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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

MUCH has been said during the last few months as to the ultimate effect of the grand success of last year, in connection with the Centenary of this Institution, on the other Masonic Charities. As we have remarked on more than one occasion, it is almost certain the splendid result announced by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, at the time of the Centenary Festival, will have a most detrimental effect on the returns of both the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School for some time, but it is doubtful if either of them will suffer to so great an extent as the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' may itself be expected to do at its coming Festival. True, it may be argued that after so splendid an achievement as that of last year the Girls' School can afford to wait for subscriptions and other financial support, but on the other hand it must be remembered that the immediate outcome of that success was a considerable extension of the work of the Institution, with an annual increase of the responsibility far beyond what could be realised from any surplus likely to remain of the Centenary donations.

The Craft is immediately about to reap one of the advantages accruing from the Centenary donations, and this will perhaps act as an incentive to many to do more than they had previously intended, especially as it will show that something practical has resulted from last year's success, while at the same time it must be at once apparent that the suggested extension will entail increased annual expenditure. The proposal is to admit an additional 20 girls at the Election in April, the alterations and enlargement of the Junior School (the first part of the Scheme adopted for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution) being completed, and thus allowing of their reception. There is little doubt but that this proposal will be agreed to, in which case the number of children receiving the benefits of the Institution will become 264, as compared with 100 in December 1872. It is only necessary to compare these figures, and remember it is but a period of 16 years between the two dates, to form a clear understanding of the rapid growth of this Institution, and the heavy responsibilities which have been assumed by the Masons of the present generation. So far the Craft has nobly responded, year after year, to the appeals which are annually made for funds wherewith to carry on this great work, and we hope the day is far distant when any serious diminution will take place in the returns.

As we have already said, it is expected the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will feel the full force of last year's success when it comes to celebrate its Festival this year. Of course it would be absurd to estimate the result of the 101st anniversary in comparison with that of the 100th, but we may go further back and consider it in association with totals of

previous years. Even if we do this, we anticipate that the Festival of the present year will compare most unfavourably, and that too in face of the large increase which is proposed, and which there is every reason to believe will be carried out. We cannot, however, press brethren to take an excessive interest in the Girls' School Festival of the present year, because so many worked for it last, and it is but fair that the first attention should now be given to the other Charities; all we desire to do is to put the facts of the case before our readers, show them what is being done, and leave them to do as much as lies in their power to maintain and advance the work in hand. It must be evident to all that 264 children cannot be maintained, clothed, and educated in the future merely on the reputation of a grand Festival held in celebration of the Centenary of the Institution, more especially as the greater part of the special increase of that celebration has already been devoted to extensions and improvements of the Institution itself. There are few of us but have had experience of what alterations and improvements mean. It is one thing for an estimate to be made of the probable cost, and quite another, as a rule, to pay for it, while it is already anticipated that the sum originally set down for the proposed improvements will be insufficient to settle their cost. This will entail a further drain on the surplus of last year, so that, one way and another, there will be little left over and above what may be described as current expenditure. Accordingly, the future must take care of itself, and in this respect the present year is as much concerned as any of its successors. On this basis, then, we ask the Craftsmen of England, to weigh in their minds the possibility of lending a helping hand to the Girls' School without entrenching too far on what is recognised as the fair share of the companion Charity—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

It is we are sure quite unnecessary for us to make any lengthy remarks as to the way in which the work of the Girls' School is carried out. We do not claim for its management that it is perfection itself, but we have past results to point to, and these justify us in saying that the system in vogue is as nearly perfect as it could be, and we believe this feeling of satisfaction has no little share in securing for the Charity the wide-spread and generous support it has hitherto enjoyed. While speaking on this point we have a matter to refer to which we know will meet the approval of our readers, and all friends of the Institution, while it will afford special and increasing evidence of the truth of our present remarks. The result of the Cambridge Local Examination for 1888-9 has just been made known, and, as usual, the pupils sent up to that examination from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have nobly acquitted themselves. Out of 20 examined 18 passed, three of them with honours. The total results of the present year in connection with this Institution may indeed be described as excellent, for out of the total of 204

children in the main building, 50, or nearly one-fourth of the School, have been sent up for public examination, and 47 of these secured certificates. The other examination to which these figures refer was that of the College of Preceptors, when 30 competed and 29 passed. In connection with other public examinations we may mention that of the Royal Academy of Music, when two competed, and both passed, with honours; the Science and Art examination, when 50 competed and 38 passed; and the Drawing (2nd Grade) examination, when 40 competed and 29 passed. With such results before us we may fairly claim that the work of the Institution is efficiently done, and we think the Craft will admit it gets fair value for the funds subscribed.

Reverting now to the question of the coming Festival, the real object of which is to secure funds to continue this good work, there is one point we should like to impress on our readers, as it not only coincides with remarks we have made in years gone by, but offers a ready means of increasing the regular income of the Institution, a feature at all times desirable, but especially so whenever a permanent increase of pupils, such as is now contemplated, is being made. We allude to the matter of annual subscriptions. Of course it is very nice for the Masonic Institutions to receive donations of five, ten, twenty or more guineas at a time, but little fish are sweet, and annual subscribers of a guinea or upwards are not to be despised; indeed we should like to see a considerable increase under this head. It may be in the memory of our readers that one of the special inducements offered in connection with the Centenary had this object in view, and it would be well for Stewards and others to remember this at the present time, as by so doing they may add considerably to their own lists, and at the same time place the Institution in a far better position. The special inducement to which we refer was to the effect that Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not more than 12 months, should, on the completion of every six guineas so subscribed entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a donation of £5 5s, paid in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime. This is really a considerable concession, and should produce a good return for the coming and future Festivals, for there was a very large number of single guineas included in the total of last year, most of which should be capable of being repeated, if only their donors were properly approached on the subject.

With this small item of special moment, and our general survey of the work of the Institution, we dismiss the subject for the present, with the hope that all who read these lines will bear in mind what we have said, and cheerfully avail themselves of any opportunity which may arise in the future to benefit the Institution to which we refer. We have omitted to state that the Festival of the present year will be held in May next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, a Chairman well worthy of receiving all the support the Craft can afford. Let us hope he, and the management of the Institution, will not be disappointed when the result of the Festival comes to be announced, but that the grand success of last year may be followed by a fair return for the present one.

MASONIC LESSONS DRAWN FROM THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM.

An Address, delivered by Bro. Liggins, at the Floral Lodge Meeting of Lodge St. Leonards Samaritan, North Shore.

IN holding his Floral Lodge it is not our intention to make any innovation in our Masonic edifices or

principles, inasmuch as we are too deeply imbued we hope with love and reverence for our noble and ancient Craft to attempt to introduce into our Lodge room anything that could possibly be construed into a cause of offence to the brethren. Last November we held a similar festival to this, and so much real enjoyment and, we trust, some instruction resulted, that we determined this year to repeat the experiment. On that occasion, as in the present instance, we had cleared off all arrears of work, and determined prior to recommencing our labours, to devote one evening to beautifying our handsome Lodge-room with an abundance of the lovely products of the garden and the field; to feast our eyes upon rich combinations of colour and inhale the delicious fragrance which kindly mother nature lavishes upon us at this season of the year. In doing this we are not actuated entirely by selfish considerations, for to-morrow morning these beautiful flowers will be conveyed to one of our hospitals, where many of our fellow mortals are lying upon beds of suffering, and we hope the sight of our simple though lovely offerings will gladden the hearts of some poor stricken bodies, and incline them to waft a grateful thought to the Masons meeting here to-night for having remembered them in their dreary hours of pain and anguish. Such a thought adds lustre to our gathering, and awakens the best feelings of our common nature. If this alone were the object of our meeting we think it would be sufficient justification for this somewhat novel gathering. But, putting this consideration aside, we contend that flowers in a Masonic Lodge are not out of place—they are as much the work of the Great Architect of the Universe as the glorious luminary of nature or the queen of night, the stars which bespangle the vast canopy of heaven or the wondrous globe which we inhabit. The lovely blossoms which beautify our gardens and do so much to render our homes attractive, are entirely fashioned and coloured by the Grand Geometrician, and though man can plant and cultivate, it is beyond his power to create a single blade of grass, make the smallest atom of soil, or implant the germ of life in the meanest weed that grows. We then regard flowers as the handiwork of our Creator, and may draw lessons from and discern hidden meanings and moral truths in these beautiful annual offerings of all-bounteous nature. In this respect, therefore, our Floral Lodge is in thorough harmony with the principles of Masonic teaching, and the closer we investigate the working of nature in sowing the seed, quickening the hidden germ, producing the leaf and developing the blossom, the better shall we be able to marvel and admire, and estimate the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator. The vegetable kingdom offers a rich field for investigation in the pursuit of moral lessons akin to those which run so plentifully throughout our Masonic teachings. Trust in T.G.A.O.T.U., for without His sustaining power and protection we are like the tiny plant, helpless. Our life we derive from Him, the air we breathe, the food which nourishes our frames, and the power of growth and development all come from the same great source. The principle of progression is implanted alike in the man, the Mason, and the tree: there is no such thing as stagnation: animate or inanimate objects are ever changing—we are impelled continually onward—the sun never stands still—the earth constantly revolves on its axis, and all things are obedient to this great law—bearing this in mind it is essentially necessary for the proper development of our higher nature that as Masons we should ever seek to cultivate the noblest thoughts, the loftiest aspirations, and strive to attain the highest ideal—by so doing, every step will lead us into fairer regions, will enable us to survey a grander prospect and lead us nearer and nearer to that perfection which the best men in all ages have unceasingly striven to reach. The plant endeavours to make the most of its possibilities—it sends out its roots in search of the best nutriment within reach, and expends it in forming the bud, the leaf, and the flower, handing the fruits of its labours in seed for the benefit of succeeding generations. So the Mason's work should go on, gathering nourishment and strength from every available quarter, not storing his gains as the miser hoards his gold, but putting everything to its best use, and expending his energies for the welfare of those around him, to be handed down to posterity for the advantage and improvement of those who follow. We are frequently told that nature abhors a vacuum, stagnation is equally forbidden, for deterioration or death ensues. Masonry is a progressive science, and unless this principle be ever kept in view,

