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THE INFLUENCE OF ONE MAN.

WE do not need to search far through the pages of history to discover numberless instances of the power exercised by some men over their fellows. In every walk of life we meet with individuals to whom the right appears to belong to take the lead in their particular section, and although they seem to exercise no effort to secure or maintain their position, they are none the less recognised as leaders, or their doings are copied in such a manner as to leave no doubt that it is their example which is being followed. If we analyse the surroundings of these leaders among the people—as they may really be termed—we find the power they exercise, whether it be for good or for evil, is enormous; and if we go further, we shall be surprised to find how many of our every-day actions are influenced in one way or another by such leaders, patterns which have come under our personal notice, or of whom we have gathered particulars in other ways. We may perhaps summarise the argument, and in a few words express the gist of the subject under notice, when we repeat the well-known definition, that man is an imitative animal.

Admitting that much of what is done by the men of to-day is but a reflex of what others have done in the past, it follows that there must be patterns of excellence, men who may be referred to as worthy of imitation, or whose example it is desirable to follow. The question not unnaturally arises,—from whom do such men take their example? To answer this we have to shew the exception which proves the rule as to the imitative tendency of mankind in general, for it frequently happens that those who figure as leaders win their right to that distinction solely on account of their originality, hence we are able to trace the power of individual men among their fellows.

Freemasonry, with its peculiar system of symbolic teaching, is particularly rich in the number of the brilliant examples it offers for imitation—men whom no one need be ashamed to follow, or to whom no one need hesitate to look up. It is difficult to say how much we owe to these examples, for whenever we come across a particular case of success in a Lodge, it is not very difficult to discover the one man to whom much, if not the whole, of such success is due, and without whom the Lodge might have made no special name for itself. So it has been with our Charities. Their progress has been rapid and generally regular, but there have been numerous occasions when a departure from the ordinary course has been made by some particularly energetic brother, with the result that others have subsequently taken a similar course, and permanent benefit has accrued. Here also we have no difficulty in tracing the power of the men who originally departed from the beaten track, and who have now become patterns worthy of imitation, to excel whom is a desire worthy of the most ambitious.

Within the last few days Freemasonry has lost a member who during his lifetime won the highest distinction among his fellows. He has long been recognised as a pattern worthy of imitation, and no doubt he will be so considered for many years to come, when the power he has wrought for good shall produce the fruit it is certain to bear. He was truly one whom we might regard as a leader in his section, and as Freemasonry was fortunate enough to be included in that section it has derived some

of the advantage which has accrued from his good example. No doubt Freemasonry has taught him many a good and useful lesson, but it will be acknowledged that Freemasonry has, if anything, been the gainer through his association with the time-honoured Institution. In him the three cardinal principles of Freemasonry were more than exemplified. His Brotherly Love did not cease in being on good terms with those around him, nor did his Charity stop when he had done all that lay in his power on behalf of the distressed. He had the power of leading others to follow his example, and right nobly did he work in the furtherance of this particular bent of his fancy. Indeed, we may truly say that Freemasonry has not only lost an honoured and respected member, and a zealous worker, but also one of the few whose example is of such a character as to be felt wherever they are known.

It was in the particular matter of Charity that our brother won for himself the highest of his honours, and the title by which he has long been known throughout the metropolis of the world gives evidence of the extent to which he practised that virtue. In a city so proverbial for the number and munificence of its charities and benevolent donors, it is hard to attach to any one individual the palm of excellence, but we think Londoners must have recognised him as being worthy of special consideration when they dubbed him "Charity"—for years past our worthy brother has been known as "Charity Storr," not only in Freemasonry, but outside it; indeed it was as "Charity Storr" that the leading paper of the world referred to him in its obituary column. Surely we need no further evidence of the power of this one man, who, by quiet, unostentatious labour, secured for himself general recognition of a title which the proudest of us might be proud to bear.

We have selected this one brother as a particular exemplification of our views on this subject, and it would be difficult to select one better qualified for the office, even had not his recent sudden death made him foremost in our thoughts. All who knew him will recognise his right to be considered as a leader in our midst, while those who had not the pleasure of his personal acquaintance will recognise the claims of a man who won so honourable a distinction as that he so long enjoyed. Doubtless there are many others yet among us equally deserving of our good opinion, but there are few who will not agree with us that they might do well to number "Charity Storr" among the number of their examples. Whatever may be said against the spirit of imitation which is so largely associated with the human race, there can be no discredit in following such an example as he has set, and which we venture to think will produce such results as will illustrate the power possessed by this one man.

FREEMASONRY REQUIRES MASTER BUILDING.

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NOW we see where these objections lead to, when applied to the affairs of business and statesmanship. They are not founded in reason or right, and Freemasonry, or any other lawful society, has as good a right to secret organisation as an army or nation. We have a

perfect right to bind ourselves under solemn obligation to keep the secrets of our Craft, so long as in doing so we jeopardise no interests of society and no rights of others. "But," say our foes, "this you do; you are bound under oath to defend each other in right or wrong." My answer to this is: It is a falsehood, and every man who has taken the obligations of Freemasonry knows it. And there I let this objection rest.

Again, we are charged with pledging charity and good deeds to Freemasons and their families only. This is not so. We are taught by the most solemn instruction to do right toward all mankind. We are taught to be charitable to all, and especially toward our brethren, and this accords with the teachings of the Gospel: "Do good unto all men, and especially to the household of faith." Is there any wrong about this?

Again, we are charged with magnifying Freemasonry about religion; in fact of making it take the place of religion. If we did, men of all shades of religious belief, who acknowledge the Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul, could not become members of the Fraternity. It is true that Freemasonry recognises religion and adopts and acts by many of its tenets and precepts. Our school books also recognise it, and publish its morals, but does that put them above it, or make them take its place? At a recent meeting of a medical society the following resolution was adopted: "We hold that in the Scriptures of the New Testament are to be found suitable instructions for the direction of man in relation to his duties toward his God and his fellows." Does this make this society take the place of religion? Freemasonry often quotes from the Bible in its ceremonies. It recognises the fact that the Gospel "brought life and immortality to light," but this no more magnifies Freemasonry above religion than the Scriptural quotations a lawyer might make in his plea would make the law profession take the place of religion. The man who says, "Freemasonry is all the religion I want," has not a proper understanding of Freemasonry or religion either; and the enemy of the Craft who says Freemasonry claims the place of religion, simply asserts what he has no authority for stating.

But another objection comes to us, namely, "The Masons killed Morgan." Well, I don't know whether they did or not, neither do our enemies; but, suppose a half dozen Masons, or even a whole Lodge of them, were guilty of his death, should that condemn Freemasonry for all time? Let us try this matter on general principles. At the close of the sixteenth century a horrible crime was committed by the English government, represented by Queen Elizabeth, urged on by the Church of England. I refer to the death of Mary Queen of Scots. No apology can be offered for that crime. The Episcopal Church claims that Elizabeth was not safe on the throne while Mary lived, but the world will not be satisfied with this excuse. The act will go down to the remotest history as one of cruelty and injustice; but would it be just to condemn the Episcopal Church of to-day because of that act? What would be thought of a society organised at present for the purpose of putting down the English Church, because of the death of Mary Queen of Scots? No one can reasonably doubt that Calvin, the staunch reformer, and one of the founders of Presbyterianism, caused the death of Servetus, because of his Unitarian views and publications. This, too, was a cruel criminal act, and justly meets the condemnation of the world, but who thinks of offering wholesale condemnation toward Presbyterianism of to-day, because of this cruelty of Calvin and the Presbyterians of Geneva, three hundred and fifty years ago? We all have to admit that the early Congregationalists of New England were guilty of the most cruel and unjust conduct toward the Quakers, yet who will think of condemning me as a Congregational minister, or Congregationalist in general, of this age, for the banishment of Quakers, or the hanging of witches, by the Puritans of New England? I trust the celebrated anti-Masonic lecturer, Mr. Blanchard, of Wheaton, Illinois, who claims to be a Congregational minister, might see this point, were his prejudices removed. Just as mean men as Morgan have gone from our Lodge, my brethren, to divulge the secrets of Freemasonry and to become the deadly enemies of the Craft, with no just cause for their conduct; and they have gone scot free, not a member of the Lodge wishing to harm a hair of their heads, or molest them in any way, except it may be, to collect some honest bills against them.

I note one more objection and pass to something of

greater importance. Our enemies say we exclude the name of Christ from our Lodges. This was told me by an expelled member of the Lodge, before I became a Freemason, and another member, who has since been expelled, and who now asserts the same thing, told me that it was a notorious lie. Since I affiliated with the Craft I have been convinced that the last mentioned gentleman told the truth in his first assertion. Comment on his last assertion is, therefore, unnecessary. I am surprised that any man, with due regard for the truth, could have taken the third degree of Freemasonry and then have affirmed that the name of Christ is excluded from the ritual. Such a statement is misleading, to say the least of it. But, enough of this. Brethren, Freemasonry is a noble Institution, and, if we do not disgrace it, it will not disgrace us.

And now I wish to consider the object of Freemasonry as it now exists, and our relations to it. As I stated in the beginning, and as is shown in the working of the degrees of the Craft, Freemasonry had in view, primarily, the mutual protection of its members in the cultivation of the arts and sciences, but it has entirely outgrown this object. It is now lifted into the higher realm of the cultivation of morals and the development of charity. Leaving the arts and sciences with the schools of learning, understanding well that since the general diffusion of knowledge, so prevalent in the world, there is abundant opportunity for their cultivation without its efforts being made in that direction, Freemasonry now aims at something higher, namely, the enforcement of those maxims and rules among its members which shall, in a word, make men of them. And what in all the world is to be desired more than real manhood? To be a man, in the moral sense of the word, is something to be desired. It signifies right development in the body, mind and soul; and anything that debases either of these elements robs one of his real manhood to the extent of this debasing. These elements of being are in such close relation one to another, that to injure one is to injure all. The man who pollutes his body by excess in drink, or food, dwarfs his intellect and corrupts his morals. Freemasonry teaches its members to shun all such excess, and any use of it which does not result in more exalted views of life, and greater efforts toward correct living, is a perversion of the fundamental principles of the Craft. The man who defrauds his fellow; who cheats, lies, gets drunk, or gets others drunk, is no more a Freemason, in the high sense of the term, than is the church member who does these things, a Christian. There is something more in Freemasonry than its grips, signs and passwords. These are but the outward symbols of something higher, purer and more exalted. Rob the Institution of these things, and it is then left like the pin without the diamond, the nut without the kernel, or the empty garments after the friend we loved has dropped out of them into the grave. If no gain in right living comes to us from Freemasonry, then have we used it in vain. It teaches those grand lessons: charity, brotherly kindness, uprightness of conduct, and reverence toward God, which ennoble the whole man, and which ought to stimulate every member of the Fraternity to continuance in a good life. Brethren, we are too superficial in our understanding of the spirit of Freemasonry. We ought to avail ourselves of the communications of our Lodges to learn more thoroughly, and have impressed more distinctly upon our minds the lessons taught in our ceremonies. Then ought these lessons to be practised in our lives and built up in us, as the cherished truths of science are built up in the scientist, or the Christian graces of the Gospel are built up in the disciple of Christ, so that they become a part of our very beings.

