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OUR MASONIC ANNALS.

WHEN Sir H. A. Layard published his great work on Nineveh and Babylon a reviewer in the "Times" commenced a most striking notice with these words, "The veil is slowly rising," &c. &c.

How truly does this very passage seem still to describe the gradual unveiling and unfolding of our Masonic story, and that silent yet full-voiced witness to its life, its truth, its actuality and its meaning, which the efforts of a loyal band of students are gradually and slowly, (too slowly perhaps for some,) and happily and carefully bringing about.

The veritable character and outcome of our Masonic Annals are, by laborious researches, and judicious lucubrations, dawning, so to say, on the minds of our present Masonic generation, obscured as those annals have been, to a great extent, we feel bound to admit, by the fads of the fanciful, the ignorance of the sciolist, and the inanity of uncritical expositors.

Indeed, in one sense, it may fairly be asserted, that despite all our "tentamina" after fact instead of fiction, reality instead of romance; notwithstanding all that has been written, unravelled, searched out, resuscitated, and cleared up, our Masonic Annals are still, in a great measure, to be explained clearly and expounded critically.

We still want and desiderate certainty in statement, continuation in descent, the "missing link" of origin, entirety, progress and perpetuation; the identity of the developments of the present with the shadows of the past, before we can pronounce safely, fully, satisfactorily alike, on the episodes and the evidences of our remarkable Order, and on its existence and pathway through the world's ages and vicissitudes.

And hence there seems to be an imperative call on us all, students and writers alike, to exhibit caution, care and modest reticence alike in our assertions and our asseverations, our decisive conclusions and our dogmatic declarations, lest we again fall into opposite and other errors, as signal as those we fondly trust we have left behind us.

There is a great danger just now lest we in our measure, owing to hasty inductions or imperfect data, owing to presumptive postulates instead of absolute conclusiveness, should become as uncritical as some of our good old romance writers, lest we should allow again assertion to stand in the place of actuality, and reiterated assumptions to be forced down upon us, "nolentes volentes," as positive and uncontrovertible facts.

Bro. Sadler's very interesting and seasonable work shews us, as we venture to think incontestably, how needful is this premonitory protest, for us all, students and writers just now; how doubtful, to say the least of it, after all are some of our apparently most popular assertions and constantly repeated averments.

Bro. Sadler proves his case as regards the "Irish swarm" in our humble opinion.

Such a rectification of the "vulgar" history of the Antient development must henceforth we conceive be necessarily the "factor" in the question of the rapid organisation and true history of the Antient Masons. The fact that several Lodges existed *outside* the great Revival in 1717 is a point now established by Bro. Sadler, and is very important in its Janus-like bearing on the history of English Freemasonry immediately anterior to 1717, and as immediately subsequent.

That members of these unwarranted and independent Lodges were called "St. John's Masons," also may now be accepted as an established fact, and a very interesting one it is.

That more Lodges existed therefore in 1717 than the four or six mentioned by Anderson and "Multa Paucis" may also now be accepted as a further established point.

Bro. Sadler may fairly claim the merit of putting the matter before students more clearly, concisely, and conclusively, than it has been done before, though for some time among students this matter has been pretty nearly accepted as a foregone conclusion.

We seem to gather from the evidences Bro. Sadler adduces, and the facts he establishes, that many Lodges, like that at Swalwell, the Swan at Chichester, the Lodge at the King's Head, Catford, the three Lodges in Chester, (one of them probably a successor of Randle Holmes' old Lodge), the Lodge at Madrid, of St. John's, Gibraltar, at the Magpie, were existing, and probably many more, whose history went back behind even 1700.

We know that the Alnwick Lodge existed in 1704, and taking into consideration the Lodge at Warrington 1646, Chester 1670, London 1682, York 1690, we obtain by this important study of Bro. Sadler, another and a most important link in the chain, connecting the Freemasonry of the eighteenth with the Freemasonry of the seventeenth centuries.

Remembering the utter laxity of those days we need not then be astonished that so few indicia of a former Freemasonry exist, or the available evidence thus far is so fragmentary.

But as we said before, Bro. Sadler's work, full as it is of information, is also a work in which we must read between the lines, for it often suggests more than it proves, of vital importance to the student and historian of Freemasonry.

It also suggests a much needed caution as to laying down the law too dogmatically on many a moot point.

To-day we must content ourselves with one illustration, but we shall on other occasions have to mention some others which have occurred to us.

It is asserted both by Anderson and "Multa Paucis" that the first Duke of Richmond was Grand Master in 1688.

It is denied by many others that this statement is correct, and that Grand Masters existed before 1717. To this latter point with others so often advanced now we will draw attention on another occasion.

But the evidence adduced by Bro. Sadler, and before this alluded to in the *Freemason* by another writer, as regards a certain transaction in 1724 on the minutes of Grand Lodge, seems to suggest grave doubts and greater caution as to accepting the negative view of the case off-hand. The first Duke died in 1723, and in 1724 we have the second Duke, and Grand Master, at a meeting of Grand Lodge, bringing forward himself, as Bro. Sadler suggests, at any rate personally supporting the claims of a Brother Hall for relief, who stated that he had been made a Mason by the first Duke thirty-six years before at a Lodge at the Swan, Chichester.

This curiously enough takes us back to 1688.

Now the Grand Master in 1724 must have known whether his father, who died in 1723, was either a Freemason at all, and a Master of a Lodge, or a Grand Master; and as he accedes in 1724 openly to the statement that he acted as W.M. in 1688, and the proof sheets of the 1738

Constitutions were submitted to him, in which his father was declared to be Grand Master, and he sent a copy with this statement, and so to say on his special authorisation and verification, to a Lodge at Chichester, the presumption in favour of Anderson and "Multa Paucis" being right after all, and historically correct, are sensibly increased.

We must remember that, at this distance of time, all discussions turn after all on assumptive conclusions, and based on "ipse dixit" on the one hand, as opposed to assumptive conclusions based on "ipse dixit" on the other; and that the writer nearer to the time, (134 years ago), is more likely to be expected to tell us right than a much later writer, unless you can fairly allege taint, fatuity, or incompetency against the older scribe.

There are as regards the first Duke of Richmond several sources of information yet unsearched, and until all such are exhausted we cannot safely accept an *ex parte* dictum nor has any one a right to say that the matter is decided, and that Anderson and "Multa Paucis" are absolutely wrong.

AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.

BY BRO. JNO. LANE.

THE latest work on Freemasonry, "Masonic Facts and Fictions," by Brother H. Sadler G.T., and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, is now before me. It is a very readable and instructive book, exhibiting evidence of careful labour and research, which I trust will be duly rewarded, and I sincerely congratulate Bro. Sadler on its appearance and value.

On page 44 the following Extract from the Grand Lodge Minutes of 24th June 1731 is given—

"A petition was presented and signed by several Brethren, praying that they may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, and Constituted into a Regular Lodge at the Three Kings in Crispian Street, Spittle Fields. After some debate, several Brethren present vouching that they were regular Masons, they were admitted, and the Grand Master declared that he or his Deputy would Constitute them accordingly, and signed their petition for that purpose."

Bro. Sadler adds—

"It is impossible to ascertain whether this Lodge was regularly Constituted in conformity with the Grand Master's promise. I cannot find that the usual fee for a Constitution was ever paid; 10s 6d is recorded to its credit on the day the Petition was read, and the same amount on the 3rd of December following, after which I can find no trace of it in any of the lists of Lodges extant; it had either removed to some other house, or was never further acknowledged."

On reading this my thoughts immediately reverted to No. 79, and remembering having made notes about this very Lodge, for further inquiry or investigation, on turning over my papers I found I had two references to a Lodge at the place indicated, viz.: on 14th May 1731, when the Grand Lodge Minutes state, "3 Kings Spittlefields agreed to be constituted;" and again on the day referred to by Bro. Sadler, 24th June 1731. Unfortunately, in the latter instance, the names of the Lodges attending Grand Lodge are not given, but only certain of them, nine in number, are noted as contributing to the Charity. In this short list "Three Kings, Spittlefields" is at the end, the Lodges being given in order of seniority (although not numbered), the Lodge immediately preceding being "White Bear in King st., Golden Square," which was No. 76.

Whatever may be the outcome of the controversy in relation to No. 79, I venture to suggest the possibility, at any rate, that the Lodge at the "Three Kings, Spittle Fields," which the Grand Lodge Minutes on 14th May 1731 affirm "agreed to be constituted," and which on the following 24th June "the Grand Master declared that he or his Deputy would Constitute," had a definite place assigned to it on the recognised List of Regular Lodges, and which place one is led almost irresistibly to conclude was that of the number 79.

If this be so, it necessarily disposes, to a considerable extent, of that part of the question as to the Lodge No. 79 being identical with the Lodge at Philadelphia, although the difficulty of the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 will still remain to be solved.

But, assuming this Lodge at the "Three Kings, Spittlefields" to have been duly constituted, and numbered 79, it confirms the opinion I have repeatedly expressed, founded on the internal evidences of the Lists and Minutes, that there was a Lodge (although I could not say where

located) having the No. 79 prior to that which subsequently appeared with the same number at the "Castle in Highgate."

As Masonic students we do not wish to stifle investigation, but rather court the fullest inquiries, and consequently the more facts that can be brought to light, the more likely are we to arrive at safe and reliable conclusions. I cordially thank Bro. Sadler for his contribution towards so desirable a result.

I may add that there was another Lodge at the same place, described in the MS. List of 1731-2 as "Three Kings in Spittlefields, removed to the Sash and Cocoa Tree in Upper Moorfields." This was No. 37, constituted in July 1724, and erased on 14th April 1746 ("Masonic Records," p 20).

It may possibly be that when No. 37 removed from the "Three Kings, Spittlefields" some other brethren, or perhaps the proprietor of the tavern, endeavoured to get another Lodge to assemble there, or else to form a new Lodge. Hence the removal of No. 37 to the "Sash and Cocoa Tree in Upper Moorfields" may have occasioned the petition to which Bro. Sadler so interestingly alludes, and as there are many who would be glad of any additional information that might enable them to satisfactorily identify this Lodge at the "Three Kings, Spittlefields," with the early No. 79, I hope further light may yet be obtained.

The fact that there is no entry of a payment of the usual fee for Constitution goes very far to prove that although the petition was granted, and the Lodge (as a necessary consequence, I think) placed on the List, yet the omission—or perhaps refusal—to pay the usual fee may have been the cause of its very speedy removal from the Register of Lodges. This also is quite in accord with, and tends to confirm, the inferences I have already recorded that the Lodge at the "Castle in Highgate" did not appear on the List until November 1732, when, through the erasure of this or some other Lodge, it received the position and number 79, which was then vacant.

TORQUAY, 11th November 1887.