our Members and our Lodges will fail of their high mission and wither and decay. To every healthy person death is repulsive, and while we know it must come to an end, let us like the plant endeavour with our utmost power to make our decay prove a living death, so that our work may survive us and become fruitful in blessing those who follow. Flowers teach us humility; for while we admire the stately lily for its beauty and purity, or love the rose because of its form, colour and fragrance, let us not fail to draw a lesson from the humble violet which modestly hides its sweetly perfumed blossoms in the sheltering leaves. We can also learn obedience in our gardens. When the gentle rains are withheld and the kindly dews are insufficient to sustain the plant, it droops its head in submission and uncomplainingly yields its very life, an offering of devotion and fidelity to nature's decree—"thus we learn to be meek, humble, and resigned." Secrecy and fidelity are also taught by flowers—the secrets and mysteries of form, colour, and development, are never divulged, but are transmitted to their successors pure and unaltered—the radiant geranium does not impart the mystery of its brilliant colouring to the sweet mignonette, and the woodbine keeps from the handsome dahlia the secret of its delicious perfume, but every tree and plant remains faithful to the laws which govern it. From the study of horticulture we may acquire the useful lesson of benevolence and charity—the lovely blossom is ever diffusing its scent and unfolding its radiance regardless of praise or reward—the tree affords a grateful shade from the noon-day sun; its leaves help to purify unwholesome atmosphere, its blossoms provide honey for the birds and bees, and its fruit nourishment and refreshment for man—it ungrudgingly yields its stores for the benefit of all within reach. So the true Mason makes himself felt and appreciated whenever help is needed—he does not stop to consider what advantage he may gain by dispensing charity, visiting the sick, or speaking a kindly word to the down-hearted and disconsolate, but is ever at the disposal of those who need his assistance. The man who thus keeps himself in touch with his unfortunate fellows is producing a rich harvest which will never fail. The vegetable world embodies the Masonic virtue—silence. While the work of growth is going on, and every part of the tree or plant is undergoing incessant change, there is no noise—the most acute ear may strain every nerve to catch the faintest whisper, but all in vain, for not a sound can be heard—the boisterous wind may rush through the branches in blustering haste so as to almost deafen the listener, but the roar is the swiftly moving air only—the monarch of the forest himself is silent. Flowers, like Masonic virtues, are never out of place—whether in the field, the garden, the mountain side or the still pool, they are always delightful to the eye—in the adornment of a woman or in the tiny hand of a little child, whether ornamenting an apartment, gracing a wedding, adding beauty to a festival or relieving the gloom of a funeral, they are never incongruous—they bespeak affection, peace, beauty, gratitude, purity, and love, and we welcome them in our Lodge-room as emblems of these qualities and graces we all admire. Plants are capable of the highest cultivation—no effort is thrown away on them. On the contrary, they respond to every well-directed attention—new varieties, richer odours and novel tints and forms reward the skilful horticulturalist, and in this respect the Mason may learn a useful lesson. By watchfulness and diligence the working of our numerous and beautiful degrees may be improved, the impressiveness of our ceremonies be deepened and a fuller meaning be conveyed alike to the brethren and candidates. A careless gardener will assuredly exert a prejudicial influence on the products of his ground, and the incapable or indifferent Master of a Lodge will create inertness or even dissatisfaction amongst the brethren. When unfortunately this occurs, Masonic deterioration ensues, and the tenets inculcated in the Lodge fall short of their mission. It is therefore the paramount duty of every ruler amongst us to be industrious, ever watchful and zealous for the honour of the Craft, and careful to promote the grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. No effort in this direction will ever be unavailing, but the welfare of the Lodge and improvement and comfort of the brethren under his direction must ensue. The sun which diffuses warmth and light over the world is necessary to the life of the plant, so is the skilled Master needed in the Lodge to instruct

and enlighten the members. Our theme is almost inexhaustible, but enough has been said we think to show that Masonic lessons may be drawn from the vegetable kingdom as well as from Lodge furniture, emblems, or working tools. In placing these few crude ideas before you, we have merely scratched the surface, but there are grander heights and lower depths attainable by all who take the pains to investigate the subject. The study of the useful arts and sciences is recommended to every newly-made Mason, and in prosecuting our researches this evening we have not disturbed a single landmark of our Order. The beautiful flowers which adorn our Lodge-room in such profusion convey to our hearts and minds principles which should always be working within us, and which presented in a new form may unfold a deeper meaning, and make us better fitted for that Grand Lodge above, whither we hope all of us are tending.—*Sydney Freemason.*

Obituary.

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BRO. J. A. BIRCH.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Brother J. A. Birch, yarn agent, of Holly House, Timperley, which took place at Blackpool, on Wednesday morning. Brother Birch was sixty-four of age, and was a native of Flixton. He was educated at the Manchester Grammar School. His father was largely engaged in Oldham as a cotton spinner, and the subject of this notice, after learning the business, was established in a mill of his own in Oldham-road. He afterwards went abroad for some years, and on his return was appointed manager of the North Shore Mills, Liverpool. By a calamitous fire those mills were burned to the ground, when Bro. Birch came again to Manchester, and began business as a yarn agent. He became interested in Freemasonry, soon attained high rank as an officer, and actively participated in the management of the Charities connected with the Order, both in London and in Lancashire. He was treasurer to the Railway Servants' Orphanage. On the 18th July 1874, Bro. Birch entered the Manchester City Council as a representative of St. Ann's Ward, and was a member for a period of eight years. He was elected a member of the Gas, Waterworks, and Rivers Committees, upon all of which—especially the last—he rendered valuable service. When the movement was started for regulating and limiting the hours during which children should be permitted to vend newspapers in the streets, his benevolent sympathies led him to take a prominent part in it, and the success which subsequently attended an application to Parliament was largely owing to his zealous advocacy and support. As a magistrate and as one of the visiting justices, his intelligence and assiduity were appreciated by his colleagues. On the platform, as in the City Council, he was a fluent, argumentative, and successful speaker. The Church Temperance Society, which has had his support for a long period, will feel his loss keenly.

BROTHER GEORGE NEWMAN P.M. P.Z. 766.

This respected brother died at his residence, in Holloway Road, N., on Monday, the 4th instant. Bro. Newman was a Past Master of the William Preston and Lion and Lamb Lodges; a P.Z. and founder of the William Preston Chapter; a P.M. of St. Mark's Mark Lodge; and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. The funeral took place, on the 11th instant, at East Finchley Cemetery, and was largely attended by members of the Masonic Order, among whom were Bros. William Worrell P.M. and Secretary 766, E. Kidman P.M. 766, and F. G. Barns S.W. 766. A very handsome wreath of flowers was laid on the coffin, "in affectionate remembrance, from the brethren of the William Preston Lodge."

The annual supper of the members of the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction will take place, on Tuesday next, at the Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, at 7.30. Tickets 3s 6d each.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, has been removed from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., and now meets at the City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m.

FURTHER COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 149.)

I DID not consult the *Freemason* of 1885 and 1886, which contains articles by Bro. Lane and Bro. Abbott, about the "lost link" or oldest record of the "Ancients," discovered by Bro. Sadler in 1885. Well, according to Bro. Abbott's account, the whole number of those who originated the Ancients' organisation, on the 17th July 1751, consisted of seventy-four men. These divided themselves into five Lodges; later on, in July, another Lodge was added; it started with eight members. The Masters of these Lodges (forming themselves into a kind of Grand Lodge, began to grant Charters). I presume, the said Lodge of Masters placed their Lodge on the list as No. 1. How long a Lodge with No. 1 lasted is not very certain. The earliest Lodges of the Ancients begin with No. 2, and No. 1 continued vacant till 1759, when it was assigned to a Lodge now known as the "Grand Masters' Lodge." The Lodges ranging from No. 2 to No. 7 were older than the original No. 1 was. I, however, could find no more than 70 names for the first five Lodges. These names I classified into what seemed to me as decidedly *not Irish*. Second, into what I deemed decidedly *Irish*; and third, those that I deemed *doubtful*; and they sum up as follows, 46 decidedly *not Irish*, 15 decidedly *Irish*, and 9 *doubtful*. Admitting, however, that 9 *doubtful* were also *Irish*, we have 46 *not Irish* to 24 *Irish*, and if MacIntosh was placed among the *not Irish*, there would be more than two to one against the *Irish*. So much for Bro. Sadler's theory that the origin of the rival Grand Lodge was due to "Pat's" revenge for an insult given by the Grand Lodge to three *Irish* Masons in 1735.

Again, of these seventy Grand Lodge makers, no less than seventeen, or about 25 per cent., were soon after expelled. Assuming, however, that Bro. Abbott's counting of 74 names was correct, and assuming that No. 6, when it was erased in December 1752, mustered ten members, the sum total of the Ancients' originators would count 84, and out of these 84 no less than 27, or nearly 33 per cent., were soon after expelled; and it is my firm belief the remaining 53 of the Ancients' originators were not a whit better than those whom they expelled.

