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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY.

INDICATIONS are now before us of the elaborate and comprehensive arrangements that are in contemplation by which to celebrate the Centenary of this noble Institution, the oldest of the three benevolent establishments connected with the Masonic Craft. It is unnecessary for us to enter into minute details as to the origin of the Institution, which has, within the hundred years ending next year, conferred such inestimable benefits upon thousands of children of deceased or indigent Freemasons, upon families suddenly bereft of the breadwinner, or who had become reduced to low ebbs of poverty by circumstances over which they had no control. The history of the Girls' School has often been written, and it is with its present and future that just now we are most concerned. Masons everywhere have failed to conceal from each other that there is a "sneaking regard" for the Girls' Institution, or it may be better put as a sentimental kind of favouritism for an organisation which makes its special aim the care, maintenance, clothing and education of our "little daughters," to shield them from the disadvantages, and perhaps dangers, to which those who have been deprived of parental supervision might otherwise have become exposed, and not only prepare them for the stern realities of after life, but to watch that life, when they leave our School, with guardian solicitude and affection. Such an object could not possibly fail to enlist the cordial co-operation and support of every right-thinking individual, and there is little cause for surprise that the R.M. Institution for Girls has become the pride and boast of our Fraternity, as it is the admiration of the world. The extensive premises at Battersea Rise, which periodically attracts the attention and inspection of so many of our brethren and their ladies, may be described, without fear of contradiction, as the finest female academy in this or any other country. The pupils there are trained to such a degree of perfection that, no matter into what grade of society they may hereafter be called to move, they are in every respect fitted to discharge their duties and responsibilities, and to display those accomplishments which may be required of them. It is but natural that the wives and lady connections of Freemasons should be drawn with peculiar force into sympathy with such a movement, and probably that may account in some measure for the predilection which so many of the Craft display in favour of "Our Girls." It is truly a great and glorious sight to witness the assemblage, either at their work or recreation, of over two hundred and fifty young girls, happy in the possession of a home where every comfort is at hand, and where they are provided with the best means of present social and intellectual enjoyment, combined with such a system of tuition that must fortify them for the battle of life, when they have to meet it, outside the walls of the School.

We fear we should be tempted into a lengthy and unnecessary eulogium of this magnificent section of the Masonic enterprise but for the knowledge that the merits of the scheme are already fully known to, and appreciated by, those who so gladly contribute to its support. But if, in the present instance, we merely glance at that part of the subject in outline, it must not be taken that our interest in the past achievements of the School has diminished, but rather that we desire, in the most emphatic manner, to call the attention of our readers to the measures

that are being devised for celebrating the Centenary with all that enthusiasm and substantial *éclat* which so momentous an event demands and deserves. During the present year, as is well known, the Executive put forth exceptional efforts, and, aided nobly by the subscribers to the funds, they were enabled to mark the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign by admitting to the Institution all the applicants upon their list, without a contest. That most laudable achievement was hailed with universal satisfaction amongst the brethren, though they may regard it as but a foretaste of what is to be done next year, in celebrating the Centenary of the Girls' School.

It will be recollected that some time ago a Centenary Committee was appointed, to consider and draw up a comprehensive scheme for the celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the existence of the Institution. These gentlemen, with commendable promptitude and tact, set to work, and have produced a number of suggestions, which will be submitted for approval at the Quarterly General Court to be held to-day (Saturday), at Freemasons' Hall. There is not a shadow of doubt that the motions of which Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, has given notice will be unanimously carried, and the report of the Committee adopted. It is necessary, before further alluding to these resolutions, to give as concise an outline as we can from the reports and plans before us, of what is intended to be done. The Committee, as a preliminary step, requested the House Committee to draw up a scheme for uniting Lyncombe House and the premises recently purchased into an enlarged Junior School, with one general frontage, and also for any extension or improvements in the main building which they might consider necessary, and the construction of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium. The House Committee appointed a Sub-Committee for that purpose, availing themselves of the valuable professional services gratuitously offered by Bros. Clutton and Hunt, architects. The scheme, which the Centenary Committee "entirely concur with the Sub-Committee in strongly recommending," involves the erection on part of the present site—in a line with what is now known as the "Alexandra Wing," or Dining Room—of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium, to be called the "Centenary Hall," and for the re-building of the whole of the domestic offices, with large and necessary additions, on part of the strip of land purchased about two years ago. Another scheme was propounded, but it was found that although less costly, it could not be carried out without virtually closing the Institution for a considerable time, and, as the result would be, in their opinion, incomplete and unsatisfactory, the Committee do not recommend it. According to the approved plans, it is suggested that the new kitchen and domestic offices should be built first, on the strip of land abutting on the Comyn Road, as already referred to. This could be carried out and completed without disturbing the ordinary work of the Institution, which is obviously most desirable. The enlargement permitted by the removal of these necessary offices from their present position, between the Dining Hall and Play Room, would give accommodation for forty more children in the main building, and at a future time further accommodation could be provided without any great additional expense, so that the combined schemes now suggested would provide for seventy-five children beyond the number at present in the School. Besides these advantages, the alterations recommended would enable the

House Committee to enlarge the space at present allotted to each child in the dormitories, which, according to the medical officer's report, on the overcrowded condition of these rooms, is imperatively necessary, as essential to the preservation of the health of the children. A portion of this report is appended to the document to be considered at the Quarterly General Court to-day, and sets forth that for some time past the opinion had been gradually growing upon him (the Medical Officer) that our dormitories were inconveniently crowded. To ascertain whether this were the case or not, he has lately taken measurements of all the dormitories in both Schools. He summarises what different authorities consider to be the proper amount of cubic and superficial space for an individual, and concludes by giving calculations to show our present dormitory accommodation is deficient in floor space. Of course, this is a matter of vital importance, and although we have not hitherto heard any serious complaints as to the general health of our children, yet any alterations which will bring about an improvement in this respect deserves every consideration. It is urged that the scheme recommended would remove those defects of the present building which have arisen from the additions made from time to time; it would give separate access to all parts, thus avoiding the necessity which now exists of passing through one room to another, obviously to the interruption and disturbance of the classes at work. It will also provide "much-needed facilities for egress in case of fire." That such means of escape at a time of conflagration—from which may the G.A.O.T.U. preserve us!—are needed, is a matter which comes painfully home to us after many recent events; and, at any rate, the subject is referred to by the Sub-Committee in their report on the defective condition of the windows, which, it is recommended, should be rectified at once; and they suggest that application be made at this Court for the necessary power to carry out that object. It appears that the windows, as at present arranged, are set in fixed iron frames, no part of which can be opened sufficiently wide to admit of the escape of a child, much less an adult! It is no wonder, therefore, the Committee recommend that the whole of the windows of the Institution be inspected, with a view to meet this difficulty. We should think so, too; and many of the brethren will share with us surprise that the "difficulty" has been allowed to be so long overlooked.

Probably, that which will be regarded by a majority of the subscribers as important is the provision of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium, an adjunct highly desirable to all public institutions, and especially to a ladies academy like that now under consideration. For years past this has been a felt want at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the present hall, not giving room, during calisthenic exercise, for more than about 160 children. Those who have witnessed the interesting evolutions at our School will be unanimous in their approval of any means by which the physical health and muscular development of our pupils may be improved, and to no better use could the "Centenary Hall" be devoted.

Should the report be carried, as there is every reason to believe it will be, the present Junior School and the two houses adjoining will be made into one large Junior School, with communications, &c., in accordance with plans prepared by Bros. Clutton and Hunt. By this scheme a large extra school-room, dining-room, play-room with lockers, extra dormitories to accommodate about thirty-five more children, greatly improved kitchen arrangements, enlarged lavatories, baths, bed-rooms for extra staff, will be obtained, at an approximate cost of under two thousand pounds, which includes drainage, water supply, ventilation, &c. This the sub-Committee recommend should be carried out at once, and Bro. Fenn will this afternoon move that the scheme be referred to the House Committee to carry out, at a cost not exceeding two thousand pounds.

The larger portion of the scheme (marked B on the plans), and which is recommended by the Committee, is for the removal of the whole of the domestic offices to a convenient building on the new ground lately purchased by the Institution, and bounded by the public road. The new building will contain:—

1. New Kitchen Offices with Matron's room, Cooking Class-room, House Dining-room, and Servants' Bed-rooms.
2. Converting the present large School-room in the Alexandra Wing into a Dining Hall; this is urgently required, as at present the children are crowded into two rooms during meals.

3. Converting the present Dining Hall and Cooking Class-room into one large School-room, by removing the intermediate wall, and thus enlarging the Dormitory over, and gaining space for eight more beds.
4. Building a new large School-room, about 76 feet by 22 feet adjoining the last, with
5. Large Dormitories over, capable of affording sleeping accommodation with (45 feet superficial area to each) for 76 children, with the necessary Lavatories, &c. &c.
6. Constructing new wide hard wood staircases, in place of a small circular staircase, and a stone staircase with many winders.
7. Building a large Hall for Drill assemblies of the whole School, and recreation.
8. Covering the present Asphalte Court with wide and airy passages, Day Lavatories, Latrines, and Boot-room. The Main Entrance to the Building would lead through a Cloister direct into the new Drill Hall and Gymnasium, which would then be available for the Stewards' Day and Distribution of Prizes, in lieu of the present most inadequate accommodation. This scheme would cost about £20,000, without lighting and warming, but will provide accommodation for about 40 additional children, besides giving increased space to the others.

