the coming election. No. 23, Beatrice Elizabeth Wright, is also one of eight fatherless dependent children; this is her first application, and we can but hope, for the sake of the poor widow left with so large a family, that it will be the last needed before her admission to the Institution is secured. No. 9, Hilda Sophia Lyon, a first application case, is one of a family of seven left to the care of their mother; the present is her second application, and she comes to the poll with 183 votes to her credit. Her father was a member of a Cheshire Lodge, and on that account we shall expect to find her child among the successful. No. 14, Maude Mary Bromley, also a second application, and also one of a family of seven fatherless children, was more successful at the last election, as she secured 355 votes on that occasion. No. 16, Francis Alice Searle, is yet another candidate similarly circumstanced as regards family and number of

applications. She has been more successful than either of the others, having secured 665 votes at the election in October; another such a total and she will be on the register of the Institution as a pupil. Let us hope that the votes will be forthcoming. No. 26, Jessie Louisa Beilby, the last of the seven dependent fatherless children series, is a new case. Her father was a member of one of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodges, and subscribed for some few years, up to the time of his death. No. 1, Minnie Woodward, one of a family of six who are dependent on the exertions of their mother, now comes forward, for the fourth time, with a total of 758 votes to her credit. Her father was P.M. of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar, and has a record of twenty-two years Masonic membership, a fact which should carry some weight with those who have a voice in the selection of the candidates most deserving of support. No. 8, May Amelia Wheeler, now appears for the second time, with 410 votes to her credit. She and five other children are left to a mother's care, who, let us hope, may ere long be relieved of all anxiety so far as the one now seeking election is concerned. No. 15, Beatrice Mary High, similarly circumstanced to the last referred to, as regards number of applications and family, is much better off with respect votes to already polled; her total now standing at 1395, a number which, although insufficient to secure her election in October last, when only eight girls were admitted, should be ample now, when twenty-three are to be chosen out of thirty-five approved. No. 13, Amy M. Owen, has seventeen votes to her credit from one previous election. Her case is accredited to the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, the brethren of which may be relied upon for doing as much as is possible for her. She is a member of a family of six children, five of whom are wholly and one partially dependent on a widowed mother. There remain five cases in which there are families of five dependent children. No. 10, Eleanor Alice Johnstone is the first of these, and her admission is, we may say, quite certain, as she brings forward a total of 1429 recorded votes from last election. No. 17, Emily Pinder, a West Yorkshire candidate, is very differently circumstanced, as she has but one vote to her credit, still her chances are almost equally good, provided the Province take the case in hand, for at such an election as that coming on it is almost certain they will carry their nomination. It may be a strange proceeding to argue that a candidate who has but one vote to her credit is almost as sure of success as she who has sufficient for a place, but past experiences lead us to adopt such an argument as a good one, and we have no doubt but that the result will confirm our surmise. No. 20, Edith Daisy Capon, has both parents living, but her father is described as being almost worse than death itself. Most certainly such a case should call for more sympathy than one in which the father is dead, for the mother not only has the anxiety of her children, but likewise that of her husband. No. 28, Kate Irene Gooch, and No. 34, Fanny Margaret White, are the other two who are members of families of five dependent; they are both first application cases, the former from Hants and Isle of Wight, the latter from the Eastern Division of South Wales. Four children entirely dependent, and one partially so, are the particulars given in the case of No. 12, Edith Ellen Betts, who now comes forward for the second time, with a total of five votes to her credit. Her father was initiated many years ago, and was at one time Master of his Lodge. We hope his membership was not so far back as to leave him forgotten by his brethren, or that the twenty years which have elapsed since his active membership of the Craft ceased has witnessed the death of those to whom he might look for support. No. 2, Jane Wheeler Hutchings, is one of four fatherless children. She now appears for the third time, and brings forward 431 votes. No. 5, Mary Tanner, also one of four dependent children, has 1233 votes to her credit from October last, and will doubtless secure a place among the fortunate ones at the coming contest. No. 6, Florence Ann Motion, similarly circumstanced as to family dependent and number of elections in which she has already taken part, has 858 votes to her credit, while No. 30, Louisa Kate Pincombe, the last of the "fours," is a first application case. There are five cases in which the number of dependent children is returned as three, and of these No. 11, Fanny Heath, stands the best chance, as she has 141 votes already polled. No. 4, Mabel Harriet Godfrey, has five votes to her credit, while No. 22,

Florence Wilson Bush; No. 24, Marion Bloomfield; and No. 29, Rose Lancaster Haworth, are new cases. No. 19, Lucy Harrison, one of two children left to a mother's care, has no less than 1664 votes already polled on her behalf, a number which without doubt will carry her in at the ensuing contest. No. 27, Lilian Caroline Fruh; No. 31, Florence Eleanor Relph; and No. 35, Mabel Kathleen Wood, are the other cases in which two dependent children are left, and these three are all first applications. No. 7, Florence Alice Weber, brings us to a name well known to those associated with the Girls' School, our late Bro. Weber having been for some time clerk in the office of the Institution. His only child is a candidate for the benefits of the School, and will no doubt secure admission at the coming election, she having already a credit of 1486 votes. No. 25, Olive Ann Hurst, another "single" dependent child, concludes our review; hers is a first application, and she has a brother in the Boy's School.

On the whole, we can but be struck with the seeming want of Masonic service on the part of the parents which pervades the list. There are, of course, one or two exceptions, but the majority of the cases are those resulting from comparatively young brethren, while in a very small minority only is any reference to be found of Stewardships, &c., undertaken for our Charities. One argument is, that the benefits of the Schools should be bestowed not in proportion to what a father has done, but in all cases alike, but can this principle be carried too far? We think it can, and we think that those whose fathers do nothing for the benefit of the Institutions are hardly worthy of being placed on the same footing as those whose parents have worked hard for their profit, more especially when the applicants are Masons of but three or four years' standing.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 162.)

THE Chapter on "Masons' Marks" will be found interesting, but as regards its successor, we think, with all due deference to Bro. Gould, that the story as told by him of "the Quatuor Coronati" is much too overlaid with detail. It is quite true, as he says, that "the history, legendary or otherwise, of the four patron saints of the mediæval building trades must always possess a peculiar interest for the Masonic body, even though it be impossible fairly to deduce those arguments which some have sought to derive from it." But the subject is not one on which we hold it was necessary "to give every possible authority at length," in order to arrive at what is described as a "tolerably safe conclusion." The second paragraph of the chapter gives the story in the following "very few words." Writes Bro. Gould: "Four officers of the Roman Imperial Court and five sculptors were martyred for their faith in Christianity, in the reign, and apparently by the direct orders of Diocletian, and were interred in the same spot on the Via Labicana, a little outside Rome, on the road to Præneste. The names of the five having in process of time become forgotten, it was ordered that the entire nine should bear the appellation of the Four Crowned or Holy Martyrs (although it was always known that there were two distinct sets of martyrs). The names of the five were subsequently recovered, but the whole nine still retained the original title, and the Church, built over their relics, and to which the bodies of other saints were subsequently removed, thus forming a kind of Christian Pantheon, after having been more than once destroyed, subsists to the present day. Hence has arisen a certain amount of confusion, the names of the martyrs and the priority of the respective martyrdoms having been occasionally mistaken the one for the other, while it happens strangely enough that the four officers of the Imperial Court have become the patron saints of the building trades instead of the five sculptors as in strict propriety it should have been, while the *trade* or *profession* of the five has survived under the name of the four. This confusion has, as we shall see in the sequel, been somewhat further increased by the fact of the names of one or two of them having been common to other martyrs with whom they had no real connection." Here we have the story with one or two obvious comments. Whether we are assisted to a clearer understanding of it, so far as the history of Freemasonry

is concerned, by the excerpts that follow from martyrologies and breviaries, is a point about which we have very considerable doubts. Bro. Gould himself says, in the latter part of the chapter, "A good deal has been made of the Four Martyrs, taking the name for the whole, from a Masonic point of view, but as I think erroneously. These martyrs were the patron saints of particular trades, chosen, like the patron saints of all other trades, long after the event of martyrdom, when trades acquired some corporate or other organised form, and when in consequence they chose for patrons those who had some kind of affinity, more or less remote, with their own pursuits." And again, "If Freemasons would only cease reading in a circle, and would take counsel of some other writers besides those within the mystic pale, they would see that the legend of the Four, besides being perfectly natural and authentic, is of immeasurably higher antiquity than anything of which the building or any other trades can boast. It will be tolerably evident to those who take the trouble to reason calmly and correctly, that when the guilds, trades unions, or by whatever other name the associations of workmen may have been called, were formed, that according as was the fashion of the times, they chose patron saints, and that the building trades chose the sculptors under the generic name of the Four Holy Martyrs, as being the nearest approach to men of their own calling." The cogency of these remarks makes it the more surprising that Bro. Gould should have devoted so much space to examining the different versions of a legend, which is not so very material to the history of the Mason Craft.

The concluding chapter of the second volume treats of "Apocryphal Manuscripts," which, with the exception of the "Larmenius Charter," are considered "according to priority of publication." The first of these is the "Leland-Locke" MS., the first trace of which is to be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1753, wherein it is described "as a copy of a small pamphlet at Frankfort in 1748." The value of this may be judged from the following remarks, quoted from Halliwell: "The orthography is most grotesque, and too gross ever to have been penned either by Henry the Sixth or Leland, or both combined. For instance, we have Peter Gowere, a Grecian, explained in a note by the fabricator—for who else could have solved it?—to be Pythagoras! As a whole, it is but a clumsy attempt at deception, and is quite a parallel to the recently discovered one of the *first Englishe Mercurie*." Bro. Gould's conclusion is, "that the catechism must have been drawn up at some period subsequent to the publication of Dr. Anderson's 'Constitutions';" and he thinks it "not improbable that the memoir of Ashmole, given in the 'Biographia Britannica' (1747), may have suggested the idea of practising on the credulity of the Freemasons."