Those who have not personally witnessed the bad feeling engendered among Masons when a Grand Lodge jurisdiction is divided into hostile ranks can scarcely imagine or realize its effect. I, however, have witnessed it, and even see its effects now by what is going on among the Scotch Rites in almost every State in America. Thus, when I came to New York, in 1842, I found there two rival Grand Lodges. Later on there was another split, and they had three Grand Lodges, and each of these denounced the other two as illegitimates, bogus, &c., &c.

Again, since 1848, the city of Boston became the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, or Holy of Holies, for the "Northern Jurisdiction" Scotch Rites. Up to 1860 Bro. Raymond, of Boston, enjoyed the magnificent title of "Thrice Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S. of America," and Bro. C. W. Moore was his "Thrice Illustrious Grand Secretary of the Holy Empire." But in 1860 the Sovereign and his Secretary had a quarrel, which resulted in the Sovereign deposing his Secretary, and the Secretary deposing his Sovereign. The first appointed a new Secretary and the Second appointed a new Sovereign. Then "the tug of war began," which lasted for six years, during which time scores of abusive pamphlets were fired off by the rival factions against each other, and the hatred between them was equal to that between North and South about the slavery question.

I must, however, premise that Scotch Rites, as a rule, are naturally *splitters* and *dividers*, and wherever that wonderful kind of Masonry was planted, sooner or later it split up into two or more factions. In New York two rival bodies have existed since 1813. They are respectively known as *Cerneauites* and *Gourgassites*. The *Cerneauites*, however, seemed to have got the upper hand, for while they kept up their organization, poor Gourgass's concern dwindled to nothing, and for some years he remained Grand Sovereign only over himself. But, in 1844, Charles W. Moore, of Boston, helped Gourgass to revive his concern, and in 1848

Bro. Raymond bought the Sovereignty of the Scotch Rite from Gourgass, and removed its headquarters from New York to Boston. Up to 1860 the Scotch Rite concern was confined to a few only. Bro. Raymond was no scholar, but he was a rich gentleman. Bro. Moore was puffed up as "the greatest Masonic jurisprudence authority in the world." The remaining few privileged brethren were either Doctors, Lawyers, or past Dignataries of the Grand Lodge. Such, I believe, was the case in the other States of the Union subject to the Boston Sovereign Raymond. In 1845 Gourgass introduced the Scotch Rite into England, where Doctors Leeson, Oliver, Crucefix, and other supposed Masonic sages, appropriated it to themselves. All these Scotch Rites displayed a tremendous amount of learning; they dived into all kinds of hidden mysteries; they were familiar with the Kabbala, the Eleusinian Mysteries, Egyptian Hieroglyphics, and what not, and the mass of the Fraternity were too ignorant to suspect that those learned degreers were as ignorant of Masonic history as they themselves were. These Scotch Rites were therefore, up to 1860, regarded and venerated as a kind of Masonic aristocracy.

The split in 1860 between Raymond and Moore resulted in demolishing the Scotch Rite exclusiveness. Bro. Moore, who was for years the Grand Master maker for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, whom everybody feared and flattered, saw at once that the Raymond party would oust him out of his Grand Secretaryship in the Grand Lodge, to obviate which he offered to turn all Masons into *thirty-seconders* of the Scotch Rite for the small sum of twenty-five dollars. In reality, however, every one that had a vote in the Grand Lodge, or a prospect of getting a vote, was *thirty-seconded* for nothing, and as many as three hundred individuals were turned into *thirty-seconders* in one night. On the other hand Raymond united with the New York Cerneauites; these opened a hall of their own, and also turned for little or nothing hundreds into *thirtiers*. The result is, Scotch Rites may now be counted by thousands in Boston, and *thirty-thirders* by scores, but as every Scotch Rite *thirty-thirder* seems to possess an inherent right of opening a new concern of his own whenever he pleases, hence since the union was effected between divers factions in 1866, several other *thirty-thirders* set up new concerns of their own, and in all cases they begin by giving away their degrees for little or nothing.

The Ancients when they started adopted the same plan. Thus the Grand Lodge of England, since 1729, charge for a Warrant £2 2s; the Ancients' price for a Warrant was only 10s 6d; the price for initiation and joining a Lodge was probably reduced at the same ratio. If a dozen men clubbed together and paid one shilling each, they could get a Warrant to open a Lodge and have eighteen-pence to spare for beer, and if for five shillings or so one could be initiated into Masonry, it was very easy to increase the number of Masons and of Lodges too, but the difficulty was in keeping these together, and this will account for large numbers of the originators of the Ancients' concern being expelled very soon after, and it will also account for the disappearance of the earliest Lodges of the Ancients, as I shall show hereafter. Thus, No. 2 of the Ancients' lived longer than the rest of the Lodges of 1751. It seems that the brother who brought with him the Ancients' Masonry to Philadelphia applied to Lodge No. 2 to procure for Philadelphia a warrant. After some delay Dermott wrote to Philadelphia, in 1766 I believe; your application, said he, was made in a wrong corner. The Lodge is composed of poor mechanics (I write from memory), and he referred disparagingly to one of its members, doubtless the chief leader of the Lodge. We see that the social status of the oldest Lodge of the Ancients remained unimproved in 1766, thus proving that if a decent tradesman happened to be initiated therein he found the company too disagreeable to remain with them, and the result was, a few years later No. 2 disappeared from the list, and another Lodge got her number. But here is another instance of the kind of Lodges that were chartered by the Ancients. Bro. Abbott, in the *Freemason* of 1886, says:

"And for the amusement of the reader, I may state that No. 35, Warranted 19th April 1754, is described as meeting, on the 2nd and 4th Friday, at the King's Bench Prison."

Having proved the worthlessness of the original Ancients of 1751, I must here add that a change for the better no doubt took place after the nobility began to patronise them. After Dermott succeeded, by his bragging and lying, to make *insiders* and *outsiders* believe that his

Masonry was more Ancient than the Grand Lodge of England, and after he had bamboozled the Grand Lodges of Ireland and of Scotland with a belief that the Grand Lodge of 1717 never had the true Master's word, and that they were mere Masonic pretenders; when people began to believe so, when Dermott's *ancientness* began to be admitted by writers of the other side, then of course a better class of candidates began to pour into the Ancients' Lodges. The price of a Warrant was also raised, for the Philadelphians were charged something like £3 10s for the document they received; the price for initiation was probably also advanced. The Ancients could not, indeed, boast of high cultured members. The fact that a fellow like Harper was suffered to occupy a high position among them shows their poverty in that respect. But I have no doubt that the rank and file of the Ancients in 1770 was far ahead of what it was before Lord Blessington lent his name to them as G.M. Against all who were initiated in the Ancients' Lodges I have not a word to say. But about Dermott and his associates of 1751-2 I cannot find words strong enough to condemn their unscrupulousness.

I will now endeavour to exhibit the comparative longevity of the Ancients' earliest Lodges; five of which assembled on the 17th of July 1751, and the sixth joined them on the 29th following, thus:—

No. 2.—Declared vacant 4th June	1783.
<i>This No. was purchased by No. 32 in 1784.</i>	
No. 3.—Ceased to meet regularly in the latter end of 1751. Last entry, 7th Dec.	1757.
No. 4.—Lapsed about	1765.
No. 5.—Lapsed in	1761.
No. 6.—Lapsed in	1754.
No. 7.—Erased 27th December	1752.

The above items I have copied from Bro. Lane's Masonic Records. Owing to the vagueness of the Ancients' record, Bro. Lane had in some cases to use the word "about," which means uncertain. I have, however, no doubt that in both organizations Lodges were retained on the Lodge list for some years after they ceased to exist. We see above that No. 3 "ceased to meet regularly at the end of 1751," but it was retained on the list until 1757. And such was the case with Lodge No. 2, which was declared vacant in 1783, but from Gould's "Atholl Lodges" I learn that No. 2 was offered for sale in February 1778. Thus we know that No. 2 took up its abode at the "One Tun in the Strand," in 1769; how long it lived after that date remains to be found out.

Since the above was written I learn from Bro. Lane's Preface, that Nos. 7 and 10, after their erasure in 1752, were replaced by two younger Lodges. The last No. 7 was sold in 1783, and the second No. 10 "lapsed about 1768," and, if I am not mistaken, it is a curious fact that, out of sixty or more Lodges chartered by the Ancients up to 23rd December 1756, only six of these survived up to the end of the last century.

I must further add, that on page 12 of the "History of the Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning," by Bro. Allen Mackenzie, I find as follows, viz.—"There were no such Officers as Senior and Junior Deacons during the last century; the first appointment of that nature having taken place in 1816," and I hope that some one will inform us as to when the other Scotch Lodges began to appoint Senior and Junior Deacons.

Boston, U.S., 19th February 1889.

The first number of a new weekly journal, entitled "Work: an Illustrated Magazine of Practice and Theory for all Workmen, Professional and Amateur," will make its appearance on the 20th March. In the pages of "Work" will be found a clear and practical exposition of methods to be followed in every art, craft, and science that bears directly or indirectly on handiwork of a constructive or decorative character, freely illustrated with sketches, diagrams, or working drawings to scale. Messrs. Cassell and Company are the publishers.

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BRITANNIA CHAPTER, No. 312.