INFLUENCE OF THE MASONIC PRESS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT strikes me as a curious coincidence that whereas, under ordinary circumstances, a Masonic newspaper is often cast aside, or cursorily glanced through, yet whenever any event occurs in which the individual is personally concerned, there is an imperative and impatient demand for "my paper." I suppose it is so in most other phases of life; we run at such a pace now-a-days that unless something immediately affecting ourselves or the little world in which we move interests us, the rest may whirl by as of no concern of ours. But it has occurred to me, and several times lately, that much valuable information is lost by this loose and careless dealing with matters that should be kept under constant observation. A worthy and respected Preceptor said to me, once upon a time, when I asked him if he had read such an article in the Masonic Press, "Bah! what do we want with Masonic papers? We know more than they can teach us!" Rapt in the complacency of his own egotism, he spurned the copy of the journal which I proffered him, and went—down to the bar and had two-penn'orth! The same man, when he accepted a Stewardship at one of the Festivals, was the first to come to me and beg, "Can you do anything, through the influence of your 'valuable journal' (mark!) that will assist me with my list?" I did the best I could, of course, as anybody else would do, and that Preceptor is now a regular subscriber to, and reader of, your "valuable journal." Perhaps you did not know that before, but it is a fact nevertheless.

Standing one night on the platform of a suburban railway station a little passage-at-arms somewhat amused me, and it will bear telling, though of course there shall be no names. There had been an election for the Boys' School, and a certain candidate had been elected. But, strangely enough, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE had discovered that the lad's father at his decease had left the widow a comfortable competency upon which to bring up her family. He had been a prosperous man of business; had done his share of Masonic work, and was in

all respects a true and worthy member of the Craft while he lived. Moreover, he was a genial fellow, and made plenty of friends, and when he died they made "an effort"—as Mr. Dombey's doctor would have said—to get one of the boys into the School. They "worked like niggers," according to the boast of one of them, and succeeded. But, somehow the Masonic Press got wind that the case was one which demanded inquiry, and on investigation being instituted, it was found that, through the sheer hard work and perseverance of a few of the individual friends of the deceased a lad had been elected to the benefits of the School who had no legitimate claim whatever, seeing that the mother had been left with a snug income. On the evening to which I refer the conversation turned upon this very subject, and without being an eavesdropper this is something of the sort of thing I was obliged to listen to. Two of the company, waiting for the train, were of those who had "worked like niggers for the case."

"Well, Brother George," quoth one, "if we are to expend our labours like this for nothing, I do not see much in Freemasonry. Why, did not we get, borrow, and mortgage votes in every direction for that boy, and at last, after he had been elected, and we were congratulating ourselves upon our success, it turned out a failure after all?"

"Yes," rejoined the other, "we did not leave a stone unturned to do the trick. Of course we knew the mother could afford to keep the boy, but what of that if we could render her a service? Is not that Masonic?"

"How the dickens did the Masonic Press get to find out the circumstances of the case and thus upset all that we had done?"

"I do not know, but it did; confound those newspaper fellows, they find out everything."

There was much more said in a similar strain, and the circumstances of the case were well brought home to me, as it would be to all studious readers of the Masonic journals. But what was the outcome of it all? Simply this—that the Institution had been spared the infliction upon it of a candidate whose necessities could well have been met by the father's bequest, and thus room was made for another and more really deserving case—of one standing on the cold threshold of want, and whose chance of election would have been debarred but for the interposition of those who would take the trouble to make due inquiry. It is a painful sight at any time to see so many applicants beseeching for the few vacancies that occur; but in this particular case, I consider, the influence of the Masonic Press was brought to bear in the direction of upholding the weak against the strong, and thus, whilst displacing the candidate for whom certain brethren—with the best intention, no doubt,—had "worked like niggers," it made room for one other who was more legitimately entitled to the privileges of the Institution. I could scarcely refrain from a smile when one of the brethren referred to declared, in irate language, that he had almost "made up his mind, after that, to throw up Freemasonry altogether," a sentiment in which his companion joined. A veteran, an old, seasoned Past Master, who was standing near, audibly ejaculated, "And what a benefit for Freemasonry that would have been!" The train came and cut short the conversation, but the reflection I carried away was that the Masonic Press, whilst encouraging and earnestly supporting by all means in its power the legitimate objects of the Craft, no less fulfilled its mission in detecting the vagaries of cliques and favouritism and thus protecting the true interests of the really deserving.

Enough on that side of the question, which is no doubt only a sample of what has been done over and over again. How the Masonic Press has safeguarded the Craft against imposture and mendicancy, even the most casual reader of our prints know. The charity of Masonry knows no bounds save those of prudence, and I venture to think those "bounds" are barricaded in a great measure by the wisdom and the foresight of the conductors of, and contributors to, our Masonic literature.

But there is a brighter side to the picture than any of these. Who can estimate the influence of the Masonic Press in cases where effort is needed to promote the cause of Charity, in whatever form it may present itself? Is not the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—asking the Editor's pardon—a perpetual and chronic "begging letter." Long before the Festivals come round, it stirs the Stewards into activity, and sets the whole machinery in motion in a

manner such as could no other propelling power. Some American statesman is credited with having urged his followers to keep "pegging away," as a certain means of obtaining their object. And, Sir, if I may apply the simile, I may congratulate you upon the practical application of that sage advice. I hope I am guilty of no levity in thus assailing the editorial chair, but it occurs to me that by no means small credit is due to yourself and the managers of our other paper for rousing the brethren into a state of liveliness and sense of the duties they have to perform. I do not hesitate to say that but for the appeals we receive continually—shall I say almost *ad nauseam*—from the Masonic Press, it would be found that the income of our Masonic Charities would fall very far behind? I am speaking now as an ordinary journalist, and I know from experience the advocacy of the claims of Institutions in the public newspapers is one of the mainstays of benevolence, and a material factor in the success of any good work. That, I think, is an admitted fact. Consequently, those who cavil at the existence of a Masonic Press have yet to learn the influence it brings to bear upon the encouragement, and succour it gives to all that is good, the demolition of shams and imposture, and the general benefit it confers upon any section of the community on whose behalf its promoters labour. The information supplied in the columns of our Masonic journals is most valuable, as well as interesting; it furnishes us with a record of all important events that are passing around; it gives free course for the interchange of current opinion; and from every point of view there can be no gainsaying that, bereft of our recognised organs, Freemasonry would be deprived of one of its vital sources of being. The old days of a gagged Press have gone; Freemasonry owes much to the wisdom and discretion of those who have voluntarily taken up the cause, and all right-thinking Masons will agree with me we are indebted to what is often described at public meetings as "the mighty machine" for doing good.

I need not go into the archæological or historical facts which could reach us only through the columns of the Masonic journals. The recondite works which are published now and then reach only the few, and are as a rule so abstruse as to be "understood" only by the Masonic scholar; but the facts and information recorded in our ordinary Masonic prints are invaluable to each one of us, and I could only wish the labour of supplying us with such valuable and edifying matter were more remunerative to those who have undertaken the life-long duty of supplying it to the Craft.

MASONRY.

WITHOUT doubt Masonry is the most popular institution of the age. Certainly the statistics, according to our thinking, prove it so. If numbers are a correct criterion, then we might stop right here and say that we have already proved our argument. We question if there is another society so large numerically speaking, and this is what gives it standing and power. Masonry, too, has another ingredient that gives it even more popularity than the quality above mentioned, and that is its antiquity. Its origin dates so far back that it cannot be traced, and the man is yet to be found who can delve so deep into the pages of history as to inform who is the real founder and in what period he lived. Either one of the factors that we have mentioned is a sufficient guarantee of the popularity and stability of Masonry; but its system of moral philosophy ranks for the ascendancy, and gives us the true key. We cannot conceive a more beautiful arrangement by which men may worship, and at the same time render that homage that is due their fellow-man. We cannot live for ourselves even if we are so inclined. There is a certain degree of dependency that surrounds us, and we cannot throw it off even if we enjoy affluence in the superlative. Masonry teaches men how to live and how to act, and if by any means we could throw very much more of the good influence of its teachings into the daily routine of life we feel that society would be far better for it.

This is our conception of Masonry. We believe that it is destined for a far higher purpose than is now conceived. To accomplish this its votaries must take a more sacred view of it. They must be better Masons in all respects, and this will develop the real object and purpose of Masonry.

—Newzealand Journal.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE first anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 10th inst., when a numerous body of the members, with their guests, assembled at the Athenæum, Camden Road. Although scarcely yet out of its swaddling clothes, the infant Lodge has acquired considerable strength and vigour, a result that was only to be expected under the fostering care of the worthy brother from whom it derives its patronymic. It is unnecessary to remind our readers of the popularity to which Bro. Derby Allcroft attained during the time he held the office of Grand Treasurer of England, while his exertions in furthering the interests of his Mother (St. Botolph) and other Lodges in the City are equally before the Craft. Consequently, when this new Lodge was started under the name of "Derby Allcroft," there was shed upon it an incandescence which attracted unusual interest amongst the metropolitan Craft generally, and amongst those also who were familiar with the name in connection with Christ's Hospital and a score of other charitable institutions in the City of London. It is, therefore, scarcely a matter for surprise that the Lodge should have become popular even in the first year of its existence, and we can do no other than congratulate the Officers and Brethren upon the firm and satisfactory footing they have already obtained. A unique agenda had been prepared for the "Jubilee Year," got up in the primitive style of typography, the frontispiece being embellished with the Derby Allcroft crest enclosed in a garter, surmounted with the monogram "V.R." and the Imperial Crown, with other emblems and shields on either side. Soon after four o'clock Lodge was opened in form by the first Worshipful Master, and the "father and founder," Bro. John Derby Allcroft P.G.Tr., who was supported by Brothers Thomas Eccleston Gibb S.W. and W.M. elect, James Percy Fitzgerald J.W., E. Y. Jolliffe P.M. Treasurer, R. D. Cummings P.M. Secretary, Harold Halliday S.D., Joseph Corbett P.M. J.D., J. Muir Smith I.G., Henry Povey P.M. Dir. of Cer., Dr. James Haskins Organist, J. F. Davey, W. T. Wetenhall, C. Coutts Michie, W. F. Lord, L.D.S., and others, with Bro. George Harman Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. J. J. Knight W.S. 2005, B. Lyons P.M. 1227, J. Barnes 2202, G. S. Fairchild P.M. 1196, C. F. Quick J.D. 1531, J. Miles W.M. 180, T. W. Upton 1243, R. Perkins P.M. Treasurer 34, C. W. Read I.P.M. 1743, W. T. Perry 861, W. Cook P.M. 22, J. H. Dixon W.M. 27, H. T. Conolly W.M. 173, H. D. Gamble P.M. 857, P. Challin P.M. 3, W. Mackie P.M. 2050, H. Soper P.M. 704, S. Dyball S.D. 905, W. H. Froom P.M. 1657, T. Whiting 22, G. Glover 1677, E. W. Scatterwood P.M. 753, Richard Eve G. Treasurer, W. R. Brooks J.W. 32, Townley, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, and other preliminaries disposed of, Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bro. Walter Frewen was raised, the ceremony being well performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Subsequently Bro. Thomas Eccleston Gibb was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald P.M., the Junior Warden of the Lodge, who acquitted himself admirably. On the re-admission of the Brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. John D. Allcroft P.G.Tr. I.P.M., James Percy Fitzgerald S.W., Harold Halliday J.W., E. Y. Jolliffe Treasurer, E. D. Cummings Secretary, Joseph Corbett S.D., J. Muir Smith J.D., W. T. Charles I.G., Henry Povey P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Dr. James Haskins Organist, J. F. Davey Steward, Charles Coutts Michie Steward, Harman Tyler. The charges were eloquently delivered, and the whole ceremony worked through in such a manner as to afford unqualified gratification to all present. After passing the Auditors' report, and dismissing several matters of routine, Lodge was closed in harmony, and with hearty good wishes for the coming year. Later in the evening the Brethren and their guests partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new Master, whose geniality and urbanity during the evening added a zest to the otherwise highly enjoyable entertainment. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master said he was reminded of an incident that occurred to himself while sitting next to the Chairman at a public gathering. He asked what was best to say respecting this toast; and he (the speaker) replied that he should propose the health of the first woman in the world. This was undoubtedly the case, inasmuch as Her Majesty ruled over the greatest and most constitutional empire in the world. Speaking of the M.W. Grand Master, he did not know whether it was the example afforded him by his worthy mother, but if she was the first woman in the world, undoubtedly the Prince of Wales was the most popular man in the world. That popularity had been attained in a great measure by his devotion to any public duty he was called upon to discharge, and particularly his deep and active interest in the work of Freemasonry. He then proposed the G. Officers Present and Past, and in doing so said most of those present knew that Charity was a great fundamental principle of Freemasonry, Earl Carnarvon especially so regarded it, and his efforts on behalf of every charitable object brought before him were universally known and appreciated—especially on behalf of the young. The Deputy Grand Master was equally popular, and the Derby Allcroft Lodge was fortunate that evening, inasmuch as they had with them the present Grand Treasurer of England, Bro. Richard Eve, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, their esteemed Immediate Past Master and a Past Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge. Both these brethren had received their positions by the suffrages of the great body of the Craft. With respect to Bro. Allcroft, he should have more to say about him later on, therefore he would couple with the toast the name of the Grand Treasurer. Bro. R. Eve, in the course of a lengthy and vigorous response, said, in the presence of Bro.