Brethren, we are builders—Master-builders—not of brick, wood and stone, but of character. The deeds, words and thoughts of life are the material with which we build, and the process of building is to continue through life. A character may be blasted in an hour, but it cannot be built short of a lifetime. In this life-work we need helps; reminders of duty; directors and guides. If we are true Freemasons, the Holy Bible is the guide of our faith. There is no way in which we may more directly prove false to our obligations as Freemasons, as men, and as citizens, than by violating the precepts of the Word of God. It is no trifling thing with me that this Book is an emblem of Freemasonry. And then we have the square and compasses, each with its lesson of life, and these all ought to confront every member of the Craft who is tempted to do wrong. Nominal Christianity is lamented by the Church as one of its most serious impediments. Nominal Free-

masonry is the curse of the Institution. Too many are in it who are not of it. Too many professed Freemasons are comparatively ignorant of Freemasonry. Selfish motives have brought them to the Craft. "The loaves and the fishes" are too much in view, just as many join a church for policy or popularity. Freemasonry needs a revival. It may be said to be a noble Institution, terribly wounded in the house of its friends. What is said about Freemasons is not half so important as what is done by them. To deal justly with all mankind; to walk circumspectly before God and the world; "to afford succour to the distressed; to divide our bread, if need be, with the industrious poor, and to put the misguided traveller in the way, are duties of the Craft suitable to its design, and expressive of its usefulness." In this way are we to build a structure, noble in appearance, glorious in character, and durable to the end.

In conclusion, brethren, let me say, if we wish to profit by Freemasonry, let us study well the tracing board. Bro. Rob Morris has, in his "Odes and Poems" on Masonry, well said of the jewels contained here:

A bundle of maxims, quaint, ancient and true,
A code of good morals for me, sirs, and you,
To warn us, and guide us in what we should do."

Here are the Square of Morality, the Level of Equality, the Plumb of Rectitude, the Hourglass of Time, the Gauge of Equal Distribution, the Compass of Prudence, the Trowel of Peace, the Gavel of Divestment and Order, the Sheaf of Wages, the Cabletow of Covenant, and the Apron of Innocence. These are among the jewels of the Craft which ought to be studied by us and practised in life, as thus shall Freemasonry have influence for good beyond what is now realised by it.

THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY.

ONE of the greatest intellectual pleasures which Freemasonry confers upon brethren whose ears are open to hear all that the Craft authoritatively teaches, and whose eyes are open to see all that it introduces to their view, is the enjoyment that flows from a contemplation of the magnificent edifices which Operative Masons have erected, in various ages of the world. Stupendous in size, they challenge our wonder; exquisite in workmanship, they elicit our admiration; original and perfect in architectural design, they are comparable only with themselves. All of them are in some sense mysteries, and their architects and builders were mystics. They were erected by skilled class artificers, not by common builders. These artificers invariably possessed secrets, which were of two classes, and resulted from each other. First, were the secrets of the art, which were strictly confined to those who were adjudged entitled by character and ability to receive them; and second, were the secret methods of recognition, which enabled these Masonic artists under all circumstances to know each other. We have valid reason to believe that these artists were our ancestors in the Craft, and that their secret modes of recognition have in part at least been perpetuated to the present day.

Nearest to our own time, in the order of erection, were the abbeys and cathedrals of Great Britain and the continent of Europe. The fabric rolls of York Minster, of Cologne and Strasburg Cathedrals, and similar structures, are a mine of information concerning the labours of the Craft. But prior to the Middle Ages, when the most of these edifices were constructed, all the way back through the centuries to the beginning of the historic era, we find distinct traces of the handiwork of Operative Masons. Wherever there was signal skill exhibited in the rearing of stately structures, there we see the evidences of the Craft's existence. Wherever the one secret art and mystery of Geometry was employed in connection with the building art, there were Freemasons.

That world-wonder, the Great Pyramid of Egypt, although so ancient, so mysterious, and in some respects so incomprehensible, has, especially for the last thirty years, been the centre of attraction for the studies and speculations of Freemasons. It is such a masterpiece of scientific construction, so vast in its proportions, so evidently symbolic in many of its features, that it is natural to suppose it must have been the handiwork of the Operative Masons—the Freemasons of their time—who lived and pursued their vocation in Egypt. No common

builders could have erected the Great Pyramid, and it is a question whether any builders could erect it to-day. Certainly there are now none who possess, in such rare combination, the ability to design, the power to execute, and the philosophic knowledge of which the pyramid-builders evidently were masters. The building of magnificent cathedrals and great pyramids is a lost art.

Many brethren of the Mystic Tie have made profound studies of the Great Pyramid, including such Masonic scholars as Past Grand Master Bro. Rob Morris, of Kentucky, and Bro. J. Ralston Skinner, of Ohio. The latest student of its mysteries is Bro. John Chapman, of Sheffield, England. During his sojourn in the "City of Brotherly Love," a few months since, he delivered, under the auspices of Melita Lodge, No. 295, of this city, a lecture on the "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry," which has since appeared in handsome form from the press of Bro. George Kenning, London, and we are under fraternal obligation to Bro. Chapman for a copy. Bro. Hughan furnishes the introduction to the work, which is dedicated to Piazzi Smyth, the astronomer-royal of Scotland, and the leading authority upon the mystic teachings of the Great Pyramid. We have read the pages of this pamphlet with great pleasure. It gathers up, in telling phrase, the results of the studies of Piazzi Smyth, Captain Tracy, John Taylor, Bro. Rowbottom, Mr. Casey and Robert Menzies. We cannot say that we accept all of the deductions of these savants, but then we wonder and admire when we cannot follow. The vulgar opinion that the Grand Pyramid was only intended for a royal tomb is so palpably false, when all of the scientific features of that great edifice are considered, that it must be dismissed as unworthy of credence by an intelligent student of history and science. All other pyramids are but feeble copies of this great original, and the admitted fact that *they* were only tombs, has no bearing upon the purpose of this master-piece of art and science. There were other magicians in Egypt besides those who worked wonders before the Pharaoh of the Exodus. The Freemasons of that day were magicians. They builded, perhaps not wiser than they knew, but certainly wiser than we know, and wiser than their profane contemporaries knew. They were, in the truest and largest sense of the term, scientists—geometers, astronomers, mathematicians. They used, to the best purpose, the plumb, the level and the square, the twenty-four inch gauge and the common gavel. Their ability was as towering as the Great Pyramid they erected, and it may be that in it they have monumented the eternal truths of science and history. Who would not be a Freemason, with an ancestry of cathedral and pyramid builders? Who would not be a diligent student of science, when Freemasonry holds the key that will unlock its greater mysteries? Every brother who contributes, as Bro. Chapman has done, to the popularising of Masonic knowledge, to the spreading of Masonic Light, to the diffusion of information concerning a *chef d'œuvre* of Masonic art, is entitled to the thanks of the Craft. So few read carefully, so few think, so few break the shell of Freemasonry to find the kernel which is within, that every diligent student who gives the fruits of his researches to the Masonic world is a benefactor of the Fraternity. Our brotherhood needs, to-day, not more members, nor more Lodges, nor more machine manufacturers of Masons, but more initiates of culture and reflection, more brethren who read and think, more *students* of Masonry, and fewer *show* Masons. May the Grand Architect hasten the day when the supply shall equal the demand—for quality, not quantity.—*Keystone*.

The Lodge of Israel Ball, in aid of its Benevolent Fund, will be held on Wednesday, 2nd February 1887.

A new Lodge is to be consecrated at East Cowes, on Monday, the 15th inst. The Osborne Lodge, No. 2169, will be started under favourable auspices, and there will be a large muster of brethren to meet the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), by whom the ceremony of consecration will be performed.

A rich memorial window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, has just been erected in the Mission Church of Salfords, Horley, the gift of Mr. Maple, who also has made a considerable addition to the size of the Church.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. PAIN, P.M. 1339.