ON Monday, 4th inst., the members assembled, at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, Whitby, for the installation and investiture of Principals and other Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. W. H. Falkingbridge, having been re-elected, had not to be installed, but the installation of the other Principals was proceeded with, the ceremonies being ably and efficiently performed by Comp. John Stevenson P.M. P.Z. The Principals and Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year are as follows:—Comps. W. H. Falkingbridge M.E.Z., W. G. Lockey 2nd Principal, J. Tinley Stewart 3rd Principal, Silvester Reed S.E., J. N. Lawson S.N., J. Brooks P.S., W. H. Atlay and T. Atkinson Assist. Sojs., Joseph Oliver Dir. of Cers., T. H. Traeman Janitor, H. Wald Steward. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in first class style by Mr. T. Walker, at the Crown Hotel. The M.E.Z. presided, and the P.S. occupied the Vice-chair. The toasts appropriate to the occasion were duly honoured.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—This Chapter met as usual on Friday, 8th inst., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Moore M.E.Z., Grumant H., Patrick J., C. H. Stone S.E., Addington S.N., Stone P.S., and Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Woods as candidate. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Patrick for his work of 3rd Principal, for the first time in this Chapter. Comp. Grumant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Stone S.E. reported that the first annual supper (tickets 2s 6d each) would take place at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, 5th April, when Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor would act as chairman, and Addington M.E.Z. 1275 as vice-chairman.

MARK MASONRY.

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HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 6th inst., to instal Bro. C. R. H. Sellick S.W. as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Worshipful Bro. James Gidley, assisted by Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., H. Cole, R. Lavers, S. Jew, Aitken Davies, T. D. Ford, J. D. Cobledick, W. R. Velvin, F. Henwood. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Henwood I.P.M., Shephard S.W., Coyte J.W., Sellick M.O., Mudge S.O., Earley J.O., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Mudge S.D., Balkwill J.D., Br. midge I.G. The brethren, to the number of thirty-five, adjourned to Bro. Mortimer's, King's Arm's Hotel, where an excellent dinner was prepared and presided over by the Worshipful Master. Some good songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. Shephard, S. Jew, T. W. Lemon, Giles, Balkwill, Arcott, Cobledick, Wiles and others, a most enjoyable day being spent by all present.

DEVON LODGE, No. 215.

AT the Masonic Hall, Newton, on the 4th instant, Bro. Jarman, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Martin, assisted by the following board of Installed Masters:—Bros. Lane P.G.O. England, L. E. Bearne P.P.G.J.W., Charles Stevens P.P.G.J.D., John Oliver P.P.G.A.D.C., and F. C. Hallett P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—L. E. Bearne I.P.M., Lewis Stevens S.W., S. E. Endacott J.W., W. S. Gervis M.O., W. H. Lauder J.O., W. Vicary Treasurer, G. Townsend Warner Chaplain, J. Oliver Secretary, C. Stevens Registrar, Thomas W. Hayden S.D., R. H. Hambly J.D., E. W. Rocke I.G., Charles Pop D.C., R. H. Grimby Organist, J. Haywood Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LITTLE POINTS.

Wherever some Masons go there is a chill.
Malaria is bad, but not worse than a continually fault-finding Mason.
How happy some Craftsmen would be if there were never any designs on the trestle board!
Inordinate fervency and zeal may be as harmful as lukewarmness.
Worthy non-affiliates possess the rights of Masons, but not the privileges of Lodges.
Immortality is the crown of true Masonic faith and conduct.
The anchor of Masonic faith is fixed beyond the veil of death, surely and steadfastly.
To labour well and honourably is a great Masonic privilege and duty.
Well planned Masonic industry and perseverance bring sure reward.
The only Masonic use for "dampers" is that of subduing appetites and passions.
Like the light and heat of the sun, Freemasonry accomplishes its beneficent purposes.
He who truly trusts in God is never without an unfailing and invincible friend.
Masonic Master-building requires all the symmetry of wisdom, all the strength of mind and spirit, and all the force and beauty of truth.
If each day was Christmas, or New Year, how little it would be enjoyed! How common and irksome it would seem! Just so it would be to Masons if all their days were alike, and they had no festivals.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst. The following Companions were elected as the Grand Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart.	•	First Principal.
Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart.	•	Past First Principal.
William Mann	•	Depute Principal.
Frederick E. Villiers	•	Second Principal.
The Right Hon. Lord Saltoun	•	Third Principal.
R. S. Brown	•	Scribe E.
Dr. George Dickson	•	Scribe N.
William Officer	•	Treasurer.
James Webster	•	Recorder.
James Dalrymple Duncan	•	Chancellor.
George Christie	•	First Sojourner.
Colonel John Campbell	•	Second Sojourner.
Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington	•	Third Sojourner.
James Crichton	•	Sword Bearer.
William Black, C.E.	•	Superintendent of Works.
Colonel P. Stirling	•	First Standard Bearer.
H. J. Coventry	•	Second Standard Bearer.
John Taylor	•	Janitor.

REVIEWS.

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

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1889. Compiled by Bro. B. A. SMITH, P.M. 523, P.P.G. Standard Bearer.

THE seventeenth issue of this Calendar is before us, and from appearance is fully up to the mark. There are two slight changes in the arrangement of the present issue, the table of the days of meeting of Lodges in the Province is placed at the beginning instead of at the end, and the page containing the Leicestershire Freemasons' Hall and Library Committee now follows those containing the Committees of Provincial Grand Lodge. By this means the compiler is able to devote more space to detailing the increasing list of votes for the Central Masonic Charities. A capital portrait is given of Bro. George Toller, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland, with a short sketch of his Masonic career. The photograph is by F. W. Broadhead, of Leicester, and is a capital likeness. Amongst items of information given in the Calendar we notice a list of meetings of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the dates of meeting of the several Masonic bodies in the Province, to which are added lists of Officers for the year, lists of members of the various Lodges and Chapters in the Province, and roll of Lodges in the adjoining Provinces of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Norths and Hunts. Altogether the Calendar—which is of a convenient size for the pocket—reflects great credit on Bro. Smith.

The Weird Mystery. London: F. J. Lambert and Co., 18 Bouverie Street, E.C.

THE above is the title of a shilling novel that has been issued in connection with Messrs. Lambert's London Library. It is really the confession of Alice Woolner, written in prison, where she awaits her trial for murder. The book is edited by Philip May, son of one of the members of the Moira Lodge, No. 92. This gentleman has brought together a string of exciting events that cannot fail to interest the reader. The story deals with a woman who commits a murder, while temporarily insane, through the loss of her child. It is written in a style that cannot fail to invoke sympathy with the woman.

Wood Green Assembly Rooms.—An interesting concert was recently given by the students of Miss Bremner's Wood Green School of Music (Truro Road). The care with which the various items of the programme were delivered reflected credit both on the performers and on their tutor, and Miss Bremner is to be heartily congratulated on the success of the performance. The Misses and Masters Sugar were particularly good, as also was Miss Florence Morse, who was called upon for encores after both her songs. Mr. Frederick Bays gave two recitations, and was also honoured with an encore. Miss Bremner efficiently conducted throughout the evening.

Those of our readers who wish to pay "Dorothy" another visit had better do so at once, for this successful opera will be withdrawn from the Lyric after the 6th April. The theatre will then remain closed until the 20th April, when a new and original opera by the author and composer of "Dorothy," Messrs. B. C. Stephenson and Alfred Cellier, will be produced.

MARRIAGE.

LOUIS PURDY, to ELIZABETH, only daughter of W. H. OULLEN, of Aberdeen House, Peckham.

PROVINCE OF DURHAM.

COMP. Babington Boulton, acting as Grand Superintendent (in the absence abroad of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.), has appointed G. J. Wilson to the office of Provincial Grand Third Principal, which became vacant in January last, by the lamented death (at Ventnor, I.W.) of Comp. J. J. Clay, of Sunderland. Companion Wilson is one of the oldest Freemasons in England—if not in the world—having been initiated so far back as 25th April 1833, and though over eighty years of age he regularly attends Lodge and Chapter. He has been Worshipful Master of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, four times, viz., 1835, 1843, 1844, and 1857. He was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 1835, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1846, and Provincial Grand Junior Warden in 1850. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted as a Companion of the Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, in 1834; elected Third Principal (and installed at Whitby) in 1845, elected Second Principal (and installed at Durham) in 1846, elected First Principal (and installed at Durham) in 1850. He was appointed Provincial Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner in 1883, and is now Provincial Grand Third Principal. During the 56 years of Bro. Wilson's Masonic career he has served under six successive Provincial Grand Masters, viz., John George Lambton Esq. (afterwards first Earl of Durham), Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. (father of the present Provincial Grand Master), John Bowes, Esq., John Fawcett, Esq., The Marquess of Londonderry, and the present Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—The 26th annual festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, Wandsworth. The chair was taken at 6 p.m. by Bro. Higerty P.M. 1044 and 1714 P.P.G.D. Surrey; Bros. J. J. Black S.W., Baker J.W., J. M. Parsons Secretary, Jones 1563 Treasurer, Brooks S.D., Taverner J.D., and R. Monger I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, when the second Lecture was worked in a most admirable manner by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Foddy 1044, J. G. Carter P.M. 1044, Monger A.D.C. 1044, H. Baker 1360, J. M. Parsons J.D. 1564. The brethren present numbered 55. A very imposing feature of the evening was the reading of a letter from the Grand Lodge of Germany, sent by the personal direction of the late Emperor Frederick, acknowledging a letter of condolence from this Lodge of Instruction on the death of the Emperor William I. A great honour to the Lodge. Several brethren were unanimously elected members, and before closing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and the "Section workers" for their excellent work, by Bro. Brooks S.D. Lodge being closed, the banquet followed, and the usual toasts were responded to enthusiastically, those of the Committee, Section workers, the Mother Lodge, and the Visitors meeting with special recognition. Bro. Grundy 1558 spoke in glowing terms of the abilities of the W.M., both in his capacity of Preceptor and as presiding Master that evening. Bro. Carter P.M. also received great praise for his ability and zeal as Preceptor and in the interests of Masonry. The worthy Secretary, Bro. Parsons, after giving a short account of the prosperous state of the Lodge, was greeted with a storm of applause. During the evening the W.M., in a most pleasing and impressive speech, presented, on behalf of certain of the brethren, Bro. Higgs P.M. 106 with a very handsome P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a mark of their high esteem. Bro. Higgs, who was evidently taken by surprise, thanked the brethren very warmly for their beautiful gift, and strongly exhorted them, as fellow-workmen and as Masons, to adopt, not only in thought but in action, the true principles of Masonry. With the Tyler's toast, "God Save the Queen" (solo violin by Bro. Lean) brought this most successful festival to a close. The musical part of the programme was under the superintendence of Bros. Professor Giraldoni 235, and Monger 1044.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TEMPLE LODGE No. 101.

