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A STRONGER TIE THAN MASONRY.

A FEW weeks since a paragraph appeared in the columns of a contemporary, which cast a doubt on the supremacy of the Masonic tie. At the time of its publication we felt inclined to offer a protest against the assertion of the writer, but a careful consideration of the subject in its several aspects, and in its association with recent events, has induced us to modify our opinion, and to such an extent that to-day we hardly know to which we ought to award the distinction of enjoying the stronger claim on its members: Freemasonry, that Fraternity to which our paper owes its being, and to which it continually devotes itself; or Journalism, which our contemporary describes as perhaps possessing a more potent bond of unity.

The *Hampshire Independent*, the paper to which we refer above, speaking of the efforts which were being made early in the present year to bring the murderer of the ill-fated Bro. Archibald McNeill to justice says: "the Masonic tie itself, probably, is less potent than the professional bonds which unite true journalists all over the world, and which no distinction of caste or professional rivalry can destroy. Here and there, of course, one meets men who are altogether beyond the pale of such an honourable brotherhood, but the mass are strongly united, and the feeling which animates them is strikingly shown."

As we have already said, at the first blush we were inclined to question the opinion of our contemporary, for although we had been associated with the press for three times the period we had been a Mason, we hardly felt the ties of Journalism equalled, or in any way approached, those of Freemasonry; but we have since thought that perhaps our opinion was influenced by our experiences in the little circle with which we have lately been more immediately associated, where the most absurd jealousy exists—jealousy which forbids even the mention of the name we were born with, and which appears to ignore the courtesies of our "honourable brotherhood." As we regard the matter now, we think we may say honours are about equally divided between Freemasonry and Journalism, and we have been led to this opinion, in great measure, in consequence of the manner in which the latter has associated itself with the former on behalf of a widow of a well-known Mason, who was also a prominent journalist. We allude to Mrs. Cooke, who is at present before the Craft as a candidate for a Widow's annuity from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and whose case has been referred to, we think we may fairly say, in a large majority of the leading papers of the kingdom—so much so as to call forth comment from some of the leading members of the press of the day.

We, who have worked with others for years past in securing votes for one or other of those seeking the benefits of the Masonic Institutions, know that this

publicity cannot have been secured without strong influence—and perhaps stronger energy—on the part of those who have the case of Mrs. Cooke in hand, but it is sufficient for our present argument that it has been secured, and none will question the justice of the claim which might be put forward by journalists, that as strong a tie exists among them as that appertaining to Freemasonry.

It has no doubt frequently surprised the outside observer to see the way in which the affairs of the press are conducted; how each paper appears to take every advantage of its competitors to forestal them with news or other items of interest, and yet there are few great events which happen throughout the world but the press in a measure combines to supply the public demand for early and correct information. Probably no other profession allows of such keen competition, and at the same time fraternal companionship as Journalism. Rivalry of the severest kind exists in connection with it, but it is friendly rivalry in most cases, and that too of a character which would not be possible in many other walks of life, indeed, there are many ways in which experiences gained in the world of Journalism may be cited as parallel to that of true Freemasonry, and the instance we have referred to is one of them.

Reverting to the quotation already given from the *Hampshire Independent*, we find further points of similarity between Journalism and Freemasonry. Our contemporary observes that "here and there one meets men who are altogether beyond the pale of such an honourable brotherhood, but the mass are strongly united." How applicable are these words to Freemasonry, and how truly they describe the cause of much of the odium which is associated with the Craft. It is the men we find here and there, beyond the pale of brotherhood, who bring the small amount of discredit which is as inseparable from Freemasonry as from any other human organisation. It is not from the doings of the masses that we gain our reputation so much as from the actions of the few, and whether they be for good or evil the world forms its opinion of the whole from the behaviour of those who make themselves particularly prominent. So it is in Journalism. We find men recognised in the outside world as leaders of the press, and opinions formed of the whole profession from the action of these men, while in truth they are but indifferent specimens, sufficiently clever, however, to make themselves known above their less noisy, if more dignified brethren, and, we must frankly admit, often appearing to make more progress than those of greater stability.

The appeal which has formed the basis of these remarks was addressed "To their brethren of the Paris Press, in connection with the murder of Mr. McNeill—one of the kindest, gentlest, and best of men—by his comrades of the Press generally, and of the Savage and Press Clubs of London," and it concluded as follows: "We therefore appeal to you, our brothers

in the profession, to do that for us, and for our murdered comrade, which we would do for you. We appeal to you to use, on our behalf, the powerful weapon which it is our privilege to possess. We appeal to your hearts as men, to your brotherly feelings as journalists, to impress upon the Government of the Republic the importance of the case, and to urge that every possible effort shall be made to bring to justice the murderer or murderers of Archibald McNeill." After reading this can it be wondered there are some who look upon Journalism as possessing even a stronger tie than Freemasonry, and how would our readers answer if the question were put to them—Which is the more powerful? It may be urged that this was a case of national importance, involving the death of a well-known man of the world, but the other case to which we refer cannot be said to possess equal claims in this respect, although it is true that the efforts being made on behalf of Mrs. Cooke are for the benefit of one still living among us, and on that account of more pressing importance in the eyes of many; yet, we think, the unanimity with which her case has been mentioned is at least proof that Freemasonry is not the only organisation in which the strongest of fraternal ties exist.

In speaking thus favourably, and at such length, in support of the bonds of Journalism, we must not allow the impression to go forth that we are forsaking Freemasonry, which is at least entitled to the reputation of possessing a far stronger tie in the world at large than any other human institution, and, as we have already urged, it at least enjoys equal honours with the profession to which our readers are indebted for their periodical supplies of literature. Still, as we agree with the writer who urged that a man knows nothing who is only acquainted with his own side of the question, we feel that considerations of Masonry's position in regard to the outside world must be a benefit to those who desire to extend their knowledge, as not unfrequently opening up ideas and lines of argument which would not arise in the ordinary course of events. Personally we have experienced considerable pleasure in devoting a portion of our time to the subject here touched upon, and we hope it will prove equally as interesting to those who read our remarks. It may not be that all who study them, as we, are members of the two sections of the world referred to, but we think there is sufficient in the subject to interest all, especially as we are inclined to the opinion that much of what we have written in regard to Journalism might be said of other professions, or wherever we can find men who regard life as something more than a continued struggle to best or crush their neighbours. There is assuredly room enough for all who are content with a fair share of this world's goods, and when we see such kindly feelings expressed towards those in misfortune as in the cases under notice, it makes us regret that it should sometimes appear necessary for a man to say unkind things of his fellows, or perform actions which appear harsh. All we can hope is, that as the world becomes more enlightened, men may learn better how to carry the true principles of Freemasonry into every day life.

As years go by we trust we may have many more occasions of defending the fraternal ties of Freemasonry, which so justly occupy a proud position in the opinion of the world. However strong these ties of Masonry, and however zealous the members of the Craft may be of the position they have won, we do not believe there is a brother who will do aught but rejoice if there arise many other organisations for the benefit of humanity which can claim an equal or a stronger tie. We are proud of our position, but do not desire to be left alone in the enjoyment of it. The more who struggle for supremacy under this head the better, and the heartier will be the welcome accorded them.

HOW TO LEARN MASONRY.

ALTHOUGH Freemasonry is a Royal Art, there is no royal road to its learning. In ordinary Masonic parlance it is said, that John Jones and William Brown on a certain day were "made Masons," but does their bare "making" qualify these brethren as proficient in the Royal Art? Both are advanced Fellow Crafts, but does this advancement make them skilled Brethren? Both are raised to the sublime degree, and yet they are still but Masons in the rough—certainly not adepts in the Royal Art. Brother Barkley, of Mississippi, was right when he said, "A man cannot absorb Masonry—he must learn it." Immediately after being "made a Mason" the initiate is but a babe in Masonry, with the Masonic world before him and everything to learn. He is merely born into the Craft, with the right to grow up to Masonic manhood. After he has advanced by the grade of Fellow Craft to the grade of Master Mason, he is still but a youth in Masonry, and before he can be said to be versed in the Royal Art he must go to school for years. The sooner brethren come to comprehend the fact that there is no royal road to Masonic learning, that after they are made and subsequently advanced to the highest degree they are still only on the threshold of Masonic knowledge, though with the inestimable privilege to know it all if they will devote the necessary amount of attention, thought and study to the subject, the better it will be for them. The greatest enemy—unseen, and therefore unknown and unappreciated—that Freemasonry has to contend with is ignorance. To how many Freemasons "ignorance is bliss." They are actually *unaware* of their ignorance, delusively thinking that because they have "received the degrees," therefore they are every whit Freemasons! But have they "received the degrees?" Only as a sieve or a duck's back receives water. It went in one ear and out of the other. No one *truly* "receives" the degrees of Masonry who does not *know* them, and the lowest form of knowledge is the mastery of the verbiage of those degrees. And can this be readily absorbed? On the contrary, does it not have to be patiently studied and learned? Answer it, Masonic schools of instruction! Answer it, earnest toilers in secret after the knowledge of the ritual! Answer it, Wardens and Masters who have but a brief practical experience in ritualistic Freemasonry! How difficult it is to learn, and how easily your learning escapes you, sometimes, when you seek to confer a degree! But all this is merely the lesser learning of the Royal Art, its forms and ceremonies, its naked ritual. Back of and underlying these there is something greater. The first—the ritual—must be apprehended and then comprehended. This latter is the greater labour, and yet it is richly rewarded, for it introduces to the greater learning of the Craft.

Masonic tradition asserts that Pythagoras belonged to an ancient brotherhood which was akin to Masonry. Of this great mathematician it has been said:

"He solved that geometric gem
No Ariadne could explore—
The pearl of Euclid's diadem,
The symbol of Masonic lore."

Pythagoras has a lesson for us upon the Royal Art of Freemasonry, for in one of his almost magic sentences he describes the Brother who is merely "made a Mason," but is not skilled in the Royal Art, and the other Brother who has mastered its learning—the meaning as well as the words of the work—and become an accomplished Master Mason. Hear him: "He that knoweth not that which he ought to know, is a brute beast among men; and he that knoweth all that may be known, is as a god among men. The least that any Freemason ought to know is the work of Freemasonry, and the most that all *may* know, if they choose to study it, is the *meaning* of the work.