A VERY important gathering took place on Saturday evening, 30th ult., at the Crystal Palace, for the purpose of celebrating a double event, the first and most important being a splendid banquet given by Brother James Pain P.M. of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339 the well-known pyrotechnical artist of the Walworth Road, to about 180 of the employes at his works at Mitcham, with many private friends, on the occasion of his having arrived at the completion of the Jubilee year of his birth; in the second place to receive from those in his employment a testimonial, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of the uniform kindness and generosity he had always shown towards them, they believing that no fitter opportunity could be found than this auspicious day for making such a presentation. The testimonial took the form of a large portrait in oil of Bro. Pain, enclosed in a massive gold frame, by Mr. Solomon, and it had the further merit of being "a speaking likeness." Moreover, it carried with it an additional value, inasmuch as every individual in Bro. Pain's service, without a single exception, contributed to it. The banquet took place in the Garden Hall, at the south end of the Palace, and in addition to the fare being most bountiful, was served in Messrs. Bertram and Co.'s best style, which left nothing to be desired. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by Miss Catherine James and Messrs. Weston and Sarjeant. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, after which Bro. Pain, who occupied the chair, gave "Pyrotechny," which was responded to by Mr. George Myers, who spoke of the great feature that pyrotechny embraced in all the great festivals which took place, not only in this country but in America. There was scarcely a regatta, a fashionable wedding, a coming of age, or the opening of a public building, where the arrangements were not supplemented by a display of fireworks. On being called upon, Mr. J. P. Grain, the barrister, who was one of the numerous visitors, addressed a few words of congratulation to Bro. Pain on the occurrence of his 50th birthday, and expressed the gratification that he and all present must feel in seeing such a kindly relationship between master and servant; when these were cemented it formed a very different state of things to what existed some 25 years ago, and in thus bringing them about Bro. Pain was not only doing a service to those whom he employed, but to the country itself. In conclusion he said he should set down in the annals of his career that his visit on this occasion was one of the happiest days he ever spent in his life. Mr. Lowe said he expected in the address Mr. Grain had just given them he desired to get them into practice, that they might give gusto to the toast he was about to propose, that was the health of their worthy host. He felt it to be a distinguished honour to have the privilege of proposing such a toast. In a short time the Queen would celebrate the jubilee of her reign over a loyal and united people; they, however, were called upon to celebrate that night the 50th birthday of their worthy chairman, and to offer the congratulations of 180 people, employed by him, on this important occasion. On the other side of the Atlantic Bro. Pain's name was as well known as it was in England; they all knew he had had almost insurmountable difficulties to encounter, but he now lived in their minds as an honourable friend, best of fathers, and an honest man; that being so, he asked them what better tribute did they desire for the name of Pain. He asked them to join him cordially in celebrating this occasion, and doing honour to their host. The poet had said that one birthday was but the funeral of the past; but let them go forward, and at the same time be grateful for that which had gone by. Bro. Pain was surrounded by his sons; one had been in America, and one was about to go to Australia, which, as far as Bro. Pain was concerned, was an unknown country. Bro. Pain first went to America, he was followed by his son Henry, and, as he the speaker had said, in a few days another son would go to Australia; he had no doubt that he would there establish the name of Pain as it had already been done in America. There never had been an occasion, either by day or by night, that his workmen were not willing to do anything when success depended upon their exertions, and in conclusion he would with all cordiality wish their worthy host "many happy returns of the day." Bro. Pain on rising to respond said:—Mr. Vice-Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I am called upon to inflict upon you a little more of my tedious talk; I hope, however, that you will take it in all sincerity; I mean what I say. Mr. Lowe has spoken many things flattering to myself, and I know that he meant them. Of course every individual is permitted to live and work up to a certain time. Four things I have had the privilege to enjoy in my career. In the first place it had pleased Providence to give me good health; in the second place I had a good wife; in the third place I had the assistance of my sons; and in the fourth place I had good daughters to help me; and if a man cannot work and get on under these conditions there must be something wrong indeed. My presence here to-night speaks more than my tongue can express. I will say this, that no employer could have more faithful servants than those I possess, but of course it is not the lot of every one to have such strong support as I have always received from my sons. I have seen wealthy men in business, and their sons, instead of being a blessing to them, have, by their actions, proved quite the contrary. I trust that in the course of their career they may prove better men than their father, and that they may be blessed with sons like mine. I thank you all, and hope, with the blessing of God, that we shall meet again and again, as well and as happy as we are at the present time. (The worthy chairman was greeted again and again with loud and hearty cheers.) Mr. George Myers said it was pleasing to him to be the mouthpiece of those engaged on the Chairman's staff, and to thank him for the splendid dinner he had given them. A suggestion had been made that they should contribute something that should show their respect for him to those who might come after them; this was the gift of a picture, Mr. Pain's portrait. The work had been carried out in a masterly manner, and as the artist was in the room he would only say, that undoubtedly he would not only become a rising man in his profession, but a rising man in the esteem of Mr. Pain's family. In considering this testimonial it was so arranged

that from the youngest to the oldest employed, they should have the power to give something, and with the portrait he handed Mr. Pain a book in which the name of every person who had subscribed to the picture was written. Mr. Pain, replying, said, Mr. Vice-Chairman, ladies and gentlemen—I am extremely obliged to you for your kindness in making me a present of the portrait of myself, the outcome of your generosity, so that those who come after us may look upon this picture as a proof of the kindly feeling which exists between one and another. I cannot find words to express my feelings at the present moment, but I hope you will accept the will for the deed, and in simple language I say, I thank you. The Chairman next gave the Press, for which Mr. Robins, Manager of the Press Association, returned thanks. Some other toasts were given and songs sung, the whole of the proceedings being of unmixed pleasure from beginning to end.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

ON Monday, 1st November, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street:—Bros. Dawsnap W.M., Wall S.W., Lion J.W., Botibol S.D., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Gardner J.D., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary; also Bros. Martin I.P.M., L. Alexander P.M., Spiegel P.M. Dobson P.M., M. Alexander P.M., I. Abrahams P.M., Berkowicz P.M., L. Myers P.M., and a numerous attendance of the Brethren. After the formal opening of the Lodge, Mr. John Mc'Duell was initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge being opened to the second degree, Bros. H. Harward, J. Harward, and Green, candidates for raising, answered the usual questions, to the satisfaction of the W.M.; they were entrusted, and in due course raised. Bro. Spiegel P.M. rose to propose that a testimonial be presented to Brother J. S. Lyon, the Treasurer, as an acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge during the last eight years; in course of his remarks Brother Spiegel said the office of Treasurer was not like any other in the Lodge. The majority of appointments were made by the W.M., but that of a Treasurer is different. Here the brethren of the Lodge exercise their right of selection. The Treasurer is elected by ballot, and if during the year the brother chosen does not give satisfaction, the Lodge would hardly re-elect him. The present Treasurer of the Joppa had been re-elected annually for eight years in succession, and this must clearly show that the brethren had been satisfied. He (Bro. Spiegel) would now formally propose the motion that stood in his name. Bro. Martin agreed in every respect with Bro. Spiegel; he thought the sum of five guineas insufficient; he would like to move an amendment, that the amount be raised to ten guineas. Bro. Spiegel readily agreed to the larger sum, and withdrew his motion: the amendment was so far carried, but in order to comply with the by-laws, the proposal will finally come before the Lodge at the next meeting. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. proposed that the Joppa Benevolent Fund, which is the premier and largest of its kind, be registered according to the law as regards friendly societies. This was carried. The W.M. was then requested to sanction a ball being held under the auspices of the Lodge, for the benefit of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. The permission was granted. Bros. Dobson and Spiegel undertook to make the necessary arrangements. Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Staley 1597, George White 1696, H. Heilbath 650, Huxley 650, Pardoe 1583.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE November meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, when the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Henry Martin, who was well supported by his Past Masters. The agenda paper was exceptionally heavy, there being no less than three candidates for initiation, one candidate for passing, and three for the benefits of the third degree. The following were present as visitors:—M. Dakin 1982, C. E. Wilson J.W. 99, E. G. Johnson J.W. 1804, R. A. Baillie 1982, E. C. Greenwood 1982, H. W. Wells P.M. 1671, E. Coste P.M. 9 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, S. Glenney 530 Australia, W. F. Bertram D.C. 1426, W. G. Jennings 1580, G. W. Thompson 410, W. J. Collens P.M. 766, J. A. Collings 1693. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Henry Percy Harrison, proposed by Bro. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, seconded by Bro. Withers P.M.; for M. Orlton Cooper, proposed by Bro. Usher Back P.M., seconded by the W.M.; and for Mr. George Cockrell, proposed by Bro. Lindfield I.G., seconded by Bro. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary. In each case the ballot was favourable to the candidate. The following brethren were raised:—Bros. Edwin Climson Greenwood, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of the Greenwood Lodge, No. 1982, Surrey; and Bros. William Radford Dakin, M.D., and Robert Alexander Baillie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C., both of the Greenwood Lodge. Bro. S. W. Thompson, of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Surrey, was next passed, and then the three candidates named above were received into the Order. The three ceremonies were conducted by the Worshipful Master, in a most perfect and impressive manner. After some routine work, Lodge was closed. A most enjoyable banquet was partaken of, and on the removal of the cloth the customary toast list was done full honour to. The Past Masters who were in attendance were Bros. T. H. Peirce, Usher Back, A. Green, F. J. Hentsch, W. W. Morgan, J. Laver, Jas. Linsdell.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge took place on Saturday last, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. J. Salmon W.M., P.G.R. Essex, Lewis I.P.M., T. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.W., Fraser S.D., Acworth P.M. J.D., Sutton-Abbott I.G., Parkinson Tyler, J. E. Acworth P.M. Treas., W. Dance Secretary, and a large number of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Wadham, Simpson, Davis and Chew, and proved unanimous in their favour. Messrs. Wadham and Chew being in attendance were initiated by the W.M. in his usual good style, he being ably assisted by the other Officers. Bros. Moore, Boddy, and Sargent were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bros. Tyler and Kestin were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The members then proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer respectively, the choice of the brethren falling upon Bros. Woodrow for W.M., and Bro. Acworth for Treasurer. Both were unanimously elected, this being the third time in the case of Bro. Acworth. Bros. Woodrow and Acworth suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. Upon the motion of Bro. Lewis I.P.M., seconded by the W.M. Elect, a Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to the retiring W.M. Bro. Salmon P.G.R. Essex thanked the brethren, intimating that he should have more to say upon the subject at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Parkinson was re-elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The usual banquet followed.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On the 3rd inst., at Bro. Silvester's, Roman-road, Barnsbury, Bro. Ferguson Preceptor took the chair; he was supported by Bro. Silvester (Treasurer), Bleakley, Messer, Giddings, Coste, Bertolle, Putland, Dimsdale (Secretary), &c. Lodge having been opened and minutes of previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Ferguson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bertolle. Bro. Ferguson worked the second section of the first lecture, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Putland acting as candidate. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate. Nothing further in Masonic business offering, Lodge was closed in due form.

On Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. R. W. Fraser took the chair, supported by Bros. Bertolle S.W., Messer J.W., Merrifield S.D., Boydon J.D., Soannell I.G., Dimsdale Secretary, and several other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rooke candidate. Lodge resumed to the first, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Bleakley as candidate. Bros. Rooke 1158, R. S. Merrifield 282, and J. Soannell 1384 were elected members of the Lodge, and Bro. Bertolle appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Lodge was closed in due form. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at this Lodge on Wednesday, the 24th inst., by Bro. E. Storr P.M. 167, &c.