Bro. Thos. Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes, will move that this scheme be approved, and "that the Craft be and are hereby earnestly solicited to furnish the necessary funds at the forthcoming Centenary Festival." The task of complying with this request will require all the exertions which the brethren throughout the Kingdom can summon to their aid; though we have no apprehension that they will allow any considerations of personal trouble or inconvenience to stand in their way. No less than two hundred and nine brethren have, up to this time, consented to act as Stewards for the Festival, and the Committee are persuaded that if their recommendations are adopted, the inducements held out will result in such an unprecedented number of Stewards as to make it desirable that the Centenary Banquet shall be held at the Royal Albert Hall. In such an event, that fine building, which has been the scene of some of our most imposing Masonic celebrations, would present an appearance of unusual animation, and we sincerely trust the hopes and aspirations of the Committee may be realised in this, as in every other portion of their well-devised arrangements. The "inducements" mentioned no doubt refer to the Centenary Jewels, Stewards' Badges, and other matters, of which there is plenty of time yet to speak. Meanwhile, we anticipate a very large attendance at the Quarterly General Court, at which the whole subject will be presented, and, we hope, be put into practical shape.

THE LANDMARKS OF MASONRY.

A CORRESPONDENT, in our issue of the 27th ult., under the well-known initials of "R. F. G.," in reference to the use of these terms, seasonably calls attention to Bro. Parvin's remarks, anent Bro. Brennan's recent use of them, in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Bro. Brennan has truly "out-Heroded Herod" in this amusing and extensive application of our old words, the "Landmarks," and fairly deserves Bro. Parvin's caustic critique on his revival of what practically may be termed, without offence, "retrograde obscurantism," in treating a question which, though confessedly difficult, we can surely discuss without the intrusion of extraneous considerations and side issues, alike unmeaning and unrealistic.

We must enter our editorial protest to-day against any such sciolistic and unhistorical use of pointless illustrations.

Our old friend Bro. Jacob Norton will rub his eyes, like the sleeper awakened, when he reads Bro. Brennan's elaborate appeal to Bro. Mackey's well-known enumeration of the alleged Landmarks of Freemasonry. For Mackey's elaborate compilation and enunciation of these important and ancient "pillars" of the Order, we feel bound to observe, are purely and emphatically his own, whether evolved from his own "inner consciousness," or garnered out of the ideas, the lucubrations, the "fads" of others.

Bro. Brennan has not the slightest warrant, historically, archæologically or critically, in thus claiming in respect of them universal acceptance, except so far indeed as any of us students can be affirmed fairly to be worshippers of Infallibility, or such believers in Mackey's "postulates," as to claim for them one and all dogmatic definitiveness, and irrefragable authority. Mackey was no doubt a very able man, a painstaking compiler, a clear writer, a good scholar, and conscientious in his use of evidences as far as

he realised them; also untiring in his praiseworthy researches.

It has long, however, been felt by students, that it constitutes a grave drawback in his remarkable work, that he gives us so few references, and we all must feel, we who have traversed in part or in whole the "debateable land" he so unweariedly measured out, that it always must be a matter of expert regret, that he has not in many cases been more cautious in his statements, more reticent in his opinions.

If he excels Bro. Doctor Oliver, as we may fairly admit he does, in his marshalling of facts and his critical use of authorities, it is more than doubtful if he be in any respects equal to the good old Doctor in his knowledge and application of Masonic law.

Mackey, therefore, lucid and able as he is, cannot be deemed to be infallible, and his codification of the Landmarks, though interesting and ingenious, cannot be accepted, (outside America), as of determinate or binding authority in any respect. Indeed, it is very difficult to say, despite modern amplifications of the words, what Anderson originally meant by the term "Old Landmarks," for he was the first Masonic writer to use it, in 1723, as reproducing and commenting on the Charges, &c., of 1722.

In all probability, however, much as his terminology has been extended, he only then meant, what we may fairly term to-day, certain distinctive conditions of Freemasonry proper, which constitute the difference and severance between Freemasons and the popular world *not* Freemasons; and then, further, it is still more difficult for any of us to say what a supreme and sovereign Grand Lodge can or cannot do, even as regards these so-called Landmarks; what changes it may or may not effect; what alteration in this or that it may or may not ordain.

Certain it is that since Anderson penned these words in 1723 several changes, alterations, additions, subtractions have been duly made by the Grand Lodge of England, in G. Lodge assembled, and in what we should certainly suppose Anderson included in his term "Landmarks" in 1723.

The question of the well-known Hiram Lodge in America at this moment is a case in point. This Lodge complains that what it deems to be a "landmark" has been altered by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge affirms its right and power to do so, and calls on the Hiram Lodge to obey its alteration. Hiram Lodge refuses obedience, on the ground of a "landmark" being unalterable. We do not quite see clearly yet whether the Lodge denies any power by Grand Lodge of alteration at all, but only we fancy that such alteration *must* take place, if it takes place, by *unanimous* consent of Lodges under that Grand Lodge. Bro. Brennan's argument that because Mackey, on his sole "ipse dixit," places certain tokens and necessities of modern Lodge life and usage outside the Revival of 1717, and the laws and regulations thence emanating, first actually promulgated in any form publicly in 1723, therefore all Lodges outside the 1722-23 rules are illegal, seems to us, we humbly confess, to be so far-fetched and involved, as to be practically a pure "reductio ad absurdum."

Indeed, if anything, the argument, if it can be called an argument at all, if in fact any superstructure can be raised on Mackey's words, is really and truly, as we say, "the other way on." The Lodge at Philadelphia in 1730, or earlier, was just as legal as the Grand Lodge of York in 1704, as the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, as the Lodge of Antiquity, which has no warrant, and apparently never had one.

Of all the amusing arguments, alleged or fictitious, which this vexed question of Philadelphian Freemasonry has eduved, this to us is the most original, as it is the most absurd. We can hardly suppose that Bro. Brennan is in earnest in using it, and we therefore are inclined to believe that he means it as a good joke, as good honest Masonic chaff for us in this "worn out" old country.

A great deal of nonsense, as Bro. Jacob Norton once said truly, has been written and spoken about the old "Landmarks."

They are often used as a sort of "Bogey" to frighten naughty "children of the widow," and to discountenance audacious student-inquirers and sceptics.

There are undoubtedly "Landmarks and Landmarks," and we quite agree with Bro. Parvin, while some are really old and never to be given up, there are several very modern in idea and verbiage which may at once be cheerfully surrendered, as of no meaning, value, or reality. Mackey's carefully elaborated Twenty-five may be reduced

really or truly to under "a baker's dozen" in historical accuracy, and there we leave the subject to-day.

Before, however, Brother Brennan uses them again dogmatically and readily to establish this or that, to point his "moral" or "adorn" his argument, he really must be so very kind as to tell us what the "Landmarks" actually are, which he himself accepts honestly, and Masonically believes in. Then we can join issue. But until then, the contest is one-sided, as he asserts and we deny. He proclaims an infallible authority, and that we absolutely reject. We know to-day of no official authority or declaration to guide us safely on the subject. We can indeed gather for ourselves certain salient points, from a careful study of our Old Charges, &c., which Anderson first published in 1723, and which appear to us to be "Landmarks," but with Bro. Parvin, "with the exception of a few, very few, universally recognized as such," to which we, too, can "heartily give our assent," we should like to have a list of those, which without controversy are everywhere admitted to be Masonically binding, and inviolable.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. J. Joyce Murray in the chair. Others present were Bros. W. Roebuck, J. L. Mather, Dr. Ramsay, F. Adlard, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), W. Paas, H. Venn, H. Massey, Stephen Richardson, Philip Cleek, C. H. Webb, W. H. Burgess, A. E. Gladwell, A. Williams, W. A. Scurrah, R. Berridge, H. Hacker, S. H. Parkhouse, Edgar Bowyer, R. J. Taylor, W. M. Stiles, Richard Eve G. Treas., G. P. Gillard, G. Mickleby, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the August meeting, and the reading of the minutes of House Committee for information, two candidates were placed on the list for the April 1888 election. A grant of £11 was made to one ex-pupil of the Institution, and the Secretary reported that he had received, through the Grand Secretary, a cheque for £2,107, as the Boys' School proportion of the receipts for admission to the Jubilee Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June. He also reported that he had paid the sum into the bank, placing £1,650 to the credit of the Building Fund, and £457 to the credit of the Sustentation Fund. The agenda paper for the Quarterly Court, on Monday, the 10th instant, was read, and it was decided to recommend that 12 boys instead of 11 should be elected into the School. The Secretary was directed to forward, through the Grand Secretary, a letter of thanks for the cheque for £2,107. A vote of thanks to the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex has been pleased to confer Past Provincial rank on the undermentioned brethren, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee:—

Bros. H. W. Roberts P.M. 1293	...	Junior Warden
E. A. Hughes P.M. 1494	...	} Registrars
Colonel G. B. Clark P.M. 1871	...	
J. E. Fenn P.M. 778	...	} Deacons
W. H. Lee P.M. 1897	...	
Wm. Dodd P.M. 1194	...	
J. M. Rudd P.M. 1579	...	} Directors of Ceremonies
J. Woodmason P.M. 1637...	...	
W. C. Crick P.M. 1460	...	} Standard Bearers
H. J. Jones P.M. 1572	...	

The Festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which is to take place at Southampton, on Monday, 24th October, will be preceded by a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, at which the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) has signified his intention of appointing a number of Past Provincial Grand Officers, and thus to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign.

A very pleasant meeting was held at the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, on Tuesday last. There was a full attendance of members, and neighbouring Lodges were well represented. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

CONCLUDING ARTICLE.

BY BRO. JNO. LANE.

"IN all labour there is profit;" so wrote the wise and Royal Solomon, but the labourer does not always obtain the reward of his toil. It often happens that one sows and another reaps. But the king's wise proverb has received confirmation now that Bro. Norton has opened his eyes to see the light, and consequently I already realise some of that reward which sweetens labour, for my endeavour to convince our Brother that my statements were founded on truth has had some success. We may reasonably hope that further thought and closer examination will result in a yet clearer perception of the facts, and of the natural and legitimate inferences to be drawn from them; and, if so, my labour will not have been without reward.