Of the "Steinmetz Catechism," which comes next in order, the author says: "Its antiquity is a difficult matter to determine. To judge by the orthography and construction, we must call it quite modern—say eighteenth century; but it is evident that Schneider may have taken it from the mouth of an eighteenth century workman, and the absence of all archaic expressions and spelling would thus be accounted for. Again, the fact of its being the examination of a saluted Mason—as distinguished from a letter Mason—points to a date subsequent to the fusion of the Steinmetzen with the bricklayers and others; though, on the other hand, it may have been communicated to these new bodies by the old Steinmetzen, and slightly altered to suit the circumstances. Steinbrenner, however, is certainly not justified in calling it the 'Examination of a German Steinmetz during the *Middle Ages*;' he adduces no proof of such a high antiquity; and disproof of course is equally wanting. The age of the catechism becomes, therefore, a matter of conjecture rather than of opinion. The document may be of recent origin, or a survival of something more ancient; though in its present form it is, without doubt, of quite modern date."

The three that follow are the Malcolm Canmore Charter, Krause's MS., or Prince Edwin's Constitution of 926, and the Charter of Cologne; and lastly comes the Larmenius Charter or the Charter of Transmission. The claims of these to be what they profess to be are very carefully and critically considered by Bro. Gould, and the conclusion he arrives at in each case is perfectly satisfactory. Many, indeed, will be inclined to say that he has been at too great pains in order to demonstrate the worthlessness of these and the previous manuscripts. But it must not be forgotten that there are writers of ability who have accepted them.

Thus of the Leland-Locke, Fort, as quoted by Gould, says that "a careful examination of the pamphlet convinces me that it is genuine and entitled to full credence." And again, "whoever wrote the document in question was profoundly learned in the secrets possessed by the Craft;" while of the Larmenius Charter, we are told that Sir James Burnes has written of it: "Startling as is the assertion, there has been a succession of Knights Templars from the twelfth century down even to these days; the chain of its transmission is perfect in all its links. Jacques de Molay, the Grand Master at the time of the persecution, anticipating his own martyrdom, appointed as his successor, in power and dignity, Johannes Marcus Larmenius, of Jerusalem, and from that time to the present there has been a regular and uninterrupted line of Grand Masters. The charter, by which the supreme authority has been transmitted, is *judicial and conclusive evidence of the Order's continued existence*."

We have now completed our lengthy review of the Second Volume of Bro. Gould's important work. We think there is much in it that might have been treated more briefly, but save in this respect, the volume fully sustains the author's reputation. As regards the third instalment of his labours, which has reached us quite recently, we can only say just now that it treats of by far the most difficult portion of our history, and will require to be very carefully and critically considered before we can venture to offer an opinion upon its merits.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

EARLY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE—1731-8.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

(Continued from page 125.)

We quote from William Pringle's Masonic record, as follows:

A° Dom:

W^m. PRINGLE to Stock

				Dr.
1731				
June	24	To 5 Lodge days Omissions @ 6d per diem	2	6
July	5	To stock for this Lodge day	...	6
Aug.	2	To stock for this day	...	6
Sept.	6	To your monthly quota	...	6
Oct.	4	To quota	...	6
Nov.	1	To monthly quota	...	6
Dec.	6	To quota	...	6
1731-2				
Jan'y	3	To ditto	...	6
Feb'y	7	"	...	6
March	6	"	...	6
1732				
April	3	To ditto	...	6

and so on to 2nd July, 1733. William Pringle was a most regular attendant at the Lodge, but one absence being charged against him, to-wit, on 4th Sept. 1732.

We quote from John Hubart's record, as follows:

A° Dom:

JOHN HUBART to Stock

				Dr.
1731				
June	24	To 5 days omissions @ 6d per diem	2	6
July	5	To stock for this Lodge day 6d	...	6
Aug.	2	To stock for this day	...	6
Sept.	6	To monthly quota	...	6
Oct.	4	To quota	...	6
Nov.	1	To quota	...	6
Dec.	6	To quota	...	6
1731-2				
Jan'y	3	To Do	...	6
Feb'y	7	To Do	...	6
March	6	To Do	...	6
1732				
April	3	To Do	...	6

John Hubart was a most exemplary member, for he never appears, by his record, to have missed a meeting from June 1731 to June 1738.

Humphry Murray was elected Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1734. He was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia in 1739, Alderman in 1744, and Mayor of the city in 1745.

We quote from Humphry Murray's record as follows:
A° Dom.

HUMPHRY MURRAY to Stock						Dr.
1732						6
Oct.	19	for quota 6d	...	...	...	6
Nov.	6	for entrance £3	...	...	...	3
Dec.	4	for quota	...	...	...	6
1732-3						6
Jan.	1	for absence and monthly quota	...	...	...	1 6
Feb'y	5	for quota	...	...	...	6
March	5	for quota	...	...	...	6

Humphry Murray's account continues until 24th June, 1736, during which period he was charged with but two absences.

James Bingham was absent but twice between 19th Oct. 1732, and 6th June 1737.

Thomas Hopkinson was elected Grand Master in 1736. He was an Englishman, and Admiralty Judge in the Province of Pennsylvania under the British Crown. He married a niece of the Bishop of Worcester, England; was a member of the Philosophical Society; and assisted Franklin in his discoveries in electricity. He was the father of Francis Hopkinson, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the grandfather of Joseph Hopkinson, also an Admiralty Judge, and the author of the famous American national song, "Hail Columbia."*

We quote from Thos. Hopkinson's record, as follows:

A° Dom :

THOS HOPKINSON TO ST JOHNS LODGE.						Dr.
1733						
Nov.	5	To your entrance and quota	...	£	3 0	6
Xbr	3	To stock	...	...	...	6
Jan'y	7	To stock	...	...	...	6
12 mo.	4	To stock	...	...	...	6
March	4	To Do	...	...	...	6
June	3	To Do	...	...	...	0 6
						£3 3 0

His record continues to 24th June 1738.

William Plumsted was elected Prov. Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1737.

We quote from his account :

WM. PLUMSTED						Dr.
1734						
July	1	To his Entrance	...	...	£5 0	0
1735						
June	2	For one year's Stock	...	...	...	6
1736						
June	7	" " "	...	...	...	6
1737						
June	6	" " "	...	...	...	6
1738						
June	24	" " "	...	...	...	6

We quote from the record of Dr. Thos. Cadwallader, to whom Bro. Henry Bell wrote his well-known letter. (Brother Dr. Cadwallader, the son of John Cadwallader, was born in Philadelphia in 1708, and died in 1779, aged 71 years):

DOCTOR THOMAS CADWALLADER						Dr.
1737						
June	6	To his Entrance Money	...	...	£3 0	0
		To ½ year's stock	...	...	...	3
					£3 3 0	
		To his Expenses in the general acc't	...	...	9 3	
1738						
June	24	To one year's stock	...	...	...	6
1737						
		Contra				Cr.
		By Cash for entrance	...	...	£3 0	0
1737						
June		By Ditto for 2 Quar'ly Payments	...	...	3	
					3 3	
		24th By Cash in full	...	...	9 3	

(The initiation fee appears to have been reduced, about 1737, from £5 to £3 again.)

In 1736-7 Owen Owen appears to have been the Secretary of the Lodge, for in that year this Ledger contains the following account:

* Simpson's Philadelphians, pp 542, 546.

" Dr. The Lodge General Acct. of Expences To Owen Owen. Cr."			
Dr.			

1736						
July	5	To the amt. of the Bill for this Night	...	£1 7	0	
Aug.	2	To Ditto	...	...	1 14	4
Sept.	6	To Ditto	...	...	1 11	0
		&c.				
Cr.						

1737						
June	6	By Wm. Allen's Acct. Fo. 2.	...	...	10	10
		By Benj. Franklin's do Fo. 3.	...	...	14	7
		By James Bingham do Fo. 21.	...	...	10	10
		By Thomas Cadwallader do Fo. 26	...	...	9	3
		&c.				

From the following entries we infer, that in 1737 and '38 this Ledger was used by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for Bros. Pratt and Sing were elected Grand Wardens in 1737, and Bros. Cadwallader and Boude, Grand Wardens in 1738, as appears from Franklin's reports of the elections of Grand Officers in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* of 1737 and '38.

Messrs PRATT and SING, Wardens for the year 1737. Dr.

1737						
June	24	To cash rec'd for the Discharge of the Dinner	...	£5 15	0	

Messrs THOS. CADWALLADER AND THOS. BOUDE, Wardens for the } Cr. year 1738					
By Richard Parkhouse, cash paid his wife	...	...	£2 0	0	
By ditto for his wife's funeral					
viz.: Coffin...	...	...	1 10	0	
Wine...	...	...	19	0	
Sugar and juice	...	...	5	8	
Parson and Sexton	...	...	14	9	
			3 9	5	
			5 9	5	

Under date of 1736, 30th June, is this credit:

By cash paid for cleaning the Aprons, &c.	9
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We invite attention to several archaisms evident in the foregoing accounts. Until 1752 the year did not legally begin until 25th March, hence January, February and March are recorded as 1731-2. So, in one instance, February is put down as "12th month" (see Thos. Hopkinson's account). So the word "omition" is used for "quota," or monthly dues, the charge invariably being 6d. "Omiton" does not signify absence. The charge for absence was 1s, not 6d.

