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MASONIC CHARITY OUTSIDE THE INSTITUTIONS.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

AT the present moment there is much to attract the attention of the Craft in regard to the Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry, which it must be admitted are passing through a most severe ordeal; one which promises to have a marked effect on their future, and the actions of those who support them. We shall be much surprised if the spirit of inquiry that now appears to be so much in favour does not continue for a lengthy period, and that before quietness is again restored radical changes will have to be made, both in the management and the distribution of the Funds provided by the Craft for charitable purposes. It is not, however, our present intention to refer to the several matters of complaint which are before the Craft—unpleasant as it is to us to speak of them it is none the less necessary that we should review them from time to time, and later on it will be our duty to say something in regard to the latest phase of the subject, but to-day a more gratifying task devolves upon us, one which, we are convinced, will give as much pleasure to our readers as it does to ourselves, inasmuch as it is to record a noble example of true Masonic Benevolence practised outside the Craft, on behalf of a most deserving section of our fellow creatures.

From the last issue of the *Clevedon Mercury* we learn that at the invitation of the Officers and members of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, about 350 of the aged and deserving poor of the town of Weston-Super-Mare were recently entertained to a meat tea and subsequent entertainment, the whole of the proceedings being most enjoyable to all who took part in them—both those who gave and those who received. As may well be imagined many of those who most needed the help thus afforded were unable, through age or infirmity, to personally attend the meeting which was arranged for their comfort, but they were in no way neglected in consequence, for we learn that those who were unable to be present were presented with a good sized packet of tea, in addition to fare from the general board, at their own homes, and thus the work of Brotherly Love was faithfully completed. The meeting was held in the Victoria Hall, Weston-super-Mare, and the duties of the tea tables were discharged by the following ladies,—for the most part wives of the brethren of the Mystic Tie,—who wore prettily designed badges of Masonic pattern, whilst their “lords and masters” officiated as waiters, attired in evening dress and wearing jewels representing the several offices they have filled:—Mrs. G. H. Perret, Mrs. E. S. Nunn, Mrs. W. M. Forty, Mrs. F. W. S. Wickstead, Mrs. G. Frazer, Mrs. G. E. Alford, Mrs. W. H. Wooller, Mrs. S. Lewis, Mrs. W. E. Perret sen., Mrs. Tytherleigh, Mrs. W. E. Perret jun., Mrs. G. Glossop, Mrs. T. Sellick, Mrs. F. Blackmore, Mrs.

W. B. Frampton, Mrs. E. S. Cole, Mrs. J. P. Curtis, Mrs. H. Butt, Mrs. A. J. Young, Mrs. W. H. Grey, Mrs. Bartley and Miss Wickham. The repast was of a bountiful character, and having been thoroughly enjoyed, was followed by a capital vocal and instrumental entertainment; most of those who gave their services being members of the Lodge or personal friends. The evening was not allowed to pass without further consideration for the comfort of the guests, who were regaled with refreshments of varied kinds, while the “fragrant weed” was provided for such as desired to smoke; so that, even from the brief details we can gather of the meeting, we feel convinced that everything was done which was likely to ensure success—and success was achieved. In conclusion we are told that the whole cost of the entertainment was defrayed by the members of St. Kew Lodge, who we consider are entitled to the thanks of the Craft generally for thus practically demonstrating the sincerity of our profession to assist those who cannot help themselves.

We are aware that such gatherings as we here refer to take place from time to time in other parts of the country, but it is not always that we are able to place an account of such proceedings among our records of the doings of the Craft, as the good that is done is not paraded to the world, but rather performed, with the best of motives, on the principle of not letting the left hand know what the right hand is doing. This is matter for regret, not because we think it would be any greater satisfaction for the brethren concerned to have their virtues known far and wide, but because by keeping the matter quiet they offer no inducement for others to copy their example, and we are of opinion that in such matters it is only necessary for one to make a start to ensure that others will follow in a similar course. This is one of our principal reasons for making the record of the meeting as public as we now do. We consider it is due to the brethren of St. Kew that their good deeds should be known, and we also consider that the example they have set is worthy of imitation far and near.

It may be urged that in thus advocating the practice of Masonic Benevolence outside the Craft we are diverting a portion of the Funds which some regard as rightfully belonging to the Masonic Institutions, but we do not think any apology is needed on that score, even if a little more such diverting would not prove a salutary lesson to the Institutions affected. The Brethren of Weston-Super-Mare have, as here shown, been able to help 350 of their fellow townfolk, and that, too, at a cost which would no doubt appear very trifling when compared with the thousands annually contributed to the Craft Charities. It is true they only rendered the help for a few hours, whereas the work of the Institutions goes on day after day and year after year, but all the same we do not consider that the brethren of St. Kew Lodge could have reaped so much satisfaction by contributing to one of the Masonic Funds as they have done by their

gathering at home. Rightly or wrongly, we shall not now attempt to decide, there is no gainsaying the fact that, under the plea of doing everything as well as it is possible to do it, the Masonic Institutions spend an enormous amount per head on those they assist. We have often expressed the opinion that, so long as there are so many deserving applicants as at present offer themselves, it would be well to consider the advisability of adopting some different plans to those at present in vogue, so as to help a much greater number even at the cost of reducing the amount of each individual's relief. Gatherings such as we are this week enabled to record an example of convince us that our views are shared by others, and that some prefer to afford moderate assistance in their own district rather than devote all their energies to keeping up the grander, but at the same time—in the minds of many—most expensive luxuries of the Central Institutions.

We have often expressed the wish that it was possible to discover the amount annually expended by Freemasons in England—under all heads—in the practice of Benevolence, and as often have we regretted the impossibility of forming even an approximate estimate of the amount, which we are sure would be a surprise, not only to the outside world but to those within the Masonic Order. With such Lodges as the St. Kew to be considered, and happily there are many others on the Register of England who do as much, but perhaps adopt other ways of doing it, we are convinced that even the most enthusiastic guesses which we have heard of would fall short of the actual total; while the amount of indirect assistance afforded by Freemasonry, both to those within its ranks and those outside of it, is simply incalculable.

We cannot do better in concluding our present remarks than tender our fraternal greetings to the members of St. Kew Lodge, and again offer them the hearty thanks of the Craft for the happy manner in which they have proved to the outside world the beneficial effects of our noble Institution.

REFRESHMENT AFTER LABOUR.

IN no matter was the wisdom of the founders of our Fraternity better displayed than by their inclusion of Refreshment and Labour in the regular curriculum of the Craft. We must have had Labour, but we might not have had Refreshment. It might have been supposed that sufficient social enjoyment could be obtained in the Lodge, between the intervals of Labour; but we know it could not. During Labour no proper opportunity is afforded for this enjoyment, the intervals referred to being too fragmentary to allow fit occasion for its exercise. The customary law of the Craft, in this regard, is simply perfect. It was so at the beginning, and it has been so maintained in its integrity to the present day. The conservative power of Freemasonry is wonderful: what has been is, and will be.

One of the famous Pharaohs of Egypt, who was distinguished by common sense no less than by royal titles and honours, was Amasis. It was the custom of Amasis to transact all the business which was brought before him in the morning of each day, and to devote the remainder of the day and evening to entertaining and feasting with his guests. When expostulated with, by one of his intimate friends, on account of what the latter styled a waste of time, Amasis replied (according to Herodotus): "Bowmen bend their bows when they wish to shoot, and unbrace them when the shooting is over. Where they kept always bent they would break, and fail the archer in time of need. So it is with men. If they give themselves to serious work, and never indulge a while in pastime or sport, they lose their senses, and become mad or moody. Knowing this, I divide my life between business and pastime." It is not surprising that this Pharaoh flourished, and Egypt prospered under his rule. He is interesting to us, also, as a patron of the Ancient Mysteries, having erected a Temple to Isis at Memphis, and a sepulchral altar to Osiris at Sais—the latter of which is now preserved in the Egyptian Gallery of the British Museum, London.

Imagine a Freemasonry without Refreshment (for you will have to imagine it, since it has never existed in fact), and you will have a work-a-day fraternity which would wear out as certainly as a human body, or a wagon. The globe we inhabit could not endure, were it not for the fact that the several seasons regularly succeed and supplement each other. Winter is the period for the earth's rest and recreation, while summer is its time for labour. Men can never go astray in following the example of nature. What is best for nature is best for man. Did it never occur to you how very human nature is? Ordinarily it is regular and commendable in its processes—sunshine and shadow, heat and cold, rain and snow following each other in the best possible order. But, occasionally, there comes a super-heated term, or a drowning rain-fall, or a blinding, wounding, killing blizzard, and then we look upon nature with awe. But these are extraordinary proceedings. In human phrase, we should say, nature is then beside herself with passion, or forgetful of her training, or regardless of the feelings of her neighbour—man. We do not wonder that certain ancient philosophers asserted that there is a soul in nature, that it is a sentient entity, that it fell from its high estate, as did man, but will rise again and become regenerate in the future. We believe it will. We believe the "new earth" will be all that the old earth ought to have been, and a fitting place for the exemplification of the ancient and conservative Mystery of Freemasonry.

