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DEATH OF THE GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.

WITH extreme regret we have to record the death of the Grand Master of Ireland, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, which occurred on Saturday, the 31st ultimo. The late Duke held the office of Grand Master of Ireland for a period of upwards of ten years, having been installed in January 1875, in succession to the Duke of Leinster, who died in 1874, after occupying the throne of Irish Masonry for a period of sixty-one years. The late Grand Master was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1839, but does not appear to have taken any active part in Masonry until 1874, when the vacancy in the Grand Mastership of Ireland, referred to above, had to be filled up. Then he was invited to become Grand Master, and having accepted the invitation he was passed through the chair of the Grand Master's Lodge, Dublin, and regularly installed as ruler of the Craft in Ireland. Since then he has attended several meetings of the Grand Lodge, and other important gatherings in connection with the Order, and in other ways has shown his interest in the honourable position to which he was unanimously elected.

THE POWER OF FREEMASONRY.

THE enemies of Freemasonry, in common, we imagine, with the opponents of all other organizations, are not particular as to the grounds on which they oppose the Order, or how inconsistent their attacks may be, as compared with those of the past. At one time they ridicule Freemasonry, declaring "there is nothing in it," that its secrets are a sham, its teachings all humbug, and its regular meetings merely an excuse for members to assemble and enjoy themselves in feasting and revelry. At other times the opponents of Freemasonry will invest it with the most absurd powers, placing its members over all earthly sovereigns, and even raising them above the level of humanity; they will declare that Freemasons are bound together by unholy bonds to conspire against order, peace, and regularity; that its teachings are based on the vilest of principles, and that its meetings are but assemblies of conspirators, gathered together with the worst of motives. These wide divergencies of opinion are not always separated by hundreds of miles, but sometimes occur, within a few years, in the same locality. We who are admitted to a knowledge of what Freemasonry really is can laugh at these absurd attacks, but at the same time we feel surprise that men who are supposed to know better can be led away by such nonsense.

One of the London daily papers a few days since reported that a petition had been presented to the Privy Council, praying that the capital sentence passed on the Canadian rebel, Louis Riel, might be commuted to im-

prisonment, and urging, among other matters, that the "Freemason Press, throughout the Empire, has manifested a most bitter spirit against Riel and the Catholic French Canadians. This bitter feeling, it points out, is highly dangerous to the unity of the North American Dominion, and is calculated to bring back the days of Papineau and the rebellion of 1837. The outcry of the Press for Riel's death is seditious and dangerous. Should civil dissensions ever arise, the twofold clamour for Riel's death is a most dangerous precedent for the liberties of Her Majesty's subjects." We do not claim to have seen all the Masonic papers issued "throughout the Empire," but those which have come under our notice, so far as we have observed, have kept themselves aloof from all mention of Riel and the Canadian rebellion, and justly so. No Masonic paper—in the correct sense of the term—would devote any portion of its space to political discussions, much less urge the execution of a fellow creature, and we do not believe there is the slightest foundation for the assertion made in the petition that the Freemason press has manifested any spirit against the condemned man.

It is such attacks as these, left uncontradicted as unworthy of notice, which in years to come are brought forward as established facts by the traducers of Freemasonry, and which serve as the basis on which the strongest denunciations of the Order are formulated, but is there any truth in such charges, or anything in the teachings of Freemasonry which warrant accusations so unjust? We answer decidedly not, and until we are clearly convinced to the contrary, we have no hesitation in giving the lie direct to all who say there is.

ORIGIN OF CRYPTICISM IN MASSACHUSETTS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

IN former papers I have shown that South Carolina first introduced into America twenty-two French degrees, and then added to the stock twenty-seven degrees of its own manufacture, among which was the Select Masters' degree; and that New York contributed a number of other new Masonic degrees, among which was that of Royal Master. As a resident of Boston it is my patriotic duty to show wherein Boston excelled also in pushing the Masonic ball ahead. I strongly suspect that some Masonic degrees were invented in Boston too, but I cannot point them out distinctly. But one thing is certain, viz., Thomas Smith Webb, the most celebrated ritual tinker that America ever had, was a Bostonian. It was Bro. Webb who turned everything in Blue Masonry, Chapter Masonry, Commandery, &c., topsy turvy. In short, he made a peculiar American Masonry. Among Webb's earliest disciples was Bro. Benjamin Gleason, who acquired Webb's work so thoroughly as to have been appointed Grand Lecturer of the G.L. of Massachusetts when he was only twenty-five years old. Now, part of the duty of a Grand Lecturer here is to travel from Lodge to Lodge over the State or Jurisdiction, in order to instruct the brethren in the ritual. Bro. Gleason seems to have found time to extend his peregrinations into other Jurisdictions. In short, he was a kind of a travelling

Masonic missionary for planting everywhere Webb's rituals of all the then known degrees. Now it is very evident that to a professional Masonic travelling instructor the more degrees he can teach the better it is for his business. Well, Bro. Gleason was naturally on the look out for acquiring new degrees, and he somehow got hold of the Royal Master's degree. So, on 20th July 1817 he organized in Boston a Council of Royal Masters, and after making more Royal Masters without authority, he then thought that it would be better to apply for authority, so on the 27th November 1817 he sent the following petition to New York.

"To the Officers and Decemvirs of the Council of Royal Masters in the City of New York.

"This petition respectfully sheweth that a Council of Royal Masters has been established in the town of Boston within the present year; is duly organised, and in successful operation, having their regular meetings quarterly—the last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. They acknowledge with much respect the senior establishment in New York, and with their associates do honour the same. It is their wish to obtain a written sanction from your respected Council, that they may be confirmed in their Masonic labours, and be in fraternal correspondence with each other.

"In behalf of the Boston Council, I am, Brethren and Companions,

Respectfully and Fraternaly yours,

BENJ. GLEASON, Th. Ill. R.M."

The New York Royals seem to have regarded the above application as a great compliment, and the request was of course granted. Now, on the 20th of July 1817, the Boston Council of Royals, was organised by nine Companions. On the 20th of September following, the Council opened with seventeen members, and at that meeting, four new men were Royalled.

"Special Council, May 15th, Anno Regis, 2818.—Most Illustrious B. Gleason was authorised to confer this degree on a number of Companions at Salem.—Report of the Council, that it is expedient to confer and cultivate in this Council the degree of R. [Royal] Master, S.E. [Super Excellent] Master, S. [Select] Master of 27, and K. of R.T." [Knights of the Round Table].

Now, here is another "feather" for a Boston Mason's cap. Thus, while Charleston and New York may pride themselves on having respectively added to our Masonic stock the *Select* and *Royal*, to Boston belongs the distinction of first uniting the "Royal" and "Select" under one Council. For, according to Bro. Schultz, Jeremy L. Cross did not attach the Royal to the Select before 1819, and according to the record of the New York Royals they did not unite with the Council of Selects before 1821, and Boston was clearly the first in creation to have formed a union of those degrees as early as 18th May 1818, while all other American Masonic jurisdictions merely followed in the footsteps of our Massachusetts Royal and Selects.

"27th January 1819 lectures on the degrees of Select Master of 27, Excellent Master, and Knights of the Round Table were given to the members present by Companion B. Gleason, who received a vote of thanks from the Council."

In 1822, besides a Council of Royals, established by the Boston Council in 1818, in Salem, there was a Council also in Newburyport in Massachusetts. How the Cryptic degrees found their way to Newburyport no one knows. In June 1822 the Boston Council received a communication "from the new established Council at Newburyport." So we see that up to the above date Massachusetts had three Councils. But Jeremy L. Cross warranted a Council for Selects only in May 1818 at Springfield, Massachusetts, and in January 1821 Springfield added to the Select the Royal degree. So here, then, we had four Councils of Cryptics in Massachusetts. But these are not all, for Councils of Cryptics somehow found their way into Brimfield, Princetown, and Greenwich. Some warrants were granted in 1824 and 1825; the New York Council also granted some warrants for some towns in Massachusetts. In short, for a number of years the Masonic appetite for high degrees went on swimmingly; and to show how the then high degrees of the various grades sympathized with each other, the Boston records of 25th February 1823 inform me that at this meeting, being a public installation of Officers, the "Boston Encampment of Knights Templar, in full costume [cocked hats, feathers, &c.] were introduced with martial music and other ceremonies

peculiar to the Order of Knighthood." And now for a brief insight into the Royal Masters' ritual in 1823, as published in the Proceedings.

"The Lodge is called a Council of Royal Masters, and its meetings are called convocations.

OFFICERS.

"1. The first Officer represents Solomon, King of Israel. He is styled The Most Illustrious Master, and is seated on a throne in the East.

"2. The second Officer represents Hiram, King of Tyre. He is styled Illustrious Master, and is seated on the right hand of Solomon.

"3. The *Senior Grand Warden* stands in the West, and represents the noble Adoniram.

"4. The *Recorder* at the foot of the throne on the left.

"5. The *Master of the Exchequer* at the foot of the throne on the right.

"6. The *Master of the Guards* is stationed in the West, on the right.

"7. The *Sentinel* in the West on the left.

"The Brethren are termed *Associate Guards*, and the Council Room the Sanctuary.

"The Council is opened and closed by two, and twice three.

"This degree can be conferred only upon worthy Companions who have received the seven preceding degrees in due and regular form. . . .

After the Sanctuary is duly prepared, King Solomon solemnly recites a chapter from the Book of Revelation, which Book, therefore, must have existed in the days of King Solomon, and if so, St. John could not have been the author thereof. But I think the ritual maker of the Royals was mistaken, and Solomon never saw that Book.