It is evident, from this Lodge Ledger that St. John's Lodge met on the 1st Monday of each month. This we have verified, by comparing the calendar in Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanac" for the year 1733 (in the Philadelphia Library), with the days of meeting each month for that year of St. John's Lodge. It is thus identified with the Lodge, numbered 116, at Philadelphia, mentioned in the Dublin Freemason's Pocket Companion, printed in 1735, brought to light by Brother Hughan. It is also evident, that this Lodge was constituted at the close of the year 1730, or beginning of the year 1731, with thirteen members, for thirteen of the members first mentioned in this Ledger are each charged, on 24th June 1731, with five months previous Lodge dues, while succeeding ones are only charged with their current dues.

We must now close these most interesting transcripts. They exhibit a remarkable record of continuous Lodge life, from 24th June 1731, to 24th June 1738, and refer to some of the most eminent of the early citizens of Philadelphia. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may well be proud of the recovery of this invaluable volume, since it corroborates and authenticates its claim to be regarded as the premier Grand Lodge, and Philadelphia to be the mother city of Masonry in America.

In conclusion we would say, we know that in 1755 there were actively at work in Philadelphia three Lodges subordinate to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June 1755, the Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., by invitation preached a sermon before the members of the Grand Lodge, and of three subordinate Lodges, in Christ Episcopal Church, Second street above Market, which sermon was shortly afterwards printed, with the following dedication.

"To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge, and the Masters, Wardens and Members of the Three Regular Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Philadelphia, this Sermon, preached and published at their request, is dedicated by their faithful Brother and most affectionate humble servant, William Smith.

AN ADDRESS TO FREEMASONS.

AT a recent Sunday evening service, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Buckie, the Rev. J. R. Leslie, the Incumbent, and Chaplain of the Gordon Lodge of Freemasons, gave an address. There were about seventy brethren present, including a number of members of the Innocent Lodge, Cullen. There was also a large attendance of the general public, the church being quite packed. The text was the seventh verse of the second chapter of the Corinthians—"We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery," and in the course of his remarks our Rev. Bro. Leslie said:—

The early Church exercised caution in imparting religious knowledge. Indeed, for the early Christians, surrounded as they were by enemies, eager not only to turn into ridicule but to stamp out the Gospel altogether, it would have been worse than foolishness—it would have been madness—to have communicated their doctrines and rites indiscriminately. Remember that they were constantly liable to be imprisoned, tortured and cruelly put to death; that at any moment the cry might be raised, "to the lions with the Christians"—that they literally carried their lives in their hands—and then you will see the need they had to walk circumspectly. It does not surprise us, therefore, to learn that they had a sign by which they were distinguished, and a symbol or watchword which they jealously guarded as the safeguard of their privileges. That sign was the Cross, and that symbol was the Apostles' creed. In early times the creed was never committed to writing, "lest," as one writer informs us, "an unworthy and profane hearer should hold the secret of God." It was taught to the converts, along with the Lord's prayer, at the close of their course of preparation for admission into the church by baptism; but it was taught only by word of mouth, and was to be carried in the memory; not written down. Addressing such a class of catechumens, the great St. Augustine says:—"Receive, my sons, the rule of Faith, which is called the symbol; and when you have received it, write it in your heart, and repeat it daily to yourselves: before you sleep, before you go out, guard yourselves with your symbol. No one writes the symbol that it can be read: but let your memory be your book for reviewing it, lest perchance forgetfulness should efface what carefulness has taught." In addition to the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, there were other things which were kept secret from the heathen, and even from catechumens. The public prayers of the Church, the ordination of clergy, and the administration of the sacraments were things which the uninitiated were not permitted to behold. "Even the heathen may see our good works," says St. Augustine, "but the sacraments are kept hidden from them." "We do not speak openly," says St. Cyril of the sacraments before the catechumens, but deliver many things covertly, that the faithful who know them may understand us, and they who know them not may receive no harm." "We discourse of mysteries obscurely," says Theodoret, "because of the unbaptised, but when they are gone, we speak plainly before the initiated." And in like manner, Nanzianzen, speaking of baptism, says to his hearers, "You have heard so much of the mystery as we are allowed to speak publicly in the ears of all, the rest you shall hear privately, which you must retain secret within yourself, and keep under the seal of baptism. Such was the practice of the early Church. With St. Paul, the early Christians might have said, "we speak God's wisdom in a mystery." But what connection, it may be asked, has this saying of St. Paul's with Freemasonry? You are addressing Freemasons, and we should like to know what they have to do with "speaking God's wisdom in a mystery?" Before I answer this question, permit me, first of all to express the pleasure I feel at seeing the brethren of the mystic tie for once, at least, met together to worship the Common Father, with one accord, and as one family. Such outward unity does help us to realise more vividly and more firmly that inward unity which ought at all times to subsist between brethren. Well, I have chosen my text for this reason that people are constantly inquiring, what is Freemasonry? They wish to know something about us, and also what object we have in view. In short, they demand a reason for our existence. Now, it seems to me that to all such questionings no better or more comprehensive answer could be given than the words of St. Paul, "We speak God's wisdom in a mystery." I know that many entertain a different opinion regarding it. They set us down as a company of men banded together merely for convivial or such like purposes. But how erroneous is such a view! I do not know if there are any of you whom I am addressing, who, by your conduct, have contributed towards the support of such a libel upon Masons. I hope there are not. But if, unfortunately, there are, I would say to such, "you are not loyal Masons; you have not acted up to your engagements; you are deserving of the severest censure; and the sooner that you begin, by God's grace, to mend your ways, the better." No; it is for no low, or sordid, or trivial object that we are banded together. Far be from us any such debasing aim. Our pursuits are the highest, the noblest, and most exalted which can occupy the mind of man. "We speak God's wisdom in a mystery." "In a mystery!" Yes, we do it in a mystery. There are some who raise objections against us because we do this. They would have us speak openly and before all. But with equal force might the same objections be urged against the mode of teaching practised by the early Church, by St. Paul, and also throughout the whole of Scripture. "We speak God's wisdom." Yes, that is what we speak. And in order to learn more and more of that wisdom, we diligently study the two books which He has given us—the Book of Nature, and the Holy Scriptures. What marvellous things are to be learned in those books! We walk abroad by night, and we look up to the heavens, and when we behold the countless stars, each the centre of a system similar to what the sun is, surrounded with planets, and those planets perhaps inhabited

by numberless living beings; and when, further, we contemplate the wonderful order and beauty of those heavenly bodies, we are simply lost in admiration of the Great Architect of the Universe. Or we walk by the sea side, and as we think of its finny tribes, and watch the ebb and flow of the tide, and see how, at God's word, the stormy wind ariseth and lifteth up the waves thereof, and how again He maketh the storm to cease, our thoughts are once more lifted up to the all-wise Creator.

"Type of the Infinite. I look away
Over the billows, and I cannot stay
My thought upon a resting-place, or make
A shore beyond my vision, where they break;
But on my spirit stretches, till 'tis pain
To think; then rests, and then puts forth again.
Thou hold'st me by a spell; and on thy beach
I feel all soul; and thoughts unmeasured reach
Far back beyond all date."

Or we walk into the country, and contemplate bird and beast, and tree and herb, and we exclaim, with the Psalmist, "How manifold are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!" Everywhere, in sky, on earth, and in sea, we trace the footsteps of a Deity, and discover new reasons for adoring the Sovereign Author of the Universe. Then there is that other book which God has been pleased to give us—the Holy Scriptures. With the Psalmist, you should be able to exclaim, "Lord, what love have I unto Thy law; all the day long is my study in it." Brethren, can you say this in anything like a real sense? Do you make the Holy Scriptures your constant study? I do not mean do you read them all day long, for that would be an absurd question to ask of men who have to earn their bread, and do their duty in that station which God has assigned them. But do you read a portion of your Bibles every day, and pray over and meditate upon that portion as you have opportunity? If so, you will find in them that which, by God's grace, can make you wise unto salvation. They teach you that "there is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness;" but that "in the unity of this Godhead there be three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity, namely—God, the Father, the "Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;" God, the Son, who laid aside the glory which He had with the Father before all worlds, and came down to this earth and became man, and, after living a sad and sorrowful life, underwent the shameful death of the Cross, and all in order to redeem us and make us the sons of God; and God, the Holy Ghost, who dwells in us as His temple, and makes us holy, and not only us, but also all who have been drawn out of this world's surging waves of sin, and received into the family of God. But every privilege has its corresponding duty, and in the Scriptures you are also taught the duty which you owe to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself. Your duty towards God is, in well-known words, "to believe in Him, to fear Him, and to love Him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength; to worship Him, to give Him thanks, to put your whole trust in Him, to call upon Him, to honour His Holy Name and His Word, and to serve Him truly all the days of your life." Your duty towards your neighbour is "to love him as yourself, and to do unto all men as you would they should do unto you." You are not to take advantage of his necessities, or injure him in any way; on the contrary, you are to render to him every kind office in your power. You are always to treat him with respect, and never allow yourself to speak disparagingly of him in his absence. In a word, you are to be as jealous of his good name and honour as you are of your own. So far as lies in your power, you are to succour and relieve the poor and needy. You are to comfort the sick, the afflicted, and the mourner, and oh, how many such there are in need of our sympathy. In short, you are to be foremost in every office which duty demands, which mercy requires, and which love suggests. As individuals, you are to avoid excess of all sorts, to keep your bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity, and to cultivate the full development of your bodily and mental faculties. You will thus be the better enabled to live to the glory of God, and the good of your fellow creatures. As members of society, you are to be diligent and exemplary in the discharge of all your duties, not meddling in the affairs of others. You are to give no countenance to those who engage in plots, rebel against lawful authority, and strive after anarchy and confusion. On the contrary, in whatever quarter of the globe your lot may be cast, you will, as St. Paul directs, be subject to the higher powers, rendering "to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour." Such, my brethren, ought to be the course of your daily life. Part is to be spent in the study of God's Word and in prayer, part in your necessary avocations and in needful refreshment and repose, part in self-improvement, and part, as occasion arises, in the service of your fellow men, but the whole is in the sight and fear of God. Oh, strive so to live, leaning on the arm of the Saviour, and then, whether He come soon or late to call you from your labour, the King of Terrors will have no terror for you. Nay, he will come not as an enemy, but as a friend, to close the period of probation, and to open the age of fruition. Death will be the "beginning of new life, the unveiling of mysteries, the disclosing of the face of Christ, the dawn of resurrection, the beginning of immortality." "Whatsoever," therefore, "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."