But we are not left to conjecture as to what Freemasonry is—it is before us—"a thing of beauty and a joy for ever." It is better than the globe we inhabit, or man that inhabits it. It does not appear to contain the seeds of its own destruction. Certainly the nobility of its principles and the beauty and propriety of its customary everyday life are calculated to maintain it in perpetual existence. With Refreshment after Labour as the law of its being, it is destined to hold its place in the affections of all of its initiates. It is very well to say that philosophers and moralists could exist without refreshment, but we doubt it. Philosophers and moralists have hearts as well as minds, stomachs as well as craniums, affections as well as wills, and can enjoy amusement and partake of a banquet in a manner that is truly unaffected, Freemasons are all-round men. Besides, there is room in the Fraternity for all of us. Whether we be devotees to religion, morality, charity, philosophy, the gospel of common sense, or the enjoyment of those creature-comforts which tickle the palate, gratify the ear, and please the eye, we find them all in Freemasonry. If we chose, we may select for our personal enjoyment any one of the many sided features of the Craft, but the most of us choose to enjoy all. We would not only not dispense with either Labour or Refreshment, but we would not have either of them deprived of any marked characteristic. We have no amendment to propose to "Refreshment after Labour," as we have none to the Landmarks of Freemasonry—nothing to add, nothing to subtract. We have only to desire that the spirit of fraternity shall continue to permeate the brotherhood, and bind it together with a power more lasting than hooks of steel.—*Keystone.*

A Masonic ball (under the patronage of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, and Henley Lodge, No. 1472) will take place at Bro. Buxton's, The Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, S.E., on Wednesday, 16th inst. Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock p.m. Brethren to wear Masonic Craft clothing. The proceeds (after deducting expenses) will be devoted to the Masonic Charities. Double ticket (to admit lady and gentleman), including supper, 15s; single ditto (lady), 7s 6d; ditto (gentleman), 10s 6d. Tickets may be obtained of the Stewards or Committee, or of Bro. Geo. Hughes, Secretary 2184, 11 Argyle Road, Leytonstone Road, Stratford, London, E.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over all opposition for more than forty years, viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, bad breasts, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all maladies where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure after every other means had failed in giving adequate relief.

SINCERITY AND ST. GEORGE'S LODGES.

A SPECIAL emergency meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, was held at the Sincerity Lodge Rooms, St George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 8th instant, to present Bro. R. H. Rae with a testimonial in appreciation of his services as Secretary for over twenty-five years. The W.M. Bro. Frank R. Thomas presided, and was numerously supported. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, Bro. Lord Mount Edgcumbe, was received with Masonic honours. The W.M. having explained that he had received letters of apology from Bros. Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. of Devonshire, Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., Major M. Tracey, M.A., W. Derry P.M. 156, Captain Strode Lowe, and others, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in replying, said that it was with somewhat mixed feelings that he found himself in the chair of Lodge Sincerity. It was something over thirty years since he had passed through the chair of the Lodge, and during that time many events of joy and sorrow had occurred. Not long after the time at which he passed through the chair he was placed at the head of the Province of Cornwall, and was not able to attend the meetings of the Lodge as he should have wished. The brethren in Devonshire and Cornwall had been most hospitable in inviting him to their meetings, but it was very seldom that he could accept their invitation. As a continuous subscribing member of the Lodge for many years he felt they were paying a well-merited compliment to Bro. Rae. The Society of Masonry was one in which he thought that personal influence and personal example carried more moral weight and more moral power than in any other society he knew; it seemed to bind them more together in principles. Any brother who had exercised his influence and example for the good of Masonry had shown a Mas. and honourable spirit. He had also an opportunity of showing another quality especially, as Secretary of the Lodge, which, though but not least, was the most important in the management of the Lodge, the convenience of the Province, and the special management of the Masonic business. He knew by experience how much trouble Secretaries who did not do their work properly gave to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He had watched the progress of Sincerity with interest and sometimes with anxiety, knowing that it had passed through troubled waters. He hoped that it had now got upon a current of smooth water, which would carry it successfully in the future. He had heard that the Lodge had had many proposals for initiates, and he was delighted to hear of the fact, but he hoped that they would remember that it was not numbers but quality they should look to in joining that Lodge. The Earl then presented Bro. Rae with a porcelain portrait of himself, in a handsome frame, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G.J.W., P.P. 3rd G.P., and P.M.W.S. 18, by Masonic friends, on his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Lodge Sincerity, 189."

He had to thank Bro. Rae on behalf of the Lodge for his services, and trusted that his influence and example would induce other brethren to follow in his footsteps. It was a pleasing feature in Freemasonry that long services were always recognised heartily and sincerely by the brethren, and it was the greatest happiness of the Lodge of Sincerity to show their appreciation and respect and esteem in presenting Bro. Rae with his portrait as a mark of his Masonic worth. His lordship regretted that he knew nothing of the testimonial, but expressed his willingness not only to subscribe but to place his portrait in the album which accompanied it—(loud applause.) Bro. R. H. Rae, who was much affected, explained that he had been thirty years a Mason, and was initiated while Lord Mount Edgcumbe was W.M. He was placed in the chair of Secretary earlier than usual because he never liked to be idle, but after over twenty-five years' work he felt that it would not become him to attend the Lodge meetings month after month from Stoke. He therefore resigned his position, but could not accuse himself of being guilty of anything, however trifling, which would jar upon his feelings when reflecting upon it. He thanked the brethren from his heart for the presentation, which he considered more than he deserved—and much more than he anticipated. He appreciated the presentation and the method much more than the intrinsic value of the gift. It would remain in his home as long as he lived, and would pass as a heirloom to his family as a mark of the appreciation and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Croydon then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall for making the presentation, and referred in graceful terms to the excellent way in which his Lordship had carried out the work. The Rev. Bro. T. W. Lemon seconded the resolution, and the W.M., Bro. Frank R. Thomas, in supporting the resolution, referred to the lengthy correspondence which he had had with his Lordship in arranging that gathering. The Earl had been only too anxious to be present, and as a proof of his Masonic regard and feeling, not only for Lodge Sincerity but for Brother Rae, he had, after attending two meetings, at great personal inconvenience to himself attended that Lodge, although he had a special county meeting to address afterwards. The resolution having been unanimously carried, his Lordship, in reply said his sympathies were with the Lodge, the progress of which he had watched with feelings of pleasure and anxiety. He was pleased to know that Lodge Sincerity, after having passed through a crisis, was now on the high road to prosperity and that it was in a fair way to take its place as the premier Lodge of the Province. The Lodge was then duly closed, the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall being saluted with grand honours. At the close of the Lodge business, Lodges Sincerity, No. 189, and St. George's, No. 2025, held a banquet to inaugurate the room adjoining the Lodge, which Lodge Sincerity has taken over for the convenience of its members and those of Lodge St. George, who meet under its banner. The room was specially decorated for the occasion, under the direction of Bro. W. J. Fongelly, Mr. William Brown, R.N., and Bro. F. R. Thomas W.M. 189, who are to be complimented on

the excellent results of their efforts. Flags were kindly lent by Bro. F. R. Goddard, Mr. J. Cumming, and others. Bro. H. Graves sent magnificent Oriental and Indian curtains for the windows, in addition to two grand bracketed oak mirrors and pretty Chinese lanterns. Messrs. W. Harding and Sons contributed the handsome Majolica, Staffordshire, and Derby vases, which were much admired; Mr. McBryde a number of Badoura lanterns, which added in a great measure to the attractiveness of the room, while the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe sent no less than seventy choice palms, ferns, and plants in addition to foliage. With fairy lamps and a well-laid table the room never looked so attractive before. Some members of the Marine Band were engaged, but it was a great disappointment to the members of the joint Lodges to learn that the band had had, on account of military duties, to go to Bristol. However, a most enjoyable evening was spent, this being in great measure due to Bro. G. Sylvester (Hants), who contributed in no small degree by his excellent singing; and capital accompaniments to the success of the evening. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall being especially well received. Bro. Frank R. Thomas then stated that many letters of apology had been received, and that the following inscription, which was to be inserted inside the album, had been sent to the Lodge since the presentation:

"This album (containing the photo of subscribers), together with his portrait, is presented to W. Bro. Robert H. Rae P.M. P.P.J.G.W., P.P. 3rd Grand Principal, and P.M.W.S. 18th deg., on his retirement from the Secretaryship of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by Masonic friends, as a token of their esteem, 8th January 1889."