February 8th 1826, pursuant to a circular issued by the Springfield Council, a convention of the Cryptics was held in Brimfield, and representatives were present from Medford, Boston, Springfield, Brimfield, Greenwich, and Sutton, when they agreed to form a Grand Council of Cryptics for Massachusetts, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a Constitution for the new Grand Council. This grand Council continued its meetings till December 1827, after which it seems that the anti-Masonic excitement put a stop to the whole thing. Anyhow, they have no records from the above date until March 1847, when it was "Voted—that the Grand Council now resume its labours, and hereafter hold its regular meetings as provided for by the Grand Constitutions." And "Voted—that the Grand Council proceed to a reorganization by an election of Officers." At this meeting they granted a warrant to Companions living in a town in Rhode Island, and then it seems that no other meeting was held before December 1853. From that time the meetings were regularly held. I must here add an amusing little blunder. Bro. William Knapp was for many years Clerk in one of the Boston Law Courts; he was also Grand Recorder of our said Council after 1853. In 1855 he seems to have forgotten his location, and he thus finished the Proceedings of the Council, viz.,—

"A communication of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held June 12th 1855.

"There was no business before the Court.

"Attest Wm. KNAPP, *Grand Recorder.*"

At a convocation held 13th December 1859, instead of styling the Grand Master Most Illustrious, they changed the title to M.P., and in December 1860 the Grand Master for the first time opened the meeting with a long address, in which he said:

"A slight diversity exists in several of the States as to the manner of the work, and also as to the order of conferring the degrees, but the differences do not appear material. In Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire the Select degree is conferred first in order, and we believe correctly so. In nearly all the other States the Royal Master's degree is first conferred, and those who thus confer it doubtless think that they are doing right. We claim that the Select Master's degree should be first conferred, because it is the first in order of time, having been instituted by the trio, and that of the Royal Master's degree should follow, having been instituted by the twain, in honour and commemoration of their deceased associate,

and as a substitute 'for that which was lost.' Massachusetts, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire are the only States in which the Super Excellent Master's degree is known to be conferred."

I have in a former paper called attention to a complaint made by a New York Cryptic luminary against our Massachusetts luminaries for conferring the Select before the Royal, which he, the New Yorker, styled "putting the cart before the horse." But our cultured Bostonians have reasons for their doing so, for the Most Puissant Massachusetts Cryptic Grand Master was perfectly satisfied that the Select Master's degree was established by King Solomon and his two illustrious associates, while the Royal Master's degree was not established by Solomon until after the demise of the architect. Now here is still another feather for the cap of a Boston Mason: for who in creation but a Bostonian could have chopped such logic?

I shall only add that if any one here is ambitious for Masonic honours he must take all the popular Masonic degrees. There was a time when the supporters as well as the lower twenties alike regarded everything that glittered as gold. The former, however, discovered their mistake, and would, if they could, send all the high degrees to Sheol; the G.L. here has tried to put a stop to the increase of degrees, but it failed in its efforts. Now, with regard to the Cryptic degrees, I have asked quite a number of Cryptic degreees, among whom was the G.M. of Massachusetts, and some P.G. Masters, as to why they add the figures 27 to the Select Master's degree? But one and all answer, "I have taken the R. and S. degrees, but never cared for them, and I know nothing about them." One Past Grand Master said, "All that I remember about them is that they are noisy." As far as I could learn some of our States have thus far been without Cryptic degrees. In other States the said degrees are conferred in R.A. Chapters. And in other States again the Councils are too poor to publish their Proceedings. In short, the Royal and Select degrees are not favourites here, and I believe the concern is in a declining state.

BOSTON, U.S., 19th October 1885.

FACTORS OF MASONIC POWER.

FROM its remote origin Masonry had its practical or material and its moral or spiritual side. When the age of constitutional governments and of rapid advances in civilisation occurred, and men could submit their rights to the protection of the law with safety, the moral aspect of Masonry began to shine out more conspicuously; the primitive restriction of membership to the Craft was relaxed; the worthy of whatever occupation, or even of none, were received into the Fraternity, and Masonry, as an institution, passed, at first slowly, but soon with great rapidity, from an operative to a speculative character, having for its object the inculcation of moral ideas and the teaching of industry, honour and probity by means of solemn charges and of emblems drawn from the working tools and instrumentalities of the Craft. It also determined, with the true spirit of ancient chivalry, to champion the cause of the poor and unfortunate, to see that none of its members whom adversity might overtake should suffer, to defend each other's reputation when wrongfully assailed, to mutually aid in the building up of character, and to have all her altars and banners, pillars and spires inscribed with the one heaven-descended word, Charity, which word stood for the presumed unselfishness of every true Mason and the essential and inalienable characteristic of the Fraternity.

In the earlier periods of the history of the institution of Speculative Masonry the inculcation of certain fundamental principles of morals taught by a peculiar symbolism, borrowed from the traditions, working-tools and implements of Operative Masonry, was a most honourable and useful characteristic of the Fraternity. This feature of Masonry made it, to those who were admitted to its privileges and benefits, a light shining in the midst of darkness.

The period of which we speak ante-dated the time when morals as a basis of human character had been reduced to a science, when it was taught in the schools, and its

principles, through the agency of the printing press and domestic instruction and training, had become generally diffused. If this feature of the Fraternity presents at the present day the appearance of the inculcation of elementary principles already well understood, the fact must be attributed to the great advance which the world has made in general intelligence and along all the lines of a higher civilisation. The candid mind will revert to the time when Masonry, by inculcating in its adherents, and insisting upon, certain principles of morals as the basis of the Masonic character, was kindling a light in the midst of comparative gloom; a time when each man, to a greater or less degree, framed his own code of morals—when might was a stronger law than right, and individuality, with its accessories of selfishness, rapine and plunder was the rule, rather than the fraternity and interdependence of man. It is to the lasting honour and credit of Masonry that at such a time she presented to the world an Institution wherein the fraternity and equality of men upon a basis of moral character was asserted and successfully maintained.

She undertook to demonstrate that man could and should be just and true to his brother; that he should help him in adversity and comfort him in sorrow and trial; that the family of a brother should be as sacred to him as his own domestic hearth; that he would respect his personal rights as he demanded that his own should be respected, and that his rights of property should not be infringed upon to the smallest appreciable amount. Such principles as these do not become superannuated, nor depreciate in value so long as a lawless individuality is pressing for a place, and selfishness is struggling for the control of the human heart. Although these principles may seem self-evident to the enlightened people of this age and country, yet even the technical moralist must admit that the practical application of them to the varied relations in which men stand in modern society has not yet reached that degree of perfection that the continued inculcation of them, by any, and by all means, has ceased to be necessary. The day has not yet arrived when Masonry can forbear to lay the greatest stress upon those elementary principles of morality on which the peace, security and happiness of society mainly depend.

But it remains that at this day the working factor in the practical results of Masonry, as an institution, is Charity. From its origin in the distant past down to the present time Charity has stood, in the enlightened apprehension of the Fraternity, as its tutelary divinity. With eyes beaming with compassionate sympathy, she watches the frequent mutations of fortune so inseparable from the human lot. With one outstretched hand she receives from the healthy and the strong, and from those whom a kind Providence has blessed with a competency, and with the other she dispenses to the needy and suffering, and to those overtaken by any of the thousand adversities that lie in wait even for the most worthy Brother. By impressive rites and by counsels from the East this principle of charity is inculcated upon every one who seeks admission to the Fraternity.

Although a distressed worthy brother, his widows and orphans, are the only ones who have a legal claim upon the funds of the Fraternity, yet it must not be supposed that the true Mason's charity extends no further. He carries the lessons he has learned into the world, and human want and suffering never appeals to him in vain when it is in his power to relieve or mitigate them.

Charity is so essentially a working principle of the Fraternity that a Lodge which should practically eliminate it would find it difficult to give a satisfactory reason for its existence. It would work a moral forfeiture of its charter, though the written document might be still retained in the archives of the Lodge.

In this brief view of the principal objects which the Institution of Masonry proposes to itself and to the world, and of the bond of union which unites all its worthy members in one compact brotherhood, I have perhaps said enough to show that this venerable Fraternity is not an *anachronism* which continues in existence rather by its merits in the past than by reason of its usefulness in the present. The true Mason who has adopted its code of morals and whose heart is imbued with the divine principles of Charity will find a large place for himself and for his Fraternity in the world; the occupation of which, duly and truly and faithfully, will cause the generations of the future, like those of the past, to rise and call him blessed.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THERE was a fair attendance of the members of this Lodge at the meeting on Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. A. J. Martin, and after observance of preliminaries, he proceeded to raise Bros. Israel, Isaacson, Roco, Isaacs, and Jonas. The ceremonies were most impressively carried out. It was officially intimated to the brethren that since the meeting of the Lodge on the 5th October, when the announcement was made of the death of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., the hand of death had again been felt in their midst. Bro. Bean, a much respected Past Master of the Joppa Lodge, departed this life on the 28th, and was buried at Nunhead Cemetery on the 31st ult. This intelligence was received with every manifestation of regret, and heartfelt sympathy was expressed with the relatives and family of the deceased. After some routine work the Lodge was closed, whereupon the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual toast list was gone through. Among the Visitors were Bros. M. J. Emanuel 205, A. Lester 1320, E. Lester 1320, W. F. Franklin 127, C. A. Woods P.M. 145, James Gifford 105, A. Benabo 212, D. Samuels 765, F. W. Joel Peace and Harmony, H. W. Tallater 1320, Vickers 1632, A. M. Hart 1552, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, E. Swanborough, Dr. Macintosh P.G.S.

LODGE OF ASAPH, No. 1319.