Allcroft, he felt scarcely equal to the duty of replying adequately to the compliment paid to the Grand Officers. Still, as one of the junior Officers of the Grand Lodge he felt he was standing there as a humble representative of a distinguished body. In his capacity as Grand Treasurer of England he had been placed in a singularly honourable position. Brother Allcroft was the first of the Grand Treasurers under the new régime, and had honoured this Lodge by lending it his name. As long as he lived, and long after, that name would be revered, not only in this Lodge, but on the roll of the Past Grand Treasurers of England. He (the speaker) held the office of Grand Treasurer as one very dear to him. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was the first Officer elected by the Craft; the office of the Grand Treasurer was also an elective one. It was the privilege of the Grand Master to appoint men of position to the various offices, and when they considered the distinguished positions and the calibre of the men so chosen, he felt that the Craft was honoured by their assisting in the administration of its affairs. During the present year the distinction of Past Grand rank had been conferred upon many eminent Masons, amongst whom were representatives of all the higher professions, Science, Literature, Art, Medicine, the Law, Music, &c., whose very highest exponents were all enrolled under the banner of Freemasonry. Undoubtedly much had been achieved by Freemasonry, but he was fully convinced that there was still a great deal more to be got from it. What might be described as the "religious element" in Freemasonry was, in his opinion, capable of still further development. They all recognised the Great Architect of the Universe, and were fully sensible of the responsibilities of that belief, but whether the principles of religion could not be more closely applied to active Masonic work was to him a matter of peculiar interest. He again returned thanks for the cordiality with which the toast of the Grand Officers had been received. The Immediate Past Master then gave the health of the newly-installed W.M., and in the course of his observations pointed out that one of the great advantages of Freemasonry was that it brought men of various grades and classes together, where they could enjoy the interchange of fraternal intercourse, and consider, on the same common platform, those measures which were conducive to the well-being of the Craft. He trusted Bro. Gibb might have a pleasant and prosperous year of office, and that his ruling might prove satisfactory to the members generally of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, after returning thanks for the exceedingly cordial reception that had been accorded to the toast, observed that he esteemed it a great honour for so young a Mason to occupy the chair of such an important Lodge as this. He could hardly consider himself a fledgeling, but he had known many men who were more experienced and able Craftsmen than himself who had failed to attain to that distinction. Whilst fully sensible of the great honour that had been conferred upon him through the kindness of the Brethren, he had some misgivings as to his own qualifications for the adequate discharge of the duties of so elevated a position. However, he assured them he would strive, to the utmost of his power and ability, to perform those duties to the satisfaction of the members, and to promote in every way the welfare of the Lodge and the harmony of their assemblies. He next proposed the Immediate Past Master, which he regarded as the toast of the evening. They were all aware of the eminent position held for many years by John Derby Allcroft in the City of London. He was one of the foremost of London's merchant princes, and was recognised as one of the most benevolent and charitably-disposed men of the day. There was no institution having for its object the education of the young, the alleviation of the condition of the aged, poor and afflicted, or the mitigation of human suffering of any kind, but the name of John Derby Allcroft stood high upon the list of patrons and supporters, and his support was of the most practical and substantial character. To-night, however, he referred to him especially in connection with their Lodge, and they would all agree that he had displayed, in every sense of the word, a true Masonic heart. Before he called upon the Brethren to join him in drinking the toast, he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the unanimous voice of the members. He then pinned on Bro. Allcroft's breast a magnificent gold jewel, set with diamonds, and beautifully ornamented with the motto of the Lodge, &c. On the reverse side of the jewel was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, with sincere and hearty good wishes, by the Brethren of 2168, in warm appreciation of his valuable services as their first W.M." That jewel was but a small token of the respect and esteem in which Bro. Allcroft was held by the Brethren of the Lodge, and might he live long to wear it, and to join, as frequently as was compatible with his many public duties, in the working of the Lodge that was honoured by his name. Bro. John Derby Allcroft I.P.M., who was received with hearty and prolonged applause, said the W.M. had done him a great honour that evening, and he thanked Bro. Gibb for the kindly expressions he had used, and the Brethren for the cordiality with which those encomiums had been received. He echoed the sentiment that had been expressed—namely, that he might long be associated with this Lodge. There was a well-known saying, to the effect that it was dangerous for a man when all the world spoke well of him, and he fully realised that danger in his own case. However, he fully appreciated the kindly expressions that had been uttered, though personally he could wish they had been a little toned. He then referred to the many public positions he had filled through the kindness of his fellow-citizens, and the many places of trust to which he had been from time to time elected. He might remark that absolutely he had sought none of those things; so that he felt somewhat in the position of a man who had had honours thrust upon him. He had given as much of his time as he possibly could to the work of this Lodge, and this he should esteem it his privilege and duty to do in the future. He felt it a great honour having been appointed Master of the Lodge, and although it was generally assumed by his fellow-citizens that he was living in perfect retirement, yet his duties were still very

heavy. Truly, he had been blessed by God with abundance, but he still felt bound to exert himself in every way he could to promote the welfare and happiness of others. He then thanked the Brethren for the handsome gift which they had presented to him, and wished for the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. The W.M. then gave the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so remarked that Bro. Fitzgerald had been the life of the Lodge, and on him a considerable amount of the work of the year had devolved. As Installing Master he had exceeded even the brilliant anticipations that had been formed of him. He paid a high tribute to the manner in which Bro. Fitzgerald had performed his duties in the Lodge, and these remarks were heartily endorsed by the Brethren. Brother Fitzgerald, in the course of his reply, said it afforded him infinite pleasure to do anything in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge, and he need hardly say he should continue to do so in future. He concluded some humorous remarks by assuring the Brethren that any service he could render would be always at their command. The Visitors were warmly received, and acknowledgments of the excellent working of the Lodge and the abundance of its hospitality were made by Bros. Connolly, Perkins, Dixon, and G. Fairchild. Speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. took the opportunity of announcing that the charity-box had been passed round, and the sum of £2 8s 4d realised. This must be gratifying to the Treasurer, who wielded their purse strings with a judicious amount of care. He had evidenced a deep interest in the Lodge on the night of the Audit, and on all other occasions. They had a good Treasurer, supported by a good Secretary; in fact he doubted whether any more efficient Officers could be found in any Lodge. Bro. Jolliffe esteemed it a great honour to have been elected to the post he now filled, for he felt a deep interest in the Lodge. It would always afford him infinite pleasure to promote the advantage of the Lodge and the general well-being of its members. Bro. Cummings said the work that had devolved upon him was somewhat difficult in consequence of his lack of knowledge as to what was required of him. He was only a young Mason and new to the work, but he had been ably and kindly assisted by Bro. George Fairchild, to whom he tendered his heartfelt thanks. It was an immense reward to him to know that his efforts so far had been appreciated. Bro. H. Halliday acknowledged the compliment paid to the Officers of the Lodge, and the list was closed by the Tyler. It was a pleasant and refreshing feature of the evening that there was no wearisome waiting between the toasts, such as we find at many Masonic gatherings. A choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bros. J. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. A. Lester, Arthur Thompson and Robert Hilton. In addition to the very attractive items on the "book of words," Bro. Townley sang, with his accustomed humour, and Bro. G. Fairchild gave a humorous reading. The Grand Treasurer was also induced to contribute to the harmony, while Bro. Arthur Thompson favoured the company with an "extra" song, "Drink to me only with thine eyes," which was splendidly rendered by this rising young vocalist. It may thus be readily imagined that an unusually agreeable evening was enjoyed.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

At a meeting of this Lodge, at the Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 14th instant, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon P.M. presented a chromo-photograph, mounted in a handsome oak and gold frame, of Sir Charles Lemon, Bart. (a relative of the Rev. T. W. Lemon's father), bearing on the photograph the inscription:—

"Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., J.P., D.L., &c., of Carlew Park, Cornwall, M.P. for the county, and Prov. Grand Master of Freemasons of Cornwall—1843-1863; born 3rd September 1784; died 12th February 1868."

On the frame was a gold plate, on which was inscribed:—

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70 1205 and 2025), P.P.G. Chap. Devonshire. 14th November 1887."

Bro. Lemon explained that he intended presenting copies of this rare picture to the Grand Lodge of England, and Masonic Hall in Plymouth. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Brother E. S. Hendry P.M. and Secretary, on behalf of the Lodge. It is worthy of mention that there are now ten valuable pictures hanging on the walls of the Lodge, the gifts of Bro. Lemon, whose zeal and assiduity are well known throughout the Provinces.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Brightlingsen, on 31st ult., when Bro. John Downes was installed as W.M. by Bro. Alfred Tisley P.M. 8, Past Grand Steward England. The Officers for the year were appointed as under:—Bros. Rev. Jas. P. Britton P.P.G.C. I.P.M., Geo. Riches P.M. P.P.G.P. S.W., William Martin J.W., Rev. Arthur Pertwee P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, C. S. Blyth P.M. P.P.G.P. Treasurer, J. E. Wiseman P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Secretary, F. Cross S.D., Herbert J.D., Wiseman D.C., J. Chaplin I.G., Pitt and Drake Stewards, Wilson Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Tisley for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital repast being served by the host, Mr. Harmer. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and some good songs and recitations were given by the brethren present. The Visitors included Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G.A.D.C. Eug. Prov. G. Sec., J. F. Wiseman P.M. 1734 P.P.G.W., G. Pung Hazell W.M. 697, Thos. Rix P.M. and Sec. 697 P.P.G. Sword B., T. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Sword B., A. B. Norman S.W. 1658, W. S. Harvey 1658, M. H. Page Sec. 2063, H. E.