Bro. Thomas spoke of Bro. Rae's Masonic zeal and ability, his interest in the Lodge, and his many excellent qualities as a man and a Mas. The Rev. T. W. Lemon, who was called upon to propose the toast on behalf of 189, claimed Bro. Rae as the Father of Lodge Sincerity, and the right-hand supporter and counsellor of the W.M. for the time being. He wished long life and prosperity to Bro. Rae. Bro. Barrett, in supporting, referred to the help and support they had received in the formation of Lodge St. George. The toast was received with loud cheering, and "For he is a hearty good Mason" was heartily sung by the brethren. Bro. Rae feelingly responded, and trusted that at the age of seventy-five they would be able to say "thank God I have become a Mason, for its good principles have done me good." "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung, and as Bro. Rae left the room he was accorded three hearty cheers. The health of the W.M.'s of 189 and 2025 was favourably received, and Bro. F. Thomas, in reply, explained that Lodge Sincerity had taken over that room for refreshment purposes. The sites of the two rooms were given freehold by Lord Mount Edgcumbe to the St. George's Hall Company, on condition that they would build Lodge rooms for Sincerity. These rooms were built, but the original Lodge room was not occupied. The brethren now proposed to launch out and take over the two rooms and make that room the Lodge room. They would have the finest working Lodge room west of London. Their furniture and plant were not to be equalled in the West of England, and with the assistance of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as the oldest Past Master, they proposed to make Lodge Sincerity what it was—the premier Lodge in the Province. Bro. Thomas hoped that the good feeling and brotherhood which had existed between Lodges St. George and Sincerity would ever continue, and that the joint banquet would become an annual affair at Christmas, the Worshipful Masters of Sincerity and St. George's presiding alternately. Bro. C. G. Withell W.M. St. George, in a neat speech, endorsed the remarks of Bro. Thomas, and the Treasurers and Secretaries of 189 and 2025 followed in the same strain. Bros. Leonard and Rendle responded for the visiting brethren, the latter making a most amusing and characteristic speech. Bro. Pengelly and Bro. Thomas were complimented by the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall on their admirable arrangements and the excellence of the decorations, with which all were highly pleased. Bro. Sylvester presided at the piano. Bro. T. McRendle gave some original comic songs, which were well received; Bro. A. R. Debnam a good Irish song; Bro. W. J. Hearder a clever whistling solo; Bro. Kennedy P.M. 1205 two amusing comic songs; and among others who assisted were Bros. J. Leonard, F. R. Goddard, G. Payne, W. Blight, A. Honey. A most pleasant evening was passed, and the brethren of both Lodges agreed that they could not do better than make the Christmas banquet of the two Lodges an annual affair in future.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, 5th inst., Bro. Roebuck P.G.S.B. (Trustee) in the chair; there were also present Bros. Richardson, Maple, Moon, Miller, Venn, Hunt, Ebsworth, Scurrah, Britten, Cook, Cumberland, Kentish, Morgan, Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., Smith, Gladwell, Richards, Williams, Cooper, Rayner, Hogard, Cohen, Mickle, Mather, Richardson, Lambert, Glass, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Committee considered the new petitions, 19 in number, and accepted 17, while two were deferred. Eight applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and two notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman. There are now 72 candidates on the list, and this may be increased at the Quarterly Court to 74, whilst the number of vacancies is only 17.

BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO
BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

(Continued from page 3.)

IN the concluding portion of Bro. Norton's "Comments" he has alluded to my "good-natured effort of transforming Dermott and his seventy or more associates of 1751 and 1752 into Masonic saints." Now, I am not going to quarrel with him over his little flutter of imagination, but I take this opportunity of assuring him that good nature had nothing whatever to do with my endeavours to put a new complexion on the question of the "Origin of the Ancient Grand Lodge," and, between ourselves, I am inclined to think he has paid me an undeserved compliment, for I very much fear that good nature is not one of my strong points. It is not an easy task to identify motives for one's own actions, but if I have been at all influenced by sentiment, I think it not unlikely that a love of truth and justice had something to do with my undertaking.

From the very beginning of my Masonic studies I could never quite reconcile myself to the popular and accepted version of the "Origin of the Ancients." The whole story bristles with inconsistencies, which no previous writer has explained away, at any rate not to my satisfaction. For the first ray of light I am indebted to my much-esteemed friend and brother Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A. May I indulge in the hope that henceforth he will remember this fact, and that it will be the means of inducing him to view with a more favourable eye the theory for which, although unintentionally, he is in some degree responsible. Doubtless this will be *news* to him, but with his wonderful memory I shall have no difficulty in making him understand my meaning. Some years ago, when Bro. Norton was engaged in a controversy with Bro. Hughan or some other Masonic writer, he requested me to search the Grand Lodge records for information bearing on the subject then under discussion, and in so doing I came across the following item in the Minutes of 11th December 1735:—"Notice being given to the Grand Lodge that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge from Ireland attended without, desiring to be admitted by virtue of a Deputation from the Lord Kingston, present Grand Master of Ireland. But it appearing there was no particular Recommendation from his Lordship in this affair, their Request could not be complied with unless they would accept of a new Constitution here."

I copied this item and sent it in my next letter to Bro. Norton, with an intimation that I thought it possible that this incident had something to do with the origin of the "Ancients." My correspondent probably did not see anything in it, for he made no reply to my suggestion; however, he will know from the lapse of time since the correspondence I have alluded to that this theory of mine is not simply an idea of rapid and recent growth; and I am perfectly satisfied that had Bro. Norton or any other of our historians the same facilities for acquiring information, and had given as much consideration to this particular subject as I have, he would have been as convinced as I am of the Irish origin of the Ancients, that no secession worthy of the name ever occurred in the history of English Masonry, and that the only branch of the fraternity to whom the term "Schismatics" can with propriety be applied is the body of malcontents who associated with Preston in his abortive attempt to establish a schismatic Grand Lodge in the latter part of the last century.

Now, although Bro. Norton is absolutely silent on this non-secession theory, which really occupies about three-fourths of the book he has been criticising, he has said that he believes Heseltine's description of the Ancients, notwithstanding the evidence I have adduced as to its incredibility, and the indisputable fact that the letter he refers to was written with no other object than to depreciate a successful rival Society; hence, I may assume that he does not accept my theory, for if he believes Heseltine and Preston's version it is quite evident he cannot believe mine. I wish particularly to have Bro. Norton's opinion on the Irish evidence contained in Chapter V. of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," but before he gives it it is only fair that I should mention that I do not imagine there is nothing more to be said, either for or against my views and the evidence set forth in the chapter indicated. The more I learn, and the more I think about this matter, the

more firmly convinced am I that the theory I have offered is the only feasible solution of a question which has puzzled all our most thoughtful writers. I have never met with this incident of the refusal to admit the Irish Masons to Grand Lodge in print until it was mentioned in *Gould's History*, and although the author does not appear to attach particular importance to it, he says—"It is a little singular that in 1735, whilst this nobleman was at the head of the Craft in Ireland, the Master and Wardens of an *Irish Lodge* were refused admission to the Grand Lodge of *England* 'unless'—to quote from the records—'they would accept of a new Constitution here.'"* It will be seen that there exists a slight verbal difference between Bro. Gould's description and my extract from the records, for the former reads thus—"the Master and Wardens of an *Irish Lodge*," while the latter reads—"The Master and Wardens of a *Lodge from Ireland*." Now, I always thought this *very* singular, and I thus refer to it on page 127 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," "bearing in mind the fact that the nobleman mentioned had only a few years before (1728-9) presided over their own Grand Lodge with much *éclat*, and had also made them several valuable presents; this proceeding seems as churlish, as it was certainly shortsighted, on the part of the 'regulars.' Private Lodges would, of course, take their cue from the Grand Lodge, and refuse to open their doors to these strangers whose working was different to theirs."

"Does any one at all familiar with the characteristics of an Irishman imagine that 'Pat' would meekly submit to such treatment? If he does, I most decidedly do not. It seems to me much more likely that he would call some of his countrymen about him and open a Lodge on his own account, or 'by virtue' of the before mentioned Deputation or Warrant, for we must remember that '*exclusive Masonic jurisdiction*' was unknown at this period. One Lodge would, of course, beget others, and so it probably went on until unconstituted Masonic Lodges became the rallying points or centres of union of nearly all the Irish mechanics and labourers that came over to seek employment in the English metropolis." "The migratory character of this class will, I think, sufficiently account for the comparatively small number to be found on the register at the formation of their Grand Lodge, also for the rapid growth of their provincial and military Lodges." This was my opinion in 1887; since then I have read something which has induced me to review this subject, and although it has not led to any material alteration of opinion it has opened up fresh ground and furnished additional food for reflection. In *The Cabinet History of England*, written by Charles Macfarlane and published by Blackie and Son, on p 31, Vol. 16, will be found the following paragraph—"The gin mobs were not yet tranquilized, and other riots were caused in London by the employment in the *Spitalfields* looms of a number of poor Irish who had come over to mow and reap, but who had engaged to help to weave silk at two-thirds of the ordinary wages." I may observe that the writer of the foregoing paragraph is describing the condition of London and the difficulties of the Government in the year 1736; and when viewed in conjunction with the incident of the 11th December of the previous year, it appears to me to furnish a very probable explanation of the action of the Grand Lodge; that is supposing these strangers to have been merely travelling Masons, or "sojourners" as they would then be called; *popular prejudice* would doubtless not be without its effect on the officials, but even this does not satisfactorily account for the alternative, "unless they would accept of a *new Constitution* here."

In referring to the early records of the Grand Lodge of England, on page 22 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" I have said—"every line is worthy of careful consideration, and that there is evidently more in these transactions than appears upon the surface," and it seems to me that these words are especially applicable to the record I have just quoted. At first sight the impression left on my mind was that the passage referred to the Master and Wardens of an *Irish Lodge*, i.e., a Lodge in Ireland, but further consideration has resulted in my putting another construction upon it, viz.: that these brethren were officers of a Lodge then actually meeting in London "by virtue of a Deputation (or Dispensation) from the Lord Kingston," who, as before stated, was a Past Grand Master of England, and I should say deservedly popular during his Grand Master-

* Lord Kingston is the nobleman referred to.

ship. On page 33 I have given one instance of a Past Grand Master of England constituting a Lodge some years after he had ceased his connection with the Grand Lodge, and although it is possible that this particular "Deputation" may have been issued for a Lodge to meet in Ireland, I think it much more likely that it was a sort of a "roving Commission," authorising the holders to meet as a Lodge wherever they thought proper. This appears to me the most reasonable construction that can be put upon the description of the incident, for it will account for the officers of "a Lodge from Ireland" being together in attendance at the very same meeting of the Grand Lodge, their being denied admission, the alternative offered them, and the reference to the "Deputation."