I wish, however, that Bro. Norton would clearly understand that in no way whatever do I claim any *infallibility*. I am too conscious of the many difficulties inseparable from the subject under discussion, as well as of my own shortcomings, to venture on such an injudicious course; and whilst having had occasion to point out the mistakes of others, I have never concealed from myself the possibility of others exercising a similar duty in regard to myself. But in the instances cited in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of 1st October, Bro. Norton does me an injustice, his statement being alike ungenerous and unfair. When I found that possibly some persons might be misled by the date "1731" in my "Masonic Records," I at once wrote to the *Freemason* (15th January 1887) explaining that such date "did not appear in the Dublin List of 1735," and this I repeated in the CHRONICLE of 16th July last, adding there that I adhered to that date still, and this I reiterate to-day as being the year of origin of the first No. 79.

In relation to Bro. Norton's italicised quotation, in which he makes me say that the Lodge No. 77 "paid £2 2s to procure the Warrant No. 77, following the procedure of the Ancients," I prefer to be quoted correctly; my statement is, "paid £2 2s to purchase the *Vacant* No. 77, in 1768, following the procedure of the Ancients." The *Warrant* was not sold or purchased, but only the position and number of the extinct Lodge; and it should be plain, even to Bro. Norton, that my statement could only mean the *regular*, recognised and general course of procedure, and not an *exceptional* and, perhaps somewhat irregular, mode of action. Now, after the first and only closing up of their numbers, on 27th December 1752, it was the invariable and uniform practice of the Ancients to issue the numbers of old Warrants, either to existing or to such new Lodges as might require them, on payment of a sum of money; and this I call their "procedure." On the other hand, such was not the practice of the Moderns, whose *modus operandi* was to cancel the Warrants that had ceased to exist or were erased, and periodically to close up the numbers, and this I designate their mode of procedure; and, although there were exceptions to this rule, which have been pointed out over and over again, yet they cannot, by any reasonable use of language, be made to indicate that such exceptional treatment was general, or entitled to be considered the "procedure" of the Modern Grand Lodge. It is refreshing, however, now to find Bro. Norton practically admitting that the evidences I have adduced have convinced him that what in the earlier part of the year he alleged the Grand Lodge never did, and which he stated he could not see and did not believe, are now become clear to his mind, and are accepted as veritable facts. So, recognising gratefully Bro. Norton's admission of his mistakes, and his implied appreciation of the value of the new light and knowledge, I pass on to his concluding question.

"The question is, how does Bro. Lane know that No. 79 (the third Lodge constituted in 1731, as attested by an original record of that year in Freemasons' Hall) was not constituted in 1731 at the Castle in Highgate?"

Now at the outset, and to avoid any repetition of the unfounded charge of attempting "to throw dust (as it were) into the eyes" of my readers, which I emphatically repudiate, let me say that I have studied this question

apart from any personal predilection for one side or the other in the "American Early Masonry" controversy.

In dealing with Bro. Norton's question, I have to assume that his allusion to an "original record" of 1731 is to the Manuscript "List of Members of all the Regular Lodges as they were returned in the year 1730," and which are copied in the Grand Lodge Minute Book. Elsewhere (*Freemason*, 19th March 1887), as Bro. Norton knows, I have dealt fully and at some length with this list, and can only here reiterate my conclusion, based on the evidence of the list itself, that "the List was compiled *very late in the year 1731*, and that it received additions from time to time, down to the end of 1732." This being so, the List cannot be relied on at all for any satisfactory solution of the question, for although the List undoubtedly contains the entry at No. 79, "Castle in Highgate," yet, from the evidence I have elsewhere furnished, it is very probable that such entry was not made until 1732.

If Bro. Norton would come over and examine carefully the List and Records, I feel confident he would be convinced that the List, so entered in the Minute Book (and which has been erroneously termed a List of 1730-32) is a transcript of another list which had been *commenced* in 1731 (not 1730), when Lord Lovell was Grand Master, and which after repeated alterations and additions was finally copied into the blank leaves of the old Minute Book then discarded for the new "Large Folio Book" presented by the Duke of Norfolk, and which new Minute Book commences in May 1731. And having shown, in the *Freemason* referred to, that the evidence supplied by the List itself fully justifies the conclusion I arrived at, I pass on to the remainder of Bro. Norton's query.

The question he propounds (omitting the statement in parenthesis) is, "How do I know that No. 79 was not constituted in 1731 at the Castle in Highgate?" To this I reply, that *absolute* knowledge on that subject is, from the paucity of evidence, practically unattainable. We must therefore make the best use of that which is available.

In the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 19th February last, I gave at some length my reasons for believing the Lodge at the Castle in Highgate to have been constituted in 1732, and to make my argument clear I repeat one or two statements in reference to No. 79, viz.:

"(A) That the Lodge, *wherever it may have been located*, that was originally warranted in 1731 as No. 79, for some cause or other disappeared from the List altogether in 1732.

"(B) That late in the year 1732, *the old number being blank*, a new Lodge was constituted at the Castle in Highgate, to which the original No. 79 was assigned, and which I distinguish as 79b."

I based these *inferences* on the fact that the payment for the Warrant of No. 79 by the Lodge at the Castle in Highgate, was not made until 21st November 1732, which is the date of its first and *only* appearance in the List or in the Grand Lodge Minutes. To say that a *London* Lodge would have been permitted to have a *warrant not paid* for, and *without making any attendance at Grand Lodge*, for about a year and a half, is to assume more than is shown by the facts in relation to other Lodges. There is no instance on record, so far as I am aware, to justify such a conclusion. Usually, the Warrants were paid for at the time of their date or within a brief period thereafter. I am, of course, not unaware that in the case of No. 71, dated 26th January 1730, the Warrant was not paid for until 29th January 1731, and in the case of No. 77, dated 11th January 1731, the Warrant was not paid for until 3rd December in the same year, but in both these instances the Lodges are registered as having attended Grand Lodge during the several intervals,—in the first case on 28th August and 15th December 1730, as well as on the 29th January 1731, its day of payment; and in the second case on 29th January and 17th March 1731, as well as on the 3rd December in the same year, when it paid for its Constitution. Now, it is a singular fact that in the case of No. 79, "Castle at Highgate," there is no mention of it anywhere until the 21st November 1732, when it attended Grand Lodge and paid for its Warrant, and like a meteor which appears for a brief season, and then vanishes from our sight, so we never afterwards find any trace or mention whatever of this Lodge No. 79, at the Castle in Highgate. It had had its day; it may or may not have served its purpose, but it certainly ceased to exist.

With a desire, before I leave this subject, to place before Bro. Norton and your readers generally any information

that may assist them in arriving at a correct solution of the question, I subjoin the names of the members of No. 79, "Castle at Highgate," as extracted from the Grand Lodge Minute Book, viz.:

Thos. Moore Esq. Mar.	} Esqrs.
Mr. Thos. Crawford.	
Dr. Philip Chandler.	
Alexr. Chocke.	
Nathaul. Blackerby.	
James Smythe.	
John Pollexen.	
John Bridges.	
Mr. Edwd. Price.	
Mr. Humph. Primate.	
Mr. John Plumert.	
Mr. Henry Stonestreet.	
Mr. Thos. Jeffreys.	
Mr. Thos. Clypperton.	
Mr. Rich. Bushby.	
Claude Crespigny, Esq.	
Vinall Taverner, Esq.	
Shearwood, Esq.	
Fage, Esq.	
Mr. Richd. Baugh.	
Mr. Harry Malthoe.	
Mr. Joshua Lewis.	
Dr. Colton.	
John Pawlett, Esq.	
Mr. Lester King.	
Mr. Peter Wright.	

Out of these twenty-six names I have traced 19 or 20 as members of other Lodges, and probably if all the Lists were complete (thirteen London Lodges being without member's names), the whole of them might be found to have had least a dual membership.

In the List of 1731-32, already alluded to, and from which the foregoing is extracted, Thos. Moore appears as a member of Nos. 64, 69, and 74; he was a Grand Steward in 1731. Thos. Crawford was a member of No. 63. Dr. Philip Chandler was a member of No. 19. Alexr. Chocke was a member of Nos. 5 and 62 in 1725 [neither of these Lodges have members registered in 1731-2], and was G.W. in 1726, and D.G.M. in 1727. Nathaul. Blackerby was also a member of No. 5 in 1725, G.W. in 1727, D.G.M. in 1728-30, and Grand Treasurer 1730-37. James Smythe was a Warden of No. 74 and member of No. 63, being described in the List of members of that Lodge as Grand Warden. [As he was not appointed Grand Warden until 19th April 1732, this supplies additional evidence that this portion of the list was not compiled until after April 1732]. John Pollexen [or Pollexfen] was a member of Nos. 64, 69 and 74, and was a Grand Steward in 1733. John Bridges was a member of No. 63 and Master of No. 74. Edwd. Price was Warden of No. 19 and member of No. 40. Humph. Primate was member of Nos. 19 and 53, and Master of No. 61. John Plumert [Plymert or Pluymert] was Warden of No. 19 and member of Nos. 53 and 61. Henry Stonestreet was member of Nos. 19 and 61. Thos. Jeffreys was Master of No. 19 and member of No. 40. He was also Grand Steward in 1737 and G.W. 1747-51. Claude Crespigny was Master of No. 8 and member of No. 63; also Grand Steward in 1732. Vinall Taverner was member of No. 63, and Warden of No. 74; also Grand Steward in 1732. Shearwood Esq. may be Brownlo Sherrard Esq., a member of No. 64. Fage Esq. is doubtless George Fage Esq., Master of No. 69. Richd. Baugh was member of Nos. 41 and 63, and Grand Steward in 1733. Harry Malthoe was member of Nos. 64 and 69 (in the latter as Harry Walthoe), and Joshua Lewis was Warden of No. 69.

Thus we have the Master of No. 8, the Master and both Wardens of No. 19, the Master of No. 61, the Master and one Warden of No. 69, and the Master and both Wardens of No. 74 as members of this No. 79, "Castle at Highgate," at the same period.