"Days and moments quickly flying,
Blend the living with the dead:
Soon will you and I be lying
Each within his narrow bed."

"Soon our souls to God, who gave them,
Will have sped their rapid flight,
Able now by grace to save them;
Oh, that while we can we might."

"Jesu, Infinite Redeemer,
Maker of this mighty frame,
Teach, oh teach us to remember
What we are and whence we came:

"Whence we came, and whither wending
Soon we must through darkness go,
To inhabit bliss unending,
Or eternity of woe.

"Oh, by Thy power, grant, Lord, that we
At our last hour fall not from Thee;
Saved by Thy grace, Thine may we be
All through the days of eternity."

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE installation meeting of this numerous and flourishing Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bros. G. Schadler W.M., C. J. Rich S.W., J. Hawkins J.W., Goodwin Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, W. Walker S.D., R. Dyson J.D., Bourne I.G.; P.M.'s J. Roberts, C. E. Ferry, Charles Daniel, W. Chicken, Cornwall, Arnold, Cook, Bellerby, A. L. Leins. Visitors—E. Bowyer G.S.B., Cook P.P.G.P. Hertfordshire, F. Binckes P.G.S., G. Faber 339, A. Bellis W.M. 1901, R. P. Page P.M. 1950, D. Moss 1275, Wells P.M. 299, C. Holland, R. Barham P.M. 144, Taylor W.M. 1922, R. J. Taylor W.M. 1922, Pedley 1471, R. J. Voisey 1963, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire, E. Singer 1894, G. Hohly 1423, H. Kasner P.M. 1612, H. Bevy 879, J. Brown 974, G. Cook 1580, Oliver 1702, Thompson 1471, Holliday 1777, E. W. Allen P.M. 173, Chapman W.M. elect 1922, B. Neale 179, Stock J.W. 1506, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. F. Steer was raised to the third degree, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Hermann and G. Birkenfeld, who were duly initiated into the Order, both the ceremonies being excellently and perfectly rendered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. J. Rich was presented to the Lodge and duly installed in the chair in the presence of twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The retiring W.M., Bro. Schadler, performing the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, that well warranted the encomiums passed on him at its conclusion. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, Bro. Daniel P.M. ably acting as D.C. Bro. Rich, in very appropriate terms, appointed his Officers, as follow:—G. Schadler I.P.M., J. Hawkins S.W., W. Walker J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, Dyson S.D., Bourne J.D., Haller I.G., Roberts P.M. D.C., Wall A.D.C., Stafford W.S., Speight Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture showed the W.M. had made a good selection. A Committee was formed for the purpose of having a Summer Banquet, and by this means follow the custom that had hitherto given such great satisfaction; this was carried unanimously. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of two guineas. The Auditors' report was read; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and the balance in hand to the Benevolent Fund was £28 16s. Bro. Daniel P.M. proposed that Brother Chicken P.M., who had signified his intention to act as Steward for the forthcoming Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, be voted the sum of ten guineas, to be placed on his list. This was carried. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed. The company, eighty in number, then sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, superintended by Bro. Mills. The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated, and button-holes were provided for each guest. Grace having been sung, the W.M. in eloquent terms proposed the loyal toast, Bro. Holliday singing the solo verses of the National Anthem. In proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present and past, the W.M. said he would couple with it the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer. After a very excellent and humorous glee, Brother Edgar Bowyer responded. He remarked how ably those noblemen had attended to their duties, as indeed did every one of the Grand Officers. He was sure the new Grand Officers would do so in the future. He felt a great pride in being able to say that fifteen years since he was initiated in this Lodge, and it was with a degree of pleasure he now had to return thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. Schadler, in proposing the W.M.'s health, said he did so with much pleasure, for every one who had seen Bro. Rich work, knew how competent he was; the manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair showed his ability. When he retired from the chair, he (Bro. Schadler) was sure it would be said that he had carried out every duty to their satisfaction. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Schadler for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their hearty response to the toast; he felt it an honour to be placed in the chair; he would do his utmost for the benefit of the Lodge. This was a red letter day for him, and he should never forget it. The toast of the initiates was then given, the Worshipful Master remarking how pleased he was to see them. They came in a dual capacity, and with good recommendations. Bro. Stafford sang the E.A. Song. Bros. Hermann, and Birkenfeld very appropriately responded. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Visitors hoped they had been satisfied with the entertainment. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Cook and Mather. Bro. Hawkins S.W. here humorously sang, "Why should Loudon Wait?" Bro. J. L. Mather, who responded, said he was pleased to see the W.M. in the chair. He, now an old P.M., first saw the light of Freemasonry in this

Lodge, which was one he was proud of. He hoped to be present on a future occasion during the W.M.'s year of office, which he trusted would prove a great success. These remarks were very eloquently endorsed by Bro. Cook, who also was a P.M. of this Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M. and Installing Master. The brethren knew Brother Schadler's qualifications; he had, in a most able way, raised a candidate, initiated two, and had also installed him into the chair. His facility for conducting Lodge business had been very rarely equalled. It was with great pleasure he asked the brethren to drink to the toast. Before, however, he did so, he had great pleasure in placing upon Bro. Schadler's breast a gold P.M.'s jewel, the gift of the Lodge; he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to wear it. He had also to announce that the brethren, among themselves, had determined to give him a further testimony of the respect in which he is held; the gift took the shape of a piano, which would, he hoped, be prized by him and his family as a memento of the respect the brethren entertained for him. Bro. Schadler, in reply, thanked the brethren for their valuable jewel; he also thanked them for the piano, so kindly given. He should never forget their kindness. The W.M. said there was a toast not in the list he should like to introduce. It was a source of pride to have a brother present who represented one of our noble Charities; a brother whose heart and soul was with them in the Craft; he would couple Bro. Binckes's name with the toast. Bro. Chicken also, who will act as a Steward for the Boys' School, he would like to associate with it. After a song by Bro. Taylor, "I only live for thee," Bro. Binckes P.G.S. replied; the brethren of the Prosperity Lodge had distinguished themselves in the cause of the Masonic Charities, and he had to thank them for the grant for the Institution he represented; he felt proud of the large amount given by them at the last Festival. The W.M. had announced his intention to serve as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1885; if the worthy Secretary of that Institution were present he would say he was gratified for their support, for he had been enabled to announce the largest amount at his Festival for many years. The Secretaries were doing their best to do away with unwholesome rivalry. £25,000 was raised last year for the Boys' Institution alone. He thanked the members for their kindness and hospitality, and hoped to be spared for many years to respond for the Charities and again to visit them. Bro. Chicken P.M. followed; he had made up his mind to represent the Boys' Institution; he regretted ill-health prevented him being present as often as he could wish; however, all he could do it would be his great aim to achieve. In representing this Lodge he hoped his list would not fall short of three figures. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; their qualities the brethren well knew. Each and every one had done his duty well. He would call on Bros. Goodwin Treasurer, and Brown their energetic Secretary to respond; they all knew his qualities, and thoroughly respected him. Bro. Holliday then sang "Maid of Athens;" he was accompanied by Brother Neale. Brother Brown had great pleasure in responding for the P.M.'s; so long as he held the post of Secretary his services were always at their command. Their Treasurer, Bro. Goodwin, had been obliged to leave; he might however remark, with pride, that in five years their Stewards had taken up for the Charities £1100; this showed they were not unmindful of them. He hoped Bro. Chicken would take up a goodly sum, and also the W.M. They had completed their Prosperity Masonic Association, and had collected in four years £700; they were about to start another. Bro. Roberts would be the Treasurer, and Bro. Walker Secretary. He thanked the brethren for receiving his name in connection with the toast. The glee, "Mynheer Van Dunck," was given by Bros. Chapman, Taylor, Hawkins, and Stock, after which the toast of the Wardens and Officers was given, and Bros. Hawkins and Walker responded. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, after passing a very agreeable evening. Bro. Roberts looked after the comforts of the brethren and Visitors.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The annual meeting of the Audit Committee of the above-named Lodge was held at the Café Nicol, Regent-street, on Monday, 31st ult., when a most satisfactory report was handed in by the Secretary, Bro. W. Paas P.M. The following brethren were present: Bros. E. T. Smith W.M., J. J. Runtz W.M. elect, and the following P.M.'s, Major Szulczewski, Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Jackson, J. Lancaster, F. Rath, W. Paas Secretary and J. Nowakowski Treasurer; also Bros. Edrupt, Davenport, J. Nowakowski and E. E. Geflowski.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The weekly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, when Bro. W. M. Stiles presided, assisted by the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge, as follows:—Bros. Edwin Storr S.W., P.M. Scales J.W., Saunders S.D., J. B. Smith J.D., Ashton I.G., also Bros. Barratt Kidder, Scurrah, Ager, Dixie, Weeden, Ockelford, George P.M., Clark P.M., Henry Stiles, Oldham, A. Ferrar, Henry, G. Ferrar, Sillis. Lodge having been duly opened the chair was vacated in favour of Bro. Ager, who rehearsed the initiation ceremony, after which the W.M. resumed the chair, and Lodge was advanced. Bro. Sillis was presented as a candidate for the Master's Chair, and having been obligated was duly installed, Bro. Stiles W.M. acting as Installing Master. A vote of thanks was recorded to him for the very impressive manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, as well as to the members of the Metropolitan Lodge for their kindness in visiting the New Concord. Nothing further having been offered for the advancement of Freemasonry or the Lodge, it was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned until Wednesday, 9th April. The brethren afterwards indulged in a little harmony; several good songs were sung and recitations given, to the delight of all.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.