THE Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, was the scene of a goodly gathering of the members on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, when Bro. J. Bond, proprietor of the Station Tavern, Camberwell New Road, was presented with a gratifying testimonial. This consisted of a gold decoration, bearing the silver cross keys, emblematic of the office of Treasurer, which Bro. Bond has held for more than twenty years. The following is the inscription:—

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

ON Tuesday, the 12th instant, the new W.M. of this popular Lodge, Bro. Henry Lindfield, presided at the regular meeting, held at the Albion, where he was supported by Past Masters Green (Treasurer), Radcliffe (Secretary), Hentsch, Back, Morgan, Dickson; King P.M. 172; H. Nash S.W., King J.W., Orton Cooper S.D., Kirkland J.D., &c., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. J. Bennett was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Arrangements for an outing during the summer months, the brethren to be accompanied by their ladies, were foreshadowed, and we doubt not that when the day arrives will be voted as perfect as on previous occasions. An ample supper followed; after which an hour or so was spent in social converse and with jovial song. In the course of the evening Bro. Orton Cooper recited the following lines, and modestly confessed himself the author when a request was made that that individual should be "named."

THE SEVEN AGES OF FREEMASONRY.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players,"
So says our Bard, and surely 'twould be hard
If Masons could not act as other players;
So your permission now I humbly crave
While we may reckon what lives Masons have.
Our hero, we will take, just like the Sage's,
And trace him, step by step, through seven ages.

At first the 'Prentice, full of doubts and fears,
And mind uncertain as to smiles or tears,
With strange misgivings, yet undaunted heart,
Enters the Lodge—and so he plays his part.

And then the Craftsman, with true zeal inspired,
His soul with noble aspirations fired;
The Master's precepts now his greatest care,
Resolves henceforth to act upon the Square.

Next Master Mason, raised to third degree,
Entitled now to share our mystery;
A Friend, and Brother, to the world is sent,
His Badge the emblem of his good intent.

In office now, as Inner Guard, he stands,
And Candidates receives from Tyler's hands.
A great ambition fills his manly breast,
His lawful aim within the Chair to rest.

The Deacon and Instructor next we see
Leading the Novice in Freemasonry;
Signs, Tokens, Words, does he impart to each,
With proper steps the Pedestal to reach.

Still working up, he fills the Wardens' Chairs,
First in the South, then in the West appears;
Assisting loyally the Lodge to school,
The Lodge that he some day may have to rule.

At length he enters on the final stage;
But no decay is here, nor sign of age.
Full in the prime of his Masonic years,
The honoured title, "Master," now he bears;
Elected by his Brethren to the place,
He rules his Lodge with courtesy and grace;
With dignity the sacred Ritual gives,
So in him, once again, our Founder lives.
Thus, when his year of office comes to close,
He earns at last well-merited repose;
And, as the sun sinks grandly in the west,
So, in like splendour, goes he to his rest.

ORLTON COOPER.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 7th inst., Present:—Bros. James Robinson W.M., E. G. Chesworth S.W. V. M. Vutchoff J.W., Septimus Staton Secretary, J. Read S.D., Frederick Spencer J.D., John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. D. of C, William Garside Organist, James McLeod I.G., Past Masters Wm. Nicholl P.P.G.T., James Dawson, J. R. Lever, James Wilson, H. Walmsley, R. R. Lisenden, W. B. Akerman, John Garside, and Thomas Bushell. Bros. A. Wild, F. Wolstencroft, A. Allen, G. E. Swendell, H. Samuels, J. E. Burd, C. E. Daber, J. E. Elderton, Edward Smith, W. Rottmeyer, and George Jackson. Visitors:—E. Pike P.M. 2109, C. Neale S.W. 1357, R. A. Eldershaw P.M. D.C.

204, George Burslem P.M. 1496, John Morris J.D. 1496, J. Johnstone 1011, and J. L. Taylor 852. The brethren assembled at 6.15, to tea, and at 7.15 the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Isaac Chadwick P.M. Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, as a joining member, and announced favourable. In the second degree, Bro. Alfred Allen, who was a candidate for raising, answered the necessary questions in a most satisfactory manner, and retired. In the third degree, Bro. R. R. Lisenden P.M. Provincial Grand Steward took the chair, and raised Bro. Allen to the sublime degree of a M.M. Bro. Lisenden also related the traditional history, and explained the tracing board. Bro. John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A. Director of Ceremonies presented and explained the working tools, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed, at 8.45. A pleasant though short time was spent at the social board, where the health of the newly raised Bro. Allen, the Visitors, Worshipful Master, Past Masters, &c., were proposed and responded to. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. W. J. Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, who was on his way to Algiers, sending hearty good wishes. Much regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. J. W. Edwards P.M. through illness.

FORESTERS' LODGE, No. 456.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place, on the 28th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter. The Lodge assembled at half-past two o'clock, when there was a goodly number of brethren present. Owing to the absence, through illness, of the W.M. Bro. J. E. Wood P.G.J.W., the Lodge was opened by Brother Charles Bunting P.P.G.D., when Bro. Joseph Treadgold was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being very effectively performed by Bro. J. Hewson P.M. 792 P.P.G.D. Lincolnshire, Dr. J. S. Crapper P.M. 418 P.P.G.D.C., and J. Payne Hall P.M. 456 P.P.G.D.C. The ceremony over the W.M. invested the following:—Bros. G. H. Tortoiseshell S.W., Samuel Keeling J.W., the Rev. H. Abud Chaplain, H. Bagshaw Treasurer, J. Payne Hall Secretary, Herbert Vernon S.D., F. W. Simpson J.D., Dr. G. Green-slade D.C., E. Hodgkinson Organist, Bunting Steward, Bower I.G., Charles Taylor Tyler. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned at five o'clock to a banquet, served by Bro. Hodgkinson, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held, on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge, to instal Bro. C. R. H. Sellick S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. John D. Cobledick and R. Lavers. The Officers were invested as follows, viz.: Bros. J. Sheppard I.P.M., Coyte S.W., Gully J.W., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Mudge S.D., Sellick J.D., Balkwill I.G., Mortimore D.C., Farley A.D.C., Giles Organist, Coyte and Wiles Stewards, and Pillage Tyler. Bro. John Cobledick presented the retiring Worshipful Master with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—

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GOOCH LODGE, No. 1205.

THE members met at the Queen's Royal Hotel, Swindon Station, in large numbers, on the 1st instant, at the installation meeting. The retiring W.M. was Bro. McLean and the W.M. elect Bro. Lovegrove P.M. 1938 P.P. Grand Superintendent Works, North Wales and Salop. Bro. McLean was the Installing Officer. Bro. Lovegrove appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Williams S.W., Evans J.W., Birch Treasurer, Moore Secretary, Haydon S.D., Hogarth J.D., Spackman I.G., Whitehead Organist, Jones D.C., Jervis and Hamp Stewards, Jackson Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren attended a fine banquet at the hotel, presided over by the new W.M. The guests included Bros. Lloyd Grand Chaplain England, Streeten P.M. 1848, Wallis 1073, Hayne 1612, Moore 973, Westlake and Birt 121, Kinneir, Matthews, Gregory, Affleck, Green, Appleby, Radway, Butterworth, Barnes, Whitehead, Withy 365, and others.

BOOTLE LODGE, No. 1473.

ON Thursday, the 7th instant, this Lodge held its annual meeting to instal the incoming W.M., and it was largely attended. This was the fifteenth anniversary of the Lodge, which has proved of great utility to the brethren in the rapidly rising borough at the North-end. The chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Herbert Taylor. After preliminary business, Bro. Dr. Herbert Taylor W.M. installed, in a highly satisfactory manner, Bro. Forsyth, who was presented by Bros. Duncan and Clarke, after which the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. Dr. Taylor I.P.M., Alexander S.W., Hogarth J.W., Ibbs Treasurer (re-elected for the thirteenth time), Hale Secretary, Gill Assistant Secretary, Pope S.D., Rawlinson jun., Junior Deacon, Fletcher Inner Guard, Buchanan jun. Senior Steward, Mearns J.S., and Councillor I. Platts D.C. Bro. H. Owens was elected Tyler in lieu of Bro. Blake, who retires after fifteen years' honourable service. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the late Secretary, Bro. H. Wyatt, for his valuable services. During the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of individual members of the Lodge, and a very enjoyable programme of music was effectively rendered by Bros. J. Busfield, D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, and O. J. Rowlands.