From the foregoing evidences I have no hesitation in stating my conviction that there could have been no necessity or cause for the non-payment for a Warrant of Constitution in 1731, if it was then applied for and granted. These men whose names I have cited, were most of them of good social position, and were not at all likely to run into arrear with Grand Lodge; neither is it reasonable to suppose that a Lodge composed of such members would not have been duly and adequately represented at the Grand Lodge meetings, according to the Regulations, during one at least of the five meetings which took place between May 1731 and June 1732 inclusive.

Estimating carefully the whole of the circumstances, and

bearing in mind the fact that a Lodge composed of such members, had, at the longest, such a very brief existence (because it is undoubtedly out of the Lists the very next year, 1733), I am fully convinced that the character and environments of this Lodge were extraordinary if not unique, and so, having referred to all the evidence that is obtainable, and having given to it a candid investigation and my best consideration, I am strengthened in the belief already expressed that there was a Lodge at No. 79 prior to this Lodge at the Castle at Highgate, which Lodge at Highgate, for the reasons and on the grounds previously stated, I conclude was not constituted there until 1732.

Further regret at the absence of other and clearer information is unavailing. We must be guided by such facts as are ascertained and capable of verification. To the best of my ability I have given all the facts, without concealment or reservation. On them my inferences and opinions are based. If they are acceptable to Bro. Norton, well and good. If not, let him estimate them for what they are worth. I have now done with the subject, being quite content to let time, with its unfoldings, scatter the clouds of error by making manifest the truth. *Magna est veritas, et pravalebit.*

TORQUAY, 7th October 1887.

MASONIC SOCIALITY.

WE take up our pen to-day to call attention to a subject, confessedly one of the most difficult and delicate which Masonic "litterateurs" can seek to approach or handle; namely, the alleged too great expensiveness of our social circles, objectionable as it is often alleged, on every ground, whether of expediency or neglected obligations.

We stated at the outset that this is one of the most difficult and delicate of questions, and it is so for the following reasons:—

We impinge when we attempt to interfere with it, on a subject matter which is altogether beyond our province, inasmuch as it is admittedly within the rights and liberties of each Lodge alone, to settle and arrange as best beseems its own sense of its dignity, its comfort, and its convenience.

It is doubtful whether any one outside that particular Lodge has a "locus standi" to express an opinion, or can even claim a hearing on a matter in which he has really no concern.

In the next place, we are trenching not only on the sole prerogative of others, as we have just seen, but we are approaching a most delicate and vexed question, particular tastes, particular ideas, particular views of things.

Now, as we all know, in such matters men differ widely, and seem to agree to differ widely here. We cannot look for uniformity of taste, opinion, or habits on questions concerning which no objective standard of uniform consent or practice prevails, especially when we have regard to the requirements, the arrangements, the proclivities of our social circle. What suits one body of men or Masons, hardly accords with the tastes of another; what fully satisfies one little assembly, often as directly dissatisfies a second. What is in truth the "beau ideal" of a third Lodge's social gathering, is openly disapproved of by a fourth; and even what one good Lodge loudly praises, another as forcibly condemns.

It is also, as we know full well from life experience, impossible to affect to lay down a "maximum" or "minimum" on all these things, since they all alike are governed more by passing fancies and prevailing modes of tastes or idea, than by any thing else in the world.

In such personal and material concerns it is useless to appeal to precedent or lay down sumptuary laws, since we all of us in such things seem but to echo the common easy going philosophy of the hour, which appears but to accord with what we have to deal with, what we are intent upon:

"To-day is alone our own."

Now there are several views of what Masonic Sociality entails and demands, which we may do well to try and realize.

There are those for instance who take a special and unchanging view of the matter, which instead of yielding to any other expression of opinion, they unhesitatingly cling to and uphold.

They contend that our Masonic social gatherings, being few at the best, especially in London, are meant to be "Albæ Dies" to us all, and that therefore they constitute in themselves festal gatherings, which require special attention and demand abnormal treatment. They look forward to these meetings as to something rare and uncommon, and advocate the most enlarged views as to minute details and general expenditure.

There are those, on the other hand, who think, or say they think, which is all one, that all that is superfluous or excessive, and beyond what is strictly necessary in our "feasts of reason and flow of soul," should be restricted and curtailed, in order, as they put it, that a larger margin may remain, whether for Lodge æstheticism or charitable endeavour. While a third section there is of reformers, which objects to the Lodge funds being diverted in any way from strictly Lodge purposes, and would introduce a new system in the Metropolis, though long prevailing in the Provinces, by which the expenses should be borne in common by all who are present, as the occasion serves, and as each social assembly or little Parliament is holden.

We have thus three views before us, often propounded and often discussed just now, which there can be no unreasonableness or unsuitability in thoroughly considering.

If the last idea is to prevail, which has a great many warm adherents and supporters as to our social regulations having many claims to friendly consideration, we must bear in mind, (which some of us in our zeal are apt to forget), that our normal arrangements in the metropolis will have to be altered altogether, and a new "programme" will have to be introduced, which, perhaps, more in accordance, it is true, with older habits and a rougher state of things generally, may grate on the tastes and tendencies of contemporary Freemasonry, all pointing, as they are undoubtedly more and more, to the notions, the claims, the "fads" if you like, of refined habits and civilising æstheticism. We should bear in mind that all such changes will necessarily involve further changes, and will probably introduce inconveniences and incongruities which may not commend themselves, whether to modern tastes or old-fashioned habits. The Metropolitan system, on the other hand, so much and so long in vogue, aims at great simplicity of arrangement, the avoidance of any petty details as connected with the habits of a mere "symposium" in some friendly "hostel," and seeks to promote the general comfort and convenience of all present, even though it be admittedly somewhat expensive and exclusive in its mechanism and normal details. It may be doubted whether any other system will suit the great mass of our Metropolitan brethren better, or tend more to social harmony, good fellowship, and genial hospitality.

As a rule, we must keep before us the fact, in considering this matter, that our brethren hurry to their Lodge from Court or office, from business and duties of various kinds. They are weary, and want rest and refreshment. They are not disposed, after a hard day's work, for much serious thought or discussion of any kind.

They come to amuse and to be amused, to please and be pleased.

The normal Lodge work, the normal comfortable dinner, some strains of harmony, some pleasant chat, an agreeable "rencontre" with old mates and new associates, some short and crisp speeches, and they then depart, content with themselves, and content with one another.

More than this they deprecate; less than this they will hardly be content with.

But here we pause to-day. There are one or two other subsidiary points which will require consideration before we dismiss the subject, and to these we shall hope to return in an early issue.

In the meantime, not in any sense wishful to seem to "preach," or affect to "lay down the law" in any form whatever, very far from it, we commend our remarks to the thoughtful appreciation of our kindly readers.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With changing temperatures, the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent, unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by such alteratives as these Pills. They directly attack the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, restore the disturbed organs to their natural state, and correct all defective or contumacious secretions. They are easy on the stomach, and give strength, and health, and vigour to the system. They are especially recommended for those whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are hurried, or whose heads are overworked. Their way is as certainly a road to health, and their influence reaches the remotest fibre of the frame and effects a general good.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, 188.

THE first meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, when the W.M., Bro. L. Wall, presided, supported by Bros. George M. Lion S.W., Isaac Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Coombs I.G., the Rev. S. J. Rocco Chaplain, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; there were also present Past Masters Spiegel, M. Alexander, J. Dewsnap I.P.M., L. Lazarus (Sec.), L. Myers, Dodson, Roberts; Bros. Onken, Burnstein, Harward, Blaiberg, Weigel, Chamberlain, Waller, H. Davies, S. N. Lyons, Saqui, Isaac, Thomas, H. Harwood, G. Pluckrose, Laok, Joseph Joseph, Jacques Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors: Bros. J. Pardoe P.M. 1585, W. Shurmur P.M. 1471, H. Beadell P.M. 1880, B. Ramus, and several others. The Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock, in regular Masonic form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. L. Wall, then initiated Mr. Joseph Joseph, and passed Bros. Pluckrose and Chamberlain. He also raised Bros. Ansell, Cohen, Onken and Waller. The three ceremonies were most impressively performed; indeed, it would be superfluous to say more—the W.M. has certainly filled his duties *par excellence*. Bro. Lazarus P.M. proposed that the Brethren of the Lodges should have the privilege of introducing a lady to banquet once a year. This was unanimously agreed to, and the date for the first of such meetings to be decided on a future occasion. A letter was read from Bro. Martin P.M., tendering his resignation, on account of ill-health. This announcement was received with regret. After some other business had been disposed of, the W.M. received hearty good wishes from the Visitors, and Lodge was closed in due form. The company now adjourned to the dining-room, where a capital banquet had been provided, under the supervision of Bro. M. Silver. In due course the W.M. proposed the customary toasts. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap, and was heartily responded to. After a song, the toast of the Past Masters was given. The W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate, who briefly acknowledged his cordial reception. Later on, the health of the Visitors was given, and to this Bros. Pardoe, Shurmur, Beadell and Ramus made suitable reply. Capital songs were given by the following artistes, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden:—Miss Nellie Elton, Miss Florence Lane Fox, Mr. Percy Palmer, and Mr. Walter Van Noorden (pianist). During the banquet Bro. Saqui kindly collected a few "extra" pounds for a distressed Brother, who was temporarily assisted during the evening from Lodge funds.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No 1693.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Highbury, under the presidency of Bro. R. P. Forge W.M., who was supported by a goodly array of members and Visitors. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the Auditors' report was read, and received the approval of the Lodge. Lodge having been advanced, Bros. E. Sheldrake, T. J. Paine and J. F. Hammond were passed. Mr. George Sproston was balloted for, and the result being unanimous in his favour, he, with Mr. Elliott, was initiated. Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, and Bro. G. F. Snook, the W.M. elect, was presented. He was duly installed by Bro. Forge, who performed this ceremony and the two which preceded it with great ability. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. Casely S.W., Mayer J.W., A. W. Fenner P.M. Secretary, Turner S.D., Holden J.D. Atterton I.G., Whittell D.C., Potter A.D.C., Simon and Hazell Stewards, and Bowley Tyler. Bro. J. Cooper P.M., the Treasurer elect of the Lodge, was unfortunately prevented from attending, so that his investiture was postponed. The ballot was again brought into requisition, this time on behalf of Mr. Alfred Holder and Mr. J. Samuel Sheen, candidates for initiation. In each case the result was unanimous, and the two gentlemen being in attendance, they were initiated in ancient form. A banquet followed, at which Bro. Snook, the new Worshipful Master, ably presided. The customary toasts were given, interspersed with songs, &c. The Visitors were: Bros. C. J. Free W.M. 1227, W. Wright Organist 1897, D. M. Murrow P.M. 1269, H. Clark 1050, J. Osborn P.M. 1612, R. W. Galer W.M. 1366, S. Stretch jun. 1950, C. Townley 2190, J. Jones 1278, E. Woodman P.M. 1897 P.A.G.P. Middlesex, E. A. Beer 1471, S. Rashleigh 902, J. G. W. James 1602, R. B. Harding D.C. 1471, A. Coombes S.D. 820, J. Tickle 1196 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, W. F. Wingham 1385, J. Payne P.M. 1602, A. Job 1471, C. Ross 1604, C. Dearing J.W. 1602, Rest 1288.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AN Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 26th ult., for the purpose of giving a Masonic welcome to M.W. Bro. General Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, who was on a visit to the ancient metropolis of the North. The Lodge was opened and there were present the following brethren and visitors: Bros. W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whythead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., G. Simpson P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., W. Lackenby S.D., J. H. Shonksmith Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, W. Storry I.G., F. H. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, W. Wreglesworth, A. Archer, H. Chapman, E. H. Vaughan, T. Milner, T. Masterman, G. C. Pook, W. Sharp, W. G. Penty, and W. S. Child. Visitors: Bros. H. Longford W.M., 1416, W. Smith S.W. 236, J. Todd P.M. and Treasurer 236, J. W.