Bro. Norton appears to have but a poor opinion of my method of arriving at conclusions, viz.: "by reading something here and something there"—and I admit that it is sometimes rather a tedious process, yet I think it preferable to the acrobatic performance known as "jumping at conclusions," which although possibly more expeditious, occasionally results in the discomfiture of the jumper; I shall therefore go on in my old way of "putting this and that together," and trust to his intelligence and good nature to do the best he can with the whole.

I would first ask him to bear in mind the quotation from the History of England, and then turn to page 82 of *Masonic Facts*, &c., where he may find mention of a complaint made in the Grand Committee of the "Ancients" by "John Robinson, of No. 9, against Moses Willoughby, of the same Lodge, for defrauding him of nine shillings in a bargain in the exchanging of a loomb." This matter had been referred to a Committee of weavers, "who had decided against the defendant, and he was ordered to refund the money on pain of expulsion, but Moses was a hardened sinner; he declared they might expell him, for he would not conform to the Rules of any Society upon Earth by which he should lose nine shillings. Therefore he was Unanimously Expelled, and deem'd unworthy of this or any other good Society."

This important matter had probably been in dispute for some time, for the minutes of the Grand Committee of 3rd June 1752 contain "a formal Complaint, by Bro. John Robinson," to the above purport, and the committee of investigation was then appointed, consisting of "Thomas Kane, Thomas O'hara, and John Morris, all Weavers, and of the said Lodge, No. 9."

The first-named brother appears in Morgan's Register as "Thomas Kaan, Weaver, residing in Brick Lane" (Spitalfields), he is No. 117 on the list. Thomas O'Hara (O'hara) is No. 50 on the list, and his residence is "Opposite ye Two Brewers, Brick Lane, Spitalfields." When this brother joined, or was made, I have no means of ascertaining, for he was one of the original members, i.e., one of those who belonged to the Society on the 17th July 1751, when it was decided to start a Grand Lodge on their own account, and John Morris is No. 58 on the list, same address as the last named brother. While on the subject of this old register, which I consider the most valuable of all the records of the "Ancients" for my present purpose, I may mention that out of the first 200 names only about 140 have the "place of abode and occupation" appended. As may be imagined, nearly every trade and calling is represented, but I notice that the weaving class predominates, there being out of the 140 about twenty-one that come under this designation, and about 35 of the 140 are said to reside in Spitalfields and the immediate neighbourhood. Doubtless Bro. Norton will consider these facts deserving of attention although there is a lapse of fifteen or sixteen years between the period at which I place the commencement of Ancient régime (about 1735) and the date of their consolidation as an organized Society, but only about four or five between Preston's earliest date (1739) and mine. That I quite concur with Bro. Norton in his estimate of the character of James Heseltine will be seen by a reference to page 182 of *Facts and Fictions*, but that he "had good reason to despise Dermott," or even that he did despise him, I may be permitted to doubt. I think, as a general rule, people are not disposed to write long letters about those whom they despise, although they sometimes do so when fear is the motive power. My old friend seems to have lost sight of the fact that Heseltine was a lawyer, and that he "held a brief for the other side," and also that the greater part of the letter of which he thinks so highly was of the "some one told me somebody said" character, for the writer of it had only been a Mason about

four years, and Grand Secretary *not as many months*. He says the late Bro. Revis told him that Lord Blessington had forbidden the Ancients to use his name as their Grand Master, and Bro. Norton believes that Revis *did* give him this information; so do I, but that Revis "told the truth" is, to say the least of it, doubtful. What I want to know is—Why this brother, who was Grand Secretary from 1734 to 1750, did not at the same time tell him how and when the people he was reviling seceded? That he did not do so is quite evident, for "the words *seceders* or *schismatics* are not to be found in this long and carefully written document, nor does the writer even insinuate that these terms might with propriety be applied to them.

"He says they 'first made their appearance about the year 1746.'" Do these words indicate secession? I think not. In my opinion their meaning is clear and conclusive, viz., that these people "made their appearance" from some other quarter. Heseltine was not the man to have neglected this most effective of weapons had he known, or even thought of, its existence; it was reserved for the more clever but less scrupulous Preston to concoct and propagate this stigma. I have shown that in 1766 a member of the "Ancient" fraternity was described in a Minute Book of the rival Society as an "Irish York Mason"—in 1776 the "Ancients" were described by a distinguished Masonic author as "the Irish Faction, ye A.M.'s as they call themselves;" in 1786 their Warrants were referred to as "Irish Warrants;" in 1793 their Lodges were designated "Irish," and in a pamphlet printed in 1806 they are called "Irishmen." I will now add that since my book was published I have seen their Lodges mentioned in another pamphlet, printed in 1766, as "Irish Lodges." And these terms have all been applied by different persons, totally unconnected, and uninfluenced by any sinister motive. I shall be very much obliged if Bro. Norton will give me his opinion on the foregoing points. If not troubling him too much, I should also like to know his explanation of the reason of a large majority of the "Ancients" on their first register being Irishmen, and, without going into further details, how he can account for the numerous points of resemblance between the Irish fraternity and the "Ancients" in England to which I have drawn attention. How it was that the customs, ceremonial and otherwise, of the latter were totally different to those of the body from which they are said to have seceded, and how he accounts for the persistent ignoring of the "Moderns" by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland; those bodies having been from the first in close alliance with the *despised* and *so-called* "Schismatics."

(To be continued).

ROYAL ARCH.

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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 673.

THE annual Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 12th ult., at the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was a good assembly. The Chapter, under the presidency of its late Chief Companion H. H. Smith, has been successful during the past year, and a satisfactory statement of finances was given at the meeting. There were present—Companions H. H. Smith M.E.Z., G. Musker P.Z., T. Roberts P.Z., D. Jackson P.Z., G. Godfrey P.Z., C. Marsh P.Z., Dr. Clarke, H. P. Hocken P.Z. Treasurer, W. Sweetman N., J. P. Parker P.S., &c. Among the Visitors were Companions J. C. Robinson, T. Vernou, J. H. Tyson, Dr. A. Samuels, Dr. F. J. Bailey, J. P. Bryan, &c. The installation ceremony was very effectively performed by Companion C. Marsh. The following are now the Officers:—Dr. T. Clarke M.E.Z., Godfrey H., Barker J., Caldwell S.E., Foulkes S.N., Hocken P.Z. Treasurer, Rawlinson P.S., Morton 1st Assist., Barrow 2nd Assist. During the proceedings, in which a handsome donation was voted to the Charities, a valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Companion Smith, on behalf of the Chapter. The Companions afterwards dined, under the efficient supervision of Companion Casey.

RYBURN CHAPTER, No. 1283.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The member of the Chapter took tea together at the Bull's Head Hotel, Sowerby Bridge, after which the following Officers were installed and invested:—Comps Smithies Z., Dyson H., William Haigh J., Hallas E., Bell N., Thorp P.S. The ceremony of installing the Principals was performed by Comp. Holdsworth and Comp. Walker.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Mr. Augustus Harris has again produced a pantomime that can only be described as gorgeous in the extreme. Scenery, dresses, and effects are of the best, while the book supplied by Mr. Harris in collaboration with Messrs. E. Blanchard and Harry Nicholls is vastly amusing; but as every one knows by this time, Mr. Harris goes in for show, and this year he has realised this to perfection. Every scene is good, while the processions, groupings, and dances are of the highest order. Where we look to the outlying theatres for old-fashioned pantomime, we may be said to go to Drury Lane for effects, and we say it without fear of contradiction, we could not find anything more elaborate and pretty than that supplied by Mr. Harris. Not that the "Babes in the Wood" is not funny, far from this; how could it be otherwise with such amusing favourites as Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell disporting themselves as the Babes. These gentlemen cause rows of laughter by their antics; moreover, they are supported by a company who seem to have their hearts in their work; the result is essentially a happy one. While the authors have chosen the well-known story of the Babes, they have also introduced the killing of Cock Robin, and the dings of Robin Hood and his Merry Men. It will thus be seen there is ample material to work upon, and the authors have availed themselves of the opportunity. With the Palace of Games, where a procession and ballet of toys takes place; a glade in Sherwood Forest and a Foresters' Fete, a Nursery Scene, a grand panorama of the Wood, a Paradise of Birds illustrated by a procession and ballet, and finally the transformation—"Hail! Smiling Morn"—everything is done to perfection. We have only mentioned the principal scenes in the gorgeous production, but be it understood that Mr. Harris has not forgotten minor details; everything is of the best quality. Although the pantomime the chief theme is not lost sight of, but it is worked out in such a way that the youngest of the audience can readily follow it. The music and songs are mainly made up of popular airs and tunes, but new ditties have been let in here and there, with advantage. The scenery, by Messrs. Kantsky, Julian Hicks, F. Taylor, Perkins, Carey, Ryan, and Emden, is most appropriate and pretty, and lends not a little to the success of the pantomime. As heretofore, Madame Katti Lanner has charge of the ballets, and the way she has arranged them does her infinite credit. Messrs. Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell as the Babes are an amusing couple. They run the fun fast and furiously whenever they are on the stage, and that is frequently. The most comical scene is where they dance a *pas seul*, followed by a *pas de deux*. Miss Harriet Vernon makes a bold Robin Hood, while Miss Florence Dysart is an interesting Maid Marian. Messrs. Victor Stevens, Dan Leno, and Walter Andrews are all well suited, and cause plenty of amusement, while Mr. Charles Lauri jun. has a great deal to achieve as a pug dog. Middle. Enea as Cock Robin, the Brothers Griffiths, the Misses Maggie Duggan, Sybil Grey, all render service. Mr. John Stedman's choir boys sing in capital form at different periods of the entertainment, and lend a pleasant effect to the scenes where they are heard. An amusing harlequinade follows, with Mr. Harry Payne as Clown.