IN consequence of severe illness, Bro. Charles E. Tinney, the popular Master of this flourishing Lodge, was unable to be present on Monday last, the day for the installation meeting. In his much to be regretted absence, however, the proceedings were admirably conducted by the Immediate Past Master, Brother F. Delevante, an exponent of the Ritual of whom even the Lodge of Asaph—membership of which is restricted to brethren who are directly associated with the Dramatic or Musical professions—may well be proud. The meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, and in order to enable the brethren who comprise the Lodge to fulfil their professional engagements in the evening, the call was made for the early hour of half-past one. A few minutes past this time Lodge was formally opened by Bro. Delevante, who was supported by several of the Past Masters, the Officers, and the following among other Visitors:—Bros. A. E. Taylor 1201 Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works Surrey, W. Cross 1609, S. Ballard 2101, W. J. Pilcher P.M. 442 P.P.G.J.W., P. S. Levi W.M. 1670, J. M. Smith 718, J. P. Fitzgerald I.P.M. 1304, A. J. Burr P.M. 1612, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, W. R. Davis W.M. 87, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, H. Mackintosh P.M. 6 Past Grand Steward, R. P. Stevens S.D. 901, A. Boradorfe 571, S. A. Macklin, James Kift 1791, W. D. Schwarz 1348, W. Jones 133, W. J. Heath J.D. 766, H. Jones P.M. 1460, C. Hobbs 1351, G. R. Ousey W.M. 59, E. M. Hartt 1987, R. Gray 571 S.C., J. Addison 1987, C. F. May P.M. 780, H. G. Mantens 5, J. H. Bath P.M. 22, J. J. Hyam 1409, W. W. Hemmings 311, A. J. Lewis 140, Egbert Roberts Steward 1623. After the minutes of the Lodge of 6th July had been read for confirmation, the reports of the Audit Committee and of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence were received and adopted. Bro. William J. Kent, the W.M. elect, was then presented and obligated. After the brethren below the degree had retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Kent was installed in the chair of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren were readmitted, and the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The following were then invested with the collars and badges of their several offices:—Bros. Henry Tinney S.W., L. B. Wooldridge J.W., Charles Coote Treasurer, J. M. Chamberlain P.M. Secretary, Walter Smith S.D., Hitchings J.D., G. Fairchild P.M. I.G., Beveridge D.C., Mortin Organist, Hentzell and Holmes Stewards, Gilbert Tyler. Brother Delevante then concluded his work by giving, in excellent style, the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren. Routine work having been transacted, hearty good wishes were tendered and Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the superintendence of Bro. Madell. Full justice was done to the good things provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and on the removal of the cloth Bro. Kent briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. The Queen and the Craft was followed by the National Anthem. After the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master had been proposed and most cordially greeted by those assembled, the customary compliment was paid to the zeal and energy of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master; the attention given to the business of the Craft by the Grand Officers at all times and in all seasons was fully recognized, and then Bro. Delevante was again placed in possession of the gavel. Our worthy brother alluded in sympathetic terms to the enforced absence of Bro. Tinney, whose illness all present so deeply regretted. He (Bro. Delevante) little thought the duty of proposing the health of their Worshipful Master would devolve upon him; however, the duty undoubtedly would be to him a most pleasurable one. Bro. Kent and he were very old acquaintances, and he had always looked upon him as an ardent and devoted student, seeking to gain all the Masonic knowledge he possibly could. In the various offices he had filled in the Asaph Lodge he had brought a goodly amount of zeal to bear; had acquitted himself well, and had secured the respect and esteem of all associated with the Lodge. Bro. Delevante felt assured Bro. Kent would receive every assistance from the Past Masters, Officers and members, and that a happy future was before the Lodge of Asaph under the rule of their new Master, whom he would now call upon all present to pledge in a bumper. In reply, Brother Kent expressed his gratification for the cordiality with which the brethren had received his name, and had honoured the toast. The assistance he hoped and felt assured he should receive from the

members would not resolve itself into a system of bolstering up; he was prepared to carry out his duties in a manner that he trusted would dignify the Asaph Lodge, in which he felt such pride. Their worthy brother Henry Tinney had provided so excellent a programme that he would not further occupy their time; he would therefore conclude by again thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him. In speaking to the next toast, the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Kent referred to the telegram that had been received in an earlier stage of their proceedings from Bro. Charles E. Tinney, who had been compelled to undergo an operation. The brethren were aware that part of his (Bro. Kent's) duty that day was to have presented Bro. Tinney with the Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the Lodge. This, however, must now be deferred, but he sincerely trusted that at their next meeting Bro. Tinney would have so far recovered as to be able to attend, when the formal presentation would be made. He would now ask them to drink to Bro. Tinney's better health, and to his speedy reappearance amongst them. The next toast was the Past Masters, and as a matter of course allusion was made to the admirable manner in which Bro. Delevante had exercised the functions of Installing Officer. The qualities of Bro. Chamberlain as Secretary were eloquently descanted on, while the interest taken in the Lodge by Bros. Maclean, Jekyll, Frewin, and Edward Swanborough—the latter of whom had acted as Senior Warden during the evening—was spoken of in highly complimentary terms. After fitting replies had been made, the Visitors were complimented, and the honour of a reply to this toast was entrusted to Bro. Dr. F. R. Mackintosh, who commenced his remarks by a well-expressed eulogy on the ability shewn by the Installing Officer. The hospitality displayed by the Lodge was next commented on, and then Dr. Macintosh concluded by a quotation from the song that had just been so admirably rendered by Bro. Roberts, the recollections of this pleasant meeting would remain with him till "the sun grows cold, and the stars are old." Bros. A. J. Burr and Llewellyn Jones also replied; the latter testifying to the ability and care with which Bro. Tinney had prepared himself to carry out the ceremony of the day, and expressing the regret of all his friends that illness had prevented him attending. After the Wardens and other Officers had been accorded the recognized compliment, the Tyler was summoned and the proceedings were brought to a close. A capital programme of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with recitations, was arranged for the meeting. The artists were Bros. H. Schartau, G. R. Egerton, Arthur Thompson, J. Kift, Egbert Roberts, H. Prenton, Ormond Yearsley, John Maclean P.M., C. H. Stephenson, J. Egerton, J. C. Hambleton, Henry Tinney, and Arthur Thomas. Beale's quaint old madrigal "What ho!" was capitally rendered. Bro. Hambleton's violoncello solo on "Irish Airs" evidenced that this gentleman possesses masterly command over his instrument. Hatton's "The Clown's Song" was not much to our taste, but we frankly confess it was most enthusiastically received by the audience. Next came Bro. J. Maclean's recitation; the ability of this popular member of the Asaph Lodge is always recognized by his fellow members, and on this occasion he maintained his reputation. Bro. Egbert Roberts was in excellent voice, and both in the "Bedouin love song" and the old German air, "In cellar deep," won hearty applause. Among the humorous selections were Corney Grain's "He did, and he didn't know why," given by Bro. Kift, and "Bill Grant" by Bro. Schartau. In this category we must not omit Bro. C. H. Stephenson's recitation "Only a pin," which was given in this artist's best style. Bro. Tinney's pianoforte solo and Bro. Egerton's clarionet solo were highly appreciated, and added much to the enjoyment of the company. Bro. Arthur Thomas kindly volunteered to take the turn of Bro. Henry Prenton, who was to have sung "I fear no foe," but was prevented through hoarseness. Bro. Thomas's efforts were rewarded by an enthusiastic encore.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

ONE of the most successful gatherings ever held under the auspices of this sound and prosperous Lodge took place on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, City, when a numerous and distinguished company of the Brethren and Visitors assembled to witness the installation of Brother Lieutenant Henry Wright, of the Tower Hamlets Rifles, in succession to Bro. E. Garnet-Man P.M. P.D.S.G.W. of British Burmah. Soon after half-past four o'clock Lodge was opened with the usual solemnities, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Smith P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the retiring Master, who was prevented by an important political engagement from occupying his accustomed place in the chair. The acting Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. Lieutenant Henry Wright S.W. and Worshipful Master elect; James Perkins, C.C., J.W., Rev. G. J. Scott Chaplain, R. J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph E. Turner P.M. Secretary, H. Squire, C.C., S.D., H. Clarke, C.C., J.D.; J. Perry Godfrey P.M. D. of C., F. A. Jewson Organist, Major T. Davies Sewell P.M., Sir John Monckton P.G.W., L. F. Littell P.G. Pursuivant, Frank Green, C.C., P.G.D., J. W. Hughes, E. T. R. Wilde, E. Pugh, C. W. Bowley, W. T. Roberts, J. C. Whiddington, Vickers Dunfee, Frank S. Jackson, B. Emanuel, Beaumont Morice, N. G. Philips P.G.D., H. C. Richards, H. F. Finnie, W. Bruce Clarke, F. Hill, A. Westcott, Lovell Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Major General Bland Hunt (Royal Marine Light Infantry) P.M. 1174, Colonel J. Peters Past Grand Standard Bearer, T. Vincent P.M. 1076 Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer Surrey, M. Bagge P.M. 7, H. P. Squire P.M. 1356 P.J.W., T. J. Weston P.M. 194, J. A. Wild jun. P.M. 96, Geo. Taylor P.M. 1539, G. H. Bramley P.M. 759, F. G. Brown P.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, E. Gilardoni, John Little 193, W. Woodward 1706, &c. After the ordinary preliminaries had been observed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. W. T. Roberts was passed, the ceremony being performed in excellent manner by the acting Worshipful Master. In due course Bro. Wright was presented for the benefit of installation, and Bro. Sir John Monckton having assumed the chair