Purnell Sec. 236, J. Biscome I.G. 236, T. Watkinson 236, T. Archey 236, E. H. Nicholson 236, and L. Hick 236. The Grand Master of Maryland was announced and entered, and was saluted in proper manner. The W.M. expressed the pleasure he experienced at the presence of so distinguished a Mason from America, and also at the number of members present from the Senior Sister Lodge at York. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. then gave an address, which he called "A Masonic Walk through York," in which he noticed the various houses of public entertainment in which the several Lodges held in York had held their meetings from the earliest recorded times, with current remarks on the various leaders of the Craft connected with the several bodies, and other matters pertinent to the subject, and he received the thanks of the Lodge for his interesting remarks. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the Lodge was closed, after which the Eboracums entertained their visitors at supper, and a very pleasant evening was passed, in the course of which the health of Bro. T. J. Shryock was most heartily drunk, and he made a most eloquent response, expressing his pleasure at finding himself amongst the Masons of the mother city of the Craft in the world. He also referred at length to the mission of Freemasonry in thus bringing together in close companionship members of many races and orders of society, and conducing to the formation of permanent bonds of brotherly love, which would do much to cement the friendship of nations and to destroy those international jealousies which had been responsible for much of the strife that had torn and divided the world in past ages. A most agreeable evening was spent in Masonic converse. Amongst the letters read during the evening was one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, speaking in the most cordial terms of Bro. Shryock and his Masonic services.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—On Monday, 3rd October, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Bros. Featherstone W.M., Bugler S.W., Thompson J.W., Bond Treas., Grundy Sec., Radcliffe J.D., Radford D.C., Recknell I.G., Past Master Bro. Carter, Bros. Murnane, Spooner and Langley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. The W.M. proposed working the third ceremony. Bro. Murnane offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony was duly rehearsed. The bye-laws were read. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were taken as read. Bros. Bond and Grundy were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively; Bros. Radford, Bugler and Langley were elected Auditors, and after hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 3rd October, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Snook W.M., Casely S.W., Oldis J.W., Stretch S.D., Hazel J.D., Spalding I.G., Collingridge Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and after preliminary work, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hammond candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Snook then practised the investiture of Officers of a Lodge. Bro. Spalding 1693 was elected a member. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 10th October, when Bro. Casely will preside.

Queen's Westminster and Marylebone Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. Bros. E. D. Cox W.M., Fox S.W., Greenway J.W., C. P. Bellerby Secretary, J. R. Harnell S.D., Raymond J.D., W. Bellerby I.G., W. Cleghorn P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Woodruff P.M., Gunzell, E. H. Bellerby, R. J. Harnell jun., F. Smith, Parker, Reid, Fenelon, Harrington, Gedding, Artaud, Mundell, Ealey, Grassi, Rowe, Beaufort, Walters. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened to the third degree. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. B. H. Cleghorn. Lodge resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Fenelon offered himself as candidate to be raised; he was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The third section of the lecture was worked by Brother Cleghorn. Later on Bros. Beaufort W.M. 21, Harrington 1563, and Fenelon were elected members, Bro. Fox was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Cox for his able working as W.M., for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed. Brethren are invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction, which is under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Cleghorn P.M. 1289.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A meeting of the Educational and General Purposes Committee was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. Bro. F. B. Westlake presided. The business was to receive applications from candidates, and to place such as were eligible on the list for the election in October; also to make necessary arrangements for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 25th October, when two children will be elected on the Fund. There was one candidate already on the list, a girl 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ years of age, the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge Charity, 223, Plymouth—votes brought forward, 251. Three new candidates were placed on the list—a girl, 6 years of age, both parents dead; her father was a member of Lodge St. Maurice, 1855, Plymouth; a girl, 10 years of age, the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge St. George, 112, Exeter; a girl, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age, the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge Salem, 1445, Dawlish. Five guineas was recommended to be voted towards placing out the son of a deceased brother of Lodge Elms, 1212, Stoke, Devonport.

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STANMORE CHAPTER, 1549.

THE regular convocation of this steadily-increasing and successful Chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 14th September, and was well attended. Four candidates had been accepted on the ballot for exaltation, but one only was able to attend; the remainder will doubtless (with others who are announced) be present at an emergency meeting, which, it is expected, will be held during the winter months. The Chapter was well represented by Ex-Comp. J. Tickle M.E.Z., Comp. Bentley Haynes H., and Comp. Dr. Rogers J.; Comps. C. Veal S.E., R. H. Blatchford S.N., C. H. Webb P.Z. as P.S., Jas S. Fraser P.Z., F. Brown P.Z. 538, J. Best Second Assist. Soj., D. H. Jacobs P.Z. 619, Comps. R. Pasco and W. Wilson. Visitors: Comps. R. H. Pearson P.Z. 11 and 1196, B. T. Fountain P.Z. 948, J. Vincent P.Z. 567, R. W. Bilby J. 1212, W. Wingham 25, H. Sprake 813, J. W. Tacon 1196, S. Brooks P.Z. 975 and M.E.Z. 95. The Chapter was opened in due form at 4.35, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly confirmed, the chair of M.E.Z. was taken by Companion Brown P.Z., who, with the assistance of his Officers, exalted Brother W. T. Buck P.M. of the Sub Urban Lodge, 1702, to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The ceremony was admirably worked, and our new Companion may congratulate himself on seeing this beautiful ceremony so ably carried out, in all its branches. On the M.E.Z. resuming the chair, a notice of motion by Comp. Jacobs P.Z., "That the installation meeting be in future held in September, instead of July," was discussed, but its final consideration was adjourned until the next meeting, that absent Companions might have the opportunity of being present. Various matters having been disposed of, and hearty good wishes duly tendered by the Visitors, the Chapter was closed with solemn prayer at 6.30. The Companions afterwards enjoyed a substantial dinner, ably presided over by the M.E.Z., who gave the accustomed toasts with his usual ability. An especial feature was given to the toast of the Visitors, who on all occasions are accorded a hearty welcome at Stanmore. On returning thanks they each complimented the Chapter on its efficient working, and fully confirmed the high encomiums passed by Sir Francis Biddett at the last Provincial Grand Chapter, which was held at Stanmore. Several Companions enlivened the evening with harmony; and with the health of the Principals, Past Principals, Officers, and the Janitor's toast, a very agreeable evening was closed at 9.30.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY.

A CHAPTER of this Preceptory was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at which there were present Fratres W. H. Cowper E.P., W. Brown Constable, J. T. Seller Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar, Major McGachen Sub Marshal, William Watson Captain of Guards, John Marshall P., George Simpson P., W. Lawton P., and others. Excellent Fratre T. J. Shryock Past Commander Beausant No. 8, Baltimore, U.S.A., was present, and received a hearty welcome from the Fratres. A ballot having been taken for Companion T. Masterman 1611, that brother was received into the Order, the ceremony being performed by Fratre T. B. Whytehead P. A number of letters were read from Fratres expressing regret at non-attendance. These included Fratres C. J. Banister Provincial Prior Northumberland, W. J. Hughan, C. Fendelow Provincial Prior Staffordshire, W. P. Cochrane Captain of Guards, W. H. Britain, W. J. Balk, J. L. Atherton, G. P. Brockbank, W. Rowley, J. Barker, W. B. Dyson, and others. After the close of the Chapter, the Fratres met at the refectory, and enjoyed a well-cooked supper and a most pleasant evening.

ROYAL VETERAN ENCAMPMENT.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Knights Templar was held on the 30th ult., at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. E.S.K. William Trevena presided. During the evening, the Very Eminent Provincial Prior, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., presented to the Encampment a handsome oil painting, representing "Knights Templar taking the oath, time of Richard I." A panel on its elegant gilt frame bears the following inscription:—"Presented to the Royal Veterans' Encampment, No. 10, by the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st Degree, Very Eminent Provincial Grand Prior of Devonshire, 30th September 1887." The V.E. Prior's present was thankfully received, and a vote of thanks accorded to him, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The painting was ordered to be hung on the walls of the Encampment. The picture is painted by H. Lynn.