Owing to the serious illness of Miss Grace Hawthorne, the matinees of "Oliver Twist" at the Princess's have been abandoned. Should Miss Hawthorne recover her health in time, she will appear during Mr. Wilson Barrett's engagement in "Now-a-days," at daily matinees with that gentleman.

The 300th performance of "Sweet Lavender" was given at Terry's Theatre on Friday evening.

Deptford has been—Masonically—en fête this week. On Tuesday the members of the Wellington Lodge, No. 543, celebrated its installation meeting, at the White Swan Hotel. On Wednesday the Justice Lodge, No. 147, met at the same place, when Bro. George Emblin was installed W.M. Full reports of both meetings shall be given in our next.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its first meeting of the year at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. presided, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Belchamber, Kempton, Cox, Hill, West, Dixon, Cotter, Blasby, Hilton, Lacey, Newton, Tattershall, Berry, Murlis, Banks, Hobbs, Forsyth, Stean, Larkin, Mickley, Hogard, Wells, and Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitant, and one male candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a deceased brother, for half her late husband's annuity, was acceded to. The report of Bro. Stewart as to the purchase of roadway in front of the Institution and the question of a boundary fence was received. The Committee considered the various petitions, which were eighteen in number—six men and twelve widows—the result being that five of the men's petitions and eleven widow's petitions were accepted, and one of the former was deferred. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, when Bro. W. E. Abrahams S.W. was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having appointed his Officers, a ballot was taken for Mr. G. Wright, which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated. A banquet followed, to which nearly one hundred members and visiting brethren sat down. Among the visitors present were:—Bros. Stacey P.M. 1897, Howe 1196, Sweeting 700, Anderson 976, Faux 77, Holland P.M. 869, Cohen W.M. 1668, Adams 1706, Humfris 733, Partridge P.M. 1686, Valentine S.D. 548, Harrington S.W. 1686, Diller P.M. 1164, Kitchin 1732, Griffin J.W. 975, E. Grimwood, Herron 206, Walker P.M. 733, Woodthorpe 957, Lynn 217, Vizitelly 1297, Saunders 624, De Flece 205, and Wyld 72.

PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

FOLLOWING the Provincial Grand Lodge, the most important Masonic gathering which has occurred in the province of Herefordshire this season took place at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Thursday, 27th ult., when the members celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist. The mother lodge of the Province has pursued an apparently uneventful existence for some years, but is at last showing signs of again asserting its dignity and usefulness in a prominent and considerable degree. Since the last annual meeting a flourishing Lodge has been consecrated at Kington, and whenever a Lodge comes to be founded at Bromyard the Province will be completed with a Lodge at every town, and the city or mother Lodge will naturally attain still greater prestige. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Joseph Bailey, has already uttered words of encouragement towards the promotion of a Lodge at Bromyard, and it is to be hoped that some public spirited gentlemen in the neighbourhood will carry out his suggestion and thereby extend the great charitable works of Freemasonry. The Right Worshipful P.G.M. spoke at the same time of the desirability of more of our leading county men taking an active participation in Freemasonry, the same as in nearly all other Provinces, and thus qualifying for the honour of appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Provincial Chair. It is pleasing to observe that the Palladian Lodge is endeavouring for its own part to bring about such a consummation, and the importance of this proceeding will at once be seen when it is mentioned that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England has promised, if possible, to attend the Welsh Eisteddfod at Brecon as President. In such a contingency it is impossible to estimate what distinguished duties may fall to the brethren of this Province, of which the Right Worshipful Master happens to be the genial host of His Royal Highness. The Lodge having been opened in the usual manner by W.M. Caldwell, his successor was installed with the customary honours. Bro. T. Smith carried out the duties of Installing Officer with his well-known ability, and was ably supported by the other Past Masters. Bro. Wm. Earle recited the charges with impressive earnestness. The newly-installed Master then appointed Officers for the ensuing year, investing all those that were present, Bro. Shellard and one or two others acting as deputies for those who were absent: and the following list shows the constitution of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—James S. Norton W.M., G. J. Caldwell I.P.M., B. Culwick S.W., C. Caldicott J.W., H. C. Beddoe Treasurer, Wm. Parlyby Secretary, Ed. George S.D., T. G. Chance J.D., O. Shellard P.M. D.C., G. J. Caldwell I.P.M. Organist, E. Stephens I.G., W. C. Gethen and W. A. Gurney Stewards, C. A. Stephens Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Caldwell with a Past Master's jewel for his efficient services during the year, this reward of merit having been authorised by a meeting of Past Masters. Bro. Caldwell suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and expressed a hope that his successor would find his term of office as pleasant as his had been. Heartly good wishes were received from the Visiting Lodges, and the business shortly terminated. A banquet followed.

RICHMOND LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the members on Thursday, the 27th ult. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, and was conducted by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, P.G.W. of England. Bro. John Gibson was installed W.M., and he afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Dabam I.P.M., Scholes S.W., Torbett Chaplain, Spence J.W., Westgarth Smith P.M. Treasurer, Close Secretary, Pearson S.D., Murray J.D., Procter P.M. D.C., Schofield Organist, Tennett I.G., Close Steward, and Grieves Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place at the King's Head Hotel.

MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 128.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thos. Dunn Worshipful Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Coxon. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Officers:—T. Bell I.P.M., Rev. Thomas Randall S.W., John Smith J.W., Rev. J. Haworth Chaplain, Matthew Fowler Treasurer, Thomas Sarsfield Secretary, Henry Palmer S.D., W. H. Patterson J.D., Samuel Fenny Almoner, T. L. Campion Organist, W. Logan Dir. of Cers., W. Goodenough I.G., M. F. Holliday Senior Steward, H. A. Bywater Junior Steward, S. B. Grant Tyler.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

WITH the installation of the new Worshipful Master, on Monday last, this Lodge entered upon the 100th year of its existence, and a large number of the members and other brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., to take part in so interesting a ceremony. The retiring Master Bro. G. M. Lion

presided, and was supported by Brothers Jas. Terry P.G.S.B., Lazarus Past Prov. S.W. Wiltshire, Isaac Botibol S.W., W. J. Gardner J.W., J. S. Lyons Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus Secretary, J. Myers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., Horatio Saqui I.G., S. J. Rocco Chaplain; Past Masters Bros. Dewsnap, A. G. Dodson, Myers, I. Abrahams, S. M. Lazarus. There were also present Bros. H. Garrard, W. L. Phillips, C. Carrociero, E. Ansell, A. Botibol, A. C. Cohen, Alexander Jones, C. H. Cox, J. Joseph, E. A. Smith, George Pluckrose, H. S. Onken, T. Barnes, B. Weigel, S. Mitchell, M. Siegenberg, H. S. Lyons, Wynman, H. Massey, J. Speller, A. J. Paton, B. Field, D. McNish, G. P. Nightingale, J. J. Pickering, and Orton Cooper. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Carrociero was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Lion. The report of the Audit Committee was next received, the accounts showing a highly satisfactory balance. The installation of the W.M. was then proceeded with, Bro. A. G. Dodson acting as Installing Master. Bro. Botibol subsequently invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Brothers W. J. Gardner S.W., A. Botibol J.W., S. J. Rocco Chaplain, Lewis Lazarus Secretary, J. S. Lyons Treasurer, H. Lazarus S.D., H. Garrard J.D., E. Ansell I.G., Dodson P.M. D.C., Arthur Cohen Assistant D.C., Onkin Steward, Siegenberg Assistant Steward, and Bro. J. Gaskell P.M. Tyler. The Secretary announced that as the Lodge had now entered its hundredth year it was proposed to memorialise the Grand Lodge to grant a Centenary Warrant and permission to the members to wear the Centenary jewel. The motion was adopted, and many of the brethren signed the memorial. The business of the evening having terminated, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was served in the ball room under the superintendence of Bro. Joseph Josephs. The toasts were few and the speeches short, but to the purpose, and were agreeably interspersed by songs, rendered by Miss L. Brown, Miss C. Page, Mr. Henry Thorn, and Mr. John Harvey. Bro. Abrahams, in responding for "The Benevolent Fund," said that charity was true Masonry, and the Fund was established to assist brethren in time of need; they had now upwards of £815 in hand, and he trusted that it would go on increasing till they could record four figures for it. Bro. G. M. Lion having been invested with the I.P.M.'s jewel, said he was proud when he became W.M., but felt infinitely more pride as P.M.; he returned his thanks to the Secretary and Officers who had so well assisted him during his year. Bro. Dewsnap replied for the Past Masters, and promised their hearty support to the new Master, who all hoped would emulate those who had gone before. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, responded to by most of those present, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, concluding with the Tyler's toast.