THERE was a capital meeting of the above flourishing Lodge on Tuesday last, at Bro. W. Davis's, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. Bro. E. H. Rolfe W.M. was supported by Bros. W. Buchan P.M. as S.W. (in the regrettable absence through indisposition of Bro. I. Charlton S.W.), Esmond J.W., E. Jex P.M. Treasurer, R. Bradbrook P.M. Secretary, C. Wakefield S.D., L. Ettling (who we were pleased to see again in good health) J.D., J. W. Moore P.M. I.G., Very Tyler; T. W. Gilling I.P.M.; W. Hancock, Rowe, Atkins, and numerous brethren. Visitors—Bros. Ross, Collet, &c. The work before the Lodge was to raise Bro. Larnder, and initiate Mr. Cole, who, after a successful test by ballot, was impressively admitted into the Order. At the conclusion of the ceremonial, Bro. Jex alluded to the recent loss the country and the Craft had sustained by the lamentable and sudden death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. Bro. Jex concluded a feeling address by proposing that a vote of condolence be forwarded to Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons. This was seconded by Bro. Buchan P.M., and carried in solemn silence. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon P.M. 174 Organist then played Handel's "Dead March in Saul," and Lodge was solemnly closed. After banquet, Bro. Rolfe introduced the usual toasts, expressive of Loyalty to the Throne and prosperity to the best interests of the Craft, but these were pledged in solemn silence, and no music was given, save an impressive rendering of Rossini's grand supplicatory chorus, "To thee, Great Lord!" ("Moses in Egitto").

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1884, at the Commercial Hotel, at six o'clock p.m. Bros. R. Latham W.M., W. Court I.P.M., John Barrett S.W., E. G. Harwood J.W., George Ferguson Treasurer, N. Nicholson Secretary, A. Cosgrove S.D., L. B. Long J.D., J. W. Taylor D.C., Thomas E. Smith Organist, W. E. Bardsley I.G., P.M. G. P. Brockbank G.S.S., Thomas Morris 221, J. Richardson 221, Thomas Higson 348, J. Heywood, J. H. Greenhalgh; Bros. Collins, Whewell, Togg, Morris, Bolton, Kershaw, Hawksworth, Parkinson, Naylor, Forbes, Pendlebury, Goulburn, Derham, Arden. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. William Broughton, of St. John's Lodge, 221, Bolton, was balloted for and elected. It being the customary period for the election of W.M., Bro. Barrett rose and expressed in graceful terms his wish that the brethren would not consider him in any way in making choice of a Master for the ensuing year, and suggested that Bro. Harwood, who was now fulfilling his second year of office as Mayor of Bolton, should be elected to preside over them. Bro. Harwood was the first initiate in the Lodge who had qualified for election as W.M. since its formation, and from his popularity in the borough, and his earnest and thorough-going character as a working Mason, he considered his appointment would be a compliment to his municipal office, and a reward for his zeal as a Mason. Bro. Harwood, in expressing his high appreciation of the favour proposed to be conferred upon him, disclaimed any wish to be unduly promoted at the expense of a worthy Mason and elder brother, as having worked his way from the door of the Lodge to his present position he would personally greatly have preferred to continue in the usual course, so as hereafter to be enabled to say that he had served every ordinary office from a Steward to the Mastership of his mother Lodge, but yielding to the strongly-expressed views of Bro. Barrett, to whose kindly courtesy and fraternal conduct he paid an earnest and grateful tribute, supplemented as it was by the solicitations of the brethren, he would, if unanimously elected, accept the position, and discharge its duties in such a manner as he hoped would give every brother satisfaction, and leave no cause to regret the confidence reposed in him. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Harwood. Bros. George Ferguson P. Prov. G.S. of Works was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bros. P.M.'s Collins and Hawksworth were appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year. The thanks of the brethren were voted to Bro. Latham for the able, efficient, and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office for the past year, and a P.M.'s jewel was awarded to him, to be presented on the occasion of the installation of his successor. Bro. Barrett was highly complimented for the prompt and spontaneous manner in which he suggested the propriety of offering to waive his claim to promotion in favour of the Mayor by his pressing the matter, and succeeding in removing any objections raised in acceding to his wishes. A portion of the Ancient Charges having been read, Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 7.30. The Festival will be held on St. George's Day, 22nd April.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. W. F. Poulton W.M., J. Greenfield S.W., Allison J.W., Larter acting S.D., C. Dearing acting I.G., J. Osborn P.M. Secretary, S. Hollidge Treasurer, and Bros. Garner, Field, Wood, Harman, Dresden, and others; also P.M.'s Weston and Percy. Bro. F. Small was passed to the second degree. Bro. J. Greenfield was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Hollidge having expressed his desire to retire from the office of Treasurer, so as to take an active working collar next year, Bro. Weston P.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Tyler. Upon the motion of Bro. Greenfield, a jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to the W.M. in recognition of his services for the past year. Auditors having been appointed, Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren afterwards partook of a very homely but seasonable supper, without wines. The usual toasts were given. Bro. Greenfield, in responding to the toast of the evening—the W.M. elect, which was most feelingly proposed by Bro. Poulton—reminded

the members that he was the first initiate of the Lodge who had attained that proud position, and alluded to the excellent feeling prevailing amongst the brethren, who were in every sense a band of brothers. Several songs were sung, and the Charity Box having been passed round with a good result, the brethren separated, having spent an agreeable evening.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

A LODGE of Emergency was held on Monday, the 31st ult., for the purpose of expressing sympathy and condolence with the Royal Family on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and Earl of Clarence, K.G., the R.W.M. of this Lodge for the present year. The Lodge furniture was draped with crape, and there was a full attendance of brethren, all of whom wore mourning. The W.D.M. Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives P. Prov. G.S. Oxon presided, and was supported by V.W. Bro. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. England D.P.G.M., and Bros. Dr. Sedgwick P.G.C. England, Charles Coope P. Prov. G.I.D., C. H. Vincent I.P.M. Secretary, J. E. Barnes S.W., the Rev. B. B. Syer J.W., B. L. Tandy Treasurer, Thomas Stokoe D.C., W. L. Fenner J.D., and other brethren. General Ives referred in feeling terms to the loss sustained by the Royal Family, the Nation, and the Craft, and especially by this Lodge, in the sad event which had so unexpectedly deprived it of its head. It was ordered that the brethren should wear Masonic mourning for the rest of the year, and resolved that the next regular meeting of the Lodge should be postponed until May. Suitable addresses of condolence were adopted, and on the motion of V.W. Bro. Martyn, seconded by Bro. Cook P.M., it was resolved that they should be signed by the W.D.M. and Secretary and forwarded to Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and also to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Bro. Martyn having stated that he was about to conduct the funeral of Bro. William Page Phillips P.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 81, at which the Clare brethren had also been invited to be present, Bro. Martyn, was on the motion of the W.D.M., seconded by Bro. Barnes S.W., requested to convey to Bro. W. P. Thomas Phillips, of Melton Grange, Woodbridge, an assurance of sympathy on the loss of his son, who was highly esteemed in the Province. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed.

By the courtesy of Bro. Vincent P.M. we have been favoured with the text of the addresses, which is as follows:—

"TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

May it please your Majesty,

MADAM,

We, the Deputy Master, Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons (this day specially assembled), desire most respectfully to express our heartfelt sympathy and condolence with your Majesty and the members of your Royal Family, on the death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., our beloved Right Worshipful Master for the present year.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

CECIL IVES, Major-General, Dep. Master.

CHAS. HENRY VINCENT, I.P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, 31st March 1884."

TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY.

May it please your Royal Highness,

MADAM,

We, the Deputy Master, Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons (this day specially assembled), desire to express our great sorrow at the untimely death of our Right Worshipful Master H.R.H. The Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G.

With all reverence and humility we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will in His own good time assuage and mitigate the affliction of your Royal Highness, to whom we respectfully offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

CECIL IVES, Major-General, Dep. Master.