Williams 51, and R. Little 51. The members of the Lodge present besides those already mentioned were Past Masters John Dean P.P.G.Std.Br., J. W. Jolly, A. Smith, J. S. French, and H. York; Bros. W. Bacon, W. Gentry, W. Bowles, W. Nicholls, E. Frost, J. Wheeler, G. Angier, J. Skinner, and F. B. Smythies.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Three Nuns' Hotel, Aldgate, when the following Brethren assembled:—Bros. J. G. Twinn W.M., J. Loftus S.W., J. Oxley J.W., W. O. Twetman S.D., H. J. Hirst J.D., A. W. Flack I.G., W. McCredie Secretary; also Bros. W. Beck P.M. (Treasurer), J. Magrath P.M., A. G. Clements P.M., G. T. Holdom I.P.M., A. F. C. Dickson, and A. Lloyd Stewards, C. V. Jenkins, J. L. Green, J. W. Perry, J. E. Payne, H. Parker, C. Dawes, J. Beard, A. Michels, W. Halerow, C. Schultz. Visitors: W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445, W. J. Bassett W.M. 212, J. Piper 1076, G. Rodgers 901, F. Dale 1278, H. Sherwin 1076. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the initiation of six gentlemen, all of whom were declared unanimously elected. The circular, in addition, announced the raising of Bro. Waters, but as he, with two of the candidates for initiation, failed to attend, the W.M. proceeded with the initiation of Messrs. Alfred John Gibbs and Harry Lyons as far as the O.B. Messrs. Thos. Edward Hall and Rodger J. Hearn were then introduced, and the ceremony worked on their behalf; the second part was completed in the presence of all four candidates. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till the second Wednesday in January 1888, the Lodge having recently decided to dispense with two meetings in the year—viz., those of May and December. The Brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Mr. Glover, the manager. After grace had been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were duly honoured. This being the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., a telegram was formulated and despatched during the evening, congratulating him upon the completion of his forty-sixth year, and later on a reply wire was received from Sandringham, as follows:—"The Prince of Wales thanks the brethren of the Lodge of St. John for kind birthday congratulations received." In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. referred to the pleasure it had given him to initiate four gentlemen in one evening; he had contemplated raising a candidate as well. There had been a fresh candidate proposed that night for the new year; he was glad to know he had a good prospect of work before him. He hoped the Initiates of that evening would strive to make good use of the lessons taught them in Freemasonry. They were sound lessons, and he was sure they would never regret adopting them. The Initiates severally responded, expressing their gratification at being received into the Order. They would endeavour to be good and worthy members of the Lodge. Bro. Holdom proposed the health of the W.M., and in reply the W.M. said that as in the past he had always done his best, so would he continue in the future to do all he could for the interest and welfare of the Lodge; he was particularly pleased to have so many ready and willing hands around him; this made his efforts a real pleasure. The Visitors were next toasted, each responding, and expressing the pleasure it had given them to be present. Bro. Myers particularly complimented the W.M. and the Lodge generally for its good working; the ceremony witnessed by him that evening could almost be pronounced perfect—the variations that he noticed were very insignificant, and it was always a pleasure to him to attend the Lodge of St. John. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s—they had a poor show that evening, but those they had were regular, as well as useful ones; there was Brother Magrath D.C., who was always one of the first to be present when there was a call; he specially exercised himself by seeing after their little comforts, and was in every sense of the term a useful P.M. Next in order came Bro. Clements; all the Brethren knew what he was, and what he could do; he was always regular in his attendance and never deserted them in the hour of need. That Bro. P.M. Clements really studied the interests of the Lodge no one could deny, and as a proof of this he might mention that at their previous meeting they would remember that five candidates for initiation were proposed, while six were announced in the circular calling that night's meeting. In the interim he had sanctioned the announcement of the sixth candidate's name, under the privilege allowed by Art. 185 in the Book of Constitutions. This of course necessitated a special dispensation from the G.M., which he had at the present time in his possession, but which had not after all been needed; however, he (the W.M.) had expressed his belief to one or two brethren that as soon as Bro. Clements received his circular, and observed the names of six candidates, he was sure to have a letter from him by return of post, and sure enough that letter did come, calling his attention to the necessary dispensation. He (the W.M.) had however not overlooked this important point, but it was to him satisfactory to know that he was guarded from doing what he, perhaps from lack of knowledge, ought not to do, and he mentioned this instance merely to show what great interest the P.M.'s took in the working of their Lodge. Next came Bro. Holdom I.P.M., who was likewise a good and worthy Brother, the brethren knew that he could not possibly attend so regularly as others, but that was not his fault; his business called him to all parts of the country, and at all times, and under the circumstances the brethren could not expect more from him. Each briefly responded. The toast of the Officers followed, praise being given to Bros. Loftus S.W. and Oxley J.W., as well as to the indefatigable Secretary Bro. McCredie. Subsequently the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Some capital songs and a grand recitation by Bro. Twetman were given during the evening. Brother Sherwin officiated at the piano.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, when there were present Bros. Hodgson W.M., Smith S.W., S. Border (Sheriff elect) J.W., Todd P.M. Treasurer, Parnell Secretary, Forbes S.D., Jones acting J.D., Crammack D.C., Watkinson acting I.G., Carter Steward, Calvert Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. McGachen, Barstow, Buckle, B.A., J. Sykes Rymer (Lord Mayor elect), Balmford, Kirby, Foster, M.D., Garbutt, Draper, and Col. the Hon. H. Legg; Bros. Rawling, Dr. Grimshaw, Jones, Powell, Bryson, Hick, Archey, Swift, Anderson, Sellers, Simmons, Kendall, Sanderson, and others. Visitors—Bros. Fitton P.M. 1783, Cocking S.W. 2035, Eanecott 630, Anderson 198 (I.C.), Muscroft Taylor 200, Kay Secretary, Archer, Coates, Scott, Blenkin P.M., Dyson S.W., Smith, Pook, Spetch, Brown W.M., Sharp, Storey, and Hall, all of 1611, and the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks. The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Wilson duly raised by the W.M., in his well known able manner. The charge was given by Bro. Todd P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.S.W., who was in his usual excellent form. It was announced that Brother Rooke P.M. would attend as Steward from this Lodge at the Girls' School Festival. Brother Muscroft Taylor, of the Old York Lodge, No. 200, was proposed as a joining member, and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, to which the singing brethren all contributed, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

GREYFRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Tuesday the 8th instant, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There was a large attendance of brethren. At the previous meeting of the Lodge, Bro. Henry Creed, a very zealous and popular member of the Craft, had been elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed with great skill and accuracy by Bro. Ravenscroft, who has filled the office of W.M. during the past year. After he had received the benefit of installation, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Ravenscroft I.P.M., C. Slaughter Senior Warden, J. Greenaway Junior Warden, Hukins Senior Deacon, F. H. Sparrow Junior Deacon, F. Brown Inner Guard, J. T. Stransom Treasurer, Ernest Ridley Secretary, T. J. Pulley Director of Ceremonies, Stewart and Hodder Stewards. The Immediate Past Master was then presented with a very handsome jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The W.M., in "decorating" the I.P.M., referred in warm terms to the services rendered to the Lodge by Brother Ravenscroft, to his devotion to the cause of Masonry, his acquaintance with the ritual, and his zeal for charity. In illustration of the latter, it was stated that Bro. Ravenscroft had acted as a Steward at the last Festival of one of the Masonic institutions, the Boys' School, and had taken up more than £70. The I.P.M. suitably returned thanks. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg conferred certain Provincial honours, which were to be bestowed in commemoration of the Jubilee year. Four brethren were to be appointed Past Provincial Grand Senior Wardens. They were Bros. Grace, F. J. Ferguson, Grisbrook and Robinson. In distributing these honours, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master dilated on the services of the brethren who were the recipients. Before Lodge closed, the brethren requested the W.M. to send a letter of sympathy to Past Master Pulley Dir. of Cers., regretting that he was suffering from illness, and expressing sincere wishes for his recovery. After the business of the Lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was served in admirable style by Bro. W. G. Flanagan. The W.M. presided, and about seventy brethren were present. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the Grand Master of England the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past. For the Grand Officers Bro. R. Bradley returned thanks. He said it was the first time that he had had the honour of returning thanks for that toast. At the great meeting at the Albert Hall in the summer he had had the office of Past Grand Sword Bearer conferred on him, and he appreciated very highly the distinction that had been bestowed on him. He spoke of the grandeur of the spectacle at the Albert Hall, and the magnificent effect produced when the six thousand brethren joined in singing the National Anthem. The health of the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers Present and Past was next proposed. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg Deputy Provincial Grand Master responded. The Worshipful Master was next given, and was received with the utmost heartiness. The Masonic Institutions was the next toast. Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, returned thanks, and referring to the Institution with which he is connected, said it was in danger of being overshadowed in consequence of the approaching Centenary of the Girls' School. He hoped, however, that the claims of the boys would not be altogether forgotten. Latterly they had had great anxiety in consequence of an outbreak of scarlet fever in the School. Between forty and fifty of the boys had been attacked, and three or four of the cases had been of a malignant type, but fortunately none had proved fatal. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. E. J. Blackwell, and responded to by Bro. Tomkins (Abingdon), W. H. Belcher (Newbury), and others. The toast of the Immediate Past Masters was introduced in an able speech by Bro. E. Margrett, and admirably responded to by Bro. Ravenscroft. Bro. Rev. C. Pritchard gave the health of the W.M. and brethren of the Sister Lodges. Bro. J. W. Martin W.M. returned thanks for the Union, and Bro. G. W. Webb for the Kendrick Lodge. The Treasurer and other Officers of the Greyfriars

Lodge was proposed by Bro. Arthur Welch, and responded to by Bros. Stransom, Slaughter, and Greenaway. There were one or two other toasts. The proceedings, which were of a very agreeable character, were diversified by some excellent singing.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2056.