a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Wright was installed with all the impressive rites of the Order. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-elected W.M. was saluted with the customary honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. Garnet-Man I.P.M., Jas. Perkins, C.C., P.M. S.W., H. Squire, C.C., J.W., Rev. G. J. Scott Chaplain, R. J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph E. Turner Secretary, H. Clarke, C.C., S.D., J. Perry-Godfrey P.M. J.D., Frank S. Jackson I.G., J. C. Whiddington D. of C., F. A. Jewson Organist, B. Emanuel and B. Morice Stewards, and Lovell Tyler (in the room of Bro. Church, deceased). In investing his Officers, the Worshipful Master addressed each in suitable terms on the nature of his respective duties, and the manner in which this portion of the ceremony was sustained elicited the heartiest applause. The ancient charges to the Master, Wardens and Officers were given in eloquent manner by Brother Sir J. B. Monckton, whose working was much admired. The Auditors' report, which showed that the position of the Lodge was in every respect satisfactory, was received and adopted, and after the transaction of some further business the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Throne Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. At dessert the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M., in giving the Queen and the Craft, observing that her Majesty had evinced a great interest in Freemasonry, and three of her sons had been members of the Order, though one of them (the late Duke of Albany) had unfortunately been taken from them. It was almost unnecessary to remind the brethren of the great interest the Most Worshipful Grand Master took in everything concerning the Craft; but he might tell the younger members of the Lodge that his Royal Highness had been visiting Sweden, where he was initiated into Masonry in the year 1874. Since he became Grand Master, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, in 1875, Freemasonry had grown and flourished to an enormous extent, far beyond what any of them had anticipated; and when the time came that the Prince of Wales should resign the appointment—if he should do so on attaining to the Throne of this realm—they all knew that his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, had been initiated into the Order, and no doubt he would follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father, and take the same interest that he had done in Masonry. The Prince of Wales did not appear so frequently in the Masonic world as some other Grand Masters had done, yet he promoted the welfare of the Craft in every possible way. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Grand Officers, speaking of the ability with which they presided over the affairs of Grand Lodge, and the toast was suitably acknowledged by Captain Phillips P.G.D., who paid a high tribute to the manner in which the business of Grand Lodge was controlled and carried on by the Officers whose names had been enumerated by the Worshipful Master. Bro. F. Green, C.C., in giving the toast of the evening, regretted that it should have been entrusted to him, in the enforced absence of the I.P.M. Circumstances had, however, prevented Bro. Gardner-Man being present on this occasion, and it devolved upon him (the speaker) to submit to them the health of the Worshipful Master, which he was assured would be received with the utmost warmth and cordiality. It was a matter of pride to the Alliance Lodge to look back upon its line of Masters, and by experience they were prompted to regard them as men who had always striven to the uttermost of their power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. He could assure them that Bro. Wright, whom they had seen installed in the chair to-day, and who would for the next twelve months preside over the working of the Alliance Lodge, would not fall short of their expectations, but would certainly contribute to the wellbeing of the Lodge, by presiding over its work in a masterly and efficient way. He was pleased to see the manner in which he had invested his Officers, and believed that the work Bro. Wright had discharged in the Lodge must have impressed them favourably, and assured them of his eagerness to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Green concluded by wishing the new Master a year of happiness and prosperity. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he was very glad Brother Green had proposed it, because he was one of the members of the Lodge of whom he knew least. He hoped he should be able to realise half the kind things that had been said of him, and that at the end of his year of office he might hand over the warrant of the Lodge to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it. He could scarcely hope to add to the prestige of the Lodge, because he felt a difficulty in succeeding to the long line of Past Masters who had gone before him. But as the Lord Mayor elect said, when chosen on Michaelmas Day, "although he felt a difficulty in succeeding so eminent a chief magistrate as Lord Mayor Fowler he was not disposed to fear it." So, in a humbler sphere, he (the speaker) was not disposed to fear as to the duties which had been entrusted to him. There were three peculiarities about the position he now held. He was the first Past Master who had risen to the chair in this Lodge; he was the youngest in age, and he was the only bachelor Past Master. These were three things which in the course of time he hoped to remedy. In conclusion he proposed the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so regretted that Bro. Sir John Monckton had been unable to remain with them. Bro. Sir John not only held an important and responsible position in connection with the Corporation of the City of London, but in his Masonic life had installed every Master of this Lodge since he filled the chair as its first President. He (the speaker) should be very sorry to break that continuity; and much as he should like to instal his successor when the time came, he would loyally give way to Bro. Sir John Monckton should he desire to retain the functions he had so long and so ably discharged. He felt highly honoured at having been installed by so distinguished a member of the Craft; moreover, it was Brother Sir John Monckton who first introduced him into Freemasonry. In responding for the Visitors, who were accorded a hearty welcome, Colonel Peters P.G.S.B. thanked the W.M. for having so kindly associated his name with the toast. It had afforded him great

pleasure to be present that evening, and when the Worshipful Master mentioned about having met him (the speaker) at the Girls' School, whether it was at a dance or doing his duty in an official capacity, it certainly gave him an opportunity of being invited to this hospitable board,—which he much appreciated. Major General Hunt also responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that that was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending a Lodge in London, and it had afforded him great satisfaction to see the work done as it had been carried out that day. He had visited several Provincial Lodges, but there was nothing to equal the wonderfully beautiful manner in which Sir John Monckton performed the ceremony of installation that day. He sincerely trusted he might have another opportunity of seeing the ceremony repeated. As to their hospitality he had never seen anything more lavish and generous. He had received the hospitality of London on two or three occasions, and he assured them that he had of late appreciated the kindness of the citizens of London more than ever he had done before in his life. He returned his heartiest thanks for the courtesy and kindness he had experienced on every hand. Several other Visitors having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, and the Past Masters of the Lodge; in doing so he expressed regret at the absence of Bro. Man, who was engaged in work which was never alluded to in Masonry. He was more sorry that their I.P.M. was not present, because it would have been his privilege to ask him to stand up while he (the speaker) pinned to his breast the handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge. However, that pleasure was to come, and he hoped at the next meeting Bro. Man would be present, so that he might be able to adorn his breast. He should try to emulate the example of the Past Masters, and so to advance the success and usefulness of the Alliance Lodge. Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, who was received with applause, took credit to himself for his desire to serve the interests of the Lodge under all circumstances. Probably many of the brethren present would consider he had done something in having had the honour of proposing their present W.M. as a member of their Lodge, although perhaps that was not speaking to order. He had had a lot of order lately, acting as Common Crier in the Court of Common Council. He asked permission to say that after the able way in which their W.M. had performed his duties that evening, he might claim credit for a certain amount of perspicuity in having proposed Bro. Wright for admission into this Lodge. He thanked them for the kindness with which his name was invariably received in the Alliance Lodge, and concluded by saying he should continue to do all in his power to advance its prosperity. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then given, and responded to by Bros. Pawley and Turner, after which the Officers were complimented, and the Tyler brought the list to a befitting close. The proceedings were enlivened by a capital selection of music, rendered by a quartette party, under the able direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

QUEEN'S (WESTMINSTER) LODGE, No. 2021.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, on the 20th ult., under the presidency of Brother Clifford Probyn W.M. The other Officers present were Bros. R. Payne S.W., H. C. Lambert J.W., George Coop Sec., C. P. Bellerby Treas., A. W. Jones S.D., Watkin Brown D.C., F. Delevante Organist, P. J. Canning and W. R. Hunt Stewards; while among the Visitors were Bros. J. R. Harnell 511, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, F. Smith J.W. 1305, C. Lambert 198, and G. Deaton I.G. 25. The Worshipful Master having been compelled to leave, the chair was taken by Brother Captain G. Payne S.W., and that brother proceeded to confer the third degree on Brother Dray. Later on he initiated Mr. W. E. Pitt into the mysteries of the Order, and in due course closed the Lodge. The brethren afterwards assembled at the Holborn Restaurant at banquet, and at its conclusion the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Worshipful Master again occupying his position at the head of the Lodge. Bro. George Lambert replied on behalf of the Grand Officers, and afterwards proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He spoke of the other duties their W.M. had been called upon to perform that night. He had been assisting in a work which was really of importance to every member of the Queen's Lodge, and therefore they could excuse his absence. The Worshipful Master acknowledged the toast, and then called upon the brethren to drink to the health of the Initiate. Bro. Pitt replied, and then the Visitors were accorded a hearty welcome. Brother Morgan and others replied, after which the health of the Past Masters was drunk. This was followed by the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. In the course of his reply, Brother Coop, the Secretary, referred to remarks which had been made in the earlier part of the evening as to the desirability of attending Lodges of Instruction. He was Preceptor of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, and felt brethren would do well in attending the meetings of that Lodge as often as they were able. The Officers were duly honoured, and then the Tyler's toast was given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—SORES, WOUNDS, Ulcerations and other diseases affecting the skin are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing Ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Wherever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS, No. 256.

THE brethren of this Lodge have reason to be proud of the way in which their centenary banquet passed off on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Greene P.M. and W.M. of the year. All the offices of the Lodge are now filled by Past Masters, the younger brethren, as the Master said, having stood by, and enabled the Past Masters to fulfil the duties of Officers. The first business was the initiation of Mr. J. C. Wilbee, after which Bro. Reuben R. Davis read the following:—

"A few facts connected with the history of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, extracted from the minutes by Bro. R. R. Davis P.M. 256 P.Z. No. 7.

"W. Master, Bro. Visitors, and Brethren of the Lodge of Unions—As it is intended shortly to place in the hands of all of you a printed sketch of the history of the Lodge, I do not propose, on the present occasion, to trespass upon you more than for a very few minutes in briefly stating some of the more prominent facts in connection with the past century.

"I may, perhaps, say that we are fortunate enough to possess our minute books perfectly complete, and in a good state of preservation, from the day of consecration to the present time.

"The only record we have of the consecration is very concise. It is simply—

"That on Monday, 31st October 1785 the R.W.M. Lowe, of the Crown and Cushion Lodge, Parker's Lane, by virtue of a dispensation of the Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, summoned the brethren to the "Fox," Castle Street, Southwark, and opened a Lodge in due form, and constituted Bro. Morton R.W.M., who appointed Bro. Stevens S.W., Bro. Wright J.W., Bro. Crump Treasurer, and Bro. Tatham Secretary."

"For five years the Lodge was held at the 'Fox,' and I may mention that I have visited that house, and have been shown a club-room, in which the consecration probably took place; and also a high-backed Windsor chair, which was most likely used on the occasion.

"For two years the meetings were held at the 'Red Lion,' Borough; and in 1792 the Lodge was removed to the 'Spread Eagle,' Pratt Street, Lambeth, where it continued to assemble for exactly a quarter of a century.

"During these 32 years very little of importance occurred, excepting that, in the early life of the Lodge, it had a hard struggle for existence—it was in a chronic state of financial difficulty—and the Grand Secretary had occasion to reprimand the brethren for non-payment of dues—and that the W.M. appeared before Grand Lodge to make his apologies in this respect.