We have hinted how a Mason may learn the ritual of Masonry, but how shall he become in the best sense of the term a bright Master Mason? Here again there is no royal road—he must listen, read, learn, digest and think. He must discover what each of the forms and ceremonies of Freemasonry typifies and signifies; he must master the greater learning of the Craft. What aids has he to such an endeavour—an endeavour which the Fraternity expects every Brother to make for himself? In order to become a thinking Mason he must first be a reading Mason. Read what? Habitually and thoroughly read at least one periodical of the Craft. The readers whom we directly

address read *the Keystone*. If they find it helpful, as we are told they do, let them fraternally commend it to their friends among the Brethren, in order that they too may become students of the higher learning of the Craft. There are no "higher degrees" than the ancient three, but there is a higher knowledge of those degrees, which *the Keystone* essays to teach. Then read, in addition, the formal history of Freemasonry—Fort's, or Gould's, or Findel's; read the philosophy of Freemasonry—Mackey's Symbolism, Pierson's Traditions or Arnold's Philosophy; read Oliver's Landmarks of Freemasonry; read the Constitutions of Freemasonry—Anderson's, of 1723 and 1737, and the Book of Constitutions of your own Masonic jurisdiction; and own and frequently consult Mackey's, Kenning's, Mackenzie's or Morris's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry. These books, with *the Keystone*, constitute in themselves a Masonic library, which will, after you have been "made a Mason," and advanced by the grade of fellow Craft to the higher grade of Master Mason, enable you to become thoroughly accomplished in the Royal Art. If you add to the secret knowledge you acquire in the tyled Lodge, the supplementary learning which may be derived from these legitimate sources of Masonic information, and continually read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest this learning, so as to make it in the truest sense your own, you may master the Royal Art, and be, in the best sense of the term, a Master Mason." This is "How to learn Masonry."

—*Keystone*.

THE GRAND MASTER AT BLACKBURN.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess, paid a visit to Blackburn on Wednesday, for the purpose of assisting in laying the foundation stone of the Blackburn Technical School. The weather proved gloriously fine, and thousands of persons from the surrounding towns visited Blackburn, while, as the stone was to be laid with Masonic honours, Freemasons, chiefly from the Provinces of East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and West Lancashire, attended in large numbers. Their Royal Highnesses, who had travelled during the night from Glasgow, where they had been on a visit, and to open the Exhibition, arrived at one of the suburban stations about ten in the morning, and at once drove to Witton Park, where they breakfasted as the guests of Lieut. Gen. Fielden, C.M.G., M.P. After breakfast the royal party drove, through a most enthusiastic assembly of sightseers, into Blackburn, where, at the Blakey Moore site, there was a company numbering some 4,000 awaiting them, including most of the chief residents of Blackburn, about five hundred Masonic brethren, the Mayors of several neighbouring towns, and many other representative gentlemen. The Mayor conducted the Princess to the dais, Her Royal Highness wearing a waistcoat of white, with gold buttons and a Masonic bow. The Prince having been clothed with his insignia as Grand Master of England, ascended the dais, and was followed by the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire (Colonel Le Gendre Starkie), the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew), the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. Arthur Parkinson), the Grand Secretary of England (Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke), and the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. J. Chadwick). The Provincial Grand Lodge had met under the warrant of the Lodge of Fidelity (269), and with the other brethren occupied a reserved position near the dais. Prior to the Masonic ceremony the Town-clerk (Mr. W. E. L. Gaine) read the address of the Corporation of Blackburn, which contained the request that His Royal Highness would accept honorary freedom of their borough, and sign the roll as the first honorary freeman. This the Prince of Wales graciously did, and replied to the address of the Corporation. Assuming now the position of Grand Master, the Prince of Wales proceeded, with a silver trowel presented by the Mayor, to lay the foundation stone of the Technical School, with the prescribed Masonic ritual, first proving the just position and form of the stone with plumb rule, level, and square, giving the block three knocks with an ivory mallet in token of satisfaction with its solidity and firmness, and afterwards pouring out the corn in signification of plenty and abundance, the wine to represent joy and gladness, and the oil in token of peace and unanimity. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered a prayer, and a Masonic choir sang the anthem "Prosper the Art." The Mayoress, at the conclusion of the

ceremony, advanced to the dais, and, in the name of the ladies of Blackburn, presented to the Princess of Wales a diamond brooch, which was very graciously accepted. The procession was re-formed, and the Royal party drove, amid redoubled cheers, to the Town Hall, where luncheon was served.

Replying to an address presented by the Freemasons of Blackburn, the Prince of Wales said:—

Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I thank you with feelings of fraternal friendship for your address, and the Princess of Wales unites with me in expressing our warm acknowledgments to the Brethren of the Masonic Lodges in Blackburn for their kind welcome and for the cordial words in which they allude to our presence here to-day. I sincerely appreciate the compliment which you are so good to pay me as the Grand Master of Freemasons in England by your reference to the satisfactory condition of the Craft, and I can assure you that I shall always do my best to extend the principles on which Freemasonry is founded to the utmost of my ability and power. Let me add, in conclusion, that it afforded me much pleasure to give effect to the wish which was expressed, that the first stone of this important and most useful institution should be laid with Masonic honours.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., J. M. Case P.G.D., Henry Maudslay P.G.D., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., James Brett P.G.P., W. H. Perryman P.G.P., H. Garrod P.G.P., James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary), J. J. Berry, Albert Fish, M. B. Daniell, John Bulmer, E. Bolton, J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, W. A. Scurrah, C. J. Perceval, W. Hilton, Charles G. Hill, Henry Cox, Hugh Cotter, Charles Kempton, Charles Lacey, Louis Stean, W. J. Murlis and W. Belchamber. Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male candidates and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month having been read, the draft annual report, as prepared by the Committee appointed to draw it up, was submitted and approved. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Obituary.

BRO. J. BROOK-SMITH, M.A., P.G.D.

Deputy Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire.

BRO. SIR CHARLES TILSTON BRIGHT.

Past Deputy Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

LAST week two of the Provinces into which English Freemasonry is divided were thrown into mourning, Gloucestershire by the death of its late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Brother Brook-Smith, who died on Saturday, the 5th inst.; and Middlesex, by the death, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., of Sir Charles T. Bright, who some years back also filled the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Brook-Smith had for the last forty years been associated with the government of Cheltenham College, and within a few weeks of his death had been promoted from the second mastership to that of head master of the civil and military department. As this promotion would increase his duties, he resigned his office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but as no formal appointment had been made of a successor, he virtually died second in Masonic rank in the Province, with which he had been for many years associated, and in which he had won general esteem and regard.

Sir Charles Bright was more intimately known from the prominent part he took in laying the first Atlantic cable, the honour of Knighthood being conferred upon him, in 1858, for his great scientific services in connection with that work, he being the principal engineer engaged. In 1865 he was elected to represent Greenwich in Parliament, and in 1881 represented England at the French International Exhibition, in connection with which he received the Cross of the Legion of Honour. His funeral was numerously attended, the R.W. the Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, Bro. Col. Sir Fras. Burdett, Bart., being represented at the service at St. Cuthbert's Church by V.W. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 60

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their one hundred and fiftieth anniversary on Thursday, the 3rd instant, by a special meeting of the Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when, under the presidency of Bro. Arthur S. Josling, Past Grand Steward, W.M., a most successful gathering resulted. Among those present, supporting the Worshipful Master, were the following members of the Lodge:—Charles E. Soppet P.G.S. I.P.M., A. T. Layton P.G.S. S.W., H. Young P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Frederick Binckes P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, A. J. Altman Grand Steward S.D., James Moon Grand Steward J.D., H. T. Kent P.M. P.G.S. D.C., E. Rogers I.G., G. Anderson P.M., W. Masters, H. Slade, R. Walker, O. C. L. W. Polenz, W. H. Kempster, M.D., W. H. Kempster jun., M.B., T. Comfort, E. J. Altman, J. M. Hodder, J. T. Cotton, T. C. Walls, George H. Kenning, R. Clowes, and H. J. Lardner. In addition to these members the following brethren attended as Visitors:—Very Worshipful Bros. D. P. Cama and Richard Eve P.G. Treasurers, Frederick A. Philbrick Grand Registrar; Worshipful Bros. Robert Berridge Grand Junior Deacon, Raynham W. Stewart, George Plucknett, J. C. Parkinson, George Cooper, and V. P. Freeman Past Grand Deacons; Raymond H. Thrupp and John L. Mather Past Grand A. Directors of Ceremonies; George Lambert, J. H. Woodward, and James Terry (Secretary R.M.B.I.) Past Grand Sword Bearers, Charles Frederick Hogard and C. F. Matier Past Grand Standard Bearers, Edwin M. Lott (Mus. Doc.) Past Grand Organist, Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, Henry Venn P.M. 23 and Rowland Plumbe P.M. 46 Past Grand Stewards, A. M. Broadley P. Dep. D.G.M. Malta, &c., Charles Belton P.P.G.W. Surrey, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, H. J. Giller P.P.G.P. Herts, George Pigache Wor. Master 12, Stephen Barney 66, George Davis P.M. 167, James Willing jun. P.M. 177, E. J. Layton P.M. 181, George Abbott P.M. 192, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. W. Imbert Terry P.M. 214, A. Durrant P.M. 569, J. G. Plumbe 859, H. C. Knott 859, W. Wilkins P.M. 902, E. Penard 907, F. Herold P.M. 1056, C. L. Brown P.M. 1237, J. Z. Pilditch P.M. 1257, A. Lester 1309, F. Lunnis 1426, P. Howard 1466, W. T. Tyrrell 1471, A. Snook 1477, H. Miskin P.M. 1479, H. Comfort 1572, W. Wellsman P.M. 1589, C. Whittlesea 1642, Joyce Murray P.M. 1706, W. Jaques W.M. 1744, N. P. Lardner 1745, W. W. L. 1897, G. P. Festa P.M. 1900, T. Hastings Miller P.M. 1964, A. B. Bolas 2128, John Barnett 2192, H. Wilcocks, Sydney Claris, N. Sorokiadis Grand Lodge of Greece. Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from the following brethren:—Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., Rt. Hon. Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex; V.W. Bros. H. B. Marshall Past G. Treasurer, Asher Barfield Grand Treasurer; R.W. Bro. Thos. Fenn P.G.W. Pres. B.G.P., W. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. Pres. Board of Benevolence; V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary; W. Bros. Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., R. F. Gould P.G.D; R.W. Bros. Sir Reg. Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.; W. Bros. Col. Peters P.G.S.B., Wm. Roebuck P.G.S.B., H. W. Hunt P.G. Steward, Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor W. M. 21 Grand Steward, William Paas P.M. 28, Augustus Harris P.M. 2127.

The Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Charles Robinson was passed, and Bro. O. C. L. W. Polenz was raised. Congratulations were tendered by those present and the Lodge was closed, after which the company adjourned to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was partaken of, and in due course the toasts were proceeded with.

In giving "the Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said it had been their privilege to live under a Sovereign whose reign, exceeding half a century, had been identified with prosperity combined with progress and advancement. Individual experience confirmed the poet's effusion when he compared life to sunshine and shade; and so is it with a nation. The horizon of the Empire had been dimmed with clouds, but the sunshine of contentment had predominated owing to the wise rule of their Queen, who had endeared herself to her subjects.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M." As Masons they naturally rejoiced to have so exalted a personage at the head of their body, but they appreciated him the more as they recognised in him the qualities which fit him for the high office he fills, and for the multifarious duties devolving upon him. His disposition was as genial as his qualifications were great.