AS time only permitted us to give a short sketch of the proceedings last week, this week we fill up that report with an account of the paper read, and the discussion which followed. Bro. Gould, as W.M., read a paper on English Freemasonry, which was marked by all his usual force of style and coherency of argument. He divided the history into certain epochs, and thus brought before the minds of his auditory how large a field the History of Freemasonry really covered, and how much there was yet to elucidate and illustrate. Bro. Gould put forth, with his usual forcible clearness, his views on several points incidentally, on many of which there is complete agreement among students, while on others there is only partial, and in some by no means general acquiescence, but as the paper was in no wise intended to be controversial, and was written from a laudable desire to keep up the good custom of lectures, there was little room or ground for anything like protracted discussion. Bro. Gould seemed to think that the lectures before the Quatuor Coronati should be more educational and elementary than had up to date been the case, though he confessed there were difficulties in the way, and suggested that perhaps a "Syllabus of Lectures" might be arranged, drawn up on a principle, and binding to some distinct end and object. He said the evidences of Scottish Masonry ought to be studied, as he admitted how very little was known of the actual history before the time when, in 1717, the Masons in London formed a centre of union and organisation. As is well known, Bro. Gould has, in his great work "The History of Freemasonry," laid down pretty much the same theory he here suggested, and he enlarged with his usual ability on the difficulties which still surround the Institution and the student. He concluded his paper with the expression of the hope that the educational value of the Quatuor Coronati might advance with each meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Woodford, on moving a vote of thanks to the W.M., expressed his entire agreement with Bro. Gould as to the desirability of keeping up the educational character of the papers; but, like Bro. Gould, he saw some difficulties in the way, which, however, time and experience would no doubt sensibly modify and cause to disappear. He was inclined to think, as an old student who believed all the traditions of the Craft had a "substratum" of truth, that though the connecting link was not yet quite clear which bound the movement of 1717 with previous Masonic Lodges, we should yet gain sufficient evidence thereon. From 1370 downwards there seemed to be evidence that the Masonic Guilds or Lodges had an inner organisation of some kind, and though there was a break in their history in the sixteenth century, it would not be impossible to link on eventually the Masonry of 1717 with that form of it which undoubtedly existed in the seventeenth century in this country. He alluded to the Molach Register, and one or two matters, and also to the Antiquity MS. of 1686, to which Brother Gould had alluded in reference to the attesting names of Bray and Vaggett. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Brother Gould for his able and interesting lecture. This proposition was duly seconded, and, after a few remarks, was carried by acclamation. Bro. Gould acknowledged the vote in warm, amusing, and effective words.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE annual meeting of this popular and flourishing Lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Leeds, under most encouraging circumstances. The Lodge opened promptly at four o'clock, when about one hundred Masons were present. W. Bro. C. L. Mason W.M. P.P.G. Treas., assumed the gavel for the last time, when he was supported by W. Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Bro. Watson J.W., Bros. R. Abbott Treas., Rev. J. Rosser Chap., Chas. Middleton Secy., S. S. Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., T. Atkinson I.G., Butterworth Steward, B. S. Bailey, Hayler, Rev. H. G. Butler, J. Pendleton, R. A. Smithson, H. B. Abbott, E. Bentley, C. Cryer, and J. Rodmayne. The Minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the following past and present Provincial Officers of West Yorks were admitted:—The R.W. P.G.M. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M., H. Smith, Rev. Dr. Smyth Grand Chaplain of England, Rev. Canon Bullock P.P.G. Chap., Rev. W. S. Tarnbull P.P.G. Chap., Joseph Binney P.P.G. Registrar, V.W. Bro. Dr. Purey-Cust (Dean of York) P.G. Chaplain of England, Major Moore P.P.G.S.B., Twinn P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, E. Hemmingway P.P.G. Treasurer, J. W. Monckman P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, R. Craig P.P.G.D., J. W. Kay P.P.G.D., D. Glover P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Rev. E. W. Makinson P.P.G. Chaplain, W. S. Smithson P.P.G.D. and Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province, T. Tyers, P.P.G.S.B., H. G. E. Green Prov. Grand Secretary, S. T. Oates P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies. The following W.M.'s were also present:—A. Scarth 289, J. Brownfoot 304, W. H. Bradford 1211, W. Flockton 1042, R. Harris 1221, J. Mackail 2134, W. Gillett P.M. 2134 and P.P.G.S.B., North and East Yorks. In the body of the Lodge in addition to many others, were the Rev. H. Dunn, Rev. T. H. May, F. G. Dimery P.M. 1755, and F. J. Last 387. A board of installed Masters having been opened, W. Bro. Trevor was most impressively installed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treas., and brethren below the rank of the Chair having been re-admitted the newly installed W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. V.W. the Dean of York, who had to leave the Lodge, was called upon to acknowledge the hearty greeting of his brethren. He said, I must express my gratitude for the cordial reception you have once again given to me, it is with great pleasure that I avail myself of the kind invitation I received to be present on this most interest-

ing occasion, and to see Bro. Trevor installed. I must congratulate you on the admirable manner in which the work has been done. I have been at a great many installations, but such has been my experience that I never before saw the outgoing Master instal his successor. As for Freemasonry, my forty years' acquaintance of it has increased my regard for it, so that now my veneration of the system is, if possible, greater than ever, such a spirit of order and dignity has pervaded your proceedings, and it is being repeated in I know not how many Lodges throughout the country, as cannot fail to have a most beneficial influence. I know of nothing that is more needed in the country at this moment than the spirit of order which is one of the characteristics of Freemasonry. In these days especially, we must look to the great body of Freemasons to spread throughout the country that spirit of order which is so essential to our prosperity. A procession was then formed to conduct the Dean to the portals of the Lodge, and he left during the hearty cheering of his brethren. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follows, addressing to each suitable words of advice:—Bros. William Watson P.M. S.W., Charles Middleton J.W., Rev. James Rosser Chaplain, Robert Abbott (re-elected) Treasurer, Samuel Scott Young Secretary, John James Fretwell S.D., Tom Atkinson J.D., Rev. T. Smyth, D.D. LL.D., P.M. Grand Chaplain of England D.C., Arthur Butterworth I.G., Benjamin Sykes Bailey Steward, Lewis Howarth Organist and Steward, Samuel Barrand (re-elected) Tyler. Bro. Watson was re-elected Charity Member of Lodge, and the W.M. and S.W. were elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of the Local Charity. The W.M. then on behalf of the Lodge presented to Bro. Mason a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so alluded to the unvarying kindness and urbanity of the recipient, who possessed the esteem not only of the members of the Lodge Prudence, but of every Mason in the Province. The P.G.M. Bro. Tew, in pinning on the jewel supplemented the kindly remarks of the W.M., and expressed his personal indebtedness to Bro. Mason for the many services rendered to the Craft in West Yorks. Bro. Mason suitably responded. Dr. Smyth Senior Grand Chaplain of England moved a vote of condolence to Bro. W. Storey, who has lost a dear daughter; a similar vote was moved by Bro. Fretwell on behalf of Bro. Robinson, whose family circle has been thinned by death. Both votes were carried in sympathetic silence. The P.G.M. then shortly addressed the brethren, and urged Treasurers to at once forward to Wakefield the monies they had in hand towards the 2,000 guinea Jubilee Fund which has been raised by the Province, that the matter may be closed without delay. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was in waiting, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony. It should be added that in the course of the proceedings Bro. Mason presented to each of his Officers a photo of himself in Masonic clothing, also a printed copy of his paper on Freemasonry, read before the Lodge at its last meeting, as a memento of a happy year.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, 17th inst., at 6:30 p.m. Present—Bros. Bellchamber W.M., Pitt S.W., Eisenmann J.W., Rosenfeldt S.D., Lazarus J.D., Gomme I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Paddle P.M. Treasurer, Ball Secretary, Baber P.M., Whitehouse, Barrett, Munday, Rush, and others. Lodge was opened, and previous minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whitehouse acting as candidate, and the questions for proficiency were duly put and answered. Lodge was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Whitehouse proved proficiency as F.C. Lodge was opened in M.M. degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The M.M. and F.C. Lodges were then closed with full ceremony. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Bellchamber for his most able and efficient working as W.M., and, after the election of Bro. Pitt as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 24th inst.—same place and time. The Benevolent Fund of this Lodge of Instruction is making vigorous progress, and brethren are cordially invited to join. All information concerning this fund can be obtained from Bro. W. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., "Cothelstone," Darenth Road, Stamford Hill, N.

The Duke of Connaught was on Saturday last installed a District Grand Master under the English Constitution, and Past Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution, at Bombay.

We again call the attention of our Surrey brethren to the meeting of the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst. It is anticipated there will be a large gathering to hear Bro. James Stevens' Lecture. Lodge will be opened punctually at 7 p.m.

The new serial stories which the Editor of *Cassell's Magazine* has arranged to appear in the New Volume are, "Monica, or, Stronger than Death," by Evelyn Everett Green, author of "Torwood's Trust," and "By Misadventure," by Frank Barrett, author of "Hidden Gold." Both will be commenced in the December Part.

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We extract the following from the *Guernsey Star* :—

The Freemasons of Cornwall have contributed £600 towards the erection of the Cathedral, but we do not hear that the Grand Lodge of England has contributed one penny towards the structure, although it attended the laying of the foundation stone some years ago, when the Prince of Wales as Grand Master officiated on the occasion; this he stated at the luncheon. So wealthy a body as the Freemasons are reputed to be might do worse than contribute towards the erection of the first Gothic Cathedral built in England since the Reformation. They gave £4000 some years ago towards the National Life Boat Institution—could not they give say a quarter of that sum to their Grand Master the Duke of Cornwall, as a contribution to the Cathedral in which he has shown so great an interest? We throw out the suggestion for the benefit of the Craft and the friends of the church in Cornwall.

We have before pointed out that it is generally considered outside the Province of Grand Lodge, in its "corporate" capacity, to subscribe in these cases. Our local brethren do their share in all "home" matters, and we do not think it is fitting to advocate Grand Lodge Funds being devoted to such purposes.

Lord Derby has recently expressed the opinion that to have a well-instructed people is no less than a question of life or death to a nation, and he specially commends Competitions, Prizes, Scholarships, &c., as valuable agencies for the diffusion of sound and useful teaching. A propos of this, it may be mentioned that the Editor of *Cassell's Magazine* has prepared a scheme of an Amateur Free University, of which details are given in the December Part.

The walls of the Masonic Temple in process of erection at Davenport, Iowa, are rising rapidly, and have already assumed imposing proportions. It will be, when finished, one of the finest and most complete structures of the kind in the West.

A legacy has been left Tarbolton Lodge, No. 135, Scotland, of which Robert Burns was a member, with which it is proposed to erect a Masonic Hall to the memory of the poet-Freemason.

WHOM TO BLACK BALL.—When a man talks about Masonry in a flippant way, saying, as we heard a man say not long ago, "I intend to join a Lodge to see what those fellows do, I want to get a sight of the Masonic goat," it may be well to hold all such not qualified.

A new Commandery of Knights Templar, to be known as Beauseant, was constituted by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at Malden, Mass., on 25th October.

The bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Dayton, Ohio, held their seventh annual reunion on 17th and 18th November.

Hon. John Wentworth, of Chicago, usually called "Long John," is a member of Oriental Lodge, the oldest Lodge in Chicago. He has been a Mason for forty years.