"From 1817 to 1851 the Lodge continually migrated from one tavern to another. I need not detain you by recapitulating them.

"From 1851 to 1865 it met at Freemasons' Tavern, and from 1865 to the present date at Freemasons' Hall.

"Among the chief events of importance, I may mention the following:

"In 1822 Bro. Peter Giiikes was elected a member. He did not, however, remain one till his death, which took place in December 1833; and, as most of you are aware, there is a tablet to his memory in the parish church of St. James's, Piccadilly.

"In August 1825 the late Bro. William Farnfield P.A.G.S. (father of the present Secretary of the Lodge) was initiated; and, later in the same year appointed Secretary of the Lodge—an office he continued to hold until his death, upwards of half a century afterwards.

"From 1831 to the present time the 'Emulation Lodge of Improvement' has worked under the sanction of this Lodge.

"In 1834 Bro. Zachariah Watkins (a P.M. of the Bank of England Lodge) was admitted a joining member. He served as W.M. in 1836, and although, unhappily, his state of health has long prevented his being among us, yet he is still on our roll as an honorary member.

"On 19th March 1836 our present W.M., Bro. Henry Greene, was initiated. He served as Master in 1856, a position to which he would have attained long before but for his absence in one of our Colonies. For the last 15 years he has discharged the important duties of Treasurer, and we have thought it an appropriate compliment to him, as well as an advantage to the Lodge, to ask him, as the 'Father,' again to preside over us in this our centenary year.

"In 1815 the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, who had been initiated the previous year in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, became a joining member, and was three times elected to the chair. On the last occasion the installation took place on the 1st January 1866, when he said he should like to make the Lodge a New Year's gift, and presented the set of ebony and ivory gavel which are now in use.

"In 1852 Bro. Figg (who has twice passed through the chair) was initiated, and as the second member in point of seniority he this year holds the office of S.W.

"In 1853 Bro. J. Newton Tomkins resigned, and on doing so presented £5 5s, which was used to form the nucleus of a Charity Fund.

"Upon the death of Bro. John Hervey, this Lodge, in conjunction with the Royal York, set on foot the 'John Hervey Memorial Fund,' and were fortunate enough to secure the hearty co-operation of Bro. Sir John Monckton as chairman.

"As to the work which has been done in the Lodge, 456 candidates

have been initiated, passed, and raised; 167 brethren have been admitted as joining members. The sum of £319 1s 6d has been voted from Lodge funds for charitable purposes, of which £280 has been given during the last 30 years, while the contributions of individual members to the three Masonic Charities may be taken as having been for many years £100 per annum."

This was followed by an oration by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, and then, on the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Davis and Simpson for their addresses. These brethren having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Farnfield announced that he had received letters of regret for absence from several brethren, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar replying for the Grand Officers, said he discharged the duty of returning thanks with great pleasure. Whenever the Pro Grand Master's name was mentioned among Masons it invariably commanded esteem and respect. Now that he was in the neighbouring isle discharging the duties of Viceroy, Masons, who recognised no politics but their common profession, no religion but that great tie of religion which had been so eloquently alluded to in the Lodge, wished him Masonically and thoroughly hearty success in the discharge of his difficult task. The Deputy Grand Master, who was well known almost throughout the length and breadth of the land, commanded the affection, regard and esteem of every Mason. Lord Lathom was one of those distinguished characters who, while they received dignity from Masonry, shed a lustre upon the Order. For the rest of the Grand Officers the distinguished array of brethren now rising in response to the toast made his task in responding for them somewhat difficult, there were so many who could answer for themselves better than he, and who had a better right. The centenary of a Lodge so distinguished as the Lodge of Unions was an occasion of no ordinary interest. That it was so the presence of so many distinguished brethren testified. Long might the Lodge, which had lasted so long, continue. Long might it go on diffusing the principles it had spread so wide. Long might the brethren carry into practice the principles taught in the Lodge and which they had so much at heart. Might it be distinguished in the future as in the past. Might it be prosperous in its concerns, happy in its choice of those it received into the Lodge, and might it go on without any of those incidents which would affect its prosperity or diminish its harmony; and this was the sincere and hearty wish of the Grand Officers for whom he returned thanks. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. proposed the toast of the W.M., and, he might say, one and indivisibly with it, of course, the Lodge itself. It was a long time to look back to, 100 years; and it was a long time to look back to the period when the W.M. was initiated in the Lodge, when he took the interesting step which had been taken by the initiate that evening. Bro. Greene had been spared by the G.A.O.T.U. to take the chair on this occasion. There were many interesting facts connected with the Lodge, but not the least of the interesting Masonic associations connected with it was that Bro. Henry Greene, who was initiated in it in 1836, was once again Master of the Lodge. He hoped, therefore, that the toast would be drunk with all Masonic fervour. The Worshipful Master felt he need scarcely tell the brethren this was a peculiarly proud moment for him. It was one that he could scarcely ever have expected to be present at. If he carried his mind back to the year 1838, when, as a comparative youngster, he entered the Lodge. After some years of travelling about, he rejoined it in 1850. He did feel proud at being in that position—the father of the Lodge and the Master, and to find himself associated for the year with so many good old friends and Past Masters who had accepted office. This was indeed a remarkable day in the history of their old Lodge. They could not, as the Provincial Grand Chaplain had said, expect to see another centenary, but they could wish to look forward and believe and hope that there would be successors who would fill their place 100 years hence, and read the books they had prepared for them, keep the minute books, receive the charter, and be able to see the warrant for a centenary signed, as it was, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. He saw no reason why they should not anticipate the 200—the bi-centenary of the Lodge. At all events, he hoped that Masonry would flourish and continue till time should be no more. He next proposed the Initiate, and Bro. Wilbee replied. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, replied. The institution of brethren visiting Lodges was more valuable than perhaps brethren sometimes thought of, because, were it not for the practice of visiting, Lodges would be isolated bodies, would work without any common bond of union, and would not know whether they were right or wrong in their procedure. But by the hospitality which was shown in Masonic Lodges in England, brethren met together, and brethren saw how the work was done. He had felt very strongly on this matter, because it had been his lot in former years, as a soldier, to be a Mason in every quarter of the globe, and it had been his privilege to be permitted to visit Lodges wherever he had been. He supposed no brother had witnessed more hospitality than he, and therefore he appreciated thoroughly the feeling of hospitality that was shown in several Lodges all over the world. The visitors congratulated the W.M. and the other brethren very sincerely, feeling that they had done a good work. They all desired in the future, this Lodge of Unions might continue to meet, work, and flourish. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the very child of the Lodge of Unions. To this Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D. responded, supplementing the allusions which had been made to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement by

some few remarks in reference to its origin. The Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement were sustained and encouraged in the discharge of their duties by a sincere love of Masonry and a firm belief in the beneficial influence of an impressive delivery of the ritual. He was sure it must be in the experience of most present that a brother initiated into Masonry in a slovenly and irreverent manner had frequently left the Lodge in disgust, never again to enter within its walls; while, on the contrary, an earnest and impressive rendering of the rites and ceremonies had had a deep and lasting effect on the mind of an initiated brother, creating in him a desire to investigate their meaning, and becoming acquainted with their object and design, making him, in fact, a zealous Mason, useful to the Craft, and an ornament to the Society of which he had become a member. It had, he knew, been a custom of many after-dinner speakers to impress on the minds of young Masons that their first and highest duty was, not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, but to subscribe to the Institutions, and from the very moment almost the initiated brother sat down for the first time at the table he was pressed for a subscription. An ambitious Mason, desirous of advancement, was impressed with the idea that a liberal subscription to the Charities was the surest step to Masonic honour, and munificent contributors were held up as having the highest claim to Grand and Provincial Grand Office, although they had no other qualification. It was undoubtedly the duty of every Mason to support the Institutions to the utmost of his ability, and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement set a brilliant example in devoting the whole of its surplus funds to that purpose, amounting generally to £30 or £40 a year. But to figure on the lists of subscriptions to those Institutions was surely not the sole end and aim of Masonry: nor was it, indeed, Masonic Charity in its true and fullest sense. Masonic Charity as they were taught in the ritual and lectures in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was to envy not our neighbour, to believe not a tale reported to his prejudice, to forgive the injuries of men, and to endeavour to blot them from our recollection, ever to be ready to listen to him who craves our assistance, and from him that is in want not to withhold a liberal hand, not only to relieve the distressed, which is a duty incumbent on all men, but to soothe the unhappy, sympathise with their misfortunes, compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to the troubled mind; to drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, and to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted. The privilege of wearing the charity jewel might be considered a distinction; but, believe him, he appreciated far more highly the distinction conferred upon him by the W.M. in selecting him to represent the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which not only liberally supported the Masonic Institutions, but taught, under the auspices of this distinguished Lodge of Unions—impressively taught, the practice of those cardinal Masonic virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice—taught that a Mason could only attain the summit of his profession through faith, hope, and charity; taught that the characteristics of every good Mason were virtue, honour, and mercy; taught, above all, the true and comprehensive definition of those grand principles on which Masonry was founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Bro. Figg P.M. and S.W. replied to the toast of the Past Masters, saying they were at all times ready to assist the Lodge. It afforded them great gratification on that occasion to perform their duties. He had been a member of the Lodge for one third of a century, and during the whole of that time the unity in the Lodge had been so great that it had thoroughly earned the title of the Lodge of Unions. He hoped the brethren of 100 years hence would be as happy as the brethren of the Lodge were now. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At the meeting held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Stringer W.M., J. J. Pitt S.W., Thomas J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, J. Bedford Williams S.D., Jackson J.D., Mansfield I.G., P.M. Hutchings Preceptor; also Bros. Strickland, Prior, Greenland, Milbourn, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Strickland personating the candidate. The usual questions leading from the first to the second degree were very effectively answered by Bro. Milbourn. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Prior candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the first, and after routine business, was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, at 7 o'clock, at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., Bros. Egan W.M., Campbell S.W., McMillan J.W., Webb P.M. Preceptor, Simmonds S.D., Lashbrook I.G.; P.M.'s Hollands, Shackel, Webb; Bro. King, Harris, Pitt Secretary. Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Harris candidate. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Farroll, McMillan, Keith, and Harris were elected members. Bro. Campbell was elected to the chair for the ensuing week. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 30th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at 8 p.m. Bros. J. H. Hughes W.M., Crowther S.W., Thomas J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, F. Botley S.D., Norton J.D., Cammell I.G.; also Brothers Turner, Strong, Flint. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Turner candidate. Lodge was opened in the