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.—On Friday evening, the 5th inst., at the Six Bells, Hammersmith, the Fifteen Sections were worked, with the following brethren present:—Collings (Preceptor) W.M., Davis S.W., Sims J.W., A. Williams S.D., Wing J.D., W. W. Williams I.G., Corston Sec.; also Bros. Spiegel, Blunden, Bryant, E. H. Williams, W. Williams, Breitbart, Corston, Copelstone, Long, Craggs, H. F. Williams, Bates, Mitchell, Dharty, Prowse, Marsh, Cronin, Coat, Whittell, Chant, Stockwin, Stonnill, Bird, Moss, Cavers, Gilbert, Vowles. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the second degree and resumed to the first. The first and second Lectures were given, the sections being worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Wing, H. F. Williams, Blunden, Copelstone, W. W. Williams, Collings, Sims. Lodge was resumed, and second lecture given—Brothers Coat, Long, Spiegel, Davis, Craggs. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the third lecture worked, as follows:—Bros. Williams, Breitbart, Long. The working was uniformly good, and the whole of the sections were gone through in less than two and a half hours. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected members:—Bros. Bates, Cronin, Moss, Mitchell, Whittell, Stonnill, Cavers. The newly-elected members having returned thanks, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the brethren who had assisted. Bros. Davis and Sims, the S.W. and J.W. of the evening, were made honorary members. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—A meeting was held on Monday, 1st inst., at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Present:—Bros. Bugler W.M., Thompson S.W., Harling J.W., Bond (Treas.) S.D., Grundy Sec., Sapsworth J.D., P.M. Taylor Preceptor, Cutbill I.G. Past Masters: Bros. Carter, Willis, Collick, Gompertz, Goodern and Featherstone. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willis candidate. The charge was given by Bro. Gompertz. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Preceptor Taylor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Harling was elected W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Bro. Featherstone for his services as Treasurer for the past two years. Bro. Featherstone having suitably responded, Lodge was closed in due form.

On Monday, 8th inst., Bros. Preceptor Taylor W.M., Bugler S.W., Langley J.W., Grundy Secretary, Cutbill S.D., Gompertz J.D., P.M. Williams M.C. Visitors—Bros. Garner 795, Carter P.M., Burrows, Becknell, Howell 1343, &c. The work of the evening

comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Howell candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by the Worshipful Master, answers by the brethren. Bro. Bugler was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. After hearty good wishes Lodge was closed in antient form. On Monday next the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Snook W.M., White S.W., Hancock J.W., Collinridge Secretary, Hutchinson S.D., Fluck J.D., Whittatt I.G., R. P. Forge P.M. Preceptor, Weeden, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keogh candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Bull answered the questions leading to the third. Later on, Bro. White was elected W.M. for Monday next. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Snook for his able working, this being the first time he had occupied the chair.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road. Present:—Bros. Williams W.M., Wood S.W., Lennix J.W., Spiegel P.M. Sec., Cochrane P.M. S.D., Cross J.D., Whittle I.G., J. Davies Preceptor; Taylor P.M. 349 (Scotland), Cavers, Craggs, Lindfield, Head, Burbrook, Stonhill. After preliminaries, Bro. Craggs offered himself as candidate, and answered the questions. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wood, who formally invested the Officers.

On Thursday, 11th inst., Bros. William Williams W.M., Breitbart S.W., Spiegel P.M. J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Altman S.D., Whittle J.D., Craggs I.G., Davies Preceptor, P.M.'s Bros. Childs, Sims; Bros. Stonnill, Stroud, &c. Lodge opened to third degree, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stonnill answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Breitbart was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 30th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., V. Wing S.W., H. Purdue P.M. J.W., G. Gardner Treas., A. Williams Sec., C. B. Corston P.M. S.D., D. S. Long J.D., Craggs Stevard, Osborn I.G., also Bros. Stroud, Tilbury, Wood; W. G. Coat 1275, D. Long 1275, North 834. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Worth offered himself as candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wood, and the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and called off. A meeting of the Benevolent Association was then held, and several brethren being in arrears, the amounts were transferred to the credit of the Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was called on, and the brethren worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, under guidance of the Preceptor. After routine work, Lodge was closed in due form.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., Bros. V. Wing W.M., C. B. Corston P.M. S.W., D. S. Long J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, A. Williams Secretary, W. Dowling S.D., W. W. Williams J.D., W. G. Coat I.G., J. Sims P.M. acting Preceptor; Worth, Freen, Bower, Thomas, Gammell, Wimpey, Osborn, J. Brown, Stears, De Gero, D. Stroud, J. Wood. Visitor—Bro. Isaacs. After due observance of formalities, Bro. Thomas offered himself as candidate, and the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Wing then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Gardner, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. A. Gammell offered himself as candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge resumed; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gammell candidate. After routine work, Lodge was closed according to antient custom.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' road, on Tuesdays, the 23rd and 30th of November 1886, at eight o'clock p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins S.D. 860 W.M., R. Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., J. C. Cross J.W. 902 J.W. Tuesday, 23rd November—First Lecture: Bros. Biscoe, Beck, Salmon, Gregory, Galer, Gush, Larchin. Tuesday, 30th November—Second Lecture: Bros. Frampton, Cross, Snelling, Sharpe, Berry. Third Lecture: Bros. Oldis, Hill, Hodges. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Fridays, 26th November and 3rd December 1886, commencing at seven in the evening Bros. Gush P.M. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Jenkins J.D. 860 J.W. Friday, 26th November—First Lecture: Bros. Long, Price, Sammons, Snelling, Stacey, Hurdell, Larchin. Friday, 3rd December—Second Lecture: Bros. Bond, Kearney, Skelton, Jenkins, Giddings. Third Lecture: Bros. Hancock, Storr, Beck. E. W. W. Snelling J.W. 1541 Secretary.

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE, No. 1069.

THE installation of Bro. G. Whitehall as Worshipful Master took place on Monday, 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Highbury St., Southsea, and was followed by a banquet served by Bro. Bruanton, of Palmerston-road, at which about 60 sat down. The W.M. elect appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Dupree I.P.M., A. G. German S.W., J. Jenkins J.W., R. J. Rastrick Treasurer, C. J. Lawrence Secretary, T. Smith Assistant Secretary, Dr. B. H. Mumby S.D., J. Moses J.D., E. Zachariah Director of Ceremonies, Dudley I.G., Milligan and Cooksley Senior and Junior Stewards respectively. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. M. E. Frost P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Whitehall, after a few appropriate remarks, presented Bro. Dupree with a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, and Bro. Jenkins, the late Secretary, also received a similar token of appreciation of his services. Both jewels were supplied by Messrs. Moses, of the Hard, Portsea. Among the guests were the Rev. Dr. Sall P.P.G.C., and several Provincial Officers.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. In expectation of numerous visitors from a distance, the supper room had been prepared, and light refreshments were in readiness for the guests. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. T. B. Turner, and the following Officers:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. as I.P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Hay Secretary, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Storry Steward, C. G. Padel P.M. Org.; and a large number of members and visitors. The first business was to ballot for a candidate, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. Turner, said that before vacating the chair he desired to make a presentation to the Lodge, in the shape of a carved oak front and spotted metal open diapason pipes for the organ, which is in course of construction for the Lodge. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who appointed Bros. J. T. Sellar P.M. as S.W., and G. Balmford P.M. as J.W. The outgoing Worshipful Master (Bro. Turner) presented Bro. Wm. Brown, the Worshipful Master elect, and the installation ceremony was proceeded with, and conducted to its conclusion; the following Officers being appointed:—Bros. Wm. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, Jas. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., Rev. R. Blakeney, M.A., Chaplain, T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Director of Ceremonies, C. G. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Storry Inner Guard, J. H. Skonksmith, P. Pearson, and J. D. Irving Stewards. Bro. Whytehead then, on behalf of Bro. James Crichton and Bro. Dr. Dickson, of Edinburgh, presented to the Lodge library a beautiful emblematically-bound copy of Bro. M. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," and Bro. Turner I.P.M. presented a handsome clock, with emblematically-carved oak case, for the smoke room. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts, as well as to the I.P.M., for his splendid presentation in connection with the organ. Bro. Whytehead moved a vote of condolence be forwarded to Bro. Mennell on the loss of his son, also a member of the Lodge, who had died at the early age of twenty-one years, having only just been made a Master Mason in the Eboracum Lodge. The name of a candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed, after which an adjournment was made to the De Grey Rooms, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Halliwell, and at which 70 brethren sat down. In addition to the names above mentioned, there were present the following brethren: Bros. the Dean of York P.G. Chap., T. W. Tew Prov. G.M. of West Yorks, Sir F. Milner P.M. 1611 P.P.G.S.W., F. Smith P.M. 837, J. Barker P.M. 1102 P.P.G.S. of W., W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., R. Craig P.M. 304 P.P.G.D., J. W. Bailey P.M. 304, B. Polkinghorne P.M. 1991, C. Falliser P.M. 1337 P.P.G.S. of W., A. H. H. McGachen P.M. 1991 Prov. G.A.D.C., G. Taylor P.M. 129 P.P.G.D.C., J. Marshall P.M. 660 P.P.G.R., J. D. Dudsworth P.M. 660, J. B. Nicholls W.M. 660, J. Starkey 1611, G. Shepherd 1611, J. D. Spetch 1611, W. H. A. Coates, 1611, T. Horsley 1611, J. E. Wilkinson 1611, B. Brown 1611, D. Grant 10 (I.C.), A. Haig 448, T. Harding 1991, J. T. Davies 521, C. Goldthorpe 242, H. Allison 1001, T. Archey 236, H. Scott 236, E. W. Purnell 236, W. Smith 236, A. M. White 1991, J. Brownfoot 304; and others. During the evening several telegrams and letters of apology were read from brethren unable to be present, including Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M., Rev. Canon Tristram, R. Hudson Prov. G. Sec. Durham, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W., G. P. Brockbank, J. Terry (Lord Mayor of York), M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec., C. Fendelow, and others. There was some excellent singing, which was contributed by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, W. B. Dyson, H. Allison, and others, and the speaking was remarkably good, notably the response of the Dean of York to the toast of the Grand Lodge of England.

DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE first meeting of this Lodge since its consecration was held on Thursday, at the Athenæum, Camden Road, when there were present Bros. J. D. Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, W.M., E. Y. Jolliffe I.P.M., Thos. Eccleston Gibb S.W., J. P. Fitzgerald J.W., R. D. Cummings Secretary, Harold Halliday S.W., Joseph Corbett J.D., Mnir Smith I.G., Dr. Haskins Organist, and W. J. Wettenhall, together with three visitors. After the usual preliminaries had been disposed of, two gentlemen were initiated into the Order, Brother Fitzgerald J.W. performing the ceremony, with Brother Corbett J.D. in the chair of S.W., and Brother Jolliffe in that of J.W. A pleasing departure from the usual course of the ceremony was made on this occasion; time allowing for the delivery of the charge, which was given by the acting Senior Warden with great effect, so much so that

we can but feel surprised that its omission has become almost a recognised feature. With so many brethren anxious to display their oratorical ability, with no possibility of their attaining the chair, we think greater attention might be paid to the charges, which are not only interesting, but convey in a few words a considerable amount of Masonic information; they would certainly be appreciated if properly given, as they were on Thursday. The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair and proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he desired to address a few words to the brethren on a subject which was pressing heavily on all of them. Since their meeting of the previous week they had lost a dear friend, in their esteemed Treasurer, whose sudden death had cast a gloom over the whole of their proceedings. In very feeling terms Bro. Allcroft proposed that the Secretary of the Lodge be instructed to write to the family of their deceased brother, expressing the sincere and unanimous regret of the members at the sad death of their friend and Brother, E. F. Storr. Bro. Jolliffe seconded the proposition, adding a few words of testimony to those of the Worshipful Master; and he was followed by Bro. Corbett, who most appropriately adapted various portions of the ritual to the sad task he set himself to perform. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and then the Lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently dined together, but out of respect for Bro. Storr the toasts were of the most formal character. Bro. Jolliffe submitted the health of the W.M., who tendered his thanks. They were but a small assembly that night, but all things must have a beginning, and sometimes the smaller they were, and the slower they grew, the stronger they ultimately became. He felt they had no cause to desire rapid growth in their Lodge, but rather to desire solid progress. Bro. Eccleston Gibb, responding to the toast of the Officers, said the solemnity of their proceedings that day, so far from needing any excuse, was commendable under the circumstances, as it shewed some of the characteristics of Freemasons. He felt the solemnity which had surrounded their meeting was evidence of that true brotherly spirit which should be found in the heart of every Mason. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the initiates. He hoped the ceremonies they had gone through had impressed them, and would justify them in their minds that they had taken the right step in joining the ranks of Freemasonry. Speaking of his vacation of the chair during the initiation, Bro. Allcroft said he would much rather see a thing done properly by another than make a muddle of it himself. He knew Bro. Fitzgerald could carry out the ceremony to perfection, and therefore he had deputed to him the task of conferring it. The brethren admitted that day had no doubt appreciated the position in which the Lodge was placed, and had perhaps not formed a just opinion of Freemasonry. He might tell them that Freemasonry was usually bright, joyous, and happy; tending to good fellowship and good feeling, and such he hoped it would in future prove to them. He hoped the principles of Masonry might assist them in their everyday life, and that it might be useful to them in whatever sphere the G.A.O.T.U. might place them. The proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Vaudeville.—A matinée was given at the this theatre on Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of producing a new farcical comedy entitled "A Scotch Mist," in three acts, by Edwin Shepherd. The comedy is of a character that requires a vast amount of making out, artistes as well as audience appearing at times to be in a complete fog. Nevertheless, Mr. Shepherd has written an amusing comedy, and if his work had been taken in quicker time the result would have been more favourable. The plot is somewhat of a jumble, but the following may be accepted as an outline. A newly married man, Mr. Ultra Marine Chromo, an artist, has been to Edinburgh on a visit to a friend; here he has been taken to an Asylum ball, where he partakes of too much Scotch whiskey. He makes love, and proposes, to two young ladies, by both of whom he is accepted. These ladies turn out to be old schoolfellows of his wife; they write to her, not knowing she is Mrs. Ultra Marine Chromo. The husband returns to London, but on the road he recognises his lady friends, who are travelling in the next carriage, and who also are proceeding to London. Our hero takes a cab to his home, where the girls arrive soon afterwards. The ladies tell their troubles to his wife, who promises to help and advise them; she, however, is still ignorant that the "monster," as he is termed, is her husband. When he arrives upon the scene, he is at once recognised; his wife is very jealous, and determines to leave the house. An elderly gentleman then calls for a Mrs. Chromo, and a great deal of confusion is caused, the Mrs. Chromo sought for turning out to be the maid servant, who has masqueraded as the mistress. The artist's wife leaves the house, but returns without her husband knowing it. She is now rather astonished to find an elderly female, Mrs. Brown, waiting for a Mr. Chromo, a gentleman who made love to her, borrowed fifteen pounds, and then deserted her. The wife naturally thinks it is her husband. In the end, however, it turns out to be the man servant who is the culprit. The artist's wife determines to have an explanation, and for this purpose calls a meeting of all concerned. The meeting takes place in her husband's studio, where she adopts a plan she has read about, viz., to cut the faces out of some pictures and substitute the sweethearts of the young ladies—Mr. Rapert de Granville and Mr. Arthur Fitzhurst—in place thereof, as she thinks they will speak if they think they are alone with her husband. However, the arrival of a telegram, in answer to one despatched by Mr. Chromo, explains all. Some good fun is caused throughout the play by the blunders caused by

Mr. Anthony Greenways, an uncle of Mrs. Chromo. The part of Mr. Chromo was well acted by Mr. Charles Glenn, but some of his points were a trifle overdone. The role was seen to advantage at the hands of Mr. T. P. Hayes, but Mr. J. C. Bookstone, Mr. Charles P. Eaton, and Mr. Charles Steyne were somewhat weak. Miss Mabel Hayes was good as Mrs. Chromo. The chief honour was secured by the capital acting of Miss Emily Miller as Mrs. Brown. This lady when in possession of the stage kept the house in rars of laughter; in fact the success of the piece in a great measure is due to her capital acting. Other parts were taken by Mr. Fred Desmond, Miss Maud Shirland, Miss Louisa Peach, and Miss Natalie Brande. On the fall of the curtain the author received an enthusiastic call.

Olympic.—As we predicted, "The Governess" has been withdrawn after a short run, and on Saturday last "A Ring of Iron," by Frank Harvey, was presented at this theatre. This piece, which was produced at the Grand Theatre, Islington, in August 1885, is of a more cheering character; it contains a good deal of comic business; nevertheless, we scarcely anticipate for it a very long run, as it is not suitable for a West End audience. As the wife of Gentleman Jack—afterwards Sir John Grantham—Miss Grace Hawthorne has more opportunities to display her ability than when first we saw her; she, however, would do better if she did not "pile the agony" quite so much. Mr. George Temple gave a true and natural rendering of Doctor Meredith. Mr. Cantley, as Sir John Graham, was at his best in the first act, but later on failed to put sufficient power into the character. Mr. Frank Wood has a part that suits him better than any we have seen him in for some time; his Sam Thorpe was full of humour, and with the help of Miss Olga Brandon, as his wife, and Miss Lydia Cowell, as Selina, won golden opinions during the evening. Miss Nard Almayne, as the heiress, was very poor. Miss Alice Chandos was natural as Florence Meredith; while Miss Fanny Heath gave a powerful rendering of the part of Nurse Bland. As on the first night of "The Governess," floral tributes were numerous.

Novelty.—The new three act drama, "Outwitted," by D. M. Henry and Edwin Drew, has been re-named "A Woman Outwitted," as the first title, had been previously taken. "A Woman Outwitted" will be produced next at the Novelty Tuesday night.

From a statement made by one of the speakers at the recent meeting of the British Dental Association, that London manufacturers alone supply for the world's requirements 10,000,000 artificial teeth annually, it is evident the old-fashioned prejudice as regards arrangements of this kind is rapidly disappearing. For this change in public opinion more than one explanation may be found. Thus it has been suggested with considerable show of reason that civilization, with all its attendant deteriorating influences on physical nature, has adversely affected the character and appearance of the teeth of the present generation, and that the *force majeure* of necessity has compelled the adoption of artificial substitutes for the means provided by nature to a far larger extent than formerly. But while allowing all due weight to this consideration, there can be no question that the fuller explanation lies in the marked and eminently satisfactory progress made by dental science within the past few years. Indeed, to such perfection has the production of artificial teeth been now brought that it requires an expert to detect the difference between the work of nature and of art. And it is not as regards appearance only that this notable success has been achieved, the comfort, ease, and efficiency of artificial dentals being now-a-days so great that the wearer often enters into the illusion that they are a restoration of nature's gifts. It is, therefore, to the greater manipulative skill and the higher anatomical knowledge displayed by the manufacturers of artificial teeth that the greater popularity, if it may be so termed, of these aids to imperfect nature is chiefly due. Foremost in the van of those who have done so much to raise dentistry into a fine art are its American professors, and, as an illustration of this fact, attention may be drawn to the excellent work that has been, and is being, carried out by Dr. George H. Jones, F.R.S.L., surgeon dentist, of 57 Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, who was a graduate of one of the oldest and best schools of dental science in the United States. In a little pamphlet, entitled "Painless and Perfect Dentistry," prepared and issued by Dr. Jones, a copy of which every one would do well to obtain, the writer interestingly details the extraordinary progress made of late years in dental science, and, at the same time, explains many of the mysteries that have hitherto enshrouded—with the effect of retarding—the development of the art. Without enlarging hereon, sufficient will have been said to show how greatly the public at large are indebted to Dr. Jones, who, in the words of his own pamphlet, has done so much to convert a tortuous and unskilful practice into a "painless and perfect" profession. As there must scarcely be one among my readers who can profess an indifference to this subject—either past, present, or prospective—I would conclude by commending the suggestion already made to their best consideration; and, where conveniences of situation will permit, in addition to applying for a pamphlet, I would advise a visit to Dr. Jones's admirably-appointed establishment, wherein the manufacture of artificial teeth is conducted on lines of exceptional care, skill, and thoroughness.—*Colonies and India.*