HARMONIC LODGE, No. 252.

THE installation festival took place on the 1st instant, at the Freemasons' Arms, Dudley. The W.M. Elect, Bro. James Warham, was intalled by Brother Robert Stevenson P.M. P.P.S.B. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Septimus Bagott I.P.M., Matthew Smith S.W., Thomas Chambers J.W., E. J. Chambers S.D., W. P. Hanson J.D., Rev. J. W. Down Chaplain, R. Preece and J. Sidway Stewards, Samuel Smith Secretary, W. E. Walker Treasurer, J. Stansfield Organist, Robert Stevenson D.C., E. Pewkess Assistant D.C., James Jones I.G., F. Garner Tyler, and Samuel Spittle Assistant Tyler. The members and several visiting brethren afterwards dined together at the Freemasons' Arms.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, 3rd inst., the installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Beverly, when Bro. W. Richardson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Tom Turner. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Sydney Smith I.P.M., Foley S.W., Shaw J.W., Cooper Treasurer, Parks Chaplain, Edgar Secretary, Morley S.D., Robshaw J.D., Blackman Orator, Kemp Almoner, Westerby Charity Representative, Goulding Organist, Dixon D.C., Lane I.G., Sugdon and Pape Stewards, and Westoby Tyler. There were visiting brethren from several Lodges in the district. At the banquet, held at the Beverly Arms Hotel, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450.

THE annual festival took place on the 27th ult., when Bro. F. W. Thomas the J.W. was installed W.M. for the coming year. The ceremony was impressively carried out, the major part by the retiring W.M. Bro. Wagner. Bros. G. B. Pearce and Tops assisted. The newly-installed W.M. presented the Lodge with a set of new collars to mark his year of office, and afterwards appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wagner I.P.M., Richards S.W., Rowe J.W., Harvey Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Rev. C. R. D. Carter Chaplain, Mudge S.D., James J.D., Mills D.C., Bickle I.G. Vincent S.S., Pope J.S., Bray Tyler. Bro. G. B. Pearce was appointed Steward for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. J. Bazeley Steward to the C.M.A.B. Fund. Bro. Pearce was also re-elected librarian to the Coombe Library. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, Hayle, where a capital banquet was supplied.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

AT the annual banquet, held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Bosworthick's Rooms, Marlborough-street, Devonport, over sixty brethren were present. Bro. T. B. Trosise, the W.M. of the Lodge, presided, supported by his Officers—Bros. Wood S.W., Jeffery J.W., E. Poor Treasurer, Cassell Secretary, Akenhead S.D., Davis J.D., George I.G., Williams D.C., Trotman Organist, Wootton, Ball, Watts, Gribbell Stewards, Lewis Tyler. There were also present several Past Masters of the Lodge, and a good number of visitors. After dinner an entertainment of music and recitations was provided by the brethren, and a pleasant evening was passed.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1125.

ON the 27th ultimo a meeting was held at Tiverton, at which Bro. G. Hall was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. F. Elert n I.P.M., Webb S.W., Munby J.W., Barrons S.D., Down J.D., Haydon Treasurer, Parkhouse Secretary, French Chaplain, Pyle I.G., Snooks and Wheeler Stewards, Moyle D.C., Andrews Organist, Viney Tyler. The installation banquet was held at the Palmerston Hotel in the evening.

ANCHOLME LODGE, No. 1282.

THE brethren held their annual meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Cary-court, Brigg, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Joseph Frankish was installed Worsipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Fryer. The Officers were invested as follow:—Bros. Tilson S.W., Henry Spring J.W., Marrow S.D., Cooper J.D., Cleugh jun. Secretary, Spring jun. Treasurer and Almoner, Cross I.G., Rev. A. W. Savory Chaplain. A banquet was given by Bro. Henry Spring, Steward of the Lodge, in honour of Bro. G. Todd the retiring W.M.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE January meeting was held on the 4th inst., present (members) —Bros. William Simpson W.M., R. F. Gould I.P.M., Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt S.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Rev. C. J. Ball I.G., E. Macbean Steward, W. H. Rylands, C. Kapperschmidt, and J. F. Finlayson; (Correspondence Circle)—D. P. Cama P.G.T., Dr. W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B., F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, John Wood, P. S. Simonds, R. A. Gowan, F. Driver, J. B. Mackey, S. R. Baskett, and A. Rowley. Visitors—Dr. A. Burns Gibson 2015, C. W. Pineo 257, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Max Mendelssohn 212, and C. W. Muter. Bros. C. Kapperschmidt, J. F. Finlayson, and C. P. Purdon were balloted for as joining members and elected. 15 Lodges and 55 brethren were admitted into the Correspondence Circle, thus raising the total membership to five hundred and seventeen. The Report of the Permanent and Audit Committee, which had been duly circulated among the members of both Circles, was taken as read, and adopted. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the "Gould Testimonial Fund," and, in consequence of the vast labour devolving upon Bro. G. W. Speth, owing to the expansion of the Correspondence Circle, it was moved and carried, that a minimum salary of £100 a year be attached to the office of Secretary. A vote of condolence was next passed, and ordered to be transmitted to the S.W., Bro. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer (who was prevented, by a domestic affliction, from being present), expressing the hearty sympathy of the Lodge in the loss he had so recently sustained. The routine business being concluded the W.M. read a paper on "The Worship of Death," and this was succeeded by a discussion, in which the following brethren participated: Rev. C. J. Ball, W. R. Woodman, W. H. Rylands, R. F. Gould, and F. Binckes. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The annual dinner was held at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 20th December. There was a large number of brethren present. Previous to the dinner the annual audit of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association took place, of which Bro. H. M. Hobbs is Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. Gordon Smith Honorary Secretary. Bros. F. Knight and C. W. Mapleton being the Auditors. Since the formation of the Association, in 1885, over £1000 has been collected for the benefit of the Masonic Charities. It is one of the largest of these Associations in existence, there being over 130 subscribing members. The present Association comes to an end in November 1889, when there is every reason to hope that a new one will be formed to carry on the good work with as much success as its predecessor. After an excellent repast, provided by Brother Anderson, the usual toasts for such an occasion were heartily given and responded to. Bro. Edward Terry gave an amusing sketch, and harmony, both musical and Masonic, completed the enjoyment of the evening.

Obituary.

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BROTHER WALTER COULTHARD.

A VERY sad case of sudden death has occurred at Barnstaple, the deceased being Bro. Walter Coulthard, auctioneer, of High-street. The deceased attended a meeting of his Lodge on Thursday, the 3rd instant, and was promoted to the Office of Senior Deacon. In the evening he dined at the Golden Lion Hotel, where he replied to a toast. He, being a teetotaler, did not drink any intoxicants, and according to evidence at the inquest he ate but little. He was, however, a delicate man, and on arriving home he was taken ill and died. An inquest was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, on Friday, when it was given in evidence that the deceased was suffering from indigestion, and the little he ate brought on sickness which produced failure of the heart's action. The jury at once returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes," and expressed their sympathy with the widow.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

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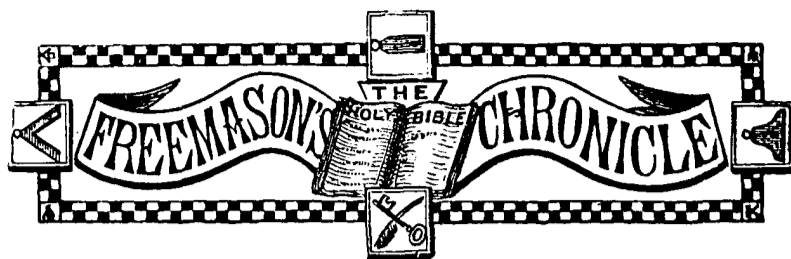
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DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT PLYMOUTH.