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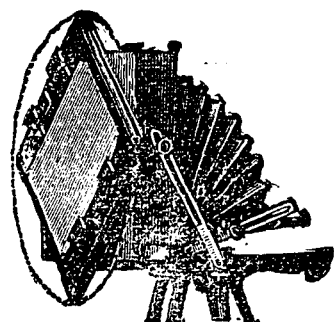
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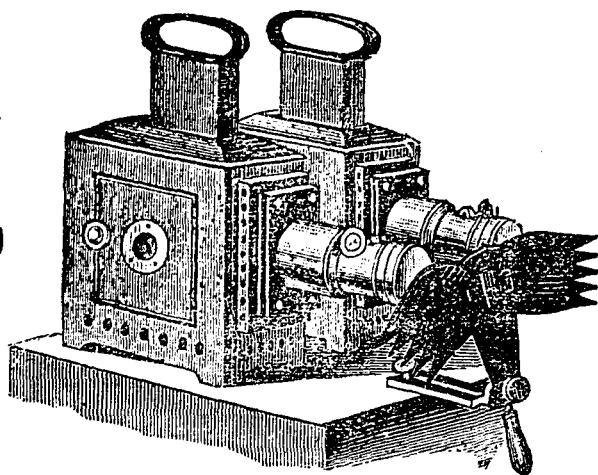
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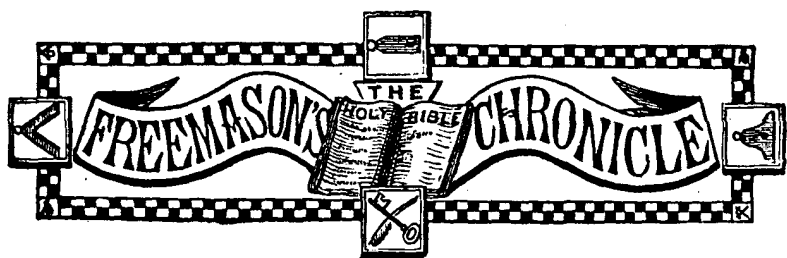
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MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. David Pulsifer, the Boston antiquary, whose name I have mentioned more than once, especially in connection with the "Sea Members' List of the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence," sent last year, for the Exhibition at Glasgow, a certain manuscript. The other day Bro. Pulsifer showed me a small book, sent to him from Scotland, called "The Book of the Bishop's Castle." It is in fact a catalogue of Archæological curiosities, exhibited last year in Glasgow; on page 89 I find:—

"374. The original parchment Manuscript of the Confession of Faith, subscribed at Glasgow in 1638, with autograph signatures. Lent by David Pulsifer, per David Murray, LL.D."

On pages 198-9 and 200 the Masonic curiosities are thus described:—

"1072. St. Clair Charter, granted by the Master of Works, to James VI. and the Deacons and Freemen Masons of Scotland, to William Sinclair, of Roslin, 1600-1, as Patron and Protector of the Mason Craft. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by the late William Edmondstone, Professor of Rhetoric in the Edinburgh University.

Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh,
per D. Murray Lyon, Secretary.

"1073. Clair Charter of Confirmation of the above, granted by the Deacons of the Masons Lodge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Dunfermline, St. Andrews, and Dundee, and the Deacons of the Masons and Wrights of Ayr in 1628. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Professor Aytoun, Edinburgh.

Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh,
per D. Murray Lyon, Secretary.

"1074. Minute Book of the Roman Lodge of Freemasons, existing at Rome in 1735-37. The Lodge was suppressed by Pope Clement the Twelfth, in August 1735. Its Tyler was taken to the Inquisition, but was soon released. George Seaton, Earl of Winton, who was sentenced to death for having taken part in the Rebellion of 1715, but who escaped from the Tower of London, was 'Great Master' of the Roman Lodge when it was suppressed, and the Minute Book remained in his Lordship's hands till his death, in 1749, and came into the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1799. Among the autographs attached to these minutes are those of Lord Winton, Allan Ramsay, son of the celebrated Allan Ramsay the Scottish poet, John Murray of Broughton, Sir Alexander Dick of Prestonfield, and other devoted Jacobites.

Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh,
per D. Murray Lyon, Secretary.

"1075. Minute Book of the St. Andrew's Lodge of Freemasons, Dumfries, of which Burns was an affiliated member, bearing the poet's signature to the bye-laws, on page 11, and containing the minute of his admission, 27th December 1788. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart.

Lent by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh,
per D. Murray Lyon, Secretary.

"1076. The Master's Mallet and Apron, used in the Lodge in Burns' time. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1879, by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart.

Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh,
per D. Murray Lyon, Secretary.

"1077. MS. Book of Charges of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.
Lent by the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

"1078. Minute Book of Mother Kilwinning from 1642 till 1758.
Lent by Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

"1079. Minute Book of the Mother Lodge, Kinwinning, from 1758 till December 1806.

Lent by Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

"1080. Minute Book of Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, from December 1806 till 1842.

Lent by Mother Kilwinning.

"1881. Seal of Mother Lodge Kilwinning.

Lent by Mother Lodge Kilwinning of Kilwinning."

The above items in the Glasgow Exhibition were doubtless interesting to all thinking Masons. I, however, beg to call particular attention to the 'Minute Book of the Roman Lodge existing in Rome in 1735-37,' for, as Lord Winton ran away from England in 1715, he must have received his Masonry in France. Now, the said Minute Book might disclose the number of Masonic degrees the Lodge had; also whether it had Junior and Senior Deacons; and whether the

Officers were installed with some ceremony after every new election. In short, if there is anything interesting to Masonic students in the Minute Book, it ought to be made known.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 25th February 1889.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through the medium of your columns, to thank those brethren who came—from the East, South, North, and West—to vote for me last Wednesday, and assisted in giving me such a magnificent majority. To the Committee, the members of my mother Lodge, and those brethren who came voluntarily from such districts as Durham and Cornwall, my thanks are especially due, and I shall never forget their kindness. If it were possible I would thank each of them personally; as it is, I shall be obliged by the insertion of this letter in your next edition.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD TERRY.

Terry's Theatre, Strand, London, W.C.
11th March 1889.

COPY OF CENTENARY WARRANT.

No. 31, CANTERBURY.

WHEREAS it appears by the records of the Athol Grand Lodge or Old Institutions that on the 7th day of April 1755 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Bristol and which Lodge was then registered in the Books of the said Grand Lodge as No. 24 but which Lodge ceased to meet and work in 1765.

And whereas it appears by the Records of the said Athol Grand Lodge that on the 24th of March 1806 A Warrant of Revival or Renewal of the said Lodge No. 24 was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to renew and continue to hold the said Lodge at the Marquis of Granby, Canterbury in the County of Kent. But in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on the 27th December 1813 it became No. 37.

And whereas it farther appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 28th day of November 1776 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Fleece Inn, Canterbury aforesaid and named the "Industrious Lodge" and which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge as No. 498. But in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on the 27th day of December 1813 it became No. 416.

And whereas it further appears that in the year 1819 the said "Industrious Lodge" by and with the authority of the Grand Lodge became incorporated with the said Lodge No. 37 and such united Lodge thenceforth continued to act and hold its meetings under the Title or Denomination of the "United Industrious Lodge" No. 37. At the general closing up of the numbers in 1832 it became No. 34 and by the alteration and closing up of the numbers in 1863 it has become and now stands on the Registry as No. 31 meeting at 38 Saint Peter's-St Canterbury in the County of Kent under the Title or Denomination of

The United Industrious Lodge.

And whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirous now that it has completed the Centenary of its existence to be permitted to wear a Jewel commemorative of such event and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

Now know Ye, &c. &c.

Given at London this 16th December A.L. 5878 A.D. 1878.

By command, &c.

JOHN HERVEY G.S.

Permission having been granted by the W.M. of No. 1743, the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743, will commence to hold meetings on Monday next, the 18th inst., at 7 p.m. (and on subsequent Moudays), at "Ye Old Cheshire Cheese," 23 Addle Street, Wood Street, E.C., under the guidance of Bro. J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., who will act as Preceptor. Bro. C. G. Sparrow P.M. 1743 will be the Secretary. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, now meets every Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at the Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire will ho'd its annual meeting, in the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Friday, the 22nd instant. Banquet at the Swan Hotel. at 4 o'clock.

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

AN interesting presentation has been made to a very popular member by Bro. H. Hirst the Worshipful Master. Bro. Hirst, in performing the ceremony, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. J. R. Ansdell P.M. P.P.G.S.B. North and East Yorkshire with a very handsome jewel for the services rendered by him to the Lodge in that capacity. In investing him with the jewel, in appropriate terms he assured Bro. Ansdell of the good wishes of every member of the Lodge, and trusted he would have many years of health and happiness before him. Bro. John Chappell then said he had the pleasure of presenting a highly finished and beautifully illuminated album for the acceptance of Mrs. Ansdell, and added the brethren felt that some slight recognition was due from them to her for the many hours of which she must have been deprived of her husband's company whilst transacting the business of the Lodge. Bro. Ansdell, in acknowledging the handsome and kind testimonial, could only say how very much he was taken by surprise with the kindness of the brethren, and how unnecessary such a recognition was for his slight services, but could assure them that in thanking them, both on behalf of himself and his dear wife, their kind and cordial treatment would never be forgotten.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Taylor as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday, 4th inst., in the presence of a large number of friends and visitors. The W.M. for the past year (Bro. Neil Leitch) performed the ceremony of installation in full Masonic form. The W.M. elect appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Neil Leitch I.P.M., W. Terrill S.W., Fred Lewis J.W., Dr. Walters Chaplain, John Rogers Treasurer, Morgan Williams Secretary, T. P. Martin S.D., N. M. Grose J.D., J. R. Davies D.C., T. T. Pascoe A.D.C., E. R. Brown I.G., W. B. Broad Organist, Allan Paton and W. H. Lewis Stewards, and George Bullerwell Tyler. A banquet was given at the Royal Hotel in the evening.

THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

THIS Lodge met on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, S.W. Present:—Bros. James Gibson (P.M. 1604) W.M., R. E. H. Goffin S.W., H. Mainwaring Dunstan J.W., W. H. Baker P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand (P.M. 1563) Secretary, C. C. Piper S.D., J. Hayler J.D., F. J. Smith I.G., W. Walkley Tyler. The three ceremonies were worked, candidates for all being present. Bro. R. E. H. Goffin S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Gibson was elected Treasurer. The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Cloots' restaurant, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Burdett-Contts, M.P., First Master, P.G.D., was present.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

A MEETING was held, at Drury Lane Theatre, on Tuesday, the 12th instant. Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Sir Edward E. Englefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., who was supported by his Immediate Past Master, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Catling, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, kindly performed the functions of Senior Warden, in the absence of that Officer. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs. Grimston, Somerset and Marshall were initiated. After this Brother Edward Lawson was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Powney was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Several propositions for brethren as joining members, and for gentlemen who desired to join the Order, were handed in, and will be considered at next meeting. Reference was made to the Festival of the Earlswood Asylum, to be held on the following day, whereat Bro. J. C. Parkinson would take the chair, and on proposition duly made and seconded a grant of Five Guineas was made from Lodge Funds in support of Bro. Parkinson's appeal. Bro. Catling, who it appears was initiated in the Drury Lane Lodge three years back, was complimented on the zeal he had displayed for Freemasonry, and congratulated on having attained the Mastership of the Savage Club Lodge. In recognition of the assistance he had given at their meeting it was decided to record the thanks of the members on the Lodge Minutes. The ceremonial work of the day was conducted by Sir John Gorst, who showed himself a perfect Master of the Ritual. Bros. Bancroft and Harry Nicholls, the Deacons of the day, were all that could be wished for as regards efficiency.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

IT was a very happy idea that prompted our good Brother J. S. Cumberland when he formulated the idea to establish this Lodge,—to provide a Masonic home in London for brethren from the Northern Counties. This was abundantly testified at the meeting held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when there was a large gathering of prominent Masons—both London and Provincial—to support the W.M. Bro. William Masters P.M. 1028. Amongst those who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, W. F. Smithson I.P.M., G. J. Wood P.M. P.P.G.P. Derby, S. B. Bolas Secretary, J. M. Peake S.D., George Davis J.D., Frank Wright I.G., Henry Giller P.M. Steward, C. R. Lee Steward, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W., W. Eyres, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain, C. G. Skingley P.M. Visitors—Bros. E. R. Ward P.P.G.S.W. Derby, T. W. Tew Provincial G.M. West Yorkshire, Theo. H. Tilton P.D.G.M. New York City, Colonel Harding P.A.G.D.C., E. C. Rice Oxley 506, John Simpson 442, T. Caparn P.M. 925, H. F. Grimshaw S.W. 920, W. G. Stott 667, W. B. Hardington 1009, J. Halden W.M. 1009, Horace Slade P.M. 60, J. H. Hughes P.M. 404, Henry Hughes P.M. 869 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. Schofield P.M. 1028 P.P.G.P. Derby, James Rogers P.M. 1984,

P.G. Steward Herts, J. S. Strachan P.M. 24 P.P.G.W. Norths H. Logan P.P.G.S.W., Dr. R. Morris Chaplain 1185, P. Deedes P.M. 1479, W. I. Spicer P.M. 569, L. Hirsch P.M. 1818, E. Flint 33, W. W. Lee 1897, A. Strugnell 2264, W. Wharton 47, G. H. Turner 47, George Cooper P.G.D., S. Jennings 142, Walter Jennings 142, W. Soden 1287, H. Bailey 1719, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Thomas Brown P.M. 1597, A. L. Fryer 1624, H. J. Dutton 1706, Arthur Weston 1929, Fred. W. Stephens 1348. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Lieut.-Col. Potham, as an Hon. Member, and for Bro. W. G. Scott, as a joining member; whilst Mr. Jas. Kershaw was a candidate for initiation. The result in each case was unanimous, and the latter candidate was impressively initiated by the W.M. (Bro. Masters), the charge being given by Bro. T. W. Tew Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire. Bro. E. R. Ward P.P.G.W. Derby had undertaken to instal his friend Bro. G. J. Wood P.M. P.P.G.P. Derby, and a Board of Installing Masters was formed, and Bro. Wood installed into the chair. The following Officers were then appointed:—Bros. W. H. Bullock S.W., J. M. Peake J.W., E. Carr Treasurer, S. B. Bolas Secretary, G. B. Davis S.D., F. Wright J.D., C. R. Lee I.G., W. G. Stott Organist, H. G. Giller and J. Lockett Stewards, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire D. of C., and H. Evenden P.M. Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. E. R. Ward P.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his efficient services. The W.M.'s first duty was to present the I.P.M. Bro. Wm. Masters with a P.M.'s jewel, and, on behalf of the members, he tendered him every good wish for the future, and expressed their appreciation of his work during the past year. Bro. Masters I.P.M. briefly returned thanks; he should feel honoured in wearing the handsome jewel as long as he lived. After routine work the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then partaken of, after which the Loyal toasts were done full honour to. In speaking of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he felt honoured that on his installation night there were so many present. He took it as a compliment, not only to himself but also to the Lodge. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, with whose name the toast was associated, confessed he was entirely unprepared to respond. Usually the senior Grand Officer present performed that duty. He had near him two very distinguished Grand Officers in the persons of the P.G. Chaplain and the P.G. Treasurer, and he had congratulated himself that he should not be called upon. However, the W.M. had asked him to reply for that section of the Grand Officers who were at work for the moment, and, speaking for the Executive, he could only say they were actuated by the same feelings as the other Grand Officers, and were grateful for the honour done them, while they could not forget that the brethren always kindly recognised the Masonic position they held. For himself, it was an especial pleasure for him to be present that evening; it was little more than three years ago that he had the pleasure of consecrating the United Northern Counties Lodge, and he was gratified to find that this child of his had so suddenly arrived at maturity. He found the project shadowed forth three years ago amply justified that evening. It was an excellent idea that brethren coming from the Northern Counties should have the opportunity of meeting together and renewing old associations. That that idea had been successfully carried out he realised in the splendid gathering around him. Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap., J. W. Woodhall P.G. Treas., and George Cooper P.G.D. also replied. The Prov. Grand Masters of the Northern Counties was the next toast on the list; before offering it the W.M. asked the Secretary to read letters from Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Marquis of Hartington, Earl of Zetland, and Colonel N. Starkie, and also from the Lord Mayor, who all expressed regret for enforced absence. The W.M. said that although those distinguished brethren were not present, he hoped before the year was out to see some of them, and the members would then do their best to receive them in a proper manner. It was his privilege to have on his right the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who had afforded them a considerable treat in the Lodge by the admirable manner in which he had assisted at the working of a ceremony. Brother T. W. Tew thanked the brethren. He could not but express the pleasure he had received in the part Derbyshire had taken in the installation ceremony that evening, when he recollected that he first saw the light of Masonry in that Province, in the year 1858, during the administration of the predecessor of the Marquis of Hartington, and that he was in the closest Masonic relationship with the Prov. Grand Master of Derby and his admirable Deputy. He might say that the Prov. Grand Masters of the Northern Counties worked together for the prosperity of the Craft in the Provinces under their respective commands, and if there was one thing they did for the welfare of their fellow creatures outside the Craft it was to lend themselves to the promotion of every good work. He hoped they should ever be loyal to those Charities, and accord them the hearty support they deserved. The Grand Secretary was right to speak of this Lodge as he had done. They in West Yorkshire felt it was an admirable thing to establish in London a Lodge where they from the North could come and find a Masonic home suited to their tastes and feelings, instead of, as previously, having to rely too much upon the kindness and generosity of their good friends in London. They were anxious to do one thing, and that was to act in co-operation with their friends in London in whatever was good for the promotion of Masonic principles at large, and he hoped the Grand Lodge would find it had no more loyal body of Masons than that numerous body of brethren embodied in the ten northern counties of England. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, said it was difficult in a brief speech to give anything like a retrospect of the Institutions. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had recently taken place, and the brethren had responded nobly to the appeal of that Institution. The other Institutions had yet to hold their Festivals, when he trusted the brethren would be as ready to assist the Institutions for Boys and Girls as they had that of the Old People.