"The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Dep. G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past," was then proposed by the W.M. He said that on this occasion it was scarcely necessary for him to refer to the Earl of Carnarvon or to the Earl of Lathom, whose names had become as familiar to Masons as household words. He would, however, dwell upon the pleasure, the satisfaction, and the pride it afforded him on this auspicious occasion, the 150th Anniversary of their Lodge, to see so many Grand Officers of high distinction present. The Grand Officers were, by their experience and high intellectual attainments, the cases of originality which freshen up the stale platitudes and hackneyed and threadbare expressions characterizing Masonic banquets. Many of the brethren present had listened to that marvellous flow of language of which the Grand Officers were adepts. The members were proud to have them present, and he had no doubt there were many of their number overflowing in their readiness to respond. He was quite sure the Grand Officers would not begrudge the members of that Lodge the pleasure in which they rejoiced, of sending up their own Grand Steward annually. The choice had this year devolved upon a brother whose experience as a member of the Board of Common Council of the great City of London had enabled him to acquire the art of making himself socially popular.

In his capacity as Grand Steward he would probably be presided over by the Lord Mayor, which made the selection the more opportune, and he was convinced the prestige of the Lodge would be well maintained by Bro. Altman. There were a large number included in this toast, but he thought the brethren would not find it tedious if he read the names. In conclusion he asked the brethren to cordially drink the health of the Grand Officers, associating with the toast the names of Bros. D. P. Cama, R. Eve, F. A. Philbrick, Berridge, and Altman.

Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treas. said, that it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of himself and his illustrious colleagues, to return thanks for the honour done the Grand Officers. It was a sincere pleasure to the Grand Officers to use their best endeavours to promote the interest of their time-honoured Society, which was so well known and admired, and which made no distinction as to colour or creed. There were several Grand Officers to follow him in response, but before he finished he would thank his friend Bro. Rogers for inviting him, and also the W.M. and brethren for receiving a stranger from the East as their guest. It was a very graceful act on the part of Bro. Rogers to invite him, and the brethren to receive him so kindly. Such an act, in an assembly like the present, would promote good feeling between East and West, and would also cement the tie of union and friendship between the subjects of the Queen and of his beloved Sovereign the Empress of India.

Bro. R. Eve P.G. Treas. said, he felt when the toast was given that his good friend Bro. Cama would respond for the Grand Treasurers, but in obedience to the order of the W.M. he had very much pleasure in replying and expressing the extreme gratification it afforded him to be present on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge. He regarded it as an honour to be present, and it was doubtless a greater satisfaction to the members to find they had existed as a Lodge for so many years. Antiquity's pride they could safely say was on their side, if it was not on the side of many Lodges in the City of London, and it was a great privilege to find there were so many Lodges existing for so many years. It was satisfactory to find from the history of the Lodge that it had not gone outside the City of London, and that although it had sojourned at many places, it had come at last to the home of Masonry—Freemasons' Hall. True to its name the Lodge had been productive of the best results. Whatever might be their principles, religion or colour, the great object of their working was to produce Peace and Harmony. He was glad to have the opportunity of standing next to P.G. Treas. Bro. Cama, who came from a distant clime. He should like to take up a great deal of their time, but knowing there were many brethren to follow him, he felt he should be trespassing if he said more than to thank them for their kindness and for the genial reception extended to him. He knew it was an honour to respond for the many brethren who grace the list of Grand Officers, and for those excellent brethren who are at the head of the Craft, and it therefore afforded him considerable pleasure to reply to the toast.

Bro F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. also replied. He said the will of the W.M. was law, and law was something which he had been taught to respect from his youth up. He would not set an example of disobedience on the present occasion, but trusted the brethren would forgive him for venturing, in obedience to the call, to express, on the part of the Grand Officers, for whom he had the honour to return thanks, and whose presence in almost unexampled numbers at this commemorative gathering was a sufficient evidence of the interest they take in the prosperity of the Craft, and the continuance, antiquity, and well being of the Lodges—their thanks for the recognition they had received at the hands of the members of this Lodge. It was always a great privilege to those who were at the moment concerned in the administration of any great body—and he would ask what greater body there was at the present moment in this realm than the Free and Accepted Masons, claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England? What more loyal body to their Sovereign, what body more true to the traditions of the Order, and what body was there which could show by its unexampled Charitable Institutions that the principles they professed were carried out in action? Brethren forming part of such a body, who to some extent had been called to honour, and who represented the executive powers which emanate from the G. Master, felt a great measure of delight at the attainment by any of the Lodges under the G. Lodge of an antiquity so respectable as that which, if they were speaking of a married couple, they would say was the attainment of twice a diamond wedding. They were celebrating that evening the 150th anniversary of the Lodge, which he saw, by the interesting record, was first christened the Peace and Harmony Lodge in 1789. The Lodge was started in 1738, when George II. was King—the last English monarch who went in person to battle. Here always was to be found, always would be, that strong feeling of loyalty and attachment which was capable of standing the effects, not merely of 150 years, but of ten times that number. It was no mean tribute to the universality of Freemasonry that they had present a brother who had been called to exalted rank amongst them, hailing from a distant clime, and whom in colour, and probably in religion, differed from them, but who met them as their honoured superior on the great platform of English Freemasonry. It was because of the universality of the principles of Masonry that it possessed its present power, and it was for this reason that institutions like these were able to meet and celebrate an anniversary such as the present. During the existence of this Lodge the boundaries of the map had been altered, new countries had been discovered, and new nations had come into existence, but wherever the English race had gone there always had been found a want to which Masonry had responded, for the great principles of Masonry had a prominent attraction in the eyes of men. So long as this was the case, so long would they find the Institution respected, and that that might long continue was the sincere wish of the Grand Officers for whom he had the honour to return thanks.

Bro. Berridge said that after the exhaustive speech to which they had listened he was quite sure the brethren would excuse him if he

said but a few words. Bro. Philbrick had so eloquently alluded to the kind manner in which the toast was given and received that it left but little for him to say. He would, however, beg to be allowed to congratulate the Lodge on the manner in which the work and ceremonies were performed, and also to congratulate the Worshipful Master on presiding at the 150th Anniversary.

Bro. Altman returned sincere thanks for the compliment paid him. It was a great privilege to stand there as a Grand Officer, and more especially being a Grand Steward for that Lodge. He trusted he should render the same good suit and service as the past members had done. It would always be his wish to uphold the dignity of their Lodge and promote Peace and Harmony.

Bro. BINCKES (P.G.S.B.) Past Master and Secretary, — I rise with pleasure and gratification to propose the next toast, and it may be necessary to state that I assume this duty by the consent of the Immediate Past Master, on my right, whose privilege it would naturally be to address you. There are reasons which have induced this arrangement, in which Bro. Soppet cheerfully concurs, and while I feel that the duties might be much more ably discharged, it is not for me to shrink from the task. I trust, on such an occasion, you will listen to what I have to say with indulgent consideration, inasmuch as having no set oration in the meeting of the Lodge it has been considered advisable that allusion should be made to a few salient points which have been recorded from the time of our constitution. Let me assure you if I find any sign of weariness I shall limit my remarks, and desist from further troubling you. Before proceeding I must acknowledge my indebtedness to Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian, who has assisted me, not only with matter for my address, but also with particulars for the compilation you have before you. The Lodge was constituted, as you know, in 1738, and there is nothing recorded down to 1745, when we find, from the Minutes of Grand Lodge, that the Worshipful Master and Wardens attended Grand Lodge and contributed pretty regularly to charity. On the 7th March 1748, the Masters of several Lodges were ordered to be summoned to show cause why they had not attended Grand Lodge for some time past, and unfortunately our Lodge, then No. 158, was one of the delinquents. On 22nd December 1748, the W.M. of 158, with others, attended, and promised to be more regular in future. This shows a careful supervision by Grand Lodge over subordinate Lodges, very necessary then when the Lodges were few, though rendered less necessary now with the large number in existence, it being observed, however, that Lodges in default or guilty of neglect at the present day are unpleasantly reminded of their delinquencies by being publicly posted at the various Quarterly Communications. In 1749 we find the Lodge fairly represented in G. Lodge, and in the cash column, and continuing so for many years. In 1760 there were symptoms of decline, but no complaint of non-attendance or non-payment can be found. From the first it seems to have been a Tradesmen's Lodge, and to have had numerous members at the close of last century. Its roll was cosmopolitan in character, comprising members of every conceivable profession and occupation—from that comprehensive though undefined term "Gentleman," down to "Bargeman." For the latter I think, without straining a point, we have a right to substitute "Barge-owner," for I can hardly realize any advantage from the admission of a typical "Bargee." The brother so described was John Wilkinson, who joined 28th November 1811. In 1776 there joined, in June, a Brother "Oliver Cromwell Vile," who in 1780 was Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards, and it would thus appear that the Lodge was occasionally represented by a Grand Steward during the last century. This brother was also a member of the Tuscan Lodge. Up to 1815 the M.W. Grand Master claimed the right to nominate Grand Stewards, and he then selected 18 Lodges for the right of such nomination, amongst them being No. 60 (then singularly bearing the same number as at present). The title of "Peace and Harmony" was first acquired, as No. 61, in 1789. With 1816 we come to the first Grand Steward chosen by the Lodge, Bro. J. G. Godwin, and there is no doubt that he was a brother of prominence, who had actively participated in the work of the Craft, for we find the following entry on the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date 6th Sept. 1815—two years after the Union—"A motion was made by Bro. Goldsworthy, P.M. No. 3, and seconded by Bro. Godwin, of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 82, that the thanks of the United Grand Lodge be most dutifully presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., for his zealous, unremitting, and fraternal care, in watching over the interest of the Craft, in maintaining its ancient landmarks, and preserving inviolate its true principles and tenets. And all the brethren testified their unanimous and unqualified concurrence by the accustomed honours." In 1816 the number of Lodges on the Register of United Grand Lodge was between 350 and 400, and it was no doubt regarded as an honour by a Lodge to be selected as one of 18 Lodges with the privilege of electing a Grand Steward—an honour conferred, one would imagine, for some merit on the part of the Lodge, and it may fairly be inferred that the Peace and Harmony Lodge was held in good repute, and obtained this distinction by the generally praiseworthy manner in which its affairs were conducted, enabling it to maintain a distinguished position, owing to the attention shown by its W.M. and Officers to the details of the business of the Order. There is little or nothing of interest until we come to the Bye-laws, which, under date 3rd May 1733, have the style of "Orders, Rules and Ordinances," a much more serious and awe-inspiring title than our modern "Bye-laws." From these there is not much worth extracting, though the following may deserve a passing word of comment:—"That the Lodge be held every second Tuesday in the month, the Brothers to meet at the hour of six in the evening from Michaelmas to Lady-Day, and seven from Lady-Day to Michaelmas, and that no brother call for wine until the Master of the Lodge, or his Deputy, assume the chair; or if the Master or Wardens do not come at the hours respectively above mentioned, the Brothers may call for wine," &c. The &c. probably included "Smoke," and