CHAS. HENRY VINCENT, I.P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, 31st March 1884.

"TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
GRAND MASTER.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,

We, the Deputy Master, Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1823, of which H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G., was our beloved Right Worshipful Master for the present year, desire most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness and the members of your Royal Family our deep sympathy and condolence in this present hour of sorrow and affliction.

The untimely death of His Royal Highness is most sincerely deplored by this Lodge (now specially assembled), which has been honoured with so many marks of His Royal Highness's special favour and interest.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

CECIL IVES, Major-General, Dep. Master.

CHAS. HENRY VINCENT, I.P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, 31st March 1884.

An emergency meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, on Monday next, at two o'clock, to prepare an address of condolence to the Queen and Duchess of Albany.

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THE NINETY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this
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THE favour of the VOTES and INTEREST of the Governors and
Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of
LIONEL BLENKINSOP J. MANBY,
AGED 9 YEARS.

The Candidate's father, Bro. JOHN C. MANBY, was initiated in the Sincerity
Lodge, No. 202, Liverpool, in 1859, and on his removal to London joined Prudent
Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and the Chapter, and continued to be a subscrib-
ing member of the same until his death, which took place in January 1883. He
leaves a widow and four young children very inadequately provided for.
Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs. MANBY, Ashwick
Cottage, Oakhill, Bath.

VOTES AND INTEREST ARE SOLICITED FOR
MRS. JANE TRIBE, aged 63,
WIDOW of Brother George Henry Tribe, who was initiated 1858
in No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand; joined No. 609, Christchurch, New
Zealand; was first Worshipful Master of No. 1241, Ross, New Zealand; sub-
sequently District Grand Chaplain Westland; and District Grand Treasurer
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Votes thankfully received by
Mr. C. BECKINGHAM, 415 Strand; or by
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THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, the 30th
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Rhyl, Ruthin, Birkenhead, Chester, Northwich, Blackburn, Blackpool
(Talbot Road), Bolton, Preston, Southport, Wigan, Crewe, Nantwich,
Whitchurch, Craven Arms, Hereford, Leominster, Ludlow, Llanidloes,
Llandrindod (Wells), Montgomery, Newtown, Minsterley, Oswestry,
Welchpool, Newport (Salop), Shrewsbury, Wellington, Stafford, Maccles-
field, Bollington, Marple, Longport, Stoke, and Stone, for 6 days.
C For Allerton, Ashton, Batley, Dewsbury, Ditton, Huddersfield, Bradford,
Halifax, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Runcorn, Staley-
bridge, Stockport, Warrington, Widnes, Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith,
Barton, Derby, Lichfield, Tamworth, Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry,
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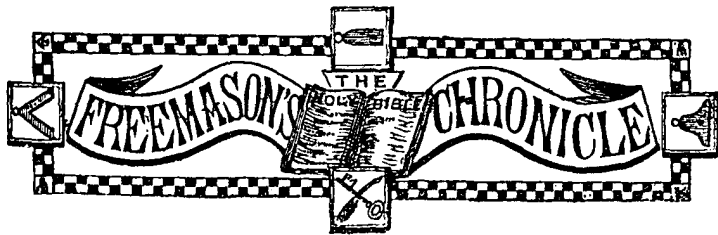
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, under the presidency of R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. Bro. Capt. Hunter, of Plas Coch, assisted by his V.W. D.Prov. G.M. Dr. Roden, of Llandudno, &c. The Snowdonian Lodge, No. 259, was opened at eleven o'clock. The usual business being gone through, the W.M. Bro. J. G. Tuxford, in masterly style, advanced a brother to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Grand Lodge was announced, and received at one o'clock, the R.W. P.G.M. in the chair, assisted by his Prov. Officers, opened P.G. Lodge. Addressing the brethren, the P.G.M. congratulated them on the progress that had been made by the Order last year. It was a very great satisfaction to find that the Prince of Wales held the highest position of a Past G.M. of the Order, which

proved the deep interest H.R.H. took in all the branches of Masonry to which he belonged. In the district of North Wales two new Lodges had been added to the roll, viz., the Elphin at Carnarvon, being the bardic title of Bro. Love Jones-Parry, M.P., who is one of the founders and present W.M. of the Lodge; the other at Rhyl, which the brethren of that Lodge had honoured their R.W. P.G.M. by naming it the Hunter. The consecration of the Lodges had been a great success, and were well attended, and he was delighted to see so good a meeting at Portmadoc. He was sure they were all more than pleased to see the Deputy P.G.M., Dr. Roden, with them again. He had been prevented by illness from attending the Hunter Lodge, but now he was himself again; and is as active as ever in the Order in which he has so great an interest, and in which he is so universally loved and respected. In the unavoidable absence of the P.G. Treasurer, the P.G. Secretary read the Treasurer's account, which proved very satisfactory and was adopted unanimously. Bro. Dr. Roden proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Mark Charitable Association, this was seconded by Bro. G. L. Woodley P.G. Sec., and carried unanimously. The Provincial Grand Master then made his appointments, as follow:—Bros. Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D. (Llandudno) D.P.G.M., T. D. Love Jones-Parry, M.P., P.G.S.W., Major Gordon Warren P.G.J.W., Revs. T. Edwards and W. Nichols Prov. Grand Chaplains, G. L. Woodley P.G. Secretary, R. Owen Assist. P.G. Secretary, W. H. Fonlkes (Rhyl) P.G.M.O., Dr. S. Griffith (Portmadoc) P.G.S.O., C. H. Rees (Carnarvon) P.G.J.O., C. A. Jones (Carnarvon) P.G. Registrar, E. W. Keatinge P.G.S.D., R. M. Parry P.G.J.D., R. J. Davids (Carnarvon) P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. W. Poole (Carnarvon) P.G. Director of Ceremonies, W. Hackworth P.G. Assist. Director of Ceremonies, Th. Summerhill P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Williams (Carnarvon) P.G. Standard Bearer, F. C. Watkins (Organist of St. Asaph Cathedral) P.G. Organist, K. McEwen P.G.I.G. Bro. R. S. Chamberlain was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. J. Moon (Llandudno) re-elected P.G. Tyler, Bros. W. Jones (N. and S.W. Bank (Carnarvon), N. Bunnell (Carnarvon), and J. W. Wheeler (Portmadoc) P.G. Stewards. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Dr. R. Roberts P.G.S.W., J. G. Tuxford W.M. 259, R. S. Hughes Registrar 259, E. M. Parry Secretary 259; D. E. Kirkby P.M., C. Davies P.P.G.W., E. W. Keating S.W. 324, H. A. Steer J.D. 324, Dr. T. Davies P.P.G. Sup. of Works, W. Jones 321, W. L. Bankes P.P.G.S.W., G. Thomas 321, C. Rowlands 328, &c. The next annual Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held at Llandudno, under the banner of St. David's, No. 38. All business transacted, and letters of apology for non-attendance being duly read, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form. The brethren adjourned to the Sportsman Hotel, where a lunch was provided for their wants, of which justice was done after a hard day's work. The R.W.P.G.M. presided, supported by his Deputy and Officers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being gone through, the brethren went to enjoy themselves in viewing the scenery of Portmadoc and Tremadoc.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 129.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 27th ult., and was well attended. Amongst the numerous Mark Masons present were Bros. Charles J. Ayton P.P.G. Asst. Secretary W.M., James Smith Harris P.P.G.D.C. S.W., S. S. Chancellor P.P.G.J.D. J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A., G. Chaplain M.O., J. G. Henning S.D., Secretary pro tem.; P.M.'s F. Hughes Hallett P.P.G.J.W., T. H. Grove Snowden P.P.D.G.M., and James Stevens P.G.O. England; also Bros. J. Geo. Podevin D.P.G.M.M. Kent, H. Ward P.P.G.M.O., C. Holtum P.P.G.J.O., &c. Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m., and after usual routine business, the D.P.G.M.M. Bro. Podevin, at the request of the W.M., took the chair of A., and in a very affectionate and impressive manner, installed Bro. J. S. Harris as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers were appointed and invested in the following order, viz., Bros. S. S. Chancellor S.W., J. B. Harrison J.W., Fredk. Leith P.P.G.A.D.C. M.O., Charles Palmer S.O., J. G. Henning J.O., Rev. E. Gripper Banks, M.A., Chaplain, George Page Treasurer, E. J. Bellerby Secretary, Charles Dudley S.D., W. Jones Lone J.D., C. F. Wachter I.G., Alfred Aubrey Org., R. T. Rolfe Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, and after propositions for advancement had been taken, and correspondence read, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The speeches after the clearance of the cloth were brief, as time pressed for early departure to towns at a distance, but all the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Podevin D.P.G.M., in his reply to the toast of the Installing Master, took occasion to refer to the very marked progress of the Province in respect of the Mark Degree, there being no less than fifteen Lodges working in Kent, and a very great increase in the number of registered members. A very pleasant evening was spent in harmony, Bros. James Stevens and Alfred Aubrey distinguishing themselves by capital recitations, and, generally, the proceedings of the afternoon and evening gave much satisfaction to all present on the occasion.

*ST. PETER'S CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, BOLTON.