THE new Freemasons' Hall which has been erected in connection with the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Club, Princess-square, Plymouth, was consecrated on the 2nd inst. A Provincial Grand Lodge was held for the purpose in the afternoon, and the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Provincial Grand Master (Viscount Ebrington, M.P.) in the presence of about three hundred brethren. The site of the new premises is known as No. 1 Princess-square, together with a large piece of land at the back, upon which the new hall is erected. The exterior of the new building is of classic style, with some rich mouldings filled with Masonic emblems. The entrance is through folding doors, with stained glass panels, bearing the arms of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. A long corridor rises to the level of the principal Lodge rooms by three, five, and seven steps, past the main staircase to lobby and ante-rooms. Here two large Lodge-rooms are built, and one large room has yet to be built. They are 20ft. wide and 20ft. high, one being 28ft. and the other 30ft. long. They are lighted by five stained glass windows, representing in their centre picture St. John, Fortitude, Harmony, Prudence, and Charity. These windows, and the other stained glass in the building, are by Swaine Bourne, of Birmingham, and are very good. The rooms also have a very fine cornice and frieze. Ascending the winding staircase at the end of the entrance corridor we enter between columns the provincial Lodge-room, which is 70ft. by 30ft. and 29ft. high, having a gallery for orchestra and organ, and ante and retiring-rooms. It also has a good deal of ornamentation, and this and all the other rooms are fitted with inlet and exhaust ventilations, connected by pipes in the walls to the air pumps in the roof (supplied by Boyle and Co., Limited). Descending to the basement, there is a fine dining-hall, 68ft. by 28ft., and 14ft. high, with an oak parquet floor, laid by the Wood Block Flooring Company, of Charing Cross. Rolled iron girders carry the upper floors. Mr. J. H. Keats was architect, and Messrs. Laphorn and Goad the contractors. The directors of the club are Bros. William Derry chairman, William Allsford, Daniel Cross, John B. Gover, James Griffin, J. M. Hifley, Samuel Jew, John Russell Lord, Job Maton, Henry Rogers, John Wallis, and E. Littleton. Solicitor, Bro. J. T. Bond (Square, Bridgman, Bond, and Pearce), auditor, Bro. J. W. Cornish, and secretary, Bro. T. Goodall. At the Provincial Grand Lodge there were present the Provincial Grand Master Viscount Ebrington, M.P., who was supported by his officers and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Davie, said it was within the knowledge of the Provincial Grand Master that the brethren of the Three Towns had built themselves a habitation in which to carry on Masonry. Twelve months ago the Provincial Grand Master laid the foundation stone. The building was completed physically, and now only required its moral completion—that was its consecration—and he was deputed as Provincial Grand Secretary to ask the Provincial Grand Master to consecrate the building, and to give it a moral claim to be the headquarters of Masonry in the town. The Provincial Grand Master replied that it would afford him very great pleasure to comply with this request, and as a first step towards doing so called upon the musical brethren to sing a dedication ode, which had been specially composed and written by Bro. Fred J. W. Crowe, Lic. Mus., Organist of Lodge 2189. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with in due Masonic form, and the Provincial Grand Master solemnly declared the building consecrated and dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence. The music for the odes was specially composed for the occasion by Bro. W. S. Hearder, Provincial Grand Organist.

Bro. John Brewer, 282, acted as Senior Warden in the place of Major Tracey. Bro. J. Gifford was Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Master announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General, saying he had fully intended to have been there, but was prevented at the last moment by some official papers being sent down to him which required immediate attention. Some business having been transacted the Grand Lodge was closed.

In the evening there was a banquet in the dining-room, which is a fine room upon the basement, capable of seating nearly two hundred at dinner. The Provincial Grand Master again presided, and had upon his right Sir Edward Clarke, M.P. About a hundred and twenty brethren were present. Grace was said by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon. An excellent dinner was provided from the club kitchen, and was served under the direction of Bro. Symons, the late steward. Music was provided by some members of the Royal Marine band under Mr. Elford, who played a cornet solo.

The Provincial Grand Master gave Her Majesty the Queen, and afterwards His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, and the Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master observed that His Royal Highness had entered into Freemasonry with his accustomed energy and *bonhomie*, and under his supervision and that of the other officers the Grand Lodge had flourished abundantly, and their relations with the Masonic bodies of the colonies—especially in Australia, where her Majesty was shortly to be represented by two distinguished Masons—were more cordial than ever. Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., rose to propose

the next toast, and was received with applause. He said he had been asked to discharge the very easy and pleasant duty of proposing the next toast, which was the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire and Provincial Officers present and past. This toast he said had a double aspect. In one respect it had the character of a loyal toast there, because in Devonshire it was the Provincial Grand Lodge and its Officers who had worthily conducted and distinguished that Lodge, and there was a feeling of loyalty on the part of the brethren towards them. Although he was not a Devonshire Mason, and it was fifteen years since he had passed the chair in a London Lodge, still he could sympathise with his Devonshire brethren in the good work that had been done by their Provincial Grand Lodge during the last few years. During the last ten years great progress had been made in Devonshire, and that was in a great degree owing to the good fortune of Devonshire Masons in getting distinguished and capable brethren to fill the offices of the Grand Lodge. The compiler of the toast list had appended to this toast a line which very fitly represented the feelings of all Masons—

"Tis only noble to be good.

And the true ability of the Masonic Craft had, he thought, been shown in Devonshire in the work done by the brethren of the different Lodges. But if he turned to the personal aspect of the toast he was inclined to quote the next two lines of the poem from which that line was taken. "Tis only noble to be good" was a phrase applicable to the Masonic body, and represented their principle, but the next two lines were—

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

And no lines could more aptly be applied to Lord Ebrington, whose name he coupled with this toast. But while in due time, he hoped Lord Ebrington might inherit an unstained coronet—a coronet which bore a name which had never suffered reproach; and while he would inherit a coronet which would carry with it the traditions of a long line of illustrious and worthy ancestors—he (Sir Edward) was sure that with Lord Ebrington the kind heart was more than the coronet, and that although he could boast of Norman blood—for the name of Fortescue spoke to us of Norman story—he was sure that with Lord Ebrington the simple faith which had been the lesson of his race would always be a higher claim on the affection and esteem of his Masonic brethren and fellow-countrymen than even the honours he inherited. The Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington) said he felt all the less able adequately to respond to the toast after the very eloquent and kind speech just made by his friend Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, but he heartily thanked them for the compliment they had paid to the Grand Lodge and to himself. He was very glad to have the opportunity of coming there to attend that meeting, and to take part in the interesting and important ceremony which had that day been performed. He would have fixed an earlier day for the event but for the stress of his parliamentary engagements. Before sitting down he proposed the next toast, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Lord Mount Edgcumbe was as well known and liked in the Three Towns as in Cornwall, and though they were not under his jurisdiction as Masons, they knew him well as a kind friend and a good neighbour, and also as the exceedingly efficient commander of an exceedingly efficient corps of volunteers. He had received a letter from his lordship regretting that a number of important engagements prevented him from attending, and wishing every success to their undertaking. Bro. F. B. Williams, as one of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, responded. The Provincial Grand Master next gave what he called the toast of the day, the health of the Chairman and Directors of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company. He said it was a little more than twelve months since he laid the foundation stone of that great building, and that day they had officially opened it. He thought the building and club was calculated to meet a considerable want. Any one who had gone, as he had, on a visit to the different Lodges in that town must have been struck by the poverty of the surroundings of some of the Lodge rooms. But in their new building they would have suitable accommodation of every sort, and a building which might be the envy and admiration of any community. The credit of that was due to the energy and public spirit of the brethren who took it in hand, and who would not rest until they had brought it to a successful issue. He much regretted that the Chairman of Directors, Bro. Derry, who was so prominent in all works of utility in Plymouth, was prevented by indisposition from attending that night; but, in his absence, he could not couple with the toast a better name than that of Bro. Lord, the chairman of the executive committee, who had made the arrangements for that day. Bro. J. R. Lord, in reply, also regretted the absence of Bro. Derry, who, he said, had been most zealous in promoting everything connected with the hall and club and was one of the founders of the institution. Two years ago a committee was formed of brethren meeting in the Hayshe Temple to go over the Old Hospital buildings to see whether the whole, or any portion of them, could be utilised for the purpose. Those premises, however, were found altogether beyond their requirements, and not at all adapted to their purpose. Some time after that an opportunity to acquire the present premises offered itself, Bro. Parkhouse being instrumental in bringing the premises under their notice, and it was mainly through Bro. Parkhouse that they were able to acquire that property on what they considered very reasonable terms. Having acquired it, they had to search for an architect who thoroughly understood the requirements of the Masonic body, and they were not long in arriving at the decision that Bro. J. H. Keats should be the architect. The plans were drawn, committees were formed, and the result was the magnificent building in which they were now assembled. Thanks were more especially due to Bro. Goodall, who had acted as Secretary all through, and they owed very much to him for the energy and ability he had thrown into it. They believed that a club of that kind had been required for many years, and he was

proud that their labour had thus far met with success. Some years ago their present architect, Bro. Keats, and their late Bro. Elliot Square, endeavoured to acquire property on the site of the present St. Andrews Hall for the purpose. But Freemasonry was not so strong in the Three Towns then as now, and their efforts were futile. He was thankful to say the present effort had been more successful, and he hoped the shareholders and brethren would do all they could to bring the scheme to a successful issue. The Provincial Grand Master then gave the health of the Architect, and congratulated him upon the result of his labour and skill. Bro. Keats suitably replied, and said they were greatly indebted to the contractor, Bro. Goad, for a good building at a very moderate cost. Bro. Davie gave the last toast, the Visitors, coupling with it the name of Sir Edward Clarke, who, he remarked, was known not only to every Mason, but to almost every Englishman. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., again rising, said he did not think he should have been called upon again to take part in the speaking of that evening, and he could only suppose he had been called upon twice because the Grand Master felt sure he could only make a short speech. In proposing the toast his friend and brother had spoken of him as having been a working Mason in past time, when he (Sir Edward) was able to give much more time to Masonry than now. It was fifteen years ago since he passed through the chair. He had had the great pleasure of serving on the General Purposes Committee of Grand Lodge, and on the memorable occasion when the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master at the Albert Hall he had the privilege of being one of the Stewards, and of seeing that remarkable ceremony. He had done less for the last twelve years in Masonry than he could have wished. It would be well understood that other occupations had prevented him from associating much in Masonic work, but he did trust that the lessons he had learned from Masonry had not been lost, and that he would be able, both in private and public life, to carry out the high teaching which was given to them all when they joined the Craft. He congratulated them most heartily on being gathered together in that place. There was nothing so clubbable as Masonry, because there was nothing that tended more thoroughly to efface differences which naturally existed between them, and which enabled them to meet in such thorough good fellowship as was found in every Masonic Lodge. He was sure that the great charm of a Masonic Lodge to all of them was that whenever they met there they never discussed their differences, but only those matters on which they were agreed, and those were matters which affected the happiness of their own lives and of the lives of all about them. The visitors congratulated the brethren on being assembled in that place, and on there being a good prospect for the prosperity of the club there. He was very glad it had been allowed to him to join them and to listen to such a kindly welcome as had been given him on the part of his Masonic brethren.