liquors other than wine. We may gather from this that in the old, primitive days, labour and refreshment were intimately combined, as in these degenerate days is the custom in many Lodges of Instruction. Having provided for the "use" of these good things, we find provision made against "abuse" in the following Bye-law. "That no Brother, whether he be a member or visitor, do enter the Lodge-room disguised in liquor, or behave indecently towards the Master, Wardens, or any of the Brethren in the Lodge, on pain of being admonished, by the Master, for the first offence; and if, after being so admonished, he does not return to his duty and amend, the Master, for the time being, is hereby authorised and empowered to dismiss and exclude any such visiting Brother or member belonging to the Lodge, and entirely to deprive him or them of all advantages and privileges therein." I have not found an instance of any enforcement of the penal powers of this law, though, from the absence of Minute Books, I dare not claim a total exemption. The next Bye-law will prove that our brethren of this Lodge, 150 years ago, were just as mindful as any of us Moderns of the qualifications essential in every candidate for admission into the Order, and that the lessons inculcated in these days were enforced by our predecessors, as they are now. "That no person be made a Free and Accepted Mason, in this Lodge, or, if a Mason, a member thereof—unless well known, to one member or more, to be a person of virtuous principle and integrity, and not a bondsman, but such as by his own consent is desirous to become a brother, it being contrary to our established Constitution to persuade or engage any person thereto, and it is hereby recommended to every good Mason, and particularly to the Brethren of this Lodge, that they be careful who they recommend to be made Masons, that they may not bring any Disreputation."—there is a charmingly fine ring in these old time words—"on the Craft." We find that on the 28th January 1819, at a meeting held at the Bay Tree Tavern, St. Swithin's Lane, London, "This Lodge doth unanimously annul and make void all Bye-laws and Regulations now of force therein from and after the day on which H.R.H. Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, shall have declared his sanction to certain new and amended Bye-laws herein afterwards set forth and specified." There is one law not only worthy of notice, but of adoption by Lodges in the present day—in the face of instances to which it is not necessary to make specific allusion. "The Master and Wardens are to demand sufficient security from the Treasurer, and should any loss happen in consequence of their neglect herein, they shall be held responsible to the Lodge." In these amended Laws there is inculcated the exercise of the same strict caution as to candidates for membership of this Lodge, and even further emphasised:—"Such persons only as are of good reputation for upright and moral conduct, and who are enabled by some honest profession"—(how would this apply to the case of the "bargeman" of 1811?)—"to support themselves and their families creditably—shall be deemed eligible to become members of this Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens for the time being are especially required to inform themselves respecting every candidate before the ballot takes place." While we hear this caution over and over again, line upon line, and precept upon precept, laid down in Consecration Ceremonies, we find that, in our old Lodge, the necessity for the strictest exercise of discretion in the choice of members as forcibly impressed as at the present day. If those lessons have been forgotten it is evident that blame, in this respect, cannot attach to the members of our old Lodge. So much for the Bye-laws. Now, what has the Lodge done on behalf of Masonic Charity? Well, our record is not a very brilliant one, or one which we can regard altogether with complacency. It must, however, be stated, that the Lodge has never been in a condition which may be called "wealthy," the balance in the hands of the Treasurer having been rarely more than moderate. We have contributed about £161 15s to the Masonic Institutions, and we possess 29 votes; while, as a rule, we send up two Stewards at least in each year to represent the Lodge. Let us hope that in this respect the future will show an improvement on the past. Now I come to the distinctions in Grand Lodge. I think the members are just as anxious as members of other Lodges to obtain what, to use a hackneyed expression, is called "the purple," and which may be regarded as an object of legitimate ambition by every brother from the moment of his initiation. The members of this Lodge who have been honoured with appointments in Grand Lodge are but few in number. They are:—

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| 1 Joseph Douglas, | Grand Steward | 1826 | S.G.D. 1839 |
| 2 Geo. P. de Rhe Philippe | " | 1828 | G.S.B. 1837 |
| 3 R. T. Cracefix, M.D. | " | 1833 | J.G.D. 1836 |
| 4 Jno. Hodgkinson | " | 1847 | S.G.D. 1852 |
| 5 Jno. Newton Tomkins | " | 1849 | J.G.D. 1855 |
| 6 Wm. Young | " | 1857 | G.S.B. 1864 |
| 7 Frederick Binckes | " | 1867 | P.G.S.B. 1887 |
| 8 Jas. T. Collins | " | 1870 | G.S.B. 1874 |

This would give a total of 8 appointments to Grand Office, but you must take it as 7½, because I have been told, on high authority, that I am only half a Grand Officer. If I am only a moiety of a Grand Officer, I hope you will accept the honour done to the Lodge in my person, and that the next Brother thus honoured may be equal to 1½, which would equalise matters. Whether this brief list may be considered adequate to the deserts of so old, so meritorious, so faithful, and so distinguished a Lodge, must be left to the judgment of the Supreme Rulers of the Masonic portion of the Universe, and does not call for comment from me. The retrospect of 150 years is a lengthy one, and it would ill become me to dwell upon the "chances and changes" of that period. Indeed, had I been disposed to do so, our eloquent friend Bro. Philbrick has anticipated me, and so rendered unnecessary any observations on these events. I need hardly say what a source of intense satisfaction and pride it is that the Peace and Harmony Lodge, small in numbers, should be supported on such an occasion

by so numerous a gathering of good and distinguished members of our Order—many of them personal friends of members of the Lodge—each and all receiving a hearty welcome on honouring us with their presence to participate in the proceedings of this memorable evening. To-night we complete a century and a half of what, I think, we may fairly claim to have been a prosperous existence, and to-morrow we enter on a new epoch. "As the days shall make the weeks, the weeks the months, the months add themselves and make the years, the years roll on into the centuries," let us indulge in the hope that the prosperity of this Lodge may be increased, its usefulness extended, its benevolence developed, and its hospitality maintained. I think you are fully in possession of what little history there is, and which is supplemented by the book before you, containing a record of the principal items of interest concerning our good old Lodge, and if you will allow me, I will couple with the toast, Prosperity to the Lodge. Let me now leave the "concrete" and proceed to the "abstract," the most difficult portion of my duty, for I am going to ask what manner of man is he who is our immediate ruler and governor? When I venture to ask this question I will be presumptuous enough to answer it. To start with, he is one of the most accomplished Wor. Masters the Lodge ever possessed. I ask those, not only who are visitors for the first time, and have had the opportunity of listening to the ceremonials in the Lodge, there rendered by him in a manner so perfect that it is only equalled by the ability and geniality with which he presides over us at the banquet table, but those who are members of the Lodge, and whose experience will justify my not empty eulogy. Brother Josling has served every office, and has given satisfaction to every Worshipful Master, ultimately arriving at the highest position the Lodge can bestow upon him, and we regard him as one of the brightest ornaments of which the Lodge can boast. I could say more if he were not present. I am not guilty of idle compliment in saying that to know him is to regard and esteem him, and that it would be impossible to have the subject of the W.M. of a Lodge to place before a large gathering such as we see here to-night with qualifications more calculated to inspire confidence in submitting such a proposal than those I place before you in connection with the name of Bro. Josling. I ask you to join me in wishing him "God speed" in his after career. We indulge in the hope that when he retires from the chair he fills so well we shall not lose the benefit of his services, and that when he comes amongst, what without egotism I may call the honoured rank of the Past Masters, he may still retain the proud position in their estimation which he has always held in the Lodge. I have very few words to add. I want you to rectify by your heartiness any imperfections of which I may have been guilty. My duty, which has not been an easy one, is now ended, and my thanks are due to the members of the Lodge, and to the large phalanx of visitors over whom the Worshipful Master so effectively presides, for the kindness with which they have listened to my remarks.

The Worshipful Master in reply said, that those delights were the greatest which were the most difficult to attain, and the complication of circumstances and the proud position he occupied compelled him in honesty to admit that the delight became somewhat modified, inasmuch as it necessitated an acknowledgment of compliments which were in excess of his merits. He had also to acknowledge the eloquent terms in which those compliments were conveyed. Allusion had been made to the satisfactory manner in which the work had been performed during the year he had had the honour to preside. He had always upheld, and still maintained, that he who aspired to the honour of being W.M. of a Lodge was in duty bound to capacitate himself for the proper discharge of the duties devolving upon the post. Bro. Binckes had given them, in a most comprehensive, lucid and creditable manner, many interesting details concerning the Lodge, and he would assure them that in future years to come it would give him pleasure to look back upon the year that he had presided over them, and in which three such important events had been celebrated as the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, the Silver Wedding of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the 150th Anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge.

Bro. Binckes, in giving the Visitors, said he approached a difficult task, which assumed exceptional importance as the visiting brethren, greatly to their gratification, outnumbered the members of the Lodge. They knew that as a rule Masons were given to hospitality, and he should be sorry if the Peace and Harmony Lodge proved an exception, especially on an occasion like the present, when they had been exceedingly anxious to properly entertain their Visitors, and he was gratified to find that their endeavours had been crowned with success. The members were delighted to see such a phalanx of visitors, to whom they extended a hearty welcome. They knew that even in the domestic circle, however happy that circle might be, it was occasionally enlivened by the presence of a good humoured, sympathetic guest. There was no doubt that the members of this Lodge, with the traditions they had inherited, in spite of penal laws to the contrary, were well able to conduct their proceedings and social business among themselves, even if they had no visitors, and would, in so doing, be carrying out one of the principles of Masonry—that of being happy themselves. But they would not be happy if they did not carry out the duty of communicating happiness to others. It had been their object to gather together—and he thought they had not failed—as thoroughly a representative gathering of Masons as possible, and it was a source of pleasure to the W.M. and members, although they had been disappointed by many distinguished brethren, to see at the social board representatives of the financial, legal and ceremonial branches of the Order, together with a representative of the Charitable Institutions. Having particularised the Visiting brethren, and having made allusions to the abilities and qualifications of the more distinguished of their number, Bro. Binckes called upon the members to testify, by the warmth of their reception, the heartiness of the welcome extended to the Visitors, coupling with the

toast the names of Bros. Plucknett, Imbert Terry, J. C. Parkinson, and a member of the Pythagoras Lodge of Athens.

Bro. Plucknett, on behalf of the Visitors, returned thanks for the pleasure their visit had afforded them. He congratulated the Lodge with sincerity on its antiquity, and on the fact that it had for so many years carried out the principles of Masonry. He hoped that the hospitality extended by the Lodge, and the prosperity it had evinced, would continue for many years to come, and that for centuries it would enjoy the high position it had attained.