THE TRUTHS OF MASONRY.—There is no controversy, nor can there be any, concerning the grand truths of Freemasonry. No angry discussion can arise concerning the real tenets of our profession—brotherly love, relief and truth—the "broad mantle of a Mason's charity" may be sneered at, defiled with unholy hands and trampled on with unholy feet; and over such desecration of a consecrated and divine substance the true Mason may deeply grieve, but even concerning that he will enter upon no controversy.

THE KIND TO BLACKBALL.—A narrow minded zealot is as much out of place in a Masonic Lodge, as a butcher bird in a canary cot. We warn our brethren to look well before they let one of this class into their Lodges. One of such will raise more Satan in one evening than any number of loving brethren can allay. Blackball them, brethren.—*Masonic Journal.*

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R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 8th October 1887, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to receive and consider Reports and Notices of Motions, as under, and to Elect 15 or (in the event of the undermentioned Motion being carried) 16 girls into the School from a List of 30 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual Business is over.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee, *Re* Alteration in Date of Elections.

Report of Centenary Committee, approved and referred by the General Committee with the recommendation "That the suggestions contained therein for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution be adopted."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

On the presentation of the Report of the Centenary Committee as approved and recommended by the General Committee, by Bro. THOMAS FENN, Pres. Board of G.P., Vice-Patron:—

1. "That the Report be received."
2. "That Scheme A be adopted, and be referred to the House Committee to carry out at a cost not exceeding £2,000."
3. "That Scheme B be approved, and that the Craft be and are hereby earnestly solicited to furnish the necessary funds at the forthcoming Centenary Festival to enable this Scheme also to be carried into effect."
4. "That the windows of the Institution be inspected forthwith, with the view to the provision of a means of egress in case of fire."
5. "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Clause 1, Law 24, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his personal donation, as follows, viz.:—Two in consideration of the first Ten Guineas, and one for every Five Guineas beyond that sum."
6. "That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival, Clause 3 of Law 24 be suspended, and that in lieu of the "List" Votes conferred thereunder, every Steward at this Festival shall be entitled to two Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross total of his List."
7. "That in the case of Annual Subscriptions, commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not less than 12 months, the completion of every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a donation of £5 5s, paid in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime."
8. "That the 'Centenary' Premium Votes be so distinguished yearly in the printed List of Subscribers."
9. "That application be made for permission to wear the Stewards' Badge as a Centenary jewel in perpetuity, and that it be of a special design selected for the occasion, to be submitted to the G. D. of C., and approved of by the M.W. The Grand Master."

BY Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron:—

"That in consequence of the death of Florence A. Weber, one further Vacancy be declared for this Election, making 16 in all.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.
1st October 1887.

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President:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THIS INSTITUTION will be held in the Largo Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 10th day of October 1887, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To receive a Report from the Joint Committee specially appointed to consider the advisability of alteration in the dates of the Quarterly Courts for Election of Boys.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By W. Bro. JOYCE MURRAY, V.-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:

"That an additional vacancy be declared, to be filled up by the Election of an additional candidate, at the Quarterly Court on the 10th October 1887."

To Elect Eleven, or—should the Notice of Motion by Bro. Joyce Murray be adopted—Twelve boys, from a List of Fifty-four candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at one o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at three o'clock precisely.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std. P.G.S.B.), Vice Patron,
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
1st October 1887.

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD

ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon,

in the Chair.

The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges of Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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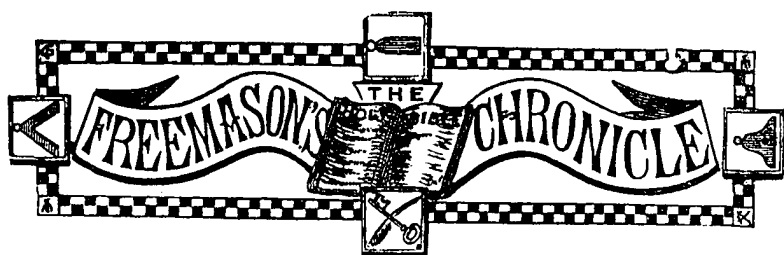
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THE IRISH DAUGHTER LODGE OF MOTHER KILWINNING.

A CENTRE OF THE HIGH DEGREES IN IRELAND.

From unpublished Notes on Mother Kilwinning, by D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland.

(Continued from page 218).

"Thursday, May 22d, 1800. Present: J. Fowler, M., G. Darling, Br. Tighe, Br. Damonlin, Br. Waters, Jones, Richrd. M'Cowan, John M'Cowan, Br. D. Heffmann, Kilwinning Lodge open'd in due form as . . . H K T L. John Fowler, Sublime Commander, in the chair, when Br. Jones, Br. Waters, Br. Richard M'Cowan of this Lodge, and Bro. Edward Harvey of No. 2, were raised to the Sublime Degree of H K T . . . and duly admitted into Council. Lodge closed in the usual peace, love, & harmony. J. Fowler; John M'Cowan, Secy."

"Saturday June 26, 1802. Lodge open'd in due form a Master Masons Lodge, when Brs Hawksworth and Markby having passed the chair, the Lodge called up to the degree of Excellent Masonry, to which the aforesaid Brs were admitted in all due form. The lodge then called up to the degree of Super-excellent, to which they were admitted,—and then called up to Royal Arch Masonry, when said Brothers Hawksworth and Markby royally descended and ascended the Arch. Called up to an Encampment of High Knight Templars, when Br Molesworth of Lodge 198 and Br Maxwell of this lodge having been duly prepared were admitted to that degree. J Damonlin, Jno Fowler, pro Secy."

There can be no doubt of the fact that this body, which from its connection with Kilwinning had come to be regarded as a centre and source of the High Grades, issued Knight Templar Warrants. That granted in 1805, to Finea in the county of Westmeath, being No. 1, is preserved in the repositories of the Grand Conclave of Ireland. No. 4 Warrant was in possession of brethren in the Westmeath Militia in 1813. The original transaction book of the Lodge itself bears traces of its having granted written authority to Lodges to work the Royal Arch and Templar degrees. The first excerpt is illustrative of a custom whereby brethren joining the militia or the volunteers were permitted to form branch Lodges and make Masons during their temporary absence from the seat of their mother Lodge. The two other minutes refer still more pointedly to the assumption by the Irish Kilwinning Lodge of the prerogatives of a head court of Masonic Templars:

"1783. July 22d. Kilwinning Lodge open'd in due form—the Worshipful Bro. S. P. Darling in the chair . . . Took into consideration several communications from our Bror. Lient.-Col. Heath relative to a Warrant or Dispensation from us to hold a Lodge in the 1st or Royal Regt. Resolved that a Dispensation be granted by us to Bror. Lient.-Col. Heath, Capts. Trail and O'Brien, to convene a Lodge and act as Masons while absent from Dublin,—they to make returns to us of such members as they admit, and a return also of all future officers they shall elect. They to pay for said Dispensation 1 guinea and a crown to the Lodge . . . S. Darling E.G.Mr; W. Rainsford, Secy."

"1785. May 2. Kilwinning Lodge open'd—the Worshipful in the chair. 6 members present. A proposal made that liberty be given to the members of this Lodge to assist in communicating the Higher Degrees to the First Volunteer Lodge, and to grant a Dispensation for that purpose, which after some debate was referred to next meeting . . . J. G. O'Brien, E.G.M; W. Rainsford."

"1785. May 30. Kilwinning Lodge open'd in ample form—the Worshipful in the chair. 11 members present. A Knight Templars Lodge open'd. Took into consideration the motion of last night of meeting, which after a most candid discussion was unanimously agreed to, on the condition that the Volunteer Lodge taking out a Dispensation from this Lodge for the Degrees of Excellent, Super-excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templars . . . J. G. O'Brien, EGM; W. Rainsford, EGS."

That the Warant or Dispensation above referred to was accepted, may be inferred from the fact that the Degree of Knight Templar was conferred on the brethren of the First Volunteer Lodge in circumstances of a somewhat ostentatious character. A Sunday was selected for the ceremony, and the Lodge having been opened under canvass on an open plain in the vicinity of Dublin, and encircled by a chain of armed sentinels, the work was proceeded with. The event is thus recorded:

"1785. Sunday, Aug. 14. Kilwinning Lodge open'd in ample form—the Worshipful on his Throne. 7 members present. A High Knight Templars Lodge open'd by special summons and appointment in an encampment on the plains of Sandymount. In order to confer the Degrees of Knight Templar on our brethren of the First Volunteer Lodge, agreeable to transaction of May 30 . . . when Brs Osborne, Moloy, Boyer, Kildahl, Hughes, Lambert, Rigby, Geston, Draper, Killen, Byrn, P. Moore, Purcell, Dougherty, and Hifferman of the First Volunteer Lodge; Bro. Keath of our own Lodge; Br. Bacon of No. 4; P. North of No. 4; Ward of No. 9; O'Brien, No. 4; Bedford, No. 4; O'Farrell of No. 9, were all severally and duly admitted to the Degree of High Knight Templar with all the accustomed trials of skill and valour, which they sustained with becoming fortitude. 1 resolved that the thanks of this Lodge be by our Worshipful communicated in the most respectful manner to the several Volunteer Masons of different lodges and corps who this day so politely attended to keep guard while the Lodge was at labour, and conducted themselves with such masonic propriety. 2 Resolved that any brother Royal Arch Mason who has assisted this day under arms shall be entitled to receive the Degree of High Knight Templar in either this or the First Volunteers. 3 Resolved nemine contradicente that we will annually keep the 2nd Sunday in August as an anniversary of this meeting, by Knight Templars coming properly clothed to hold a lodge in an encampment of the Volunteer Free Masons under arms, and thus add to the splendour of the day. Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be presented to Bro. Buckton for his obliging accommodation of a piece of ground for our encampment, and for his promise of the same annually,—and that after business was over it was discovered that he was a Royal Arch Mason, that he be entitled to receive the Degree of Knight Templar at any time he chooses in either this or the Volunteer Lodge. And the whole ended in peace, love, and unanimity. Geo. D. Sherry, EGM; S. Darling, EGSW; . . . EGJW; W. Rainsford, EGS."