The day's proceedings concluded with a ball, for which the premises were beautifully furnished by Messrs. Parkhouse. The corridor was ornamented with shrubs by Mr. J. R. Williams, who also constructed a fairy grotto opposite the staircase. Plants for table decoration were supplied by Mr. W. G. Hodge. The tasteful little programmes, supplied by Mr. Westcott, were gratuitously performed by Mr. C. Meubennic. The refreshments were contracted for by Mr. Boswarthick. Dancing was led off to the music of members of the Royal Marine Band, under Sergeant Lidiard, by the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington), Sir Edward Clarke, and Major Davie. About 200 were present.

Bro. R. Henri Goddard will give his Fourth Annual Dramatic Recital at Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, N., on Monday evening, 14th January 1889, when he will be assisted by Miss Amy Florence (Prima Donna Italian Opera and Carl Rosa Company) and Madame Annie Williams. Accompanist—Mr. G. C. Richardson. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) can be obtained at King's, Highbury-corner; Lancaster's, 82 Mildmay Park; Miles's Library, 95 Upper-street; or of Bro. R. H. Goddard, 61 Packington-street, N.

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DEVON AND CORNWALL.

THE *Western Morning News* invariably gives prominence in its columns to any important Masonic meeting that takes place in the district it so capably represents. We often, with advantage, cull from it interesting items of news. No apology is therefore needed for our insertion of the following summary:—

The Craft in Devon and Cornwall has not made any very brilliant strides during 1888, but has done much good work, which will be to its credit as the years roll onward. The new Masonic Hall at Plymouth, the first stone of which was laid with due ceremony by Lord Ebrington, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master, on 28th December 1887, was completed a few months since; Harmony Lodge, No. 156, having been the first to use it, on 1st October 1888. It will generally be used by the Lodges and other Masonic bodies, the building also being fitted up as a club. The company bids fair to be very successful, financially and Masonically. The large hall was dedicated to the purposes of the Craft on the 2nd January 1889, by the Provincial Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting being convened for that object, and likewise to confirm an alteration in one of the bye-laws. The banquet was served in the new buildings on that occasion, the arrangements of the club portion, at Princess-square, being such as to provide for all festive occasions, as well as the ordinary assemblies. The music for the odes at the dedication was specially composed by Bro. W. S. Hearder Provincial Grand Organist, the appropriate "dedication ode" being composed and written by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, Organist of No. 2189, Ashburton.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for Devon was held at Ilfracombe on the 13th June, and went off most satisfactorily, all the reports being of a favourable character, and the arrangements for the central Masonic Charities being such as to lead all to look forward (now that all the debts are paid) to many candidates being elected as eligible opportunities offer.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for Cornwall was held at Camborne, on the 23rd August, and was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The reception tendered to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the members of the Province was most enthusiastic, and so lavish in character were all the arrangements that the meeting will long be remembered most gratefully by the large number who attended.

Many of the halls in the Three Towns have been considerably beautified by the presentations of pictures by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The hall for the use of the two Lodges in Torquay has also been decorated and much improved. The new Masonic Hall at Ilfracombe has been occupied from July last, and is an ornament to the town.

The annual assembly of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge for Devon was held at Rose Ash, Southmolton, the selection being due to the decision of Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., to lay the corner-stone of Rose Ash Church, on its being restored. This was the first ceremony of the kind in England. The committee appointed to provide a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Colonel J. Tanner-Davy, Provincial Grand Mark Master, had decided in favour of a mural tablet being erected in this church, and but for the delay in the restoration the loving tribute would ere then have been put in position.

No. 383, St. George's Lodge, Stonehouse, and No. 372, De la Pole Lodge, Seaton, have been consecrated by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, and also the Jordan Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 319, at Torquay.

Mark Masonry is very popular in both counties, and the membership is still on the increase. On the whole, Royal Arch Masonry has also been well sustained, but as respects the "higher degrees" they remain as before, with but few adherents.

In the Charities there has been no lack of interest exhibited, but nothing like the material support requisite for the great amount being received from such sources. Locally, the educational institutions in Devon and Cornwall are liberally patronised, and as all the moneys thus contributed are spent in the neighbourhood, this system of aid is becoming increasingly popular. The Cornwall Masonic Association in aid of the central Charities is still pursuing its most useful work, and has been the means of raising large sums on behalf of the Institutions.

The great event of the year, Masonically, for Devon, was the fact that the esteemed Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington, M.P.) presided at the Boys' Festival, the Province subscribing over £800 in honour of the occasion. The anniversary, however, was the lowest in amount of the three, owing to the 100th Festival of the Girls, which produced over £50,000, and the Benevolent was first in the field for 1888, with over £15,000. The Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge during the year has distributed upwards of £10,000 in grants to needy brethren and widows, so that with Provincial Charities the total sum devoted to benevolence in England for 1888 will far exceed £100,000.

The annual ball, under the auspices of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 37 (Maryport), was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, 28th ult. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and there were about 100 guests. Mr. H. Thompson's band supplied the music. Messrs. Stoddart and J. Reed officiated as M.C.'s, and Mrs. Kendall supplied the refreshments.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro G. A. HUTTON, 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 JANUARY.

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rl., at 8. (Inst.)
- 188—Porcy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N. 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1323—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1688—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Rozen Street, W., at 3
- M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
- 301—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
- R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th JANUARY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (Inst)
- 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (Inst)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
- 349—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 875—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. (Inst)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (Inst)
- 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. (Inst)
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (Inst.)
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Park Green, Tottenham. 8. (Inst.)
- 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
- 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
- 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, 3 in 1 field
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
- 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
- 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
- 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
- 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
- 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 539—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
- 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
- 635—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, Castle in the Park Buildings, Bury-in-Furness
- 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
- 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436—Sanagate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
- 1542—Legation, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Gloucester
- 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
- 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
- 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- 1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, M.U.A.
- R.A. 143—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
- R.A. 154—Unity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- R.A. 206—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
- R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
- R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
- R.M. 9—Fortesac, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
- R.C.—Walton, Skemmerdine Masonic Hall, Kirkcubbin, Liverpool
- R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildg., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 9 (Inst.)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stoney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 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 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—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 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourie, Cornwall
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sharness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangeferni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caltonia-road, Batley
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 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, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugely
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 268—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 619—Beaton, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.

- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1691—Londeshorough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Fitz St. at 9. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Rd. S.E. at 8. (Inst.)
 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. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cshatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Park
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Heth, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Liverpool
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Mary, near London
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—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)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 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
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, 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, Kirkstall, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1248—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horasey, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 9.30. (Instruction)
 1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawdduck, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
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 R.A. 1356—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alawick

THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY.

- 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collogo-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 751—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. (Inst.)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 9. (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bessie Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimoleton, 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 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

- 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
- 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
- R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 3. (In)
- R.A. 834—Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith
- 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. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 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
- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
- 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hullersfield
- 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
- 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
- 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
- 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Cliftonville, near Blackburn
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
- 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
- 440—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
- 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
- 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
- 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cora-wall.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
- 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
- 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
- 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Chendle
- 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
- 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
- 2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
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- R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
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- R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
- M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
- M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY.

- 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 5. (In)
- 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
- 167—St. John's, York and Alban, Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 5 (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 5. (Instruction)
- 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 2030—The Aubrey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure U. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
- K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Gold 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, Finsbury
- 401—Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 460—Sutherland or Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth

- 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Dorset
- 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshall
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3 (Instruction)
- 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penetration
- 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, London. (Instruction)
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
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- R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, South
- R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
- M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hockney
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hockney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
- 1787—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-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
- R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
- 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
- R.A. 63—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Colindale

Mr. W. H. Symons, manager of the new Masonic Club, in Princess-square, Plymouth, was on the 31st ultimo, the recipient of an illuminated address on vellum, subscribed for by a large number of members. A gold bracelet was also presented to Miss Symons.

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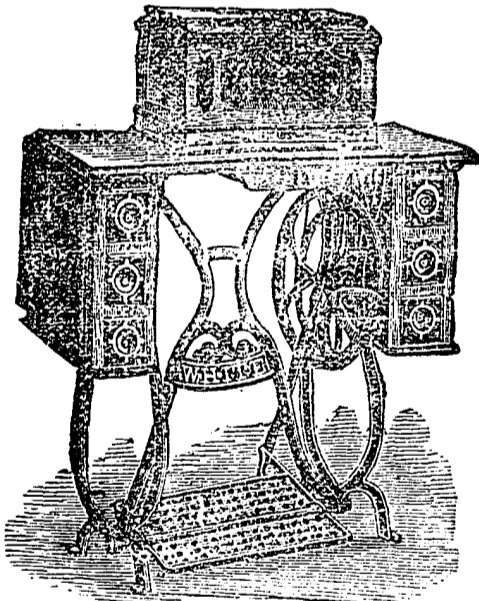
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