They must not overlook the fact that the brethren had thought fit to have these Institutions, and therefore it was their bounden duty to support them. The Aged Masons and Widows looked to the Craft to render their declining years comfortable, and the lads and lasses also looked to the Craft generally for that education which should fit them to battle with the world. They in the North had a fund to which every subscribing member contributed half a crown, taken from his subscription, while 10s was given from joining and initiation fees, and this money was used for charitable purposes. He should like to see such a system exercised generally, so that every Lodge should contribute to the Charities, for it had occurred to him that the few were the real subscribers to those Charities, and that the many did not do their duty as they should. With respect to the executive officers at the head of the Institutions, he thought the Craft should support them so long as they felt they were doing their duty. As far as the Benevolent Fund was concerned, he thought it would be a good thing if relief was only given once to applicants, in view of the increasing demands made upon it. He wished every brother joining the Order to feel he was not joining for benefits to be received, but for the good he could do and the help he could give to those needing it. In whatever direction they used their efforts for the benefit of Charity they must not forget that their principal aim should be to support the three Masonic Institutions, and he trusted the brethren would perform that duty to the best of their ability. Bro. Cumberland's remarks seemed to be much appreciated by the Brethren, and his utterances were delivered with the characteristic fervour that invariably prompts him on these occasions. Brother Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Boys' School, responded; with regard to the Masonic Charities no brother had taken more interest in them than himself. During the past fourteen years he had laboured hard to bring the Boys' School to its present state of efficiency. Freemasonry had of late become immensely popular, and they already had a different class of children to those formerly in the Institution. It therefore behoved Freemasons to be careful whom they admitted to membership, for once a man became a Mason it was their duty to help him in time of need, to the best of their ability. Bro. W. Masters I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; the members were convinced that their votes had fallen on the right man in selecting Bro. G. J. Wood for the post. They were rather unfortunately placed, the Senior Warden and Junior Warden being unable to go on. It was necessary therefore that a P.M. should take the chair, and the choice fell upon Bro. G. J. Wood P.M. 1028, of which Lodge he was W.M. in 1881. He believed there was a brother with them who was present when Bro. Wood was initiated, and there were many Derbyshire brethren who desired to congratulate him on his installation. He was sure that at the end of the forthcoming year the members would not be dissatisfied with their choice. Bro. G. J. Wood said he was grateful to the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been received. The I.P.M. had said that perhaps next year they would drink his health more heartily than they had that night, but he thought nothing could exceed the kindness with which the toast had been received. He had simply done what he had been asked to do. He had undertaken certain duties, and if he had pleased them he was satisfied. He should endeavour to do his best—and he did not use that expression idly—to carry on the work, and, with the help of the Officers, on whom he could rely, he hoped to present a clean bill of health at the next meeting. He would now ask them to turn their attention to the next toast, which was the I.P.M. and Past Masters. They all knew what Bro. Masters the I.P.M. could do. Much of the happiness of that evening's gathering could be attributed to the credit of their I.P.M., for he had taken considerable trouble to arrange for the comfort of the brethren. It was an honour to have such a brother in the Lodge, and it was a pleasure to him (the W.M.) to have such a friend as Bro. Masters. He hoped the I.P.M. would be with them for many years to give them the benefit of his advice and support. Bro. Masters said that anything he had done had been a labour of love. If Masonry meant anything it should mean happiness among men, and since he joined that Lodge he had been brought into contact with brethren he would never otherwise have known, but whom he was proud to call his friends. He thanked them for the many kindnesses he had received during his year of office, and also for their handsome present, which he should wear with pride, and should prize as long as he lived. Bro. Smithson replied for the Past Masters, and said with reference to Bro. Cumberland's remarks on the subject of Charity, he did not think that since the formation of the Lodge it had been absent at any Festival. The W.M. had kindly consented to take up a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while the I.P.M. Bro. Masters had represented the Lodge at the late Benevolent Institution Festival. The Installing Master was the next toast. The W.M. said they were indebted to Bro. Ward for having come a long distance to instal an old friend. They could not have had the ceremony better performed; he hoped it was not the last time they should have Brother Ward with them. Brother Ward in response said it was a matter of congratulation to him when Brother Wood asked him to perform the installation ceremony. He trusted the W.M. would have a successful year, and he had no doubt he would prove a credit to the Lodge and to the Province of Derby. He thanked Bro. Tew for his complimentary remarks respecting the working. The Initiate responded to the toast given in his honour, and then the Visitors were complimented. Bro. Theo. H. Tilton responded. It had given him great pleasure to be present to witness the beautiful ceremony in the Lodge; he had never seen that ceremony rendered more impressively, either in England or America. It had been a pleasure to visit the Lodge two years ago during the administration of Bro. Cumberland, and he could note the progress made since that time. It must have been gratifying to Brother Cumberland to have been the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and to know that Freemasonry had been promulgated in the Northern Counties to the extent evinced by the large array of

brethren he saw present that evening. In America the Lodges numbered more members, but the fraternal feeling could not be in advance of that shown in this country. The brethren in England were ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and brotherly love to those coming over here, while they on the other side of the Atlantic would always extend that same cordial feeling to English brethren going to America. This was bringing the two countries closer together, more than anything that could possibly be thought of, and was cementing the great Anglo-Saxon race. There was not anything that could bring the people of those two great countries more closely together than the Masonic Fraternity, supported by the three great principles of brotherhood, justice, and truth, and resting upon the great foundation stone of Charity. Bros. Schofield P.M. 1021 and Major Spicer also replied. The Officers' toast was given, and replied to by Bro. Bullock S.W., after which the Tyler brought a successful and pleasant evening to a close. An excellent selection of music was rendered by Bros. Strugnall, Arthur Weston, L. Fryer, H. J. Dutton, Fred Stevens, and Stott.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. J. A. Farnfield presiding. There were also present Bros. Newton, Tattershall, Purchas, Hugh Cotter, Joseph Freeman, Cottebrune, Cubitt, Perceval, Hogg, Webb, Kempton, Berry, Durrant, Forsyth, Lacey, and James Terry (Secretary). After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of a widow annuitant, and the Warden's Report for the past month was read. The Secretary announced that at the annual Festival of the Institution, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, the amount of subscriptions and donations was £13,055, with 25 lists to come in, and that this sum had since been increased to £13,330, while the number of outstanding lists had been reduced to 17. A hearty vote of thanks to his lordship for presiding, and to the Board of Stewards for their services, was passed unanimously, the vote to be engrossed on vellum for presentation to the Chairman. An application by a widow to be allowed the half of her late husband's annuity having been acceded to, the Committee adjourned, after the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman had been passed.

ORIGIN OF MASONRY.

UPON the base of the "Cleopatra needle," which Egypt has given to America, are certain mysterious characters which so closely resemble the emblems of Freemasonry that prodigious stir has been caused among Masons in this country as to the real character of the inscriptions. If they could be shown to be truly Masonic they would establish the great antiquity of the Order which is so boastful of its age and descent. Among Masonic scholars the widest differences of opinion exist as to the age of the Institution, some dating it back to the time of Solomon, or even remoter time, and others ascribing its genesis to the period since which comes within the range of "ancient history." Still, there seems to be a prevalent opinion that however ancient the Institution may have been, and whatever traces of it can be discovered in remote times, the Masonry of to-day is a reconstructed and modernised system. An eminent Masonic authority (Colonel Thomas Picton), who takes this view of it, says that the origin of modern Masonry can be attributed to Lord Bacon. In the "New Atlantis" there is a description of Solomon and his house, and it is there said that the King set apart different days for prosecuting the arts and sciences. The "New Atlantis" was excessively popular among the learned men of Bacon's day, and they tried to establish a society, taking Solomon as an exponent of wisdom. It was encouraged by the court of James I., and his successor, Charles I., until the revolution broke out. Then the royalists, after the death of Charles I., reorganised their society for religious and political motives—the religion for the re-establishment of the church, the politics for the restoration of the monarchy. Next they invented what is called the legend of the third degree. Hiram Abiff was the murdered monarch. Hiram, the King of Tyre, was the King of France. Solomon was the church. Hiram's three assassins were the three kingdoms: England, Scotland and Ireland. The Masons of that day, who were the conspirators—the Jacobites—were necessarily a secret society. They called themselves, as the Masons of the European continent do to the present day, the Sons of the Widow, inasmuch as the King had been beheaded and his son had not been recognised. After the restoration the leading men of the movement formed the Royal Society, which exists to the present day, and they openly continued the work of the house of Solomon. The Jacobites in France continued their benevolent organisation. In England, immediately after the Restoration, a number of those who had been previously affiliated conjoined with a guild of so-called operative Masons, a body of freemen of London, meeting in Masons' Lane. They then became free and accepted Masons. In 1717 there appeared to be four Lodges in London. They met in the Apple-tree Tavern, placed the oldest Mason in the chair, and proceeded to organise a Grand Lodge, electing Sir Christopher Wren Grand Master. From that body originated all the Masonic Lodges at present known to be in existence.—Notes and Queries.

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, 16th MARCH.

- 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, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, 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.
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A. 5—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
 1697—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
 R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol

MONDAY, 18th MARCH.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemakers St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 993—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
 1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 2265—Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Evertor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Ball Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 K.T. 1—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Sney
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 19th MARCH.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)

- 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 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 8 (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.)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—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)
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 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. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, 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. 833—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 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.
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Merturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Freggullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourier, Cornwall
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 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—Concora, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clara, Suffolk
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2045—Wharton, Willesden
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th MARCH.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 31—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, Brough, 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)
 71—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 72—Panmure, Be'ham Hotel, Balham, 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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1278—Burdett Court, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 1361—Prince Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cabbitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 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. (In.)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct

1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 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. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cshhatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, 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
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 367—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 431—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 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
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 633—Yorkshire, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 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
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1018—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1248—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
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 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
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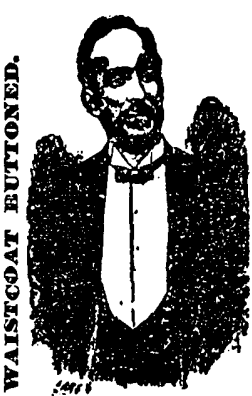
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