Bro. Imbert Terry said he cordially reiterated the wish expressed that they might live to see the 200th Anniversary, and if on that occasion they received the excellent entertainment and hearty welcome they had experienced that evening, it would be worth living for. He ventured to thank them on behalf of himself and the other visitors, for the honour done them in inviting them on this occasion. In conclusion he wished every possible prosperity to the Lodge.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson said his first and most pleasurable duty was to congratulate the Lodge on its career for the past 150 years. The W. Master, who so ably presided over them, had testified, by the aptness of his observations and the felicity of their expression, that the traditions of the Lodge lost nothing at his hands, and peace and harmony were as well represented that night as in the past. He was thankful to Bro. Binckes for his kindness in alluding to the circumstance that he (Bro. Parkinson) was indebted to him for performing the Installation Ceremony the first time he ever went into the chair of a Lodge, and from which he dated so much happiness and pleasure. He was further indebted, for the pleasure of being present that evening, to the brother on his right, who was a member of a Lodge not as old as the Peace and Harmony, but with a record of 120 years. Their membership extended over some 30 years, and they were still standing shoulder to shoulder, he in the chair for the third time and his friend as an active member. At that late hour of the evening the difficulty was not what to say, but how to compress it. They had had so much presented to them, in so able a manner, concerning the historical points connected with the past 150 years, that it would be unnecessary for him to dwell upon the facts which welled up in his mind as to the condition of the community when this Lodge was founded. In the entire history of the civilised world, the last 150 years had shown more progress than any preceding period before it. There were three especial points to which he would refer—light, the transmission of intelligence, and locomotion. When their Lodge was founded, if a dignitary wished to illuminate his palace, he resorted to the same means as Belshazzar did—a multiplicity of candles. If a man wished to have a message conveyed quickly, he saddled a horseman and despatched him on the errand. The inventions in the days when this Lodge was founded were precisely the same as those mentioned in the Old Testament. These were pregnant facts he would leave the brethren to dwell upon. He thanked the members for the reception given their Visitors, who had had a welcome they would not easily forget.

The Past Masters was then given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Kent and Soppet, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, and assured them that the P.M.'s were animated by one idea—to promote the interest and welfare of the Lodge.

In submitting the Masonic Institutions, Bro. Layton S.W. said he should have been diffident in proposing the toast had he not known he had a sympathetic audience. He thought that all brethren would recognise that the Masonic Institutions were the pride of their Lodges. Bro. Binckes had given them a retrospect of some circumstances connected with their Lodge, and he could not help remembering that he was wearing a Centenary jewel of the Universal Lodge, and had taken out a large number of extracts from the records of that Lodge. Amongst the old relics was a glove in which the contributions to charity were received. The records of 120 years ago proved that Masonry was charitable then, and there were continual extracts showing that poor members had been relieved from the funds of the Lodge. He did not think they had detracted in their Masonic charity. Unless charity had been attached to the Lodges, he questioned if Masonry would have prospered as it had. In looking round that room, he saw striking evidence of the work being done, by the considerable number of decorations worn by the brethren, indicative of the large number of Stewardships they had served on behalf of the Institutions. They could not help noticing that while the Order increased, the necessity for increased charity also existed. The Masonic Institutions were the grandest charitable institutions in the country, and deserved the unanimous support of the Craft. Some short time ago it became his duty to prepare statistics of the number of people contributing to the charities in London. He collected 20 lists of subscribers, and entirely omitting the Masonic Institutions, he found that the charitable institutions of London were supported by but 75,000 people. It was incredible that the large hospitals should be supported by so small a number of people. He thought, however, that the Masonic Institutions were an exception, and that a larger proportion subscribed to them. It was well known that there were about 1,200 Stewards who had sent in their names to support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on its 100th anniversary. He lived near the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so ably represented by Bro. Terry, and if the brethren visited that Institution frequently, as he did, they would find it admirably managed. He was permitted to associate with the toast the name of Bro. Terry.

Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in response said, that the brother who proposed the toast had paid a great compliment to Bro. Binckes in saying he had been the pioneer of the great success which had attended the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As a colleague of Bro. Binckes, he could tell them that when he was appointed Secre-

tary of his Institution that brother kindly gave him introductions to the Provinces, and wherever he had had the opportunity of saying anything on behalf of the Boys' or Girls' Institutions he had willingly done so. With respect to the Festivals, they knew full well that the Benevolent Institution Festival had taken place, when they succeeded in raising an amount sufficient to pay the annuities for the year. The Girls' School Festival was engrossing all attention, which he ventured to think was but right, for it was the first Centenary that had ever taken place in any Masonic Institution in the world. England was the first place that gave those Institutions their birth, and he was certain that other countries had copied their example. Fifty years before any Institution was started this Lodge was in existence; then the glove went round, and no doubt many received immediate relief. Fifty years after the Lodge was started came a most important epoch in the history of our Institutions. The brethren knew how successful that history had been, the annual incomes now being about £10,000 for the Girls' School, £11,000 for the Boys, and £15,000 for the Benevolent Institution. He had to sincerely thank the members of this Lodge for the support they had rendered to the Institutions. Doubtless, from the position occupied by Bro. Binckes, the Boys' School would receive their first sympathy, but he knew there had always been a continuous supply of Stewards for the Benevolent Institution. He hoped the Lodge would long prosper in its career of usefulness. Speaking for his colleagues and himself, he was convinced they had but one desire, and that was to leave their Institutions, when the management departed from their hands, in a far better position than they were when entrusted to them. How zealously Bro. Binckes had laboured they all knew, and it was for the world to say how far he had copied him. He again thanked Bro. Binckes for the kind assistance he had invariably rendered him.

Bro. Binckes said that under ordinary circumstances he should not add one word, but he wished to return his sincere thanks for the generous sentiments expressed by Bro. Terry, and for the graceful and undeserved eulogium made by that Brother with reference to himself. It showed there was a good spirit animating the representatives of the respective Institutions.

In giving the Officers, the W.M. said he desired to express his thanks to those who had so kindly assisted him, and who had so largely contributed to the success during the past year. He sincerely hoped that Brother Layton, the W.M. elect, would have an enjoyable year of office. He desired more especially to thank the Treasurer and Secretary for their very efficient services, and he would have felt uncomfortable if he had not made some reference to those two Officers.

Bro. Layton S.W., W.M. elect, said he cordially agreed with the W.M. that a Brother who aspired to the dignity of the chair should be prepared to fulfil the duties attached to the position. He should endeavour to do his duty in the chair, and he was sure the Lodge, being an indulgent one, would spare a Brother who was getting on in old age. He hoped they would always consider that the greatest care was necessary in the admission of members, for the social position of the members of the Lodge was on an equality, and they enjoyed each others society. He hoped that whatever initiates came into the Lodge, the members who introduced them would bear in mind that they should be those whom they could introduce at their private tables and whose hearts were open to the objects of Masonry—more especially the support of charity and the maintenance of the ritual.

Bro. Young, Treasurer, on behalf of the Officers, also returned thanks. As Officers they had endeavoured to discharge their duties, and they might congratulate themselves upon the success of the endeavours of every individual member. He should like to mention that the whole of the arrangements had fallen on one fully capable member—Bro. Binckes, to whom all honour was due, and the brethren owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the immense amount of labour he had undergone in getting together the details for his historical sketch.

This concluding the set list of toasts, the Tyler was summoned and he closed the proceedings.

By request of the W.M. Bro. Dr. Lott rendered assistance during the evening as accompanist.

EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE annual installation of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Dixon W.M., who was supported by Bros. C. B. Todd S.W., H. Matthew Hale I.P.M., T. Wallman S.D., Dr. F. Cuthbertson J.D., A. W. May Steward, and the following Past Masters:—T. J. Maidwell, C. J. Cuthbertson, John Green, F. Harris, D. H. Jacobs, G. B. Chapman, S. R. Lambie and Bentley Haynes. There was a large number of visitors present, among them being Bros. Butler 414, 2043, Brealey 1056, Hancock 1056, 2191, Rich P.M. 65, Todd 860, Doig I.G. 1539, Dix J.W. 1539, Jackson 860, Britton D.C. 860, Burn 1539, Street P.M. 1679, Dodson P.M. P.Z. 860, Roberts P.M. 65, Bond W.M. 860, Robinson 55, Paton W.M. 205, Roberts P.M. 742, Hughes W.M. 179, Lamb 860, Best 1519, Hubbard 1706, Russell 95, Norris S.D. 1997, Jacobs 1608, Stewart S.D. 1460, Preedy 861, Weston 1929, F. W. Stephens 1348, J. L. Holmes 95. The Lodge having been regularly opened, Bro. C. B. Todd was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. T. J. Maidwell. The following were appointed as the Officers for the year:—A. T. Webster S.W., Wallman J.W., J. B. Poole P.M. Treasurer, Matthew Hale P.M. Sec., Dr. F. Cuthbertson S.D., J. Scarth, M.B., J.D., F. S. Hoskins I.G. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Hill, a candidate for initiation, and it proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly admitted to a participation in the secrets of Masonry by Bro. Todd. Some matters of routine character having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well

served, and ably presided over by Bro. Todd. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and heartily received by the brethren. The Immediate Past Master submitted the health of the W.M., a toast he was convinced would that night ensure a sincere welcome from the assembled company. Their present Master was an initiate of the Lodge, and had worked his way through its several offices until he had reached his present proud position—a position he was eminently qualified to fill, as they had that day had an opportunity of judging. The way in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation was an honour to himself, and had added to the reputation of the Lodge. The members of the Egyptian Lodge well knew the qualifications of Bro. Todd, and had learned to respect him. Now that he had risen to the chair they could but hope he would have many opportunities of displaying his ability. Bro. Todd tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, and for the hearty reception he had met at the hands of his brethren. His greatest ambition had been to occupy the position he had succeeded to that day, now it would be his endeavour to discharge the duties attached to it in such a manner as to win the approval of the members, and, he hoped, add something to the reputation enjoyed by the Lodge. He well remembered the time—now eight years since—when he occupied the position of Initiate in that Lodge. Even then he had a desire to rise to the proud position he had now reached, and in which he hoped he should so act as to merit the approval of his companions. He had next to propose the toast of the Initiate, who he knew to be a brother of the kind they should endeavour to introduce into their Lodges. He had known him for some time, and had sufficient confidence in him to feel convinced he would become a good member in their midst. Bro. Hill replied: He thanked the brethren very much for having received him that day as a member, and for the kind way in which they had just drunk to the toast proposed in his honour. He had long desired to become a Freemason, for the reason that he had long learned to respect the Order and its members. Now that he had been admitted to its mysteries, he trusted they would never have cause to blush for him. He assured them it would be his constant endeavour to give them no cause to do so, but rather that he should win their approval. In conclusion he again most heartily and sincerely thanked them for what they had been good enough to do on his behalf. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Installing Master, with which he would couple the toast of the Immediate Past Master. Speaking of the former, Bro. Todd said it was to Bro. Maidwell that he owed thanks for the position he occupied in Freemasonry. But for him he should not have been introduced to the Egyptian Lodge, and he was quite sure if it had not been for his kind assistance he could not have risen to the proud office of Master. He was now still further indebted to Bro. Maidwell, who had so ably performed the ceremony of installation that day for his benefit. Bro. Todd was also gratified in having to speak of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Dixon, to whom the Lodge was much indebted. He had great pleasure in handing him the jewel which the members had voted as a memento of the year of office just completed. Bro. Dixon was the first to respond. He was exceedingly obliged for the way in which his health had been drunk, and for the high honour which had been conferred on him in the presentation of a Past Master's jewel. He could conscientiously say that so long as he had been associated with the Lodge he had experienced enjoyment at its meetings. He appreciated and fully recognised the honour which he had enjoyed during the past year in filling the chair of the Egyptian Lodge. He felt he might say the Lodge had hitherto fulfilled its duty, and he thought it had won the distinction of having a centenary jewel, although Grand Lodge refused the sanction because they could not prove a hundred years continuous existence. Some day the authorities might see fit to grant them the coveted honour, which he thought a Lodge with so early a number was justly entitled to. Bro. Maidwell described the doings of the day as one of the little events of his life, to be remembered with pleasure, and looked back upon with gratification. The Worshipful Master had given him credit for having brought him to his present position, but after all it was only his duty to do what he had done. The members of the Lodge knew sufficient of Bro. Todd to convince them he was worthy of all the honours that could be showered upon him. Bro. Todd proposed the toast of the Visitors—of whom they had both quality and quantity. The Lodge gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped they had enjoyed the meeting. Several of the guests having acknowledged this toast, the toast of the Past Masters was given, with it being associated the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. This was acknowledged, and two or three other toasts having been given, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Colonel Smythe, has offered the Prov. Grand Chaplaincy for the ensuing year to Bro. the Rev. E. Mitford Weigall, vicar of Frodingham, at present W. Master of St. Laurence Lodge, Scunthorpe.