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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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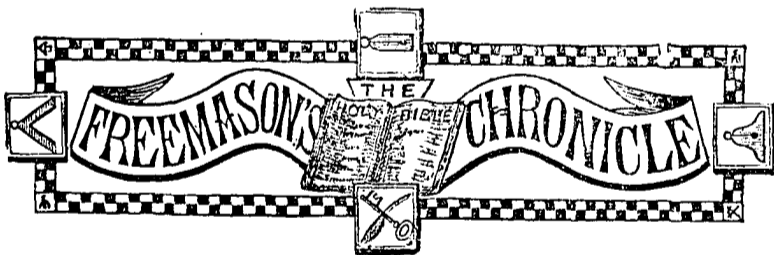
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PROV. G. LODGE WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held at Barnsley, on Monday, 24th October. The Portal Lodge, No. 127, having been opened, the Provincial Grand Master and Officers entered. There were present the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. C. L. Mason; C. F. Matier P.G.W. as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, George Althorp Prov. G.S.W., J. H. Gratton Prov. G.J.W., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. G.M.O., — Darling as Prov. G.S.O., Dr. Pugh as Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain of England as Prov. Grand Chaplain, W. R. Massie Prov. Grand Registrar, W. Cooke P.G.O. of England Prov. Grand Secretary, George Hill Prov. G.S.D., — Bennett as P.G.S.O., H. A. Styring Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, E. J. Massie Prov. G.D.C., Francis Smith Prov. G.Asst. D.C., Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer, Henry Smith P.G. Standard Bearer, George Wragg P.G. Organist, Frederick Barber P.G.I.G., Ackroyd, Howden, Locking, and Dewhurst P.G. Stewards, Barrand as P.G. Tyler. The Prov. Grand Mark Master having been saluted in accordance with ancient custom, said it was not his intention to address

the brethren at any length, but first he desired to welcome their distinguished visitor, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire, who had come at no small inconvenience to himself to take part in their proceedings, and to show that kindly good feeling existing amongst them. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W., Assistant Grand Secretary, had come specially from London to say a few words of encouragement, and to all their visitors they gave a hearty welcome. The Prov. Grand Master stated that it was with very great regret that he had received from Bro. Lukis his resignation as Deputy Prov. G. Master. He was sure that during the four years that Bro. Lukis held that office he had proved himself to be a true man and Brother, one who had taken a great interest in our Order, and in every way endeavoured to promote its usefulness. He might say he was the chief promoter of the Prince Leopold Lodge at Ripon. It was not only in Masonry that Bro. Lukis had distinguished himself, he was also an Archaeological scholar, of no mean repute. He desired most heartily to thank Bro. Lukis for all his kind services, and he felt sure the whole province would join in expressing their thanks, and they all trusted that the rest that Bro. Lukis was taking would tend to restore his health and preserve his life for many a year to come. Whilst sincerely regretting the loss of Bro. Lukis' services, he had pleasure in stating, as no doubt they were already aware, that he had offered the Deputyship to V.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain of England, that he had most kindly accepted it. He knew that Dr. Smyth possessed the esteem of every Mason in West Yorks, and that he was a learned and erudite Brother, who would bring with him the experience of a forty years' connection with Mark Masonry. During the year we have lost one of the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. James Gooding Lee, of Halifax, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, had only just returned from the Masonic meeting in the Albert Hall, on the 13th June last, when suddenly, without warning, that messenger arrived whose bidding none can gainsay. Summoned to take his place "in that building not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." To his family, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, he desired to tender their deep sympathy. Acting on the resolution passed at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, Official Registers had been prepared, and he desired to impress on the Masters and Secretaries of the several Lodges the great necessity for having them properly written up and kept in accordance with the new Provincial Bye Laws. Patents had been prepared for those brethren who desired to have them. In conclusion, he desired their kind attention to the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also to the services of Bro. Matier relative to the Mark Charities. He thanked them all for their kind reception, and assured them that as long as he had life and strength, whether as their Prov. Grand Master or otherwise, he would do all he could to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Order, and more especially the several Lodges in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire and the Assistant Grand Secretary were severally saluted. On the roll of Lodges being called, every Lodge in the Province was represented. The M.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth was then presented to take the obligation as Deputy Provincial Grand M.M.M. The Provincial Grand M.M.M. in addressing Dr. Smyth said, he considered himself fortunate in having such a learned Brother to assist him in the government of the Province, and thanked him heartily for accepting the appointment. Having taken the obligation, Bro. Dr. Smyth was duly invested with his chain of office, and placed in his chair and properly saluted. The V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in an eloquent speech, thanked the Brethren for their hearty reception. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., Past

Grand Chaplain of England	...	Deputy G.M.
H. S. Holdsworth P.M.	...	Senior Warden
J. L. Atherton P.M.	...	Junior Warden
W. R. Massie P.M.	...	M.O.
George Hill P.M. 111	...	S.O.
H. A. Styring P.M.	...	J.O.
Rev. W. Dunn	...	Chaplain
G. Normanton P.M. (elected)	...	Treasurer
E. J. Massie P.M.	...	Registrar
William Cocke P.G.O.	...	Secretary
Francis Smith P.M.	...	Senior Deacon
C. Greenwood P.M.	...	Junior Deacon
Henry Smith W.M.	...	Superintendent of Works
Frederick Barber W.M.	...	Director of Ceremonies

William Ackroyd P.M. ...	...	Assistant D.C.
G. H. Locking P.M. 111 ...	...	Sword Bearer
Thomas Howden ...	...	Standard Bearer
G. F. Carr 111 ...	...	Organist
Thos. Myers W.M. 111 ...	...	Inner Guard
Billington 127 ...	...	} Stewards
Hewitt 53 ...	...
T. Gaukroger 14 ...	...
T. J. Gree 58 ...	...

The R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W., Assistant Grand Secretary, then addressed the meeting on the question of the Mark Charities, pointing out the great benefits attending them, and urging the Brethren to support them. His appeal was responded to, and several Brethren gave their names as Stewards for the next Festival. An invitation was given for the next Provincial meeting to be held at Sheffield. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Brethren for their invitation, and asked them to renew it next time, as he wished to hold the next meeting in Huddersfield. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Barnsley Brethren for their arrangements and reception of Prov. Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

REVIEWS.

Sepher Yetzirah; the Book of Formation. Translated from the Hebrew, by Bro. W. Wynn Westcott. Bath: Robert Fryar.

THE work which Bro. Westcott now submits to our notice is a remarkable treatise of the Hebraic occult learning, which has necessarily much interest for the votaries of that mysterious lore.

Bro. Westcott, who is a Hebrew scholar, is also well known as the author of a treatise on the "Isiac Tablet," lately reviewed in our columns, and of other occult and mediæval works, and is a leading member of the increasing band of occult students.

In his hands the translation has been admirably performed. The *Sepher Yetzirah*, or Book of Formation, is believed to be the oldest work extant in Hebrew on the Theosophy or Theogony of the Jewish race, and as an outcome of the old world Rabbinical or cabalistic teaching, on the subject of the world's creation.

It has been ascribed to Abraham, to Rabbi Simeon Ben Jochai A.D. 70, to Rabbi Akibah A.D. 120, and we believe to others.

Graety considers it Gnostic, and about A.D. 300, while Yung holds it to be post Talmudic, and about 900 A.D., at the earliest.

But as it is apparently mentioned in the Babylon and Jerusalem Talmuds, and was also admitted by "Rashi" later as an early work, it is most probable that it is a relic really of the great Rabbinical College at Babylon, and that therefore its parentage may fairly be described to Rabbi Simeon Ben Jochai, which is the Hebrew tradition moreover on the subject. Of course its Abrahamic origin, or date, is a harmless ascription of Rabbinical mythos. It was first printed about the middle of the sixteenth century, and several commentaries of it exist and several versions. It has had its commentators, such as the well-known Judah Halevi and Ben Ezra. Hermetic students will find it sometimes termed "Abrami Patriarchæ Liber;" but though it is not Abramic, it is of very early date, as we have before shown, and as Bro. Westcott fairly puts it, "the crystallization of several centuries of tradition by one writer," though, as he adds rightly, "it has been added to from time to time by later writers."

As resulting from the cabalistic lore of the great Rabbinical school of Theosophy and mystic teaching and occult learning, it naturally has had a charm for earlier Hermetic students, and is now put out by the new occult school rising up amongst us as a necessary "supplement" to the mysterious and astounding treatises on kindred subjects contained in "Zohar."

But it would require a long and very abstruse review, far too exacting for our pages, to follow out here the clue given to the rapt students in the "32 Paths."

Our readers, if bitten by the ideas and views of the occult school, or interested in such peculiar studies, anxious to tap the hidden wisdom of the ages past and gone, must follow it up and study it for themselves, within the lines laid down by the Scribe of *Sepher Yetzirah*. And sufficiently abstruse, difficult and enigmatical they will find it, without a commentary from us, which as often happens may clear up little, leave obscurity where it was before, and difficultly where it still exists.

Commentators, as we all know, are too apt to leap over the most difficult passages, and where we want light we often can find none.

The study of occultism is clearly on the increase amongst us, though what its practical, scientific and expert value will eventually prove to be, time alone can show us, and it is very difficult if not impossible now accurately to predict.

Some writers seem to question the reality and utility of such studies, on the ground of the old French proverb that the "game is not worth the candle," and that when we have disinterred the remains of occultism from the grave of the past, we have practically found nothing. We confess we do not agree with such objectors. There is no doubt an abuse of such speculation and studies, but there is also a use, and though the "jargon of Hermeticism," as it has been termed, appears to many to savour of charlatanism, yet that Hermeticism and occultism contain much of Theosophic old world mystical teaching is we think undoubted. We therefore hail all such works and all such efforts as valuable; as helps to light, knowledge, and expert criticism; and we thank Bro. Westcott for another proof of the skill and ability with which he uses the editorial pen.

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THE HIRAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Much as I always admire and generally coincide with our esteemed friend and Brother W. J. Hughan, I am free to confess that I cannot follow him at all in his recent deliverance anent Oxnard's Charter and the Hiram Lodge. Indeed, I am unable to accept any one of the positions he has taken up, and I must, therefore, ask you once again, in the interests of fair play to a worthy body of brethren, and in the name of the very important consequences involved in the discussion, "audire alteram partem."

I would premise that, in my humble opinion, Bro. Hughan has laid down certain postulates which are not "warranted" by any English Masonic precedent or statute law, any English Masonic custom or common law.

1. As regards the first great precedent he might have quoted in respect of his too broadly stated proposition in your paper of the 12th instant, that any Lodge on joining a Grand Lodge, or forming a new one with other Lodges, ceased to have the right to work by authority of the Charter granted by the Mother Grand Lodge "ipse facto," I need hardly add that utterly fails him. I am not aware that in 1813 any Atholl Lodge took out a new Warrant, or ceased to work under the Charter granted by the Mother Grand Lodge "ipso facto,"—the original warranting Grand Lodge.

No doubt this is American law and understanding to a great extent, but I know of no English authority for such a position.

There certainly is no precedent for the assumption that a Charter of Recognition is identical with a Charter of Creation, or that the actual rights of the original grantee, as emanating from the original grantor, are superseded by an "ex post facto" Charter of Recognition; such Charter tending rather to validate and recognise, rather than to weaken or obliterate the rights and privilege of an earlier creation altogether.

In the case of Canada the original Warrants were all surrendered voluntarily, indeed officially by vote of the Convention, and were, as Brother Hughan puts it, to be returned as relics of the past,—heirlooms if you will.

But in the case of the Hiram Lodge there was no question of surrender, neither in the directions of the Grand Master in 1789 was there any idea of favour or condescension.

The members of the Hiram Lodge produced the copy of a Warrant of 1750 good, legal, binding, a copy of which was taken and registered, and the original Charter, the source of their Masonic life, the authority for their Masonic work, the guarantee of their liberties, privileges, and immunities, was returned to the Lodges. I fail to see how anything that was done in 1789 affects Oxnard's original Charter of Creation, or Warrant of Masonic organisation. The Charter of Recognition gave, so to say, no doubt a *duplex* vitality to Hiram Lodge, and there may be a concurrent authority established, but in no sense whatever, all American later legislation or custom notwithstanding, can Oxnard's Charter be superseded or destroyed, nor has it ever been abandoned by the Hiram Lodge.