A MEETING of this Chapter was convened for Saturday, the 29th March 1884, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock p.m., when the following brethren were in attendance:—W. J. Thomson 30° M.W.S., Arthur Middleton First General, G. P. Brockbank 32° Treasurer, J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, W. Nicholl Raphael, T. H. Glendinning Director of Ceremonies, R. G. Brock First Herald, John E. Lees Organist, W. M. Wylde Steward, T. W. Edwards, E. Eveleigh P.M.W.S., John Morris, James Horrocks. Visitor—Bro. Tyrer 30° Liverpool Chapter. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Wilson, who was balloted for, and elected at the last regular meeting, was duly perfected as a Rose Croix Mason, and invested with the symbols of the Order by

Illustrious Brother Tyrer, to whom the brethren accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his attention and rendering of the Ritual. Bro. Arthur Middleton was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. P. Brockbank was re-elected Treasurer, and a vote of thanks was passed to the M.W.S. for his past services, and a P.M.W.S.'s jewel was awarded him in token of the respect in which he is held by the brethren. Lodge closed in harmony at 5:30.

ST. MARGARET'S CHAPTER, No. 92.

THE Second Annual Festival and Eighth Convocation of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 25th ultimo. Present—Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorp 30 M.W.S., C. Fendelow 33 I.G.W. C.D., S. S. Partridge 30 I.P.S.; Ex. and P. Bros. W. Kelly Prelate and M.W.S. elect, T. Worthington 30 1st G., W. L. Ball 2nd G., F. J. Baines Treasurer, Joseph Young Recorder, W. A. Fielding G.M., Dr. W. C. Crofts R., W. J. Freer Organist, M. J. Walker Herald, J. H. Thompson D.C., R. Taylor, W. J. Curtis, J. D. Harris, T. G. Charlesworth, H. Meadows. Visitor—Bro. H. C. Norris 2nd G. Nottingham Chapter. The Chapter was opened at 4:30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous convocation, held 23rd January, having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. John Henry McCall, late Organist of the John o' Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Surgeon-Dentist, proposed at last convocation; the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, that brother being in attendance was duly received, perfected, and proclaimed in accordance with ancient usage, the ceremony being rendered by the M.W.S. in a most impressive manner. Ill. Brother Partridge 30 I.P.S. having then assumed the chair; the "Veteran" Bro. William Kelly P. Prov. G. Master Leicestershire and Rutland was presented by the Grand Master to the Installing Officer as the M.W.S. elect for the ensuing year. The usual preliminary questions having been satisfactorily answered in the west, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with and admirably completed, amid acclamation, the explanation of the M.W.S. jewel being given by the Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow 33. The newly-installed M.W.S. having expressed his obligations to the Chapter for the honour which had so recently been conferred upon him, proceeded to appoint his Officers for the year ensuing as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Thorp 30	...	I.P.S.
T. Worthington 30	...	Prelate
W. L. Ball	...	1st G.
W. A. Fielding	...	2nd G.
F. J. Baines (re-elected)	...	Treasurer
J. Young (re-appointed)	...	Recorder
Dr. W. C. Crofts	...	Grand M.
J. H. Thompson	...	Raphael
M. J. Walker	...	Director of Ceremonies
Dr. W. Hammond	...	Herald
W. J. Freer	...	C. of G.
J. H. McCall	...	Organist
M. J. Walker and J. D. Harris	...	Stewards
J. Tanser and T. Dunn	...	Outer Guards

The remainder of the business on the agenda having been regularly disposed of, alms were collected, and the Chapter closed in peace, according to ancient custom, at seven o'clock. The members and visitors shortly afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet, at which the M.W.S. presided, and upon the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts peculiar to the Order were proposed and duly honoured.

ROYAL ARCH.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 31st ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Lazarus M.E.Z., A. Henochsberg H., W. Littaur P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. Da Silva S.N., J. W. Dewsnap P.S.; P.Z.'s H. M. Levy, S. M. Lazarus. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. L. M. Myers P.M. 188, S. Genese 188, S. Jewell 1559, J. Wynman 188, J. Bladen 1839. The two latter were present, and were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., in a very impressive manner, every Principal and Officer being perfect. The M.E.Z., in feeling terms, made a proposition, which was seconded by Comp. Henochsberg, that a letter of condolence be sent to the Grand Z. Comp. H. P. Isaac I.P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who ably carried out the duties of the Chapter. This was the second time he had been elected M.E.Z., and he had ably performed the ceremony that evening. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, replied, and then proposed the toast of the Exaltees; seven years since he had initiated Comp. Wynman in the Joppa Lodge, and now he had pleasure in exalting him in the Chapter. Comp. Bladen is also one the Companions would be proud of; he would ask them to give the toast a hearty reception. After suitable responses had been given, the M.E.Z. complimented the P.Z.'s, and Comp. H. P. Isaac responded. The toasts of the H. and J., Treasurer, S.E. and P.S. were proposed in due course, the M.E.Z. paying them just compliments for their excellent working. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the company separated.

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Obituary.

BRO. A. D. LOEWENSTARK.

IT is with much regret we announce the death of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, who died at his residence, No. 45 Fernhead-road, St. Peter's Park, W., on Sunday, 23rd March 1884, in his 67th year. Our deceased brother was P.M. of Lodges 805, 1305, and P.Z. of Chapters 73 and 185, and was universally esteemed by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place at Willesden, on 25th March.

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. P. PHILLIPS, P.M. DORIC LODGE.

THE mortal remains of Bro. W. P. Phillips, J.P., eldest son of Mr. W. P. T. Phillips, of the Grange, Woodbridge, and a well-known amateur athlete, whose sudden death, at the premature age of twenty-five, took place last week, were laid in their last resting place, Woodbridge Cemetery, on Tuesday afternoon, amidst every token of heartfelt grief. During the hours of the funeral the bell of St. Mary's tolled, the shops in the town were closed, blinds drawn, and business entirely suspended, whilst hundreds flocked to the church and burial ground to bear testimony, in paying their last respects to the departed, to the popularity and public esteem in which the deceased was held. The funeral cortege left the residence of the deceased's father between one and two o'clock, the coffin, of polished oak, with handsome brass furniture, being placed on a funeral car and covered with beautiful wreaths and flowers, amongst which the lily was conspicuous, contributed by loving friends and companions of the deceased. Thence the solemn procession wended its way to St. Mary's Church, where it was met at the gate by the Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, the rector, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn. Here the coffin was transferred to a bier, and slowly carried up, and temporarily deposited in the aisle of the sacred edifice, the organist, Mr. Wareham, meanwhile playing a voluntary, "O rest in the Lord" (*Elijah*). A short service was then conducted by the clergymen, consisting of the reading of portions of Scripture and the singing of the hymns commencing—

Great God, what do I see and hear?
The end of things created.

And—

Art thou weary, art thou languid.

The congregation, a large one, joined most devoutly in the service, upon the conclusion of which the coffin was replaced on the car, the funeral procession retracing its steps to the strains of the "Dead March" in *Saul*. Proceeding to the cemetery, the Church of England burial service was performed at the grave, and the hymn sung—

My God, my Father, whilst I stray.

The grave was tastefully lined with moss and primroses, and the coffin when lowered was literally smothered with magnificent wreaths and bouquets. The principal mourners were Mr. W. P. T. Phillips, J.P., and Bro. H. W. P. Phillips, but the funeral procession included representatives of the clergy, county magistracy, and gentry, the Freemasons (the deceased being a P.M. of the Doric Lodge), the Board of Guardians, members of the athletic clubs, and tradesmen of Woodbridge. The 3rd Suffolk Regiment was represented by the Regimental Sergeant-Major and the Serjeant-Major of the A Company, to which deceased belonged. Amongst the many letters of sympathy and condolence received by his bereaved parents was the following from the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823:—"At an emergency meeting, called in consequence of the death of the Duke of Albany, the following resolution was passed: 'That Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Eng. Prov. Deputy G.M. of Suffolk, be requested to convey to Bro. Wm. P. T. Phillips, of Melton Grange, this expression of their earnest sympathy in the bereavement he has recently sustained in the loss of his son, Bro. Wm. P. Phillips P.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 81, Woodbridge.'"—*East Anglian Daily News*.

Ye Antiente Fraternite of ye Rahere Almoners gave a Smoking Concert on Monday last at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., Bro. C. Morton (Grand Prior) presiding. The entertainment was as excellent as those which had preceded it, and as productive of assistance by donations and memberships. Bro. James Stevens, the originator of this Society, undertook the management of the Concert, and was supported by a large number of friends connected with the Craft. Bros. Sinclair, Dunn, G. J. Graham, Cox, and Poole, assisted by Misses Susetta Fenn and Amy Graham, furnished a programme of national ballads, humorous songs, and recitations, which kept a large audience fully interested for nearly three hours. The Concert Room was decorated with English and American flags, the former unfortunately draped with black crape, and several American brethren attended, and expressed their great pleasure in joining in the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Dunn introduced a new song, "Ye Prior Rahere," of his own composition, and the Concert terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. "Ye Rahere Almoners" deserve well of all friends of Charity, for the admirable manner in which their public entertainments are carried out, as well as for their careful disposition of the funds with which they are entrusted.

The following Festivals have been held during the week at Freemasons' Tavern:—

March 31st.—Eclectic Chapter.

April 1st.—Royal York Lodge; 3rd—Caledonian Society, Linnman Club, St. James's Chapter, Westminster and Keystone Lodge, Universal Chapter, Victoria Rifle Lodge; 4th—Britannic Chapter, New Holborn Quadrille Ball, Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters; 5th—St. James's Soirée.

REVIEWS.