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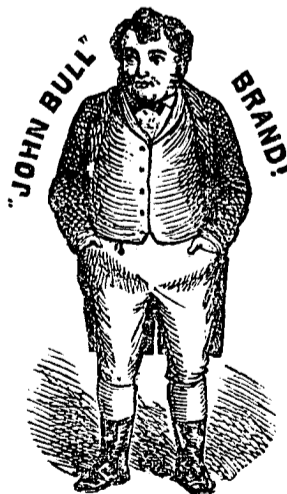
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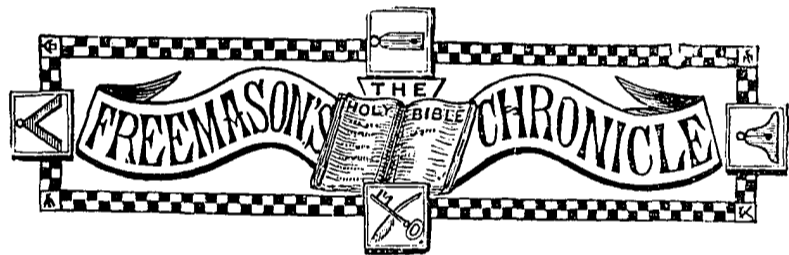
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GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in St. George's Hall, Rotherham, on Wednesday, 2nd instant, by the invitation of Chapter Phoenix, No. 904. There were present the following Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Superintendent, John Wordsworth H., Frederick Laxton J., Ensor Drury Past H., Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D. Past J., Henry Smith S.E., W. Ridgard Massie S.N., James Bedford S.N., Thomas Harrison Past Treasurer, James Henry Gratton Past Treasurer, John Shaw Prin. Soj., Thomas Richard Vaux 1st. Assist. Soj., Henry Joseph Garnett 2nd Assist. Soj., Robert Craig Past Soj., Robert Thompson and John William Turner Past Sword Bearers, John Gibbs Standard Bearer, Joseph W. Monckman D. of Cers., J. E. Wordsworth Assist. D. of Cers., George Carbert Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Assist. S.E., Samuel Barrand Janitor, T. Bateman Fox, James Jenkins, and W. C. Ellisdon Stewards, with Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of the following Chapters, viz.: 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 264, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 308, 380, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 652, 827, 904, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1513.

The apologies for inability to attend numbered 175. Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and Officers opened Provincial Grand Chapter at 3.30, when the Grand Superintendent was saluted. The Minutes of the Meeting held at Sheffield on Wednesday, 2nd November 1887, were presented for confirmation, and Comp. John Shaw moved, seconded by Comp. J. R. Fawcett, and resolved, that the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed. The roll of Royal Arch Chapters was called. The roll of present and past Prov. G. Officers was called. The Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address:—

Companions,—When I addressed this Convocation at Sheffield last November, I had occasion to mention the work going on, by

the "Revision Committee," of the Bye-laws of this Provincial Grand Chapter. I mentioned, that before the Meeting of this Grand Chapter in 1888, these Regulations would be distributed to the thirty-eight Chapters of this Province. You will remember, the draft of them was adopted at Wakefield on the 24th November 1886, and confirmed at Leeds 30th April 1887, and ordered on the 2nd November last, at Sheffield, to be printed and distributed. This work has been done. May you to-day feel satisfied with the labours of this Committee, in that every Chapter is in possession of these valuable Bye-laws, confirmed 1st July 1887, by the M.E. First Grand Principal H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. They are now in perfect harmony with the Revised Regulations of Royal Arch Masons of England, as approved by Supreme Grand Chapter, 3rd February 1886. I hope, however, that all Chapters will keep their copies of the previous Bye-laws, which were approved by Companion George Fearnley, M.D., Grand Superintendent, and signed by the Earl of Zetland, Most Excellent First Grand Principal in 1858. In these present Bye-laws, Convocation is informed that, previous to 1817, Chapters were not attached to any particular Lodge, but worked quite independently, and had different numbers; but at a General Convocation held on the 8th March 1817, it was enacted "that every Chapter shall be attached to some Warranted Lodge, and the rank and precedence of the several Chapters shall be determined according to the priority of the Lodges to which they may be respectively attached." For the first time in the Chapter Bye-Laws of this Province is given a list of Grand Superintendents, from the date of Charles Lee's appointment, 31st July 1854, to the present occupant of this office—myself—2nd May 1885. Next, a List of Chapters in West Yorkshire, on the Roll of the Supreme Grand and Royal Chapter, prior to 1814, from Companion Hughan's "Origin," from which it appears there were then twenty-three Chapters, of which seven have become extinct, and one erased in 1809, therefore we still have fifteen old Chapters in West Yorkshire in operation from 1790 to 1888; and there is also given the Roll of the thirty-eight existing Chapters, with some historical information about each Chapter valuable to every one of them. These Bye-laws and Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter are now bound up in one handsome volume, thanks to Prov. Grand Scribe E.; and he, and the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, now present this volume to the Grand Chapter for its guidance, for long years to come. The third Bye-Law enacts "that a Provincial Grand Chapter for West Yorkshire shall be holden on the first Wednesday in the month of May," and the fifth enjoins that "the Provincial Grand Officers shall be appointed and the Treasurer elected, at the Convocation on the first Wednesday in the month of May," therefore this is the first Annual Meeting of Royal Arch Masons of this Province under the new Bye-Laws." We well remember the cordial reception the Craft received here on the 15th July 1886, when the corner-stone of the new Ward of the Hospital and Dispensary was laid, under the auspices of the "Phoenix" Lodge, and the admirable Sermon preached by the Rev. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., in the Parish Church, lent to the Craft on that occasion by the Vicar of Rotherham, the Rev. J. N. Quirk, M.A. A Petition for a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the "Druidical" Lodge, and dated 25th February 1780, and signed by Josiah Beckwith, John Hassell, and James Sims, was sent to the Grand Chapter at York, when a Warrant was issued under the seal of the "Grand Lodge of all England," dated the 6th July 1780, to members of the "Druidical" Lodge, at Rotherham, to hold a Royal Arch Chapter here. The first meeting, recorded in the Minutes of this Chapter, was held on the 21st July 1780, when Brother Thomas Chambers was admitted Tyler; and Brother Peter Burnside gratis to the Chapter. The Rev. Brother Matthew Dixon, and Brother William Eastfield Laughton, were advanced to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons. This Chapter seems to have ended its existence about 1792, when the Grand Lodge of York itself ceased to exist about this time. The next Lodge held in Rotherham was one which had been Warranted 21st March 1792, by the parent Grand Lodge of England, in London, and met at the "White Hart Inn," East Retford, under the name of the "North Nottinghamshire Lodge," No. 587. It took the name of "Phoenix" in 1804. This Lodge was removed to Rotherham, and held its first meeting here on Friday, 22nd July 1808, at the house of Brother Camelly, at the "Crown Inn." Attached to this Lodge was a Royal Arch Chapter, the Warrant being dated 7th November 1822, granted to James Bingham and others, to meet at the "College Inn," and "to be opened on Sunday, the 6th day of July, by the title of the "Phoenix Chapter." This Chapter had but a brief existence, and nothing more is known of it. An interregnum again occurs in Masonry, when, in 1861, a Petition was presented by Brethren in Rotherham to the "Britannia" Lodge, Sheffield, to found another Craft Lodge in Rotherham,—"Phoenix" Lodge, then No. 1206, was consecrated by Brother the Rev. Dr. Senior, 6th January 1864. To this Lodge was attached Chapter No. 904, consecrated by Excellent Companion Ensor Drury P.Z., 9th February 1887, and an able and eloquent address on Royal Arch Masonry was then delivered by him. Our zealous and excellent Companion J. E. Wordsworth was installed as the first Z., Companion F. Cleaves H., and Companion James Jenkin J. It has now twenty-one members. Let me urge upon our friends and Companions in Rotherham, as they want the Librarian of this Province to write a history of the Craft in this town, at the confluence of the rivers Rother and the Dunn, the desirability of their making a great effort to recover from oblivion these interesting and valuable documentary records of Freemasonry in the past. We thank Companions J. E. Wordsworth, Jenkin, Roome, and Gibbs, the Committee of No. 904, for carrying out the necessary arrangements for the reception of Prov. Grand Chapter to-day. I wish to mention the progress of the Masonic Library, at Wakefield. This idea is being nobly responded to, and valuable Works on Masonic Jurisprudence are coming in daily, and are being catalogued by Companion

William Watson, who is acting as Honorary Librarian and Curator. Brother Brooke, of Doncaster, has just given a valuable parcel containing several exceedingly rare works. I may mention one—"Entick's Constitutions, 1767," with Appendix attached. We thank him heartily for this present to the Library and Museum at Wakefield. Supreme Grand Chapter has likewise contributed a most valuable set of its old and original Minutes and Transactions of its Quarterly Convocations. To bind these into book form a small contribution will be asked from the Chapter Funds. I think our Charity Committee can be heartily congratulated on the election of two girls into the "Royal Masonic Institution," on the 14th April; and two boys into the analogous Institution, at Wood Green, on the 16th April. The West Yorkshire Girls' Centenary list now amounts to £1860. The Chairman of the Charity Committee will move a resolution thereon, for a donation from the Chapter in augmentation of it. Supreme Grand Chapter has granted One hundred guineas from its funds, as a donation to the same Institution and Festival. My annual difficulty confronts me—to appoint Officers for the coming year. I can only, by the General Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter, select 19 out of 38 Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter—18 Chapters are left out. Would I could confer office upon all. I have done my best, and regret I have no power to do more to recognise deserving merit everywhere. Royal Arch Masons in Rotherham have the example of the life of a famous ecclesiastic to follow in noble and generous deeds. Thomas Scott, alias Rotherham, Bishop of Lincoln, Lord Chancellor of England, and Archbishop of York from 1480 to 1500. He founded in this town, in the year 1483, Jesus College. He lived in exciting and troublous times (Edward IV., Richard III., and Henry VII.) By his life and good works he showed the influence of the principles which adorned his character,—the principles of this beautiful degree. I commend his history to your attention. It has this grand moral, which ought to be cultivated by every Companion amongst us, viz.:—"To do unto others as we would wish to be done by," which is the ultimatum of all terrestrial happiness, imitating in itself every virtue a Royal Arch Mason can possess. May we then, as Companions, so study virtue, like this great Archbishop, as to hand down to posterity names like his own, unpolluted by vice, and worthy of imitation. Companions, I thank you for your salutation and reception in No. 904, and may health, peace and goodwill be to all of you.