2. The Grand Lodge of England did not take Bro. Hughan's view, as from 1768 to 1813 Oxnard's patented Lodge remains on the list of English Lodges.

It is not difficult to realise why, in 1813, it disappeared from the new Union List of Warranted Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England.

3. Bro. Hughan puts far too strongly in every way the effect of the vote of a "constitutional majority" in any Grand Lodge. The question between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and the Lodge Hiram is based on the landmarks in use in the Lodge since 1750, long before the Grand Lodge itself was formed.

Whether the matter involved be actually a landmark or no I pass by at present; sufficient for the purpose,—it is assumed to be, as far as I know, on both sides.

But if Bro. Hughan is right in what he lays down, any G. Lodge passing a vote on a similar question by a constitutional majority, it is impossible to enter into the reasonableness or *vice versa* of change with a disciplinary act, and other Grand Lodges can only accept the Record "sub silentio," and are "estopped" from considering it at all from a critical or discusional point of view. The English Grand Lodge has, however, acted quite differently on two occasions.

When a foreign Grand Lodge, by "a constitutional majority," passed a resolution excluding Hebrews from initiation, Lord Zetland (then G.M.) took a different view of the matter, and he was backed up by the G. Lodge.

That was the case of a landmark certainly. He did not accede to it as necessarily binding on such a ground.

So, again, when the French G. Orient altered another landmark, the English G. Lodge did not hesitate to refuse to accede to it; practically censured the G. Orient, and, in company with all the American G. Lodges, broke off intercourse, though such change was passed by a "constitutional majority."

Indeed, a moment's consideration will show that any such theory is fatal to the liberties and landmarks of universal Freemasonry. Any particular Grand Lodge might then, under these circumstances, repeal any landmark by a constitutional majority, and no other Grand Lodge can even discuss it, but must accept it as a "fait accompli."

Where Bro. Hughan finds any authority or precedent for such a view I really do not know.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut must, therefore, be

discussed not only in relation to other Grand Lodges, but as regards the undoubted rights of Lodge Hiram, which is not to be "boycotted" or blotted out of existence without a full and free consideration of its claims to an impartial hearing.

4. There comes in here the very serious question of the original contract, when Hiram Lodge joined the Grand Lodge in 1789.

There must always be two or more parties to a contract, and there is an express or implied contract, as in this case, where Hiram Lodge, dating from 1750 and working by a legal Warrant, merged its individuality in a more modern body in 1789.

No doubt it is difficult to say what a Grand Lodge can or cannot do, but Hiram Lodge has a legal and equitable claim, "ex debito justitiæ," and all Masonic precedent. Hiram Lodge can fairly say, "By such a resolution against our original agreement you break the contract and compact we entered into mutually about one hundred years ago, and I therefore fall out respectfully from your roll, and fall back on my original Masonic life and source,—Oxnard's unimpeached and unimpeachable Charter."

And here I pause to-day.

I might say a good deal more now, or may say it during the dismission. We now are only at the beginning of it, but I leave a good deal to say on a more convenient season. I will only add that, in my opinion, if Hiram Lodge is compelled, either by harsh treatment or what jurists term "force majeure," to fall back on Oxnard's Charter, it is still a legally warranted and working Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

LEX.

THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to Bro. Brennan I would just refer him to Bro. Sadler's recent interesting work, "Masonic Facts and Fictions," as therein he will see, despite his assumptions and views on the subject matter and Mackey's landmark, that before 1717, and after for a long while, many Lodges must have worked "Warrantless," and yet were held by the Grand Lodge of 1717 "good and worthy Masons," and received into favour, and acknowledged, without question as to their Freemasonry when they joined the Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

We reproduce the following from the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 8th August 1887:—

FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the *Herald*.

SIR,—As there are many English Masons who have been, or may shortly be, called upon to vote for or against the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony, and many of whom are ignorant of the reasons why the Grand Lodge of England has refused to recognise the Grand Lodge of New South Wales as a legally-constituted body of Masons, and who also wish to know whether the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony, and an amalgamation, would be legal and beneficial or otherwise to the English Masons, I think it my duty to give them any information I can on the subject; and I may here remark that what I have to say with respect to English Masons will also be applicable to Scotch and Irish Masons.

The origin of the New South Wales Constitution briefly was this. In the year 1877 there were 86 Lodges in this colony; 13 of these held that, according to Masonic law, any three or more Lodges in a district where is no Grand Lodge could form themselves into one—which they did, and then applied to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland to recognise them as a legally-constituted body of Masons. All the Grand Lodges refused to recognise them, holding that it was an absurd thing to state (amongst English Masons, at all events) that three Lodges thus form a Grand Lodge, because if it were so the minority could rule the majority. For instance, if we had had at that time 300 Lodges in this district, and only three of them chose to form themselves into a Grand Lodge, the remaining 297 Lodges would then have to come in and be ruled by these three Lodges, or else become irregular. Moreover, the laws for the government of Masons were fully set forth in the Book of Constitution, and not only was so much power therein given, but that therein (amongst other things) every Master was required to promise to conform to the edicts of the Grand Lodge, and admit that no Lodge could be opened without the consent of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge or to any person initiated therein.

The Grand Lodge of England (which is the parent of all Grand Lodges) at the same time stated that they were quite willing to give the necessary permission to form a Grand Lodge in this colony at any time the majority of Masons may desire one. On the arrival of Lord Carrington in this colony, the New South Wales Constitution presented him with an address, when he informed them that he, as an English Mason, could not recognise them as Masons. Afterwards, at a banquet given to him by the English and Scottish Masons, he said he would like to see an amalgamation of all the Masons in this colony, if it could be done in a legal and constitutional manner.

I have thus endeavoured to show without comment, as far as I can, all the facts connected with the history of the New South Wales Constitution. The next question every English Mason should consider is, What advantage will the English Masons obtain from the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony. At present our District Grand Master and our District Grand Lodge enjoy practically all the powers and privileges of a Grand Master and Grand Lodge. The District Grand Master can grant dispensations and issue warrants for

the opening of Lodges. The District Grand Lodge makes its own rules, elects and appoints its own boards and committees, and hears and decides all Masonic complaints, subject to an appeal by the dissatisfied party to the Grand Lodge of England, where it will receive the calm and able consideration of some of Great Britain's cleverest and most able statesmen and lawyers, and should an error have been committed, it will be by them rectified.

The Grand Lodge of England has always shown towards our District Grand Lodge the love of a parent for its offspring, and it is only recently we have again had evidence of this fact by the conferring of Grand Lodge honours on our Present and Past Deputy District Grand Masters and our present District Grand Secretary. Now, I would ask every English Mason why do we want to alter this state of things, and what benefit would we derive by severing ourselves from the Lodge of that Grand old country from which we have all sprung, and of which we so justly feel proud, and obtaining a Grand Lodge here? We should elect our own Master, but this we practically do now, for we nominate our District Grand Master, and then the Grand Lodge appoints him. We should make our laws; but should we derive any benefit by doing that? Can we in any way improve upon those at present promulgated by the Grand Lodge of England? We should not have to send any fees to the Grand Lodge of England, but all we send them now is 7s 6d (out of every initiation fee of at least £6 6s), to pay for the registration of the Mason and his certificate, and for which, if we had a Grand Lodge in this colony, we could not get for less than 30s. Our funds, which amount to about £18,000, would have to be equally shared with the other Constitutions.

I consider, from the above facts, that it will be evident that no benefit will be obtained by the formation of a Grand Lodge, but, notwithstanding this, if the majority of the Masons think that the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony be desirable, and that it should include the present self-styled Grand Lodge of New South Wales, why let us remember "that to err is human, to forgive divine," and if the members of the New South Wales Constitution choose to return to us, like the Prodigal Son, and confess their fault, let us at once (with the consent of the Grand Lodge of England) forgive them, and receive them as Brethren and be formed into one Grand United Lodge.

In conclusion, let me remind every Mason of the noble example of our Grand Master H. A., who in the hour of trial remained firm and true to the trust reposed in him, and which, I hope, every Mason will likewise do, and fully consider the duties he owes to the Grand Lodge of England, before giving a vote upon the important matter that is, or shortly may be, submitted to him; that he will reject any union with the New South Wales Constitution unless upon the conditions I have above mentioned; that he will not be so base or vile as to forget his obligation, and consent to join or become a member of this self-styled New South Wales Constitution, but will remain loyal and true to his vow and promise, and until a Grand Lodge can be formed upon the conditions above mentioned; that he will still trust himself to the guidance of his noble and revered old chief, Right Worshipful Brother Williams, who has spent a lifetime in fighting the battles of Masonry in this colony, and reared it from its infancy to its present majestic proportions.

I am, &c.

E. C.

Sydney, 5th August.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter took place on Thursday, 10th November, and passed off with very great *éclat*. The chief business of the evening was the installation of the Principals—Comps. Richard Clowes as Z., George Harrison as H., and T. G. Mills as J.—and the ceremony was most ably performed by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Jno. J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. The Officers of the Chapter were invested as under:—Comps. John J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. I.P.Z., T. J. Ralling P.Z. P.G.S.B.Eng. Prov. G.S.E. S.E., A. S. B. Sparling S.N., W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, J. T. Bailey P.S., Poppleton and Osmond A.S., Munson Janitor. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Turner for the ability he had displayed in performing a most difficult ceremony, and a suggestion of the M.E.Z. that he should be presented by subscription with a P.Z.'s jewel was cordially agreed to. Comp. Turner suitably acknowledged the compliment. At the close of the business between 30 and 40 Companions dined together at the Three Cups Hotel, under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., who said he should, in proposing the toasts, set an example of short speeches, which he trusted those who responded would follow, in order that the Companions might enjoy the musical programme. This was carried out, and a most charming selection of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Miss Louisa Distin, Madame Helen Heath, Bro. Henry Taylor, Comp. Theodore Distin, Mr. Theodore J. Distin, and Comp. G. F. Smith.