second degree and Brother Stroug took the collar of S.D. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Andrews Preceptor, who proceeded to ask Bro. Hughes the questions leading to the degree of M.M.; the candidate was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. Hughes resumed the chair. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hughes on his occupying the chair for the first time. Bro. Crowther was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the annual banquet will take place. Lodge was closed in due form till Friday, 6th inst.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On the 26th ult., at 38 St. George's Street, Canterbury, Bros. Develin as W.M., Pepper S.W., Cooper J.W., Simms Secretary, Beckett S.D., Cockersell J.D., McClintock Steward, Abbs I.G., Blake Tyler; P.M. Carter Preceptor. Visitor—Bro. Powell 1582 and 1074. Lodge being opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction read and confirmed, Bro. Carter P.M. Preceptor worked the first section of first lecture. Bros. Develin and Pepper explained the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree. After other formal business, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Thursday, 29th ult., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Bros. Crawley W.M., Cross S.W., H. Patient J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Ware S.D., Homan J.D., Weeden Preceptor, S. G. Patient I.G.; and others. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. McMillan candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Weeden, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cross S.D. of Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, was elected a member. Bro. Cross was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. H. and S. G. Patient and Bro. Crawley were appointed to audit the accounts of the past year. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. Turner W.M., Parkes S.W., Snook J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Hutchison S.D., Fluck J.D., Stretch I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and after observance of all formalities the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Bros. Baker and Hutchison answered the questions leading to the third degree. The third section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Fenner then rehearsed the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Everitt 1607 was elected a member. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—At the meeting on Saturday, 31st ult., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W. Present: Bros. Wood W.M., Williams S.W., Gardner (Treasurer) J.W., Johnson Secretary, Wing S.D., Stroud J.D., Furze I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Sims P.M.; Bros. Steer, Brain. Lodge was opened, and afterwards advanced to second and third degrees; the third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Sims candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree and resumed in second, when the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor Ayling, assisted by Bro. A. Williams. Lodge was again resumed, and closed in perfect harmony.

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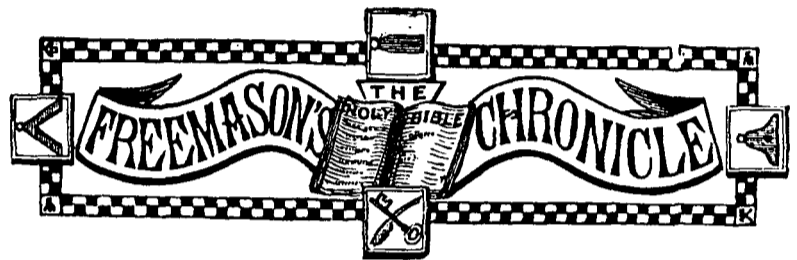
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. IV.

IT would be an interesting feature to note the inward emotions—supposing it were possible—which stir the pulses of great men when, either in caricature or biographical notice, they find themselves portrayed in print. Many have no doubt been curious to know how our eminent statesmen and politicians “feel” when, in the columns devoted either to solid or satirical literature, they are held up to the public gaze, for admiration on the one hand or whimsical contempt on the other. The beauty of this anonymous attribute of the English Press lies in the fact that the extolled ones are at a loss to ascertain to whom they are indebted for—we will not say adulation, but—the unveiling of virtues they may be naturally and modestly wishful should not be paraded before the world; whilst, taking the opposite view to the thin-skinned individuals who, having assumed a virtue they do not possess, explode with vexation at the exposure of their idiosyncrasies and follies, and are ready to rush, like Sancho Panza, at any literary windmill they might espy, provided they could trace the author who had the audacity either to poke fun at them or to damn them with “faint praise.” Thus we find that on the Continent and elsewhere it is easy enough for a journal of waspish temperament so to titillate the anger and “harrow up the young blood” of the sensitive as to incite to deeds of questionable valour in order to vindicate the “honour” of the offended one; whilst in not a few cases those who receive flattering encomiums at the hands of designing *littérateurs*, whose handwriting can be traced upon the wall, are lavish in their recognition of benefits bestowed, on the ground that it is—

“Better be damned than not mentioned at all.”

Happily in this country the Press is far less tarnished by these “mercenary or other unworthy motives” than journalism abroad, though it is hardly necessary to say there are exceptions to the pure and lofty tone which prevails amongst the best-conducted newspapers in our midst. We are led to these few preliminary observations in the present sketch by the many letters and communications received from brethren, some of whom lay the flattering unction to their souls that they must be the individuals referred to where any praiseworthy trait of character is presented to our readers, and by others who wax unnecessarily and insanely wroth because they labour under the fond delusion that we have viciously “pitched into them” and heaped gratuitous insult upon their devoted heads.

It is almost superfluous to say that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred these brethren who are so troubled with *cacoethes scribendi* are off the scent altogether, and have perpetrated a grotesque act of self-mistaken identity. In fact, they have fancied themselves "somebody else!" This only furnishes us with proof of our success in carrying out the principle laid down at the commencement of our series of articles on "Masons whom we have met," namely, that while on the one hand we would endeavour to avoid maudlin sentiment and fulsome adulation, yet, on the other, while sparing no effort to ridicule folly and unmask deceit, we would "nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice" in any of the portraiture we might bring under the review of impartial readers.

Having, therefore, delivered ourselves of these conscientious resolves, we are at liberty to proceed with the delineation of men who live in our midst, and who still take an active part in the motive principles of the Craft. Here is one prominent figure, in the picture of a brother who, whilst he has a pronounced objection to the publication of the "doings of Freemasonry," in any shape or form, yet has no strong objection to seeing his name in print when an opportunity presents itself. In his own consciousness of strength he has the most implicit belief, and contests with Spartan vigour every inch of debatable ground which, whether real or imaginary, may be challenged by others. We have it yet fresh in our memory how, at a time when we were endeavouring to gratify the wishes of our many correspondents by the collection and publication of Old Warrants, he strenuously resisted our obtaining a copy of one over which he claimed to have especial custody. No ensign or colour sergeant ever defended the regimental colours more valiantly than did our worthy brother the Old Warrant of the — Lodge, which to the gratification of the Craft in general—and we venture to believe to that of our obdurate brother in particular—was published in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. With all his little "fads" and crotchets, the brother to whom we allude is an "all-round" good sort of fellow, and his hospitality is as lavish as his heart is big. We remember when, having started a West End Lodge, he thought nothing of inviting the whole of the members to the Holborn Restaurant, where they might dine at his expense; and, mind you, this was out of no ostentatious display, for he "hated the publication of any matters relating to the Craft, even in the Masonic papers!" But, bold as he was in the performance of his duties in Lodge, and genial as he always is at the festivities which follow labour, there is yet another trait in his character which we knew of before, but which was strikingly brought out and illustrated by an accidental occurrence. We were, not long ago, on a visit to an esteemed friend, since gathered—let us hope—to the Grand Lodge above, who was dangerously ill, when our sad interview was broken in upon by the bustle and energy which the subject of this sketch always carries about with him. It was evident he had gone out of his way to see somebody who needed the cheering countenance of a friend, and had drifted in—by intentional "accident"—to shed a gleam of sympathy over a brother whose end was inevitably not far distant. We wished at the time we could have retreated, but could not, and now we are glad we were present, so as to be able to record an exceedingly pleasing episode. With modest stealth our good Samaritan produced some grapes with which he had—of course—come provided, observing, in a whisper to the attendant on the invalid, that they were cheering in sickness and tended to alleviate feverish thirst. From another capacious pocket there issued a bottle of liquid, the character of which we did not venture to inquire, but overheard the accents in which the nurse was assured that ailments of the kind from which Brother So-and-So was suffering required a little stimulant, and with these little acts of kindness came words of solace and cheer to the poor afflicted one, such as must have lifted from his heart for a time the heaviness and pain with which it was oppressed. And when at last Death, the great leveller of all, came, and the remains of our departed friend were borne to their resting-place, the brother whom we now picture was there too, not conspicuously in the cortège, but watching the obsequies of his friend and brother from a "quiet corner," inwardly thinking and hoping he was unseen. Yet this sincere and trusty member of the Craft is by no means a millionaire; out of the fulness of his heart come deeds of wholesome and disinterested Charity; of love for the Craft, and sympathy with the sorrows of those less

fortunate than himself. His actions, we venture to say, are better known to others than to himself, and they form a bright page in the volume of Masonic excellencies which all will delight to read.