There is no evidence in the Kilwinning records of any intercourse having been held between the Mother Lodge and its Irish daughter during the six-and-twenty years succeeding the issuing of the charter of 1779. The spirit of jealousy which in the beginning of the present century existed between rival bodies of Irish Knight Templars led them to charge each other with the usurpation of a position in the Order to which they had no legitimate title. In the course of these recriminations the validity of the Warrant upon which the Kilwinning Chapter of High Knights Templars of Ireland based their claims was denied. In these circumstances this body asked to be furnished by the Mother Lodge with "such documents as will establish beyond doubt the authority and regularity of their warrant as High Knight Templars":

"Suffolk Street, Dublin, Oct. 25th, 1806.

"Most Worshipful Sir & Brother,—I have the honour to inform you that I am instructed by the Kilwinning Chapter of High Knights Templars of Ireland, meeting under a Warrant from the Antient Mother Lodge of Kilwinning granted to certain Brethren of this city, dated the eighth day of Octr. 1779, and to which the name of Eglintoune is sign'd as Grand Master, to open a correspondence, which, tho' long delay'd, they trust will be establish'd to the honour of the Mother Lodge and the satisfaction of the Chapter holding under it.

"The existence of the Mother Lodge having been denied by some in this city, and of course the authority under which they act held to be void and even fictitious, the Brethren consider it a principal object

in opening this correspondence to request of the Mother Lodge such documents as will establish beyond doubt the authority and regularity of their Warrant as High Knights Templars, which they trust the justice & honour of the Mother Lodge will not withhold from them.

"The arrears due by the Chapter to the Mother Lodge they will request Robt. Montgomery, Esq., of Irvine, to pay, who is well acquainted with the Br. thro whose medium I have the honour of transmitting this.

"The Brethren have further instructed me to say that want of information of the mode by which their address shou'd reach the Mother Lodge, discover'd by a lucky circumstance within these few days alone, delayed their communication.

"I have the honour to be, Most Worshipful Sir & Br., your obedt. humble servt.,

JOHN RIGBY.

Comr. of the Kilwinning Chaptr. of
High Knights Templars of Ireland
and S : P : R : C : †

(Seal)

"To — Blair of Blair, Esq., Grand Masr. of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning."

The seal attached to this document is in the form of a delta, having "E. G. H. K. T. of Ireland" on its base. "FIRST VOLUNR. LODGE" is inscribed on the left-hand side of the triangle, while on the opposite line extending from the apex to the base there is what appears to be "INDEPNDT., DUBLIN." On each corner is a letter of the Hebrew alphabet—Cheth being at the left, and Daleth at the right and at the apex. In the centre there is a radiated shield resting upon crossed swords and bearing a skull and bones, and a serpent, above which are the letters "I H S," surmounted by a cross. Nearer the apex are three or four letters which are illegible. The motto, "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES," is borne on the shield, on the lower part of which are the figures "5785"—the date probably at which the Lodge began to work the Templar degrees, "1118" shown on the delta, is the alleged date of the institution of the Order. The seal was presented to the Volunteer Lodge in 1786 by Brother Rigby; but it is not now in its possession, nor had even an impression of it been preserved. It was only on the original of the above communication being sent by us for inspection to Dublin that the Lodge became acquainted with the design of its old seal, and a photograph was there taken of it for preservation as a relic of its early history. Since the foregoing was penned, we have through the courtesy of a Brother in Dublin, received a K.T. Certificate granted by the First Volunteer Lodge Encampment in 1837, the seal of which is a fac-simile of the one above described, with the exception that the date (1786) is omitted.

The nature of the reply which the preceding appeal would elicit, but of which there is no record at Kilwinning, may be inferred from the fact that on the passing of the Secret Societies Act of 1799 the Mother Lodge publicly repudiated the observance of any rites save those embraced in conferring the three degrees of Craft Masonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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AMERICAN ANATHEMATA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much amused by seeing, after I had sent my article to you, an extract from a contemporary of yours, by which it appeared that a Companion Denison, presiding over the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, thought well to "announce that he had given orders for the issue of an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter and Mark Grand Lodge of England on account of the disputes in Quebec." This act surely is, if correctly reported, not only the "ultima thule" of crass ignorance, but of impertinent impropriety. It is roundly a disgrace to American Royal Arch Masonry. In the first place, if Companion Denison has included the Grand Chapter of England in his awful denunciation, it is clear he has nearly "smashed up" that old and distinguished body; and in the next place he has shown his entire fitness for his becoming vocation, by being utterly ignorant of the position and teaching of the Grand Chapter of England. The Grand Chapter of England knows nothing of the Mark Degree or the Mark Grand Lodge qua the Mark Degree, or qua the Mark Grand Lodge. He assumes, following American and Canadian ritualism, that it has, and therefore he displays, from the great amount of his constitutional and ritual knowledge, how eminently qualified he is to act as a judge, and issue a decree of excommunication. Worthy initiator of the ancient Inquisition, which

burnt Masons by scores, he really is the very best and most fitting personage to revive their ignoble rôle.

As regards the Mark Grand Lodge, I am one of those who think the Mark Grand Lodge is right in the position it has taken up, inasmuch as its previous occupation of the territory was perfectly legal, and an admitted fact. It probably will care very little about these edicts, but still all such proceedings are culminating, not only in a laughable farce, but will do great harm to Freemasonry.

I hope to hear such an act of intolerance and fatuity disavowed from America.

I am, fraternally yours,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE "OUR BRETHREN IN MONTREAL."

J. FLETCHER BRENNAN TO PHILADELPHOS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your journal of the 3rd Sept. contains a very severe course of strictures upon me, by a Brother who signs himself "Philadelphos," in his notice of a letter of mine written for and published on 23rd June last in the *Louisville (Ky.) Masonic Home Journal*, and "by request" of some person unknown to me reprinted in your journal of a later date. Allow me space in which to answer that Brother, who I apprehend is one with "A Student of Bro. Gould's History," and, if I am correct, he should be *au fait* with the subject matter and manner of Bro. MacCalla's treatment of the Philadelphia Mother City of Masonry question which is now "settled."

Bro. "Philadelphos" recognises in Bro. MacCalla a "keen Masonic Student," to whose studies, &c., the universal Anglo-Saxon Craft owe a debt of gratitude, and broadly censures me for not treating him with that degree of courtesy his great knowledge and high conduct of that discussion, in which he has at length broken down, demands. If it is evidence of keenness in dispute and high ability in discussion to put oneself on record, as it were, this year in a public magazine (that published by Bro. Kenning of London, in 1873), that Boston, Mass., was the Mother City of Legitimate Freemasonry in America, by reason of the facts of history so stating, and next year (1874) publishing in his own journal that Philadelphia, Penn., was such city, and standing out for that change of base during the subsequent thirteen years, with no reliable statement of history to found such change of base upon, be evidence of keenness in discussion and high ability in argument, I grant our Bro. MacCalla possesses those attributes. But is it?

Bro. "Philadelphos" says that I impute "*mala fides*" and utter "recklessness of opinion to advance a specific view, alike to him (Bro. MacCalla) and our eminent Bro. Charles E. Meyer." To this I answer those Brethren have made it impossible for me to do otherwise, and refer for my specifications to my "History of a Crime," in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 10th September. If this is not sufficient, I call upon Bro. "Philadelphos" to publish the story of the Henry Bell letter, which he will find told by Eminent C. E. Meyer over his own name in the *Keystone* of Philadelphia of 12th March last, and add Bro. Gould's remarks concerning it, to be found in his 6th volume.

The great desire of Bro. "Philadelphos" to let Bro. MacCalla down easy now after his thirteen years contention and assertion, that Masonry was legitimately established in 1731, by Daniel Coxe in Philadelphia, and his now total repudiation of that assertion, on sight of Bro. Gould's theory, while he (Bro. "Philadelphos") has nothing but censure for those on this side of the water who have taken the other side of the discussion, is very noticeable in these his strictures.

Bro. MacCalla may be gifted in an extraordinary manner with the attributes most valuable to a fine and masterly writer, but I must confess that I know not anything which he has done within the term of his editorial life to impress Bro. "Philadelphos" with such exalted ideas of his literary talents, his keenness in discussion, and high ability in argument, so that any person who does not bow down before him, on account of these attributes, may be regarded as wanting in proper courtesy and even common civility toward him.

Bro. Editor, I will occupy your space no further than necessary to say that where, as a boy, I went to school, we had Dominie Dilworth's spelling book, and in it a tale with a moral—to conquer a perverse person, first try pelting him with grass (chaff Bro. "Philadelphos" calls it), and, if that is not effective, next by stones. I had not got to the stones when Bro. MacCalla came down; of course nothing said by my side influenced him, but as he is down, I am done.

Fraternally yours,

J. FLETCHER BRENNAN.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, U.S.A., September 1887.

"A SILVER WEDDING."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Next year our beloved and revered Grand Master and his gracious Consort will celebrate their Silver Wedding. The Prince and Princess of Wales have endeared themselves to all within these realms, and we Masons have peculiar interest in the forthcoming auspicious event. How can we best celebrate it?

Fraternally yours,

H. N., No. 211.

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Notes for Masonic Students.

THE TWO PILLARS.

IT has been said that the two brass pillars of the Temple of Solomon represented the pillars of Fire and the Cloud. But another interpretation has been given to them, that they represent the two pillars of brass and bricks which Josephus mentions, which our Guild Legends refer to, which were known to the old Freemasons, and were connected also with Hermeticism and Hermetic teaching. Josephus's words would seem to point to this idea.