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Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionage. Comprising information concerning all persons bearing Hereditary or Courtesy Titles, of Companions of the Orders of Knighthood and of the Indian Empire, and of all Collateral Branches of Peers and Baronets. Illustrated with 1400 Armorial Bearings. Edited by Robert H. Mair LL.D. 171st year of publication. Royal Edition. Personally Revised by the Nobility, 1884. London: Dean and Son, Publishers, 160a Fleet street, E.C.

Debrett's Illustrated House of Commons and the Judicial Bench. 1884. Compiled and Edited by Robert Henry Mair, LL.D. Personally Revised by the Members of Parliament and the Judges. London: Dean and Son, Publishers, 160a Fleet street, E.C.

THESE works of reference are as welcome as they are valuable; in fact, by certain classes of people the non-issue of "Debrett" would be a great calamity, especially by those who think that a familiar acquaintance with people's titles, their descent, connections, and collateral relations is about the sum of human knowledge which people, who are people, should possess. But not to speak in exaggerated terms of praise, there cannot be the slightest doubt as to the merits of these works. They have borne successfully the severest criticisms. No suggestion has been offered but it has been acted upon, if possible. Improvements and extensions have been made annually, until it seemed impossible to improve or extend it further; and yet with each successive issue there has appeared new matter, not only the new matter which was obligatory, owing to creation of new peerages or other dignities, but likewise further details of additional items of a character such as had not previously been included. Thus the introduction of Clubs is a feature of value and importance, and the same may be said of the information relating to residents abroad, the introduction of which has necessarily involved considerable expense. Then, again, the collaterals of peers and baronets are no longer confined to the male line, but include also the descendants from female members. In fact, what with the information and the armorial bearings, the Peerage, &c., is about as complete as it can be made, and we gave an illustration of the correctness of a part of this statement only last week, when we quoted so much as relates to the dignities and honours pertaining to the late Duke of Albany. The same remarks apply with equal force to the other work. The same care has been taken in order to secure accuracy and completeness, and there are also included the armorial bearings of members of the House of Commons and the Judicial Bench. To these are added a "Dictionary of Technical Parliamentary Expressions," based on information supplied by one of the clerical officials of the House, and a list of the changes since the last General Election, so that those who make a study of the relative gains and losses of the different political parties will have no difficulty in obtaining whatever information they may require. Thus both volumes contain pretty well all that any one can possibly desire to know of either House of Parliament, as well as of all persons who have been honoured by the Sovereign with some style or title or some class of decoration or Knighthood. We do not think it is possible to bestow greater praise than this.

THE SECOND CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A VERY pleasant meeting resulted on the winding up of this Association, on Monday evening last, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. The chair was taken by the President of the now defunct Association, Bro. John Newton P.M. 174 and 1607, P.Z. 174 and 975, who was supported by the Vice-President, Bro. F. Brown P.M. 1607 and 174, while among those present were Bros. G. W. Verry (Treasurer), James S. Fraser (Secretary), C. H. Webb, W. Fraser, J. J. Whiting, G. Jones, T. J. Maidwell, Charles Lacey, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c. The Committee's Report stated that during the four years of the existence of the Association £723 2s had been received from its Members, the whole of which (except £9 15s which had been returned to the Widow of a deceased Member, and £6 19s to a Member who had suffered a reverse in life) had been paid into the funds of the three Masonic Institutions, enabling the Committee to obtain for the Members 65 Life Governorships. Of these Life Governorships 32 were for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 13 for the Girls' School, and 20 for that of the Boys'. The working expenses for the whole period had been insignificant, amounting only to £5, this including charges for printing books, postage, and banker's cheque books. A balance of £18 18s that remained, it was unanimously agreed to divide between the Secretary and Treasurer, to be expended as those brethren might think fit; the amount, however, to be paid to the Masonic Institutions in their names, in effect raising the number of the Life Governorships emanating from this Association to sixty-seven. The Committee expressed their unqualified obligations to Bros. Fraser and Verry for their untiring energy in bringing the Association to a successful issue, and trusted these brethren might retain health and strength to enable them to continue their valuable services for the good of the Masonic Institutions. After the several receipts from the Secretaries of the Institutions had been handed over, steps were taken to establish a Third Association, and we are gratified in being able to announce, with very satisfactory results. A very influential Committee was formed, with Bro. John Newton as President, Bro. Brown Vice, Bro. G. Ward Verry Treasurer, and Bro. Hobbs Secretary; Bros. Webb, Lacey, Maidwell, W. Fraser,

Whiting, Jones, J. S. Fraser, Berry, Anderson, Cant, A. J. Brown and W. Smith, also consented to act, or were nominated. As a sequence, we may conclude that this new Association will be as successful as the two that have already been brought to so satisfactory an issue. A modest repast was then partaken of, and the after proceedings were of a cordial and harmonious character. We shall have something more to say in a future issue of the way in which these Associations are worked, and also direct attention to the large amounts realised by their means. Meanwhile we content ourselves by stating that the meeting nights are fixed for the fourth Monday in each month, and the brethren assemble at the Railway Tavern, adjoining the Fenchurch Street Railway Station, at half-past seven o'clock.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—The members of this old-established Lodge of Instruction may be congratulated on having secured very comfortable quarters wherein to hold their future meetings. The brethren assembled at the "Alfred" Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, which is conveniently situated within a minute's walk of the Barnsbury Station of the North London Railway. Bro. S. Solomon, of the King's Cross Lodge, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Putland S.W., Wheelock J.W., Sylvester Treasurer, Treadwell Secretary, Messer I.G. Amongst others present were Bros. James Stevens, W. W. Morgan, Cosgrove, Jackson, Jennings, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. James Stevens worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cosgrove candidate. The fourth section of the lecture was next worked, and several points of divergence in ritual were considered. In the course of the evening a suggestion was thrown out that Bro. James Stevens should be invited to deliver his popular lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in this Lodge of Instruction. The suggestion was immediately acted on, and the fourth Wednesday in the current month fixed upon. We shall give further particulars in a future issue. Bro. Putland was appointed to preside on Wednesday next, and after other items of business, amongst which we must not omit to mention the presentation of the Auditors' report, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at the hour of 8.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, 1st inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, Bros. Watkinson W.M., Christian S.W., T. Clark J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., Jenkins J.D., Smyth I.G., P.M. Bro. Brasted Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Turnbull, Allen, Caperoe, Bannister, Catling, East, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turnbull candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st, 2nd and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at Bro. Baker's, Cook Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 31st March. Brothers Collingridge W.M., Jones S.W., Godolphin J.W., Hunt S.D., Turner J.D., Rhodes I.G., Weeden Acting Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge having been regularly opened, and routine work attended to, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Anthony candidate. Bro. Goddard, candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard candidate. After electing Bro. Jones to the chair for Monday, 7th April, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The fourth Annual Supper of the above Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 21st April, at seven o'clock. Bro. Collings Org. 1693 will conduct the musical arrangements.

Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S. has been unanimously elected Master of the Patten Makers Company. The inaugural banquet will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 24th instant. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have accepted invitations to attend.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 5th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
111—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Founds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1198—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probita, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, D. rley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton
622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friedship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
111—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City

548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankay Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodnun
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
883—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike

277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 680—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 698—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 686—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 755—S. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1040—Mermion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1041—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1084—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Texteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
 1797—Southdown, Hurlpierpoint, Sussex

R.A. 82—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
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 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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 R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
 M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
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THURSDAY, 10th APRIL.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 208—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
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 348—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 845—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 901—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tradeagar, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddar
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1792—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill
 1892—Walling-on, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 11th APRIL.

131—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
 R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
 R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Batterssea
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
 1929—Mozart, Harwood House, High Street, Croydon
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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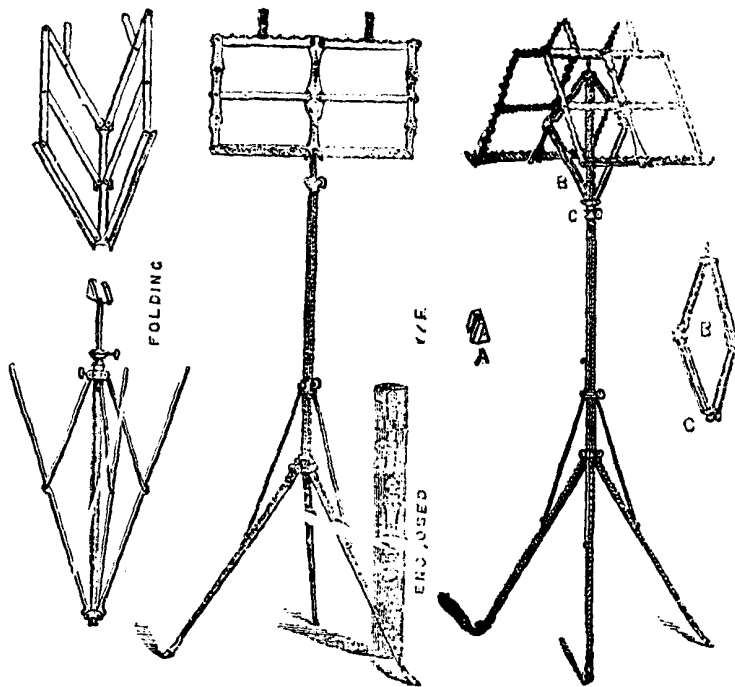
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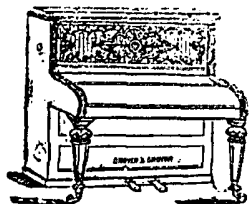
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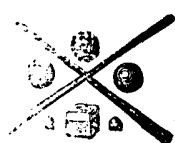
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