We hardly like to set in contrast with this honourable example another that is precisely the reverse,—wherein the deeds performed partake of the heroic and bombastic character. Nor will we spoil the picture, which is pleasing as it stands, by any comparison that may be considered particularly odious. Yet a smile involuntarily arises as we think of another brother, whose name is familiar as household words to the ears of many of our Metropolitan Lodges and friendly societies. Like the one to whom we have referred above, this also is a "military" man, that is to say, he is attached to one of the most popular of our auxiliary forces. He holds an official appointment in one of the "kindred societies," and is a great gun at their periodical meetings, where he poses as one of the "pillars of the Order." There is no discredit in that matter,—of course; on the contrary, it shows an energy and discernment which is commendable in all stages of public life. Nor can any one be found to quarrel with this brother's deportment on the chequered floor. He has worked with zeal and assiduity, and the only quibble one has to raise is, that there is a little too much of the theatrical in his rôle. Our brother figures as a general utility man, arising no doubt from an inoculation derived from other associations with which he has so long been acquainted. We recollect his attending a first meeting of Stewards, when it was under discussion as to the place for holding the Festival, and of course the P.G.M. who was to be the Chairman expressed a wish as to the locale where the gathering should be held. "Oh," exclaims our little "cock robbin" brother, "we will get another chairman if he cannot come where we want him; let us go where it suits us best, and find another to preside!" Zounds! we thought our little acrobat was about to suggest that he should take the presidency, and no doubt the slightest invitation to him would have decided the momentous question. However, when it came to be explained to him that it required a man of position to occupy the post of honour on so important an occasion, we give our brother credit for his very graceful retirement. On another occasion he was as "big as bull beef" when it was announced that the Lord Mayor was expected at a banquet whereat our hero was to take a prominent part; but when his Lordship and his attendant Civic dignitaries failed to put in an appearance, our hero considered "that all municipal institutions were a delusion and a snare, and ought to be reformed, under the new Government Bill, or abolished altogether." Well, there is nothing like complacency and self-confidence, and we hope that the shadow of our worthy brother may never grow less, as certainly it will not do if the old adage hold good that "a contented mind is a continual feast."

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE usual Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, and was the first held in the new Temple, which will be used for the future in accordance with the resolution of the Companions at the August meeting. The Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., the new Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire presided as Z., Comp. Powell, of Gloucester, acting as H., and Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L., as J. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E. was in his place, and several other Companions were present. The business, as given in the agenda published in our last issue, was gone through, and the several recommendations approved of. Comp. George Lambert, referring to the new fittings which had been provided for Grand Chapter, thought that a vote of thanks ought to be passed to the Committee of General Purposes, expressing the approval of the Companions at the manner in which the work had been carried out. Comp. C. F. Hogard, as a member of the Committee, deprecated the vote, for the reason that the success of the work was entirely due to the suggestions made by the Grand Scribe E., to whom they

were all indebted for the decorations of Grand Chapter. If such a vote was to be passed it should be to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had devoted much time to searching the records of Grand Chapter to discover the correct form for the furniture. The Companions saw before them the result of Comp. Clerke's efforts, and the Committee, while renouncing all claim for producing the work, were anxious to accord all the honour to Grand Scribe E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland followed. He could but feel there was great force in the remarks of Comp. Hogard. The labours of the Committee, without the assistance of the Grand S.E. would have effected nothing, as everything that had been done was due to the assistance rendered by Comp. Clerke. It was the practice in Masonry to thank those who actually did the work and gave the information rather than those who carried it out. He therefore begged to endorse the opinion of Comp. Hogard. It was ultimately resolved that the vote of thanks should be to the Committee of General Purposes and to the Grand S.E., "for the able manner in which they had carried out the resolution of Grand Chapter of the 5th August, for providing appropriate fittings for the meetings of Grand Chapter in the Great Hall." This resolution having been carried, Grand Chapter was closed.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE Mark Masters of this Province assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge on Friday, the 30th ult., at Canterbury. The Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. Brother Thomas Robinson, M.A., presided, and was supported by a goodly array of Provincial and Grand Lodge Officers. The brethren having saluted Bro. Robinson on his re-appointment as Provincial Grand Master, the minutes of the last meeting, held at Woolwich, were confirmed, and then the report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was considered. This was passed, and Bro. G. Page was re-elected as Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master announced, in appropriate terms, the resignation of his Deputy, Bro. Podevin, who he was pleased to say would continue to do service for the Province in another way,—as Provincial Grand Secretary. The position of Deputy Provincial Grand M.M.M. had been offered to the Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chaplain of England, and then Senior Warden of the Province of Kent. The Provincial Grand Master was pleased to say the offer had been accepted, an announcement he was sure the brethren would receive with satisfaction. Bro. Cummings having been invested as Deputy Grand Master of the Province, the following brethren were appointed as the other Officers for the year:—

Bro. H. Ward P.M. 262	-	-	Senior Warden
W. A. Weston P.M. 226	-	-	Junior Warden
F. Wood 309	-	-	M.O.
Dr. Walter W.M. elect 152	-	-	S.O.
Creighton Walker P.M. 69	-	-	J.O.
Rev. B. Harrison W.M. 129	-	-	Chaplain
Geo. Page P.M. 129	-	-	Treasurer
W. Kipps W.M. 332	-	-	Reg. of Marks
J. C. Podevin P.P.D.G.M. P.M. 152	-	-	Secretary
Edwin Beer P.M. 262	-	-	Assistant Secretary
A. T. Simpson W.M. 267	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Bush P.M. 69	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Kennett S.W. 266	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. Nicholls R.M. 237	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Popplestone J.D. 226	-	-	Standard Bearer
F. G. Nichols M.O. 44	-	-	Organist
Samuel H. White S.D. 266	-	-	Inner Guard
R. T. Rolfe Tyler 129	-	-	Tyler

Other matters of business were then disposed of; these included the voting a sum of fifteen guineas from the funds of the Province to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the amount to be placed on the list of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who will represent Kent at the next Festival of the Fund. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren repaired to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. H. Ward S.G.W. In due course the toasts were honoured, Bros. Binckes and J. S. Eastes responding for the Grand Officers of England. The toast of the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent was proposed by Rev. Bro. H. Cummings, who referred to the long services of Bro. Robinson to Masonry, and the many claims he had on the esteem and regard of the brethren of

Kent, as one who, in military language, ever carried the Kentish colours to the front in every Masonic engagement, and with the other noble and distinguished rulers caused the name of their Province to be received in Masonic gatherings with enthusiastic welcome. His work, interest, and example was well known to them all. He trusted the Grand Architect of the Universe would long spare their Provincial Grand Master for him to give them the benefit of his rich stores of true and genuine Masonic knowledge; that the Province might long rejoice under his rule, and that he might have the gratification of seeing Mark Masonry flourish in Kent with an ever-increasing progress. The Provincial Grand Mark Master in reply, said it was always a pleasure to him to be received in the happy way the brethren did receive him. Whether he was visiting a private Lodge or presiding over his Provincial meeting, the same happy note of welcome sounded for him. He was their own appointment; three times for the usual term they had elected him as their ruler, and for six years he had done his best for the Province and Mark Masonry, and the result they saw that day. He hoped to see it progress still more, if he was spared for the next three years. Referring to the bestowal of Provincial Grand honours, he concluded with some very excellent counsel and advice. He then proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master and Provincial Grand Officers. He alluded to the magnificent success which had attended the Mark Benevolent Festival in July, when the efforts of the now Deputy Grand Master of Kent placed him in the front of all the Provinces. Being in the front rank, there Kent must stay, and he trusted the brethren would give the new D.P.G.M. the welcome he deserved, and support him in all his efforts to enhance the reputation of the Province. Among the Officers were some who had done good service to the Province; Brother Ward was known as a mainstay of Masonry, and the late Deputy was still going to give his most valued aid and ability as Secretary. With such lieutenants Mark Masonry must prosper and flourish. The Deputy, Senior Warden, and Secretary returned thanks in suitable terms, while Brother Farren responded on behalf of the Visitors, and the Worshipful Master of 262 to that of the Receiving Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE following is a list of the Officers appointed at the meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge on the 29th ult., which we reported in our last issue:—

Bros. Col. Robert Henry Lindsell P.M. 803	-	Deputy Grand Master
John Cumberland P.M. 475	-	Senior Warden
Frederick Gotto P.M. 1057	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Charles Breerton P.J.W. 540	-	Chaplain
James Fisher P.M. 510	-	Treasurer
Mark Whyley P.M. 540	-	Registrar
Charles Edward Prior P.M. 540	-	Secretary
Frederick Howell P.M. 1470	-	Senior Deacon
A. J. Hills P.M. 803	-	Junior Deacon
William R. Phillips P.M. 475	-	Supt. of Works
Alfred Cookson P.M. 540	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
John W. Green P.M. 475	-	Sword Bearer
Edward F. Green P.M. 475	-	Pursuivant
Edmond R. Green P.M. 540	-	Stewards
Arthur Knox Lindsell P.M. 803	-	
Alexander Grafton P.M. 1087	-	
James Gladwell P.M. 1470	-	Tyler
Charles Weston	-	

Bro. Matthias Levy, Secretary of the Montefiore Lodge No. 1017, is preparing for publication "Shorthand Notes, and the practice relating to them." This work contains a collection of the Cases on the above subject, with Introductory Chapter and ample Index. Price 5s. Subscribers names received by the author, 5 Mitre Court, Fleet Street, London.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted an invitation from the W.M. of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, Reading, to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree, at the next regular meeting of that Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, the 17th instant. The Lodge will be opened at 6 p.m.

THE THEATRES.