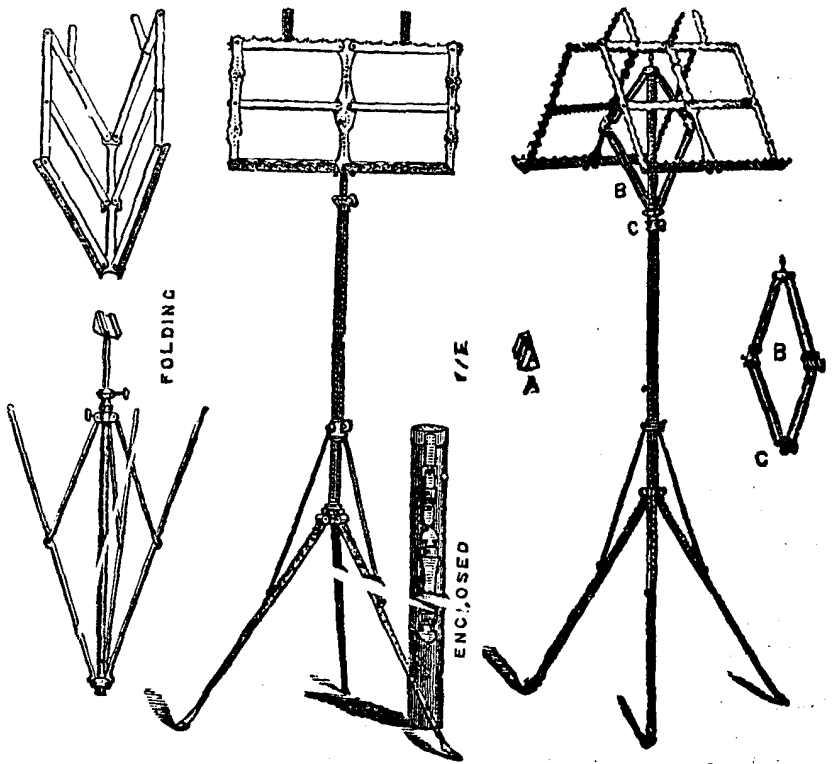
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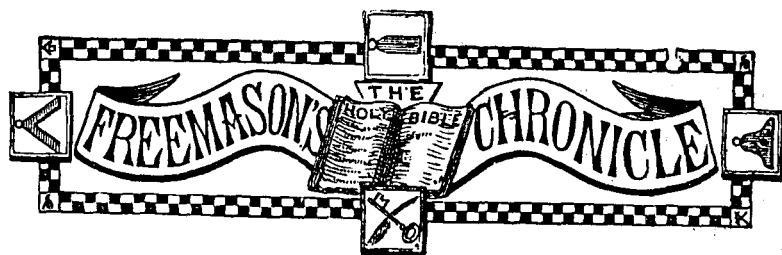
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WORSHIPFUL MASTER.AT the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held on Saturday, the
13th November 1886, at three o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Commercial
Road, Portsmouth,

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z., &c.

Has kindly consented to deliver his Lecture, entitled

"THE RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL OF THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES OF
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A Banquet will be provided for those only whose names are received by
the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. J. W. Gieve, High Street, Portsmouth, not
later than Thursday, 11th November 1886. Banquet Tickets, 3s 6d each, not
including wine.**MARK MASONRY.**

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THREE important gatherings of Mark Master Masons have been held during the past few days, and in each case evidence has been forthcoming which points to the growing popularity of the Mark Degree. On Thursday, the 28th ult., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. C. Else. Sums of twenty guineas each were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the year:—

Bro. Colonel Ford 177 (re-appointed)	-	Deputy Master
B. H. Watts 177	-	Senior Warden
Fred W. Dingle, Royal Cumberland	-	Junior Warden
J. W. Stone 119	-	M.O.
T. C. Manning 128	-	S.O.
E. J. B. Mercer, Royal Cumberland	-	J.O.
Rev. C. F. Winter 348	-	Chaplain
W. Long 191	-	Treasurer
E. Newton Fuller 177	-	Registrar of Marks
F. T. Elworthy 348	-	Secretary
T. H. Holroyd 128	-	Senior Deacon
S. G. Mitchell 177	-	Junior Deacon
E. R. Down 191	-	Inspector of Works
W. Adams 348	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. Penny 348	-	Sword Bearer
A. Duckett 191	-	Standard Bearer
W. E. Sparrow, Royal Cumberland	-	Organist
F. J. Stone 119	-	Inner Guard
A. J. Salter 177	-	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason proposed a resolution expressing regret at the death of Bro. E. Turner Payne, the late Treasurer of the district, which resolution was unanimously supported by those present, who showed in marked manner their appreciation of the services rendered by their deceased companion.

On the same day the Mark Brethren of North and East Yorkshire held their annual assembly at Beverley, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Woodall, Provincial Grand Master. The sum of £5 was voted towards defraying the cost of educating one of the children of an old member of the York Mark Lodge, and £5 15s set aside towards extinguishing a debt of fifteen guineas due by the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master felt that the present depressed state of trade no doubt retarded the progress of the Order, especially in his own district. He also referred to the fact that Hull had not yet joined the Provincial organization, and expressed a hope that the Mark Masons of that town might soon see their way to cooperate with the other brethren of the Province. The

following is a list of the Officers appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. N. Marwood W.M. 337	-	-	Senior Warden
W. J. Watson W.M. 276	-	-	Junior Warden
F. Smith W.M. York (T.I.)	-	-	M.O.
T. Dixon W.M. 281	-	-	S.O.
J. Knaggs W.M. 95	-	-	J.O.
Rev. E. J. Barry 281	-	-	Chaplain
J. S. Wilson W.M. 291	-	-	Registrar of Marks
J. M. Meek P.M. 276	-	-	Treasurer
T. B. Whytehead P.M. York (T.I.)	-	-	Secretary
G. Simpson S.W. York (T.I.)	-	-	Senior Deacon
M. M. Westerby S.W. 281	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. W. Walker S.W. 277	-	-	Inspector of Works
W. H. Cowper P.M. 276	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. Marshall P.M. 277	-	-	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
R. Land S.W. 95	-	-	Standard Bearer
M. F. W. Williamson 277	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Attlay 337	-	-	Organist
T. Foley J.W. 281	-	-	Inner Guard
J. Verity 95	-	-	Tyler

The Beverley brethren have been engaged for some time in erecting a Masonic Hall, and it is anticipated that this will be dedicated next month, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the successor of the late Dr. Pearson Bell in the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having consented to perform the ceremony.

On Friday, the 5th inst., the brethren of Northumberland and Durham held their annual meeting at Gateshead, assembling at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson Street, under their Provincial chief, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S. The report of the Committee of General Purposes of this district showed an increase of two new Lodges, with an increased membership of 33. Two guineas was voted to the Binckes Testimonial Fund, and fifteen guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The following brethren were invested as the Officers of the Province for the year:—

Bro. John Wood	-	-	Senior Warden
W. E. Franklin (named for)	-	-	Junior Warden
W. J. Watson	-	-	M.O.
William Logan	-	-	S.O.
T. G. Mabane	-	-	J.O.
Rev. Joseph Lawson	-	-	Chaplain
J. S. B. Bell	-	-	Treasurer
J. Bailey (named for)	-	-	Registrar of Marks
J. S. Wilson (re-appointed)	-	-	Secretary
R. Kinmond	-	-	Senior Deacon
C. B. Ford W.M.	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. L. Miller	-	-	Inspector of Works
A. S. Fowler (re-appointed)	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Mason	-	-	Standard Bearer
G. Lazenby	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. Carr	-	-	Organist
T. M. Barron	-	-	Inner Guard
— Atkinson	-	-	Tyler

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METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 1507.

THE November Convocation of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 4th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The M.E.Z. Comp. W. Side presided, being supported by Comps. B. Fulwood H. and Minstrell J., while among those present were Comps. W. M. Stiles P.Z., W. J. Ferguson P.Z., C. W. Hudson P.Z., H. Stiles P.Z., T. C. Edmonds S.N., J. C. Smiles P. Soj., G. W. Knight 1st Assistant Soj., H. Dickey 2nd Assistant Soj., R. W. Fraser, F. W. Dimsdale, G. Mordey, C. J. Knightley, L. A. Richardson, F. Silvester, G. C. Dickey, J. F. Saunders, A. Proudfoot, and the following visitors: Comps. Michael, Briggs, J. R. Harnell, Humphreys, Stroud, Gregory, Watson P.Z., J. W. Smiles, E. J. Day, and R. J. Thomas. Comp. James Terry installed, in his usually impressive style, Comps. B. Fullwood as M.E.Z., Minstrell as H., J. C. Smith as J. Comp. W. M. Stiles was again invested as Scribe E., and T. C. Edmonds as Scribe N. Comp. G. W. Knight received the collar of P.S., Comp. H. Dickey that of First Assistant, and R. W. Fraser that of Second Assistant; Comps. Dimsdale being appointed D.C., Silvester Assistant D.C., Mordey W.S., and Little Assistant D.C. Bros. Joseph Bruton, of the Metropolitan Lodge, J. Hemmings and Thomas Ellis Batard, of the Great Northern Lodge, were elected, and were duly exalted Companions. A valuable Past Principal's jewel was presented to the I.P.Z. Comp. W. Side, for his services to the Chapter during the past year, the M.E.Z. expressing the hope that the recipient would ever regard it as a pleasing memento of his year of office. Comp. Side tendered acknowledgment. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to Comp. James Terry, who has installed all the Principals of the Chapter since the consecration. The Chapter having been closed in solemn form, the Companions adjourned to the banquetting hall, where an excellent dinner was served, under the personal direction of Comp. F. H. Clemow.