SPERO.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Strand.—The success that undoubtedly has attended the revival of Mr. Alfred Cellier's "Sultan of Mocha" is hardly to be wondered at. Coming as it does in the middle of a long run of "Dorothy," lovers of comic opera who have been charmed by the pretty music of that piece will surely go to hear the music of the "Sultan;" not that the one can be compared in any way with that of Mr. Cellier's previous work, in the music of which there is nothing out of the common, nothing that would readily catch the ear. When Mr. Cellier wrote the score of the "Sultan of Mocha," he could not have been so well versed in such matters; several numbers lack the finish which is to be expected from Mr. Cellier's work as compared with his later efforts. When the opera was brought out in 1874 it was comparatively a failure, one of its chief faults being that the book was weak. That fault has now been partly atoned, and Mr. W. Lestocq, aided by topical allusions and jokes, has made it bright, we may say interesting. The story has not been altered in any way, so that we need not give it. A capital company has been secured to do the opera justice. Miss Violet Cameron shines well as the lass that loves a sailor. This lady plays vivaciously, while her singing is well-judged and ably rendered. Mr. Henry Bracy makes a jolly sailor. This gentleman's bright tenor voice is heard to advantage, especially in the "yawning" song. This is certainly the prettiest number in the opera. Mr. Charles Denny was funny as Captain Sneek, while the rest of the caste do ample justice to what is demanded of them. Mr. Charles Harris's finished stage management is clearly shown during the progress of the opera, while some pretty dances have been arranged by Madame Katti Lanner. Miss Lydia Thompson may be complimented on the way she has inaugurated her season at this house.

Opera Comique.—The Gaiety being required for other purposes, Mr. John Sheridan has had to seek a new home for his "Fun on the Bristol;" this he has done at the above house. Judicious "cuts" have been made in the piece since we saw it at the Gaiety, while the variety business in the second act has been done away with. A new song, "Peaceful Ireland," has been introduced for Mr. Sheridan, who sings it with great success. The Lauri family now contribute to the entertainment in the first part of the evening, with "The Sculptor and the Poodle," which causes considerable laughter. Taking the programme all round, it has undoubtedly been considerably strengthened.

Alhambra.—Among the numerous attractions at this house there is none more pleasing than the entertainment provided by Mlle. Vanoni, who styles herself an international singer and dancer. This lady is captivating, her dancing is graceful, and her singing excellent. She is highly appreciated by the crowds that nightly greet her. She will become a great favourite. The two ballets "Algeria" and "Nadia" still keep the bill, and continue to draw forth the hearty applause of the audience.

Owing to insufficient rehearsals, the management of the Gaiety, on Saturday last, decided to postpone the production of "Miss Esmeralda;" it will, however, be produced to-night (Saturday). We wish Mr. G. Edwardes every success with his latest venture.

We are asked to announce that another trial will be given "The Witch" on Thursday afternoon, at the Princess's. This play was favourably received on the occasion of its first representation at this theatre, and Mr. C. Marsham Rae has now compressed the action into four acts. He has also devised a new termination for the piece, which will bring the fine situations of the German original into even stronger relief. Miss Sophie Eyre and Mrs. C. Marsham Rae will appear in the characters they created with so much success.

Monday, the 10th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Autumn Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

"THE WILL AND THE WAY."—As universally predicted by the public press, J. F. Smith's stories, "Miunigrey" and "Woman and Her Master," have proved a brilliant success, and the proprietors of the *London Journal* are wise in continuing the same policy. They now announce "The Will and the Way," from the same graphic pen. The opening chapters appear in No. 198, published Wednesday, 28th September, the novel being illustrated by the pencil of Sir John Gilbert, R.A. This grand story cannot fail to attract the countless readers of wholesome fiction at the present day.

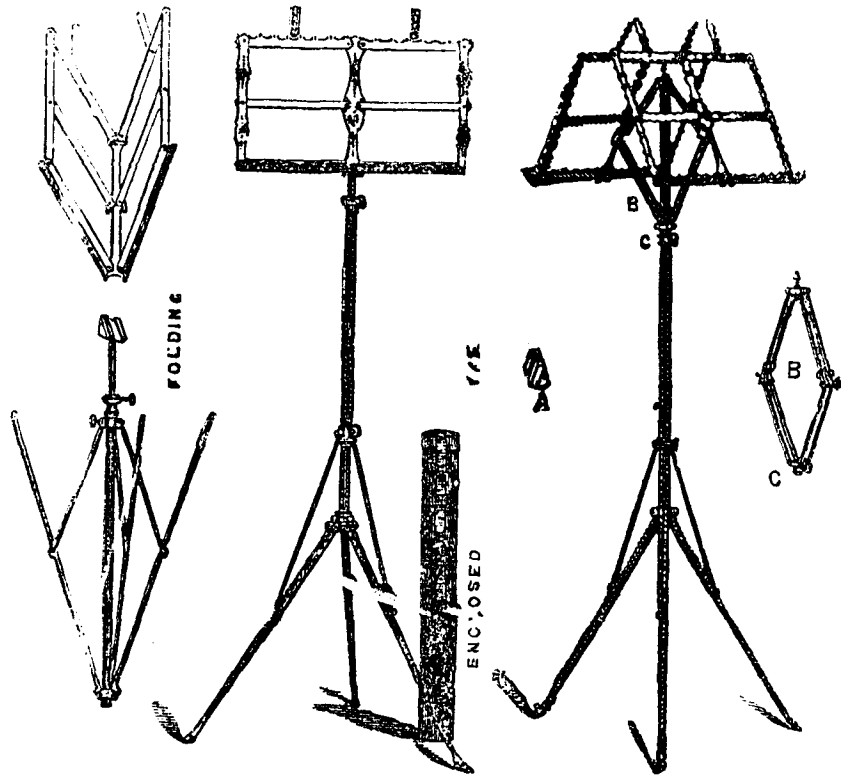
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rl., at 8. (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1428—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
- 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
- 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 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)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
- M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
- 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1637—Unity, Harrow
- 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
- 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
- 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
- 1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
- 1425—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)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In)
- 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
- 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
- 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
- R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
- R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
- R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I. W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
- 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 282—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
- 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
- 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
- 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
- 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
- 1618—Handside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
- 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
- R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
- R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (ins.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
- 177—Lancatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
- 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
- 648—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
- 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
- 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
- 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
- 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
- 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1591—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
- 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Canon Street, at 6.3)
- R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
- 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
- 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
- 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
- 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
- 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
- 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
- 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
- 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wexnesbury
- 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
- 903—Gosport, India Arm Hotel, High-street, Gosport
- 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
- 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stoke, Greenhall Street, Warrington
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
- 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
- 165—O kenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
- 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
- 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
- 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
- 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
- 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
- R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
- R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
- R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
- R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
- R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
- R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
- R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
- R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
- R.A. 559—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
- M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
- M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, a. 3
- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
- 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
- 539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road, E.
- 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
- 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instr.)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1539—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
- 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
- 1641—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
- 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
- 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
- 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
- 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
- 231—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- 238—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- 453—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend

- 587—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
- 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
- 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
- 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Stayne Hotel, Worthing
- 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
- 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
- 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
- 1094—Temple, Mascnic Hall, Liverpool
- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
- 2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
- R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
- R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
- R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
- R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 44—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 208—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, 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 9 (Inst.)
- 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
- R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
- R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
- R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
- R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
- 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
- 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Southampton
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
- 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
- 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
- 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Suffolk
- 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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- 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
- 786—Croxteith United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
- 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumbria
- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
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- 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
- 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashdon-under-Lyue
- 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
- 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
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- 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
- 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
- 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
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- 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
- 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
- R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
- M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 833—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
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- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
- 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
- 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
- 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Park Road, Harrogate
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Longton, Blizard
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
- R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
- R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
- R.A. 601—Byton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop

SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eclectic, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
- Special Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
- R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 311—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
- R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden

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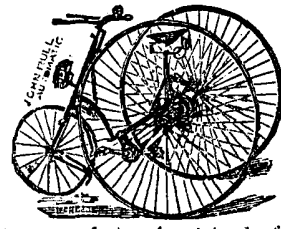
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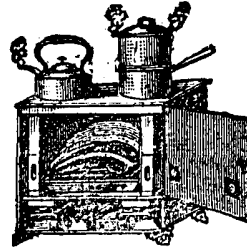
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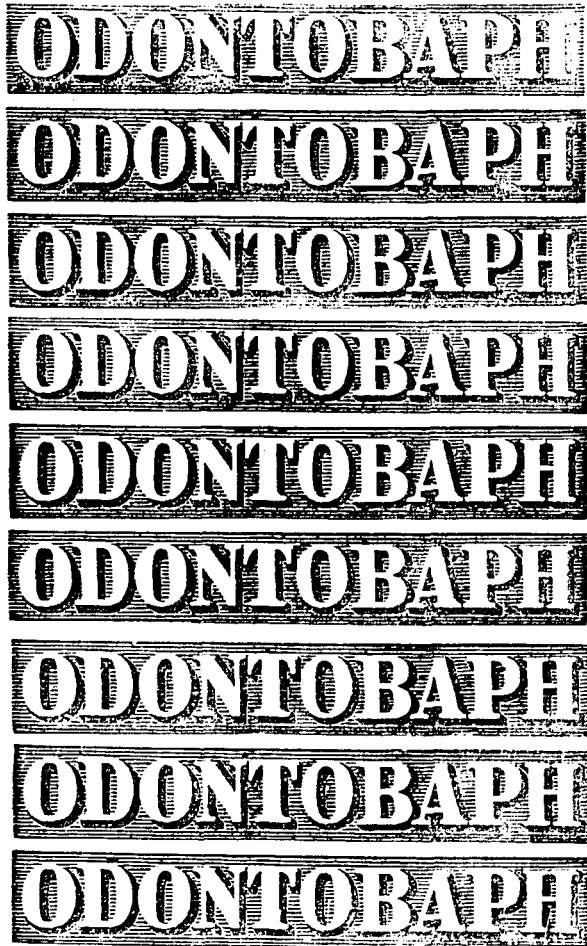
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