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St. James's.—A new play at the St. James's Theatre is always one of the theatrical events of the dramatic year. The St. James's, since it has been under the present management holds, if not the highest, still no secondary place as a comedy stage, and we know that no work will be accepted there unless it possesses intrinsic merit, or what may seem so according to the judgment of the authorities. Sardou's "Maison Neuve," the original of "Mayfair," doubtless owes its presentation at the St. James's to the opportunity afforded by the heroine Claire for the exhibition of very great and very varied emotional power by the actress who is called upon to represent the part. Her touch must range from the highest butterfly flutter of girlish glee to the tragic delight of soul-crushing honour. Mrs. Kendal realised but a just estimate of her own powers when she determined to accept a part made famous years ago by the great Madame Fargueil and Mdlle. Desclée. As an exponent of womanly feeling and tender dignity, perhaps Mrs. Kendal stands unrivalled, whilst she has powers of passion which in the subdued atmosphere of "society" plays can rarely be more than indicated by some transient flash of expression. The story of "Mayfair" has already been told in our contemporaries, and our readers know that it chiefly concerns the fortunes of Geoffrey and Agnes Roydant (Mr. and Mrs. Kendal), who live with their old uncle Nicholas Barrable (Mr. Hare) in dull respectability near Bloomsbury Square. Uncle and nephew are stockbrokers, but the nephew and his wife long for higher society, and in the first act run off from the little festival dinner in honour of their wedding day to the new house at Mayfair. This dinner, which in the original play has a quaint Dickensian humour, becomes commonplace in Mr. Pinero's version. The old neighbour who, in the "Parisien arrière boutique" appears with his pockets loaded with two or three bottles of favourite Bordeaux, is perfectly in keeping with the scene and people, but Mr. Pinero's family solicitor, who brings his bottles of Madeira under his arm to the festival, though admirably portrayed by Mr. Maclean, has a forced and unreal humour. Mr. Brookfield makes a fine character study of a dissipated, impecunious captain, unattached—one of the delightful products the Roydants find in Mayfair society. Mr. Cartwright is assigned the repulsive part of Lord Sulgrave, whose reckless passion would involve Agnes Roydant in utter ruin. The flippant, foolish Don Juan of the original, who forces himself into the heroine's presence at night, when under the influence of wine, is replaced by Mr. Pinero by a cold hard man of the world, dastardly forcing his attentions on a woman who loathes him. In order to raise the character of his heroine, Mr. Pinero has seriously endangered the whole scheme of his composition. His Agnes Roydant—pure, calm and dignified as a Desdemona—would never have tempted such a man as Lord Sulgrave to forget all the laws of hospitality, decency, and self-respect. Mr. Cartwright, in undertaking this ungracious task, works manfully, and succeeds in giving a terrible sincerity to the passion he portrays. In the difficult scene where Agnes Roydant—dazed by an opiate—lies half unconscious on her couch, whilst Lord Sulgrave talks, like Claud Melnotte, of mysterious Italian palaces, Mr. Cartwright made the unreality of the sentiment seem natural and real; and though the character might lose something of its offensiveness under a lighter touch, this fierce possession is perhaps the only ground for extenuation. Mr. Reeves Smith, in the small part of a youthful lover, plays with pleasant honest feeling, while Miss Webster supplies a very engaging pendant. In the part of old Nicholas Barrable, Mr. Pinero produces a very finished portrait of the London merchant of the old school; every point, every tone is touched with a masterly hand, and this portrait—embodied by Mr. Hare—is assuredly one of the finest studies from life that gifted artist has transcribed for us. It is so simple, so true, so free from stage trick or exaggeration, that the art which produces it is completely hidden. Mr. Kendal, as the young husband, who wanders into Armida's gardens, and must pay merciless black mail for release, is at his best. A manly, sincere, honest young fellow; so manly and so honest, we with difficulty can believe he could get so involved with Armida and her friends. Miss Linda Dietz, by her saucy sprightliness, makes the small part of a French maid of value; while Mrs. Gaston Murray, by consenting to play Priscilla, the housekeeper, with but half-a-dozen lines, helped to make the dramatic background of no less artistic excellence than the perfect painting of the foreground figures. Miss Fanny Enson, a new recruit, in the part of a lively friend of the heroine, gave some bright little comedy touches, relieving the melodramatic strain of the story. Of Mrs. Kendal we have already spoken, and whatever difference of opinion there may be on the qualities or shortcomings of the play, there can surely be none as to the delicacy and assured power with which she has made living and real this loving, foolish Agnes, who out of the mists of unity and the bewilderment of passion rises through suffering to the knowledge that in home, with its sacred loves and duties, lie the wife's true happiness. The play is mounted with all the refined care which distinguishes the St. James's management. Especially excellent is the dining room in Bloomsbury, with its Georgian furniture, its old portraits, and its grandfather's clock. The colouring is rich and quiet as a Velasquez.

Drury Lane.—Mr. Creswick, like so many of his confrères, has hanged his spear and shield in the sacred halls of Old Drury, and the brave old warrior in the battle of life, now hushed for the calm of winter quarters, has said farewell to the toil and excitement of the stage. It was a magnificent sight last Thursday to see the vast gathering within the great theatre, but the occasion could well justify the public interest shown. Brother and sister artistes, Mr. Creswick's contemporaries (alas but few are left) and the later

generation, gave their best sympathies and their best work for the good cause. When Irving, Wilson Barrett, Lionel Brough, Cecil, Farren, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. John Wood, Ada Cavendish, and a score other distinguished artistes resolve to make success a certainty, the Treasurer will have a satisfactory balance-sheet; on this occasion he will be able to hand over a purse of £500 to Mr. Creswick, and assuredly many of the veteran's old audiences will echo the congratulations of the Committee and wish him many a pleasant year to enjoy his well earned-leisure.

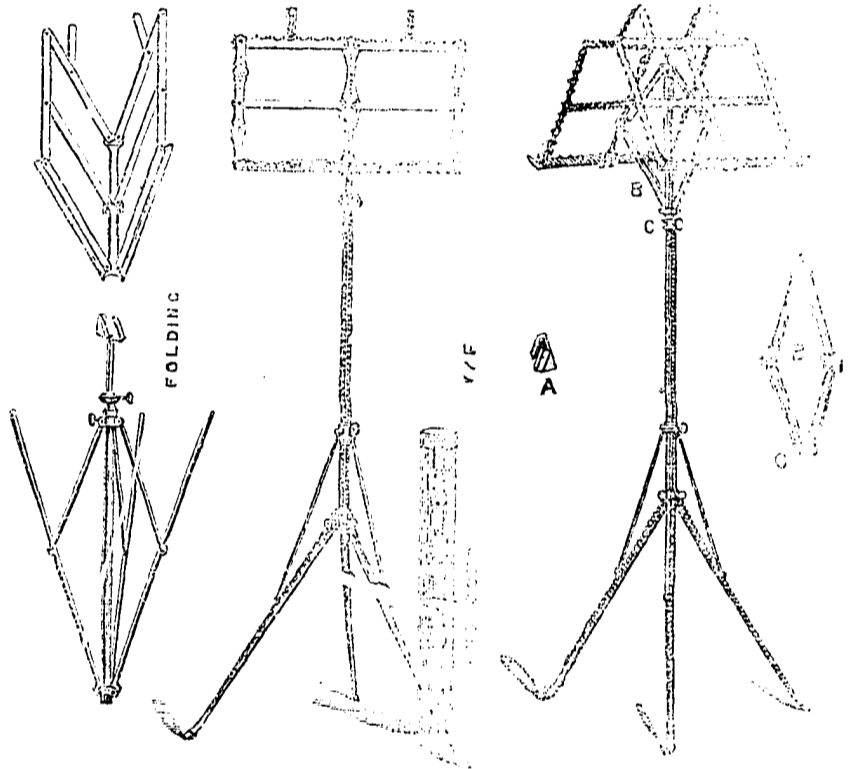
The Grand Master of the G. Lodge of Indiana, U.S.A., M.W. Bro. Albert P. Charles, has personally communicated to Bro. James Stevens his appreciation and high commendation of that brother's latest Masonic work, "Chips from a Rough Ashlar."

In our last number we stated that a new issue of "The Child's Life of Christ" was to be published in "The Magazine of Art." We are now given to understand that "The Child's Life of Christ" is a separate and distinct work from "The Magazine of Art;" and from the first number which has just been received from Messrs. Cassell and Company (Limited) we feel assured it will be found a most interesting work for the youngsters.

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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, 7th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 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)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 4
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-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)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 3 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 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, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1637—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1780—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 929—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
 R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 R.C.—Walton, Skeimersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldie, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 59—Constitutional, Beaura Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 63—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 111—Faulx, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 17—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 183—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
 255—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 515—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 604—Loughborough, 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)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pawnall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 1416—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1510—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)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 701—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Man Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 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
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Oekenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Chesham, Lancashire.
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (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, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regent's Park, 3 (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Portico-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palace St., Westminster, at 7.31 (In)
 1662—Beaumontfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.31 (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
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Lambham Hotel, W.
 M.M. (P.L.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham-street, Rochdale
 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
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Tolmorden
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Fown, Dartmoor
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 851—Working Lodge of Friendship, Seelye Hotel, Worthing
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1013—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

- 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
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 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
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 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
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 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 290—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston

THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

- 10—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)
 206—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)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (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
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1330—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)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Crenton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Crenton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—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, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1201—Royd, 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.
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
 1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
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 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames

- M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
 K.T. 126—De Warene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Finchchurch Street
 1624—Ecceston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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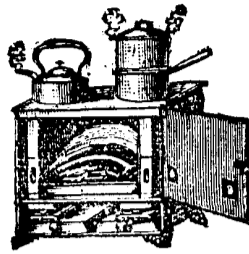
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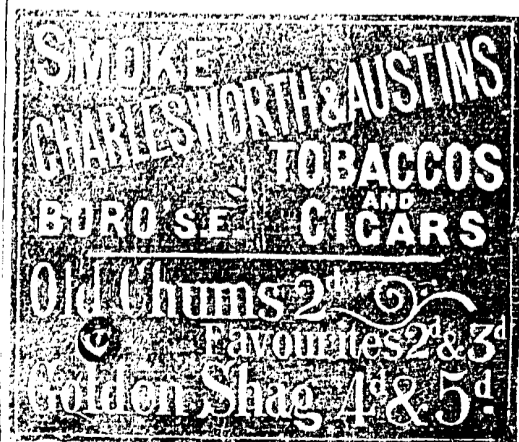
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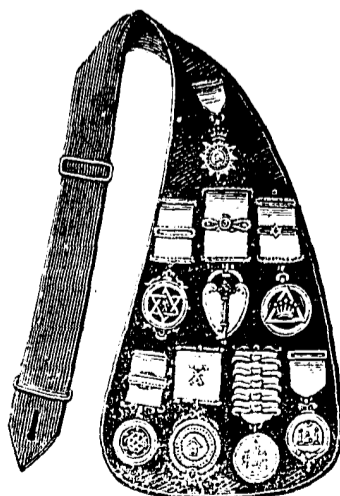
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