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HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when it was opened by the M.W.S., Ex. and P. Bro. G. Simpson, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter. The minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed. The business of the Chapter being over, it was closed in due form. The brethren, as is usual at this Chapter, spent a most harmonious hour or two.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, V.P., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. G. P. Britten, A. Williams, S. Richardson, C. F. Hogard, T. Griffiths, G. H. Phillips, J. Rayner, W. Roebuce G.S.B., J. Glass, Joyce Murray, Jas. Moon, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., G. Cooper, H. Young, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., M.A., G. P. Gillard, Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, H. Hooper, W. Maple, Thomas Cull, J. S. Cumberland, A. E. Gladwell, G. P. Festa, H. Venn, and F. Binckes P.G. Steward Secretary. After preliminaries, nine petitions were submitted and considered, with the result that eight were accepted and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April Election. The other was deferred. Grants towards outfit to four ex-pupils were made, and after other business attended to, the proceedings concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Bear. presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., H. Maudslay, Samuel Brooks, J. Newton, Hugh Cotter, R. Turtle Pigott P.G.A.D.C., Alex. Forsyth, A. H. Tattershall, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, W. J. Daniell, W. Belchamber, Joseph Freeman, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., C. H. Driver, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Wm. Hilton, J. J. Berry, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, the Warden's report was read. The Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants. The petitions of six candidates—four male and two female—were considered; they were all accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the election in May 1887. The usual authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for paying the quarter's annuities; but, in order to provide the requisite funds, it was found necessary that the Committee should sanction the withdrawal from the bank of £2,500; this was ordered to be done. In answer to inquiries from various members of the Committee, the Secretary stated that at the present time there were nearly 90 female candidates for election in May next, and not one vacancy, whilst for the men there were over 40 candidates, and only one vacancy. He added that he should be very glad to receive the names of members of the Committee and other brethren as Stewards for the approaching Festival in February 1887, as the number at present enrolled for that occasion was below the average. The appeal, we are happy to say, was attended with favourable results.

We have been given to understand that Bro. Frederick West P.M. 463, P.M. and Treasurer 1328, P.G. Steward, has been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

We have been requested to announce that the future meetings of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly.

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IS OUR MASONRY A DESCENDENT OF THE OLD PAGAN MYSTERIES?

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE author of the Halliwell poem introduced his Euclid thus:—

Whose wol bothe red and loke,
He may fynd wryte yn old boke.

Of course, the name of the "olde boke" was not given. In like manner, a New York Memphis Rite luminary, who claims that his Egyptian Rite was four thousand years old, referred to ancient history as his authority, without naming the special history where that information could be found. Well, for some months past I tried to collect information from the best writers of Egyptian history. I found, indeed, that the Egyptian priests had mysteries, initiation, &c., but I could nowhere learn what the Egyptian mysteries were about, or that they had anything to do with Masonry or Masons. It is claimed, however, that the Egyptians had grouped some of the gods into threes, or as they are called "Triads;" hence it was inferred that the Egyptians believed in the doctrine of the Trinity, and as some of our virtues are divided in our ritual into threes, such as "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," "Virtue, Honour, and Mercy," &c., and as our ancient ceremonies consist of three degrees; all which, according to our theological luminaries, were undoubtedly designed to symbolize the Trinity; hence, it was claimed that the doctrine of the Trinity formed a connecting link between our Masonry and the Egyptian mysteries. But the orthodox G. Rawlinson, in his "Religions of the Ancient World," smashes that theory into atoms. He says:

"It has been maintained that the religion of the educated Egyptians comprised a recognition of the doctrine of the Trinity. The learned Cudworth, of the 17th century, undertook to prove that a doctrine closely resembling the Christian had been taught by the Egyptian priests many centuries before Christ, and some moderns have caught at the statement and laid it down that the doctrine of the Trinity may be traced to an Egyptian source. But there is really not the slightest ground for this assertion, Cudworth's arguments were long ago met and refuted by Mosheim, and modern investigation of the Egyptian remains has but confirmed Mosheim's conclusions. The Egyptians held the unity of God; but their unity had within it no Trinity; God with them was absolutely one in essence, and when divided up, was divided, not into three, but into a multitude of aspects. It is true that they had a fancy for triads, but a triad is not a Trinity. The triads are not groups of persons, but of attributes; the three are not co-equal, but distinctly the reverse, the third in the triad being always subordinate; nor is the division regarded in any case exhaustive of the divine nature, or exclusive of other divisions. Moreover, as already observed, the triad is frequently enlarged by the addition of a fourth person or character, who is associated as closely with the other three as they are with each other. Cudworth's view must therefore be set aside as altogether imaginary, and the encomiast of Egyptian religion must content himself with pointing out that a real monotheism underlies the superficial polytheism without requiring us to believe that even the wisest of the priests had any knowledge of the greatest of all Christian mysteries."

"But," says our Masonic luminary, "the monotheistic doctrine at least, which is part of our Masonry, was certainly taught by the Egyptian priests in their mysteries to the initiated only, hence there is a connection between our Masonry and the old mysteries. But Dr. C. P. Tiele, in his 'History of the Egyptian Religion,' published by Trubner and Co., in 1882, shows clearly that the monotheistic doctrine was no mystery at all in Egypt, that the same people who worshipped and sacrificed to a multiplicity of gods were also taught the doctrine of only one God. He says:—

"The explanation of these phenomena has been sought in the supposition of a double theology among the Egyptians—an esoteric and exoteric—the one being intended for the learned, and known to them alone, and to the chosen few, but kept carefully concealed from the multitude; the other being intended for the people, who thus had the husk given to them, while the kernel was kept out of their reach. Or, in plain words, the priests allowed the plain

multitude to persevere in their superstitions, while they themselves knew better, and attached not the slightest value to all the sensuous representations and usages. This is, however, an utterly baseless opinion, a mere fancy of modern times. In Egypt, as everywhere else, and in all periods, there were cultured and uncultured, educated and uneducated people. The latter never got beyond the visible symbol, and were, as a rule, satisfied with the external form; the former penetrated deeper, and followed up the thoughts that were latent in the symbols. Yet they too attached a certain value to the visible symbolisms, to the forms of religion, to its ceremonies and customs. They valued the forms because of the ideas to which they gave outward expression, but they were not in a condition to emancipate themselves from these forms. There is no trace of their having designedly kept their deeper interpretations hidden; the contrary is the case. The hieroglyphic writing, though as plain as the Roman alphabet, was not a mode of secret writing. All the pictures with which the walls of the public buildings were covered were accompanied by texts explanatory of the subjects depicted; the books in which they published their religious speculations could be obtained by any one, and it was even considered a necessary condition of future blessedness, that one should know the sacred text by heart. In short, the only limit set to the spread of their teachings was the believer's intellectual capacity."


I confess that I am not quite satisfied with the reasoning of our Egyptologists, for I cannot understand how a man could believe in one unbegotten God, and at the same time pray to each of his attributes, as if each attribute was a distinct God. Renouf, in his Hibbert Lectures, says:—

"The Egyptian deities were innumerable. There were countless gods in heaven and below the earth. Every town and village had its local patron. Every month of the year, every day of the month, every hour of the day, and of the night, had its presiding divinity, and all these gods had to be propitiated by offerings. I several times made the attempt to draw up an index of the divine names occurring in the texts, but found it necessary to abandon the enterprise. What can all these gods mean?"

It is true that an Egyptian god proclaimed himself (so says an inscription) as "I am what is, what shall be, and what has been," and a god was styled "the creator of the universe." But somehow, their gods not only had wives and children, but fathers and mothers too. And sometimes a goddess was as much flattered as a god. Thus, from Tiele's "Egyptian Religion," I learn that the goddess Neith was styled "Commandress of all gods," and "there is no second beside her." I confess, therefore, that the Egyptian teachings of monotheistic religion is a puzzle. But any how it is certain that whatever importance the Egyptians attached to monotheism, that doctrine did not form part of their mysteries, and, therefore, monotheism does not connect our Masonry with the Egyptian mysteries.

But here is something very curious. In a work called "Custom and Myth," by Andrew Lang, published in London in 1884, I find that an instrument called "Bull-roarer," was used in various parts of the world for initiations into sacred mysteries, and the same instrument is still used by the Australians. Mr. Lang says:

"The bull-roarer has been, and is, a sacred and magical instrument in many and widely separated lauds. It is found always as a sacred instrument, employed in religious mysteries, in New Mexico, in Australia, in New Zealand, in ancient Greece, and in Africa; while in England it is a peasant boy's plaything.

In Australia it is called a "Turndum," which is strictly concealed from the sight of women. Indeed, if a woman is unfortunate to get a sight of a *turndum*, she suffers death at once. This wonderful instrument is made of a thin piece of board, about a sixth of an inch in thickness, about eight inches long, and three inches wide, and is formed thus . To one end of it a strong string of about thirty inches long is fastened, and by taking a firm grasp of the other end of the string, and by twirling round and round a number of times, after many such turnings, a slight noise begins to be heard, which gradually increases into "a mighty rushing noise, as if some supernatural being fluttered and buzzed his wings with a fearful roar."

Now, Masons of all grades claim to have strictly adhered to all the ancient landmarks in their respective forms and ceremonies; and no "Bull-roarer" (as far as we know) has ever been used either in the mysteries of

Blue Masonry, Red Masonry, Black Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, Rosicrucian Masonry, Robert Bruce Masonry, Constantine Masonry, nor in the Memphis Rite and Scotch Rite Masonries. The possessors of the last rites, moreover, claim to be the greatest archæologists, theologians, historians. In short, they call themselves the highest Masons in creation, and as they seem ignorant of the importance attached by the ancients to the sacred "bull-roarer," the inference, therefore, is that all our kinds of Masonries have never descended from the ancient mysteries.

BOSTON, U.S.A., 2nd November 1886.

Obituary.

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Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. and Treas. 22, Treas. 2168, &c.

It almost seems that our weekly duties are not completed until we have written a tribute to the memory of some dear departed friend. Week by week the same sad task devolves upon us, and we dread to think who will next require a reference in this most mournful of our columns. At one time it is a brother who has far exceeded the three score years and ten allotted to the human race, whose term in this world has, indeed, passed, and whose death, though regretted, was none the less expected; at another the dread angel comes suddenly upon us, and snatches away one in the apparent possession of robust, middle-aged health, without a moment's warning; while yet again it is from the youngest branches of the Masonic family we have to mourn an irreparable loss. This week is no exception to many which have recently preceded it; to-day we have to record the death of as dear a friend, and as true a Mason, as is to be found anywhere. He was indeed

The dearest friend . . . , the kindest man,
The best condition'd and unwearied spirit
In doing courtesies; and one in whom
The ancient Roman honour more appears,
Than any that draws breath in Italy.