We propose to reprint, in our next issue, a letter from Bro. Drummond, from the *Masonic Token*, Portland, Maine, U.S., which has been forwarded to us *re* the Gould-Yorston controversy.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Vaudeville.—Mr. Thomas Thorne is to be congratulated on having secured such a wholesome and thoroughly-interesting play to follow "Sophia" as Mr. Henry A. Jones's "Heart of Hearts." True to nature, and a story that may happen in every-day life, it is sure to prove acceptable, but when, coupled with this, we have a play that is not strained in any one point, and is written in terse, flowing style, it is all the more sure of proving successful. That "Heart of Hearts" is a piece of this description we say without fear of contradiction; not only are the characters well drawn, but they are drawn from life—a thing that some authors do not deem a necessity. Another great point in favour of Mr. Jones's latest work is that he has introduced plenty of the comic element. Naturally, where a heroine gets falsely accused of theft the play runs on serious lines, but these are bountifully relieved by the comic characters. Lucy Robins, the heroine, has a secret; her father is a good-for-nothing "gaol-bird." This is the more cruel for Lucy as she has been educated at the expense of Harold Fitzralf, to whom she is engaged. Lucy is harshly treated by Harold's mother, but the heroine strives to please her future mother-in-law. Difficulties ensue; Lucy's uncle, James Robins, is butler to the family. Harold does all he can to make things go smoothly, but when Lady Fitzralf's bracelet is stolen, suspicion at once falls on Lucy. Of course she is innocent, and when she is left alone, her father, who has managed to enter unseen, tells Lucy that it was he who stole the bracelet, but, now penitent, he wishes it restored. Lucy at once offers to put it back, and pledges her word that she will not reveal the secret. After she has sent her father away, some one sees Lucy handling the bracelet, but, true to her promise, she refuses to give any account of how it came into her possession. Consequently, everybody, with the exception of her uncle, naturally believes her guilty of having stolen it. Here the story reaches its climax; the dilemma that Lucy is placed in producing a most powerful situation. How, in the third and last act, Lucy's uncle manages to clear her, we will leave to the reader's imagination; still we may state that it is brought about by Robins' alliance with Miss Wilhelmina. The scenes between these two characters are very amusing; the secret marriage, known to no one save themselves, gives scope for plenty of fun. They are living under the same roof, but they strive to keep their secret from other members of the household. Of course this is rather absurd, but then it is amusing—a feature that goes a long way on the stage. When we say that Mr. T. Thorne and Miss Sophie Larkin impersonate these two characters, it will easily be realised to what advantage they shine. Mr. Thorne has not had a part that suits him better for years, while Miss Larkin lends him capital help. It would have been difficult to find a better Lucy than that Miss Kate Rorke made; full of natural charm, tender, loveable, and affectionate, Miss Rorke made her part stand out clear, and one could not help feeling sorrow for the way in which she was treated. Mr. Leonard Boyne came out well as Harold, but it is not a showy part; while Mr. Royce Carleton will do better, as Lucy's father, later on. Mr. Fred Thorne gave a life-like presentment of a doctor, and Mr. Gilbert Farquhar was fairly good as an idiotic old man. Miss Rose Leclercq clearly showed the struggle between womanly pride and maternal love, while Miss Gertrude Warden was a capital mischief-maker. At the conclusion loud calls brought the principals before the curtain to receive a well-earned compliment.

Gaiety.—Notwithstanding the undoubted success that has attended "Miss Esmeralda," it must be withdrawn after the 17th December, to make room for Mr. George Edwardes's Christmas production. Those of our readers who have not yet seen "Miss Esmeralda" should not miss the opportunity; a more lively, picturesque, and charming burlesque could not be wished for. The favourable verdict pronounced on the first night has proved to be fully deserved, while "touches" here and there have been since added. The company are working in capital style, and give off their comic sayings with much spirit. Messrs. E. J. Lonnen, George Stone, Frank Thornton, Leo Stormont, the Misses Fannie Leslie, Marion Hood, Letty Lind, Ada and Addie Blanche and Emily Miller, all give substantial support, and their efforts are nightly rewarded by the unanimous approval of the audience. Meyer Lutz is at his post as conductor, and his orchestra fully denotes the great ability bestowed on its training.

Hengler's.—This spacious circus, situated in Argyll Street, was on Saturday once more the scene of a perfect success as regards the programme set down by the Messrs. Hengler. When we are invited to this yearly treat, it reminds us that we shall soon have to be looking out for amusements for the youngsters, home to spend their Christmas holidays. In selecting Hengler's parents may go further and fare worse. As liberal as ever, Messrs. Hengler have given us plenty of clever lady and gentlemen riders, while the entertainment is enlivened by some highly trained horses, acrobats, comical clowns, &c. What more graceful could be conceived than the equestrian trotting act by Madlle. Lena? what more clever than the leaping acts on horseback by Signor Alfredo and Master Charles? Then we have the spirited riding of Mr. John Frederick Clarke, who turns somersaults from the horse's back, either forward or backward. Mr. Alfred Clarke drives and rides four horses in masterly style, while our old friend George Batty is well to the fore with his daring jockey act. Signorina Adele Rossi was rather unlucky in her flights, but she will do better when she gets acquainted with the ring. Middle. Liria introduces a clever trick horse, while later on Signor Domingo Rizzarelli's eight thoroughbred Arab horses go through some amusing capers, as if they enjoyed them. Miss Virginia introduces a fine leaping horse, and Signorina Clotilde Rossi makes a clever equilibrist. The Brothers Manetti and the Leotards go through some clever acrobatic feats, while the Gillenos are very amusing in their musical entertainment. "La Voltege" by members of the troupe, brings a most enjoyable entertainment to a conclusion in good time for those who have trains to catch.

EARNESTNESS.

EVERY true and worthy member of our time-honoured Fraternity must be continually stirring himself up to greater earnestness in every good work, to a more perfect discharge of every duty. Who does not feel that, without detriment to himself and his family, he could do more for his brethren than he has ever done yet.

It may be in the way of giving, to relieve their wants and to help them in the time of distress; it may be in seeking out those who are in need of relief, and bringing their cases under the notice of others more able to relieve them; it may be in showing sympathy, which often cheers the fainting heart and encourages the man ready to succumb in despondency, to fresh, and hopeful and successful exertion; it may be in any one of a thousand various ways, for there is no end to the variety of ways in which brotherly love may be displayed.

But let us see that it dwells in our hearts, and that we cherish it, and are governed by it, giving it free course to go forth to all our brethren, and in all our words and actions.

And well may we rejoice that we are members of an Order whose laws enjoin it so strongly, whose teachings do so much to cherish and promote it, and whose arrangements and working afford so much opportunity for its practice.—*N. Y. Sunday Times.*

Amongst other papers to appear in *Cassell's Magazine* for December, the number with which the new volume is commenced are, "How I Spent Christmas in the Fatherland;" "The Principles of Pastry-making," by a Professional Teacher of Cookery; "How my Head does Ache!" by a Family Doctor; "Squire Ollivant's Will," being one of the popular Chronicles of Cardewe Manor, by Lucy Farmer; "National Characteristics," by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, M.A.; "What is an Oratorio?" by Frederick J. Crowest; "How we Girls Earn our Living," by E. Clark; New Music, "The Gatherer," &c. A special plate in colour, entitled "Spell-bound," forms the frontispiece.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, held its annual communication at Charleston, on Tuesday, 8th November 1887.

Twenty years a Mason, according to the laws of Arkansas, makes a man an honorary member for life, free from dues.

John Thompson, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is now in his eighty-ninth year.

A new Masonic Temple is to be built at San Leandro, California.

Obituary.

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BRO. G. A. BEAN.

THE death of this worthy Brother, one of the founders and oldest P.M. but one of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, 1364, is announced. The funeral took place on the 10th inst., at Bow Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of brethren. Bro. Bean died on the 6th inst. The coffin—literally covered with wreaths of choice flowers—was committed to the earth amid signs of universal regret. Bro. C. Bean, of the Cripplegate Lodge, was chief mourner, with Bro. T. Taylor P.M. of the Temple Lodge. Among others present were Bros. G. Pope W.M. 1364, W. Bristo, a Founder and Senior P.M. 1364, E. Wright P.M. Treas., H. Maples P.M., Lay P.M., Cockett P.M., Hegarty P.M., Fitzgerald P.M., H. Lowe senior W.M. elect, Bridegroom J.W., F. Crook, G. Cashford, T. Leabon, T. Paget P.M. Kent Lodge, and W. Gray P.M., all of 1364. Brother W. Green (a late member of 1364) also joined the brethren on this occasion; Bros. Richardson, Chopping, and J. Britton of 860. Bro. Bean was a very unassuming Mason, ever ready with his advice when needed, and with his mite on behalf of charity. For 35 years he represented the firm of Randall and Way, of Cheapside, E.C., in whose service he died, and whose representatives were present at his funeral.

BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

THE death occurred this week at his residence, at New Cross, of Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, a well-known journalist, and for several years up to his death a member of the staff of the Press Association. The deceased, who was in the prime of life, had been in delicate health for nearly twelve months, but had apparently recovered of late. The immediate cause of death was congestion of the lungs. Bro. Goldsmith, who was widely respected, was W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.

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, 19th NOVEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

- 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
 M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyll
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 551—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)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Peveril-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)

- 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Honley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grain-ro-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Northiam, at 8. (Instruction)
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Metro. Grocery Hall, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Herod's Tavern, Leade Hall Street, at 7. (Inst. & In)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Standage Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Brixton Road, E. (Instruction)
 812—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1559—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Street
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Salford
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
 R.A. 503—Belviders, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Minto-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fawke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 111—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 201—Quartern, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 565 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 730—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 853—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North Bal, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 874—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rochester New Rd. (In)
 1155—Southern Star, Palace and Standage, Wandsworth-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1273—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Beaufort Green Road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1335—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 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)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hull
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carlisle. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 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)
 933—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. (Instruction)
 1223—Beacotree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1228—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Burnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 212—Margalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1762—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

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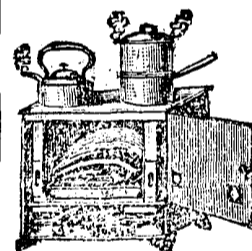
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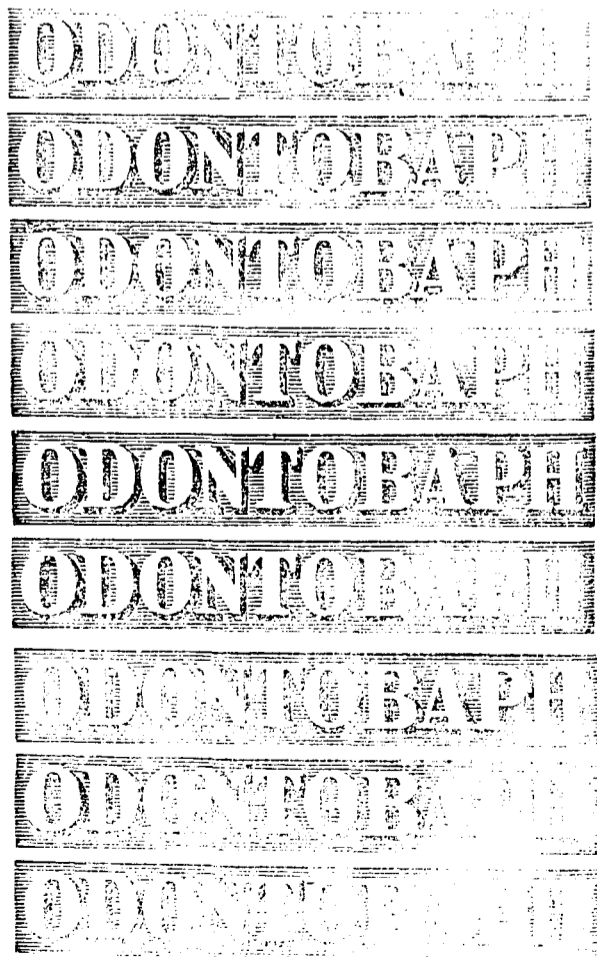
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