Comp. William Harrison P.G. Treasurer, presented his balance-sheet, which showed the balance in the W.R.U. Bank, Dewsbury, on 30th April, to be £215 13s 5d. It was moved by Comp. Ensor Drury, seconded by Comp. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, and resolved, "That the balance-sheet be adopted." Moved by Comp. Thomas Harrison, seconded by Comp. Dr. T. C. Smyth, and resolved, "That Comp. George Henry Locking be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year."

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

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| E. Cp. Hy. Joseph Garnett P.Z. 296 | - | H. |
| T. Bateman Fox P.Z. 208 | - | J. |
| Henry Smith P.Z. 302 | - | Scribe E. |
| W. Ridgard Massie P.Z. 1513 | - | Scribe N. |
| George H. Locking (elected) | | |
| Z. 495 | - | Treasurer |
| Capt. E. T. Clarke P.Z. 458 | - | Registrar |
| Hugh S. Holdsworth P.Z. 448 | - | Prin. Soj. |
| Wm. Chas. Ellidson P.Z. 306. | - | 1st Asst. Soj. |
| John Shaw P.Z. 139 | - | 2nd Asst. Soj. |
| Jessie Arthur Thornton P.Z. 1019 | - | Sword Bearer |
| Fred Smart P.Z. 302 | - | Standard Bearer |
| Thomas Barber P.Z. 652 | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| Sidney Thomas Steele, M.D., | | |
| P.Z. 380 | - | Assistant D. of C. |
| Joshua Paget Priestley J. 600 | - | Organist |
| Herbert G. E. Green P.Z. 154 | - | Asst. Scribe E. |
| Samuel Barrand Janitor 304 | - | Janitor |
| Richard Carter, J.P., P.Z. 1001. | | |
| George Brooke P.Z. 242 | - | Stewards |
| John Wm. Bailey P.Z. 304 | - | |
| Frederick Cleaves Z. 904. | - | |

Comp. John Wordsworth moved, and Comp. J. E. Wordsworth seconded, and it was resolved, that £10 10s be contributed to the Centenary Fund of the R. M. Institution for Girls. It was moved by Comp. T. B. Fox, seconded by Comp. W. C. Ellidson, and resolved, "That £2 2s be granted for Library expenses." Comp. Capt. Clarke called attention to Bye-law 6, which reads as follows:—"Any Provincial Grand Officer not attending Provincial Grand Chapter, after having been duly summoned—unless a sufficient reason in writing be assigned for such absence—shall be fined five shillings." Moved by Comp. T. B. Fox, seconded by Comp. Frederick Laxton, and resolved, "That a vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. and Companions of Chapter 904, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements." The Scribe E. read a letter from Comp. H. C. Pickersgill Z. 837, inviting the Grand Superintendent to hold the November meeting in Ripon, whereupon the Grand Superintendent said he would shortly decide where the next meeting should be held. Tea was provided at the Ship Hotel, of which 54 Companions partook, the Grand Superintendent presiding.

LAMBTON CHAPTER, No. 94.

THE annual convocation was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland, for the installation of Principals for the ensuing year. Comps. J. C. Moor Z., E. Sutherst H., and J. G. Garrick J., were the presiding Principals. The Principals were installed as follows—Ephraim Suthers Z., J. G. Garrick H., Dawson J.; Henderson S.E., Cohen S.N., Scarborough P.S., Hudson Treasurer, Craven 1st A.S., Bolko Smeichan 2nd A.S., Clay D.C. After other business the Chapter was closed in due form.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hernies Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum. Being the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London. Volume I., Part iii.

THE proceedings of this Lodge tell their own tale, and a very interesting one it will be found to be, by the privileged readers of the latest number of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*. To begin with, the Papers, or Lectures, actually read before the Lodge are three in number, and we shall assign them a priority of description in our remarks, because it is only by a critical appraisal of the quality of what may be termed the special work of the members, that any conclusion can be arrived at with regard to the continuance of the degree of favour with which so bold an innovation upon established usage has already been received. The first of the series, "The Three-fold Division of Temples," was read by the S.W., Bro. William Simpson, and embodies the results of his actual personal observations in Egypt, India, China, Abyssinia, Rome, Turkey and Salt Lake City. After a brief exordium our author thus expresses himself:—

"We find in the Masonic Lodge, with its Three-fold division and its rites, the most complete symbolical development; we have the Universe and its deepest mystery represented to us in the form of a temple with its ceremonies."

After this he alludes to a curious oriental tradition that there was a dead body in the Ark, to which Noah and his family directed their prayers, and the subject was further elucidated at a later stage by the I.G., Bro. Westcott, who cites, on the authority of D'Ohsson, a legend that Noah after leaving the Ark restored the body of Adam to the cave he had taken it from. But to return to the Lecture—Bro. Simpson observes:—

"I believe that the Ark of the Covenant was a symbolical coffin. I hope at another time to lay before you the evidence on this head; it is an important point in relation to Masonry, the derivation of the Lodge from the Temple is sufficiently recognized, but if it be accepted that the Ark had a reference to death, then the identity becomes much more complete."

We should like to reproduce the whole of this most interesting Paper, but as this would be exceeding the licence of the reviewer, we refrain even from further clippings lest we might be carried too far. But we have no hesitation in recording our opinion, that in "The Three-fold Division of Temples," the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati has sensibly improved upon all previous efforts of a similar kind, and that for the present, at all events, in this particular department of labour, the Senior Warden "wears the belt," and we need entertain very little doubt of his making a stout fight to retain it, on the occasion of his reading a second or complementary Paper, to be entitled "The Worship of Death," which Bro. Simpson informs us in a supplementary note "will be in a sense a continuation of 'The Three-fold Division of Temples,' and will be devoted to the consideration of the Temple as a Tomb." Bro. Simpson's lecture was succeeded by a very full discussion, in which Bros. Cama, Castle, Woodman, Westcott, Speth, Hayter Lewis, and Rylands took part; some of the observations, on account of the lateness of the hour, being communicated in writing to the Secretary.

The Paper at the next meeting—"A Word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage"—was read by Bro. W. H. Rylands, and throws some additional gleams of light on a subject of equal interest and obscurity. Observations upon it were made by the W.M. and Secretary, and following the example of his immediate predecessor the S.W., Bro. Rylands will contribute at an early date a supplementary, or concluding lecture, on the same subject.

The last of the series—"Two New Versions of the Old Charges"—was read by the Secretary, Bro. Speth, and is chiefly remarkable for an analytical inquiry—after the manner of Edgar Allan Poe—pursued by that indefatigable brother, in what we deem to be a successful attempt to wrest from the context the date of some doggerel rhymes, written on one of the MSS. by a later hand. The verses have the following termination:—

"Free Masons beware Brother Bacon advises
Interlopers break In & Spoil Your Devices
You: Giblin & Squares are all Out of Door
And Jachin and Boaz shall see Secrets no more."

Bro. Speth claims to have demonstrated that the fourteen lines of doggerel, of which the last four are given above, were written between April 11, 1713, and August 12, 1714, and remarks:—

"As a consequence we are bound to admit that previous to 1717, the date of the Grand Lodge of England, there existed an ampler ritual than certain amongst us have been willing to concede, and from the passage 'interlopers break in,'—mark the significance of *break*, not *creep*, or *glide*, or any analogous word, but *break*, signifying strength, number,—we may farther assume that a large influx of gentlemen was already beginning to swamp the old operative element."

The articles or contributions of members (of the Outer as well as of

the Inner Circles) of the Lodge, comprise "INDIAN RELICS," a singular narrative, relating the discovery, in North Carolina, of "a grave of Masons" situated due east and west, with an altar in the centre—which it has been (somewhat freely) assumed, was that of "the three highest officers in a Masonic Lodge;" THE UNRECOGNIZED LODGES AND DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY BEFORE AND AFTER 1717, an essay of striking merit, though weakened in part, as we venture to think, by too great a reliance on some authorities of doubtful value, by Bro. Yarker; "SHALL I BE A MASON?" an apparently playful, but really earnest and instructive monologue, translated from the French of Bro. Tempels, by the Secretary; and "IGNATIUS AURELIUS FESSLER," also a translation, though from the German, by the same hand.

In addition there are reviews and current notes, and a short, but expressive "In Memoriam," from the pen of the W.M., which will be read with great interest by all who knew our late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, either personally or by his writings.

Four authors, we learn from these *Transactions*, and the report of the last meeting of the Lodge, have been added to the Inner Circle, while the Outer or Correspondence Circle now numbers more than 300 members.

Altogether, the material prosperity of the Lodge, seems to advance *pari passu* with its claims upon the respectful homage of brethren of intelligence, wheresoever dispersed, and in concluding our notice we heartily wish the members of both Circles a continuance of the good fortune which has already crowned their exertions, together with a still wider field for their operations.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 7th instant, when the Officers of the Board were unanimously elected. Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Edward C. Malet de Carteret being chosen as President, W. Bro. Robert Berridge Treasurer, and W. Bro. Frederick Binckes Hon. Secretary. It was resolved that the Festival be held at the Freemasons' Tavern under similar arrangements to those of recent years, Ladies and Brethren dining at the same tables, and that the usual sum of two guineas be deposited by each Steward to the Fund for defraying the expenses of the Festival. A Sub-Committee, in addition to the *ex officio* members of the Board, was appointed, to consider the musical arrangements, and to report to the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 29th instant, at five o'clock. We may add that the price of Dinner Tickets has been fixed at 10s 6d for ladies and 21s for brethren.

The Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, has removed from 42 Threadneedle Street, to the London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, E.C., where future meetings will be held, every Tuesday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Globe.—With material like that supplied by John Strange Winter's popular story "Bootle's Baby," it is surprising that Hugh Moss has not written a stronger play than the one presented last Tuesday. The original book is so interesting, and the characters are so natural and loveable that it was almost impossible to make the play uninteresting, still the compiler has spread the piece over four long acts, and has imported incidents that are unnecessary, with a result that the piece drags frightfully. This was most prevalent in the first and last acts. For instance, Gilchrist's will might be entirely dispensed with; it only prolongs the ending, and to no purpose. The second act is far and away the best; what more natural could be desired than the finding of a baby in an officer's bed, his calling his comrades in, and their final determination to adopt the child. How the charming little Minnie Terry portrays this "mite," who goes by the name of Mignon, will have to be seen to be realised; nothing half so sweet and simple has before been seen on the stage. Never forced, but always natural, this child actress is the life and soul of the piece. The scene where she makes one officer go on his knees to her is charming, while the love shown by the whole of the regiment, if we except the villain, is such that it will long be remembered by those that see her. We may say if it were not for Mignon the piece would not be worth seeing, out of this delineation proceeds all the enjoyment. Not that we wish it to be understood the other parts are uninteresting, far from this: Captain Algernon Ferrers, or as he is better known Booby Bootles, is a character that must command respect from the audience. His manly style and gentle behaviour to Mignon is cleverly and well displayed by Mr. Edmund Maurice, who works hard and successfully in the part. The victim of Mignon's little games is Captain Lucy, a part in which Mr. C. W. Garthorne seems to revel. As the villain Gilchrist Mr. Charles Sugden seems to delight in the contempt in which he is held by his comrades. Highly polished as it is, the part stands out prominently, and with a little more study Mr. Sugden will score well. The greatest success, with the exception of Mignon, is that gained by Mr. Charles Collette, as a servant-private; he was thoroughly amusing throughout. He was ably supported by Miss Rose Evelyn as Mignon's nurse. Mr. Gilbert Farquhar was an excellent doctor, while Miss Henrietta Lindley, as a match-making widow, and Miss Webster, as Lieutenant Gray's wife, were admirable. Miss Woodworth, as Mignon's mother,

won the sympathy of her audience by careful acting. Although the author has not supplied the part with anything like points, Miss Woodworth managed to score on several occasions, and will, we feel sure, add greatly to her already acquired reputation. Mr. Forbes Dawson was excellent as a young Irish officer, while Mr. C. Montague was all that could be wished for as Lieut. Gray. Notwithstanding the weakness of the play, we feel sure, after careful overhauling, "Bootle's Baby" will be made a success.

Strand.—"Katti, the family help," is nightly gaining friends by her crude and amusing behaviour, for although the piece is weak and thin in construction, Miss Alice Atherton and Mr. Willie Edouin, with their clever company, make it run merrily from beginning to end. Still the best work of the evening is Mr. Burnand's burlesque "Airey Annie." We can truthfully say that this skit is one of the most amusing and inoffensive of its kind we ever remember seeing. What with the marvellous "makes-up," and the happy way in which the whole is acted, it cannot fail to cause laughter and amusement.

Avenue.—With some new songs and fresh business "The Old Guard" has celebrated its 200th performance, and still continues its happy course of amusing lovers of comic opera. Miss Violet Cameron now takes the part of Fraizette, and with her singing and blythe ways, wins her way into the good graces of her audience. The part of Marielle is now taken by Miss Annie Halford, who displays some good points. What with the drolleries of Mr. Arthur Roberts, the dancing of Miss Phyllis Broughton, and the sterling acting of the whole company, we feel sure that "The Old Guard" will continue in the bills for some time yet to come.

Opera Comique.—Notwithstanding what was said about "Ariane" when it was first produced, Mrs. Bernard Beere has held bravely to it, and has been amply rewarded. The adverse criticism seems to have made playgoers inquisitive, with result that the piece has turned out successful, and is nightly drawing good houses, notwithstanding the hundredth performance is fast approaching. We should not be surprised if "Ariane" were to run until the end of the season.

On Thursday, 24th instant, Mr. Eugène C. Stafford will give a *matinée* at the Princess's theatre, when he will produce, for the first time on any stage, a new romantic play in four acts and eleven tableaux entitled "The Knight, or the Woodcarver of Bruges," by Mr. James W. Furrell, adapted for the stage in conjunction with Mr. Stafford. The action of the play takes place in Bruges, A.D. 1477.

The fiftieth performance of "Sweet Lavender" was given on Tuesday last, at Terry's Theatre. A *matinée* of the same play was given on Thursday, at the Brighton Theatre, by Mr. Edward Terry and his able company.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

THE London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 14th May, to Monday, 21st May, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western System and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town Receiving Offices of the Company. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Saturday, 19th May, a special express train will leave London (Euston) for Birmingham (New Street) at 10.15 a.m., calling at Willesden 10.25, Bletchley 11.19, Northampton 11.45, and Rugby 12.15 noon. A special express train for Birmingham (New Street) will also leave London (Euston) at 4.20 p.m., calling at Willesden, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford only, arriving at Birmingham (New Street) at 7.0 p.m. Special express trains will leave Birmingham (New Street) at 2.5 and 4.5 p.m. for Northampton (Castle), calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby. On this date the 2.0 p.m. and 4.0 p.m. express trains from Birmingham (New Street) will not convey passengers for Stechford, Coventry, Rugby, and Northampton. On Bank Holiday, Whit Monday, 21st May, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run. The through carriage to London on the 1.0 p.m. train from Leamington, and the through carriage to Leamington on the 4.30 p.m. train from London, will be discontinued. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Monday, 21st May. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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

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, 12th MAY.

- 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triango, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1635—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1990—Hamp-hire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Leamington, Ports mouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hulton Court
 R.A. 1423—Eira, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 14th MAY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, 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)
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Park Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 189—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2030—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 89—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
 104—St. John, Ashton House, G. Beck-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Union, Wick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 599—Oruids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hauts
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Savinogate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 145—Windsor Ashmore, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 274—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chesham
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 379—Tynic, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 125—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
 R.C.—Walton, Skeimersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th MAY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 56—Constitutional, Beaufort Hotel, Southampton-Olds, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).

- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Jily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Bowditch-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 3. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1641—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Huxley
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourie, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurlard, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwice
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rageley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2045—Wharton, Willesden
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 195—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 319—Allied, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
 R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
 R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 4. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, The Gauden, Petty Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 838—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balaam Hotel, Balaam, at 7. (Instruction)
 731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gullion, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 515 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1641—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewissan, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londensborough, Berrier Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gullion, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1595—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 M.M.—Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
 M.M. 181—Friars Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shorelitcha
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Clapham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Peckham
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryeb, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigam
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Toy Hall Street, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Clapham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Suffolk
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Cannon-street, London
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw

- 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
- 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
- 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
- 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
- 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
- 962—Sun and Secor, Assembly Rooms, Workington
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
- 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
- 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
- 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Hall, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
- 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
- 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull.
- 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
- 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
- 1692—Horvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
- 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
- R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
- R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
- R.A. 285—Royal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
- R.A. 663—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
- R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
- R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
- R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 17th MAY.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bernall Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Casadors, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, at 8 (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
- R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
- R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W
- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
- 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
- 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
- 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smalbridge
- 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Hulford-street, Leicester
- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
- 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
- 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
- 1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
- 1537—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
- R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
- R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
- R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
- R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
- M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th MAY.

Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons Hall, at 12.
House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
- 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Jamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 1016—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 890—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- 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. 43—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshalme
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penzance
- 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
- 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
- R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
- R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Dulterfield
- R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- K.T.—De Carnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Boury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 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. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teldington
- 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
- 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Highbury Court
- R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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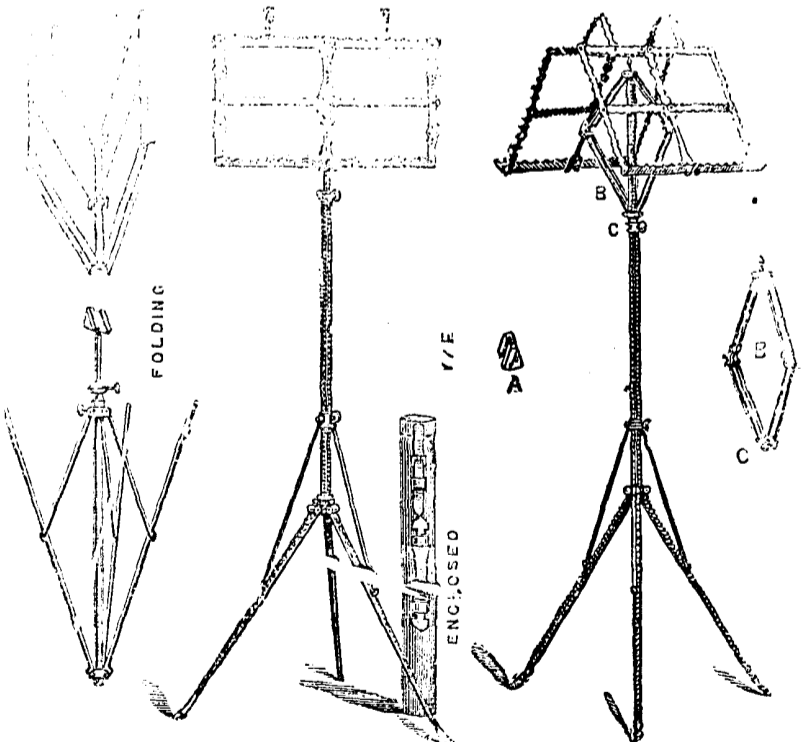
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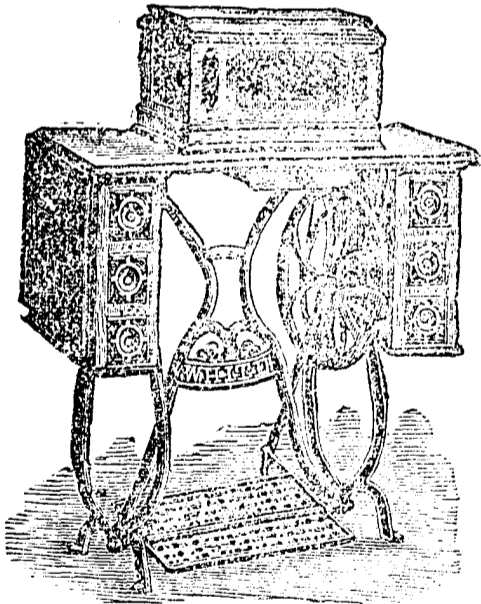
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