The awful suddenness of Bro. Storr's death has served to impress us the more strongly with the loss we, in common with a large number of Freemasons, have sustained by his demise. Last week we chronicled the consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, of which Bro. Storr was, in a measure, the promoter, for the worthy brother who filled the chair of that Lodge after its consecration, and whose name has been given to the Lodge, said it was to Bro. Storr the brethren owed their first Master; and as a consequence the name of their Lodge. On that occasion Bro. Storr was apparently in good health, and the success which attended the opening of the new Lodge was a source of delight to him; he predicted for it a brilliant future, and marked out the course he should pursue in the management of its finances. Alas, how little he and those who listened to him knew what the next few days would bring forth; within a few hours of the meeting Bro. Storr had breathed his last, and one of Masonry's noblest sons had been called to the presence of the Most High. In our present issue we have other references to our late brother's career, and although we could easily say much more in his praise we feel at a loss to give proper expression to our feelings; neither is there need for a more extended notice—Brother Storr was too well known to require it. As an initiate of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, he rose speedily to the front; he was initiated in January 1871, and was elected Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge in 1877. In the discharge of the duties of that important post he displayed exceptional abilities, and at the close of his term of office he left the old Neptune in a far better position than he found it when he assumed its government. Since then he has taken an active interest in its welfare, and has done much towards securing for it the reputation it now enjoys, of being among the foremost supporters of the Charities. For the past three years he filled the office of Treasurer of the Lodge, and on the consecration of No. 2168 was elected to a similar office therein. He was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, in 1873, and in 1883 filled the office of Z. therein; he was also a member of the Mark degree. Last year he was selected to fill a seat on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, and was also among the elected members of the Board of Benevolence. As a man of the world he was

equally well respected as within the circle of Freemasonry, and this is amply evidenced by the compliment paid to his memory by the *Times*, in the columns of which the following line appeared on the 11th instant:—

There was buried yesterday afternoon at Finchley Cemetery a City man who, while leading a quiet and unobtrusive life, was a great power in the world of benevolence. Mr. Edward Francis Storr, linen merchant, of 55 Gresham Street, who died on the 5th inst., has long been identified with the great charities of the metropolis. So ardently did he work in the cause of benevolence that he obtained the title of "Charity Storr." As an old Freemason he had great opportunities of exercising that bent of his mind which led him to do good to his fellow creatures, and he lost no chance of giving it free scope. Belonging to the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, one of the old "Atholl" or "Ancient" Lodges, he passed the Master's chair, and was instrumental in bringing that Lodge to one of the first positions as a supporter of the Charities. Three years ago, on the resignation of the Treasurership by Mr. Isaac Wilcox, who had held the position a quarter of a century, Mr. Storr was unanimously elected to fill the post, and he held it to the day of his death.

EDUCATION.

BRO. MARKHAM TWEDDELL favours us with the following estimate of a broad, true education: Every Freemason is taught to value education, which is to the speculative what the chisel is to operative Masonry. But to educate is not merely to pour into the mind any amount of information, however valuable; but to train that mind, not only to think, but to think aright; to receive nothing as truth that cannot be proved; to let loose the imagination to roam the universe, but always controlled by the reins of reason; and whilst we teach attention to the smallest as well as the greatest wants of the body, whether of food, raiment, shelter, rest, or whatever more may be necessary for its health and comfort, to ever equally remember the needs of our higher nature; to seek innocent amusement as a relaxation from mental or bodily labour; to refine our tastes by calm attention to the beauties of nature and the best works of human art in all ages; gain wisdom from the experience of the past as well as the present; to understand all the scientific discoveries in our power; and, most of all, to make a daily progress in knowledge and goodness all life long, until our mortal machinery is fairly worn out in the working, and our age-enfeebled frames require repose. Rest assured that nothing is lost; all the mental and moral development we have achieved in this life will travel with us through the Dark Valley of the Shadow of Death, illumining our journey, and living with us throughout all eternity.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

With a view to making a strong and useful Lodge of Instruction, it has been decided to combine the St. Marylebone and Queen's (Westminster) Lodges of Instruction. The future meetings will therefore be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on and after Monday, 29th instant. The Lodge will be opened at half-past six on the first evening, after which the brethren will meet from eight to ten. On Monday, the 29th instant, Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremony of consecration, and instal Worshipful Brother G. Lambert in the chair. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. F. Delevanté. Lodge will be opened at half-past six.

NEW MUSIC.

"Ready." Words by G. Clifton Bingham, music by Frederick N. Löhr.

"Childie." Words by G. Clifton Bingham, music by A. H. Behrend. London: W. Morley and Co., 127 Regent-street.

The former of the above songs is of the patriotic kind; it has been set to lively music by Frederick N. Löhr. It will be found easy to sing, and should be added to the repertoire of every lover of spirited music. A. H. Behrend's latest work, "Childie," is of a different class; the sentimental. We hardly think the music is as tuneful as some of this composer's previous efforts, still we anticipate a large sale for this song. Both pieces are published in Messrs. Morley's well-known excellent style.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

- 107-London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173-Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328-Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361-Karl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426-The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446-Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584-Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607-Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1621-Eccleson Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1686-Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell
1743-Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839-Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964-Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012-Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029-King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1185-Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234-Brixton, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
149-Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1990-Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069-Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
M.M. 1-Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43-Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

- 78-British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21-Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22-Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45-Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
174-Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
185-Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212-Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
548-Wallington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
720-Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862-Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901-City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907-Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975-Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1426-Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445-Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
1489-Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506-White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507-Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537-St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (In.)
1693-Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691-St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901-Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910-Shadwell Clerke, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
2060-La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 12-Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593-Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 131-Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
77-Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236-York, Masonic Hall, York
331-Phoenix Public Room, Teuro
359-Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382-Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424-Porough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466-Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622-St. Cuthberts, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725-Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827-St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925-Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934-Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985-Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030-Everton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037-Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141-Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170-St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199-Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208-Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1442-Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477-Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502-Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909-Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32-Jerusalem, Adelpi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40-Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120-Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128-Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139-Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277-Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734-Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 1051-Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
R.A. 1281-Brent, Masonic Hall, Tottenham
M.M. 321-Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39-Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30-United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
35-Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-road, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65-Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73-Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95-Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141- Earl, Victoria Mansion Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
162-Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177-Donaire, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188-Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194-St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435-Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
500-Union of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
704-Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
712-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857-St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, S.E.
860-Lancashire, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
861-Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

- 1044-Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
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)
1420-Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446-Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471-Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472-Henley, Three Crowns, North Woodwich (Instruction)
1540-Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695-New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695-New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707-Eleanor, Proceadero, Broad-street-builings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1919-Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2021-Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704-Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 933-Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1348-Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365-Clayton, White Hart Tavern, Clanton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604-Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642-Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238-Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45-Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
213-Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248-True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384-St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor.
414-Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418-Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Huxley
448-St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. James's-place, Halifax
463-East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468-Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510-St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667-Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960-Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006-Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Dav, Superior, Cornwall
1052-Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089-De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Shoerness.
1113-Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276-Warren, Queen's Hotel, Brecon-road, Cheshire
1325-Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427-Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470-Chiltarn, Town Hall, Duastonia
1473-Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534-Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551-Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570-Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726-Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1761-Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1823-Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941-St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022-Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
R.A. 41-Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105-Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340-Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446-Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460-Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 691-Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764-Pawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804-Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. -York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166-East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266-Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30-United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72-Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wyth Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73-Mount Lebanon, White Horse Tavern, 146 Berry-street, W.C. (Inst)
140-St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174-Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190-Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193-Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228-United Strength, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
58-La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
700-Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720-Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781-Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdock-road, E. (Instruction)
823-Whittington, Red Lion, Cannon-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902-Burgoyne, Goose and Griliron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
969-Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044-Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150-Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278-Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349-Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382-Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cabbitt Town
1475-Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 146 Berry-street, at 8. (Instruction)
1507-Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1521-Duke of Connaught, Royal Victoria Hotel, at 9 (Inst)
1601-Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604-Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1624-Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662-Beaconsfield, The Palace, 41-43 Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673-Isington, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677-Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681-Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instru)
1803-Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1822-Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-road New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021-Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177-Donaire, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 720-Panmure, Goose and Griliron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst)
R.A. 933-Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 159-Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. -Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W. C., at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. -Finsbury, Freemasons' Hall, W. C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 181-Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199-Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Saoredon
29-Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chiswick
121-Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Portance
175-East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178-Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200-Old Grove, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221-St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bilton
246-Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
311-South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325-St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-pure, Salford
342-Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 70 John Street Road, Landport
425-Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwick, Sussex
441-Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
557-Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Breckhead.
581-Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
584-Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592-Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594-Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)

- 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 683—Isea, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
- 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Glockheaton
- 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
- 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
- 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Chatterbury
- 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
- 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
- 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sautwich
- 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
- 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
- 1533—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
- 1556—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
- 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
- 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
- 1988—Mawdack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmuth, N. Wales
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- M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
- 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
- 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
- 179—Manchester, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salsbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Pattison, at 8 (Instruction)
- 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
- 1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Staungate, Wagoner-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1575—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1581—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1602—Sir Hugo Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1628—Treuegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1728—Temple Bar, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creston, Wheatshut Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
- 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
- R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- R.A. 158—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
- 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyve
- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
- 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
- 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
- 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
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- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
- 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1184—Albion, Masonic Hall, Battle
- 1204—Feubroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
- 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
- 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
- 1432—Fitzalan, Wylsby Arms, Cwesity
- 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1550—Cambridge, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1638—Browarigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norwiton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1872—St. Margarets, St. Mark's School, Saratou
- 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
- R.A. 97—Street Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
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FRIDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
- Emulation, Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portia of Arts Hotel, Fleet Street, W., at 8. (In.)
- 113—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
- 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 577—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Yarborough, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 766—Winham Forest, St. Andrew's Tavern, 100 St. Peter's St., W.S. (In.)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Anchor, Key Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hanover-street. (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Drake Hotel, 9 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1036—Mesopotamian, Portia Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1155—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1295—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)
- 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 92—Moir, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- R.A. 890—Horsey, Portchester Hotel, Leicester Place, Cloveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Two Moor Gate, Fitzroy Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
- K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- K.T. 48—Komeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 27—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 347—Non's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Ripon
- 433—Chagwell, Public Hall, 5, Cross Street, Loughborough, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 663—Windsore Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Deodar St.
- 893—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levensaulms
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pimlico
- 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
- R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hatfield
- R.A. 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Winbora
- R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- E.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Snethfield

SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In.)
- 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Maze-street, Hatfield
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Frimley, Haslemere, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1732—King's Cross, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
- 2012—Caiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (In.)
- Star and Anchor, Improvement, Joppa, Aldersgate Street, W.C.
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 251—Penderon, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- R.A. 65—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

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