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MASONIC CHARITY WORK IN
HEREFORDSHIRE.

UNTIL the year 1878, says the *Hereford Journal*, it appears the Province of Herefordshire was somewhat noted in the Masonic world for the smallness of the sums it had contributed to the Institutions of the Order, although several Herefordshire children had been boarded and educated in the Masonic Schools, and some of the ancient local brethren and their widows had for many years received annuities from the Benevolent Institution. In the year referred to, Bro. Wm. Earle, during his Mastership of the Palladian Lodge, Hereford, took the preliminary steps towards forming a Local Association to aid the Charities. He has since continued the Honorary Secretaryship of this Association, which has been the means of sending a total of £661 10s to the three Institutions during the eleven years of its existence. This sum has been divided between the Charities, in the following proportions:—To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £241 10s (Male Fund £115 10s, Widows' Fund £126), to the Boys' School £236 5s, and to the Girls' School £183 15s.

We will not take to ourselves the entire credit of having brought about this change, which has taken place in this and other Masonic Provinces during the period of our existence, but those of our readers who knew us at the time to which we have just referred will agree that some share of the credit attached to this improved state of affairs in Herefordshire is due to our efforts. Suffice it to say, however the change may have been brought about, we are delighted to think that increased and systematic exertions are being made in this Province, with the object of raising money for the principal Charity Funds of the Order, and we hope that the Association inaugurated by Bro. Earle, and so successfully carried on under his Secretaryship, may continue for all time, and that it may increase year by year, both in usefulness and local estimation.

In considering the value of the work performed by this Association it is well to remember that the Province of Herefordshire is composed of but five Lodges, and one of them only dates back to the beginning of 1888, so that, for the greater part of the period during which the Association has been at work there have been but four Lodges from which to draw supplies. An average of contributions, therefore, of £60 per annum from the members of this Association to the three Charities is a most gratifying result, and one which will compare favourably with what has been done in other parts of the kingdom. But, as we may judge from the Report, presented at the Twelfth Annual Meeting, held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Monday, 29th ult., the Committee are not yet satisfied at what is being done, for they express the wish that all the brethren in the Province, especially those holding Provincial or

Lodge rank, would consider it their duty to obtain at least one Life Subscribership in a Masonic Institution, and they venture to hope that the Masters, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the five Lodges of the Province will be good enough to aid in increasing the number of subscribers to the Association, in order that the ancient Province of Herefordshire may occupy a creditable position in the annual reports issued from the Masonic Institutions. No doubt much more will be done through this Association in years to come than has been achieved in the past, and not only will the great Charities benefit in a pecuniary way, but the Masons of the district will also reap an advantage, in a greater number of votes and an increase of accommodation for those in their midst who may unfortunately require assistance from their fellows.

Judging from the remarks in the paper to which we have referred above, we may conclude that one of the causes that led to the formation of the Association was the feeling that the Masons of Herefordshire were taking benefits from the Institutions, but were not giving corresponding advantages in return. We should be very sorry to think that the benevolence of the Masonic Order was disbursed strictly on the *quid pro quo* principle, but, on the other hand, it hardly seems fair for the brethren of one district to perform the lion's share of the work, and those of another district take the best part of the benefits; yet such has been the experience of years gone by, and such is really the case to-day. One section of the Craft subscribes much more liberally than another, and it almost seems the prizes are distributed in inverse ratio to the amount of subscriptions; at any rate, those who do the most get very far short of their share of the returns. How long this state of affairs is likely to continue, or how it is to be altered, we are not in a position to say, but we hail with delight such an experience as we are this week able to record in connection with the Province of Herefordshire, the Craftsmen of which have admitted their shortcomings, and have taken the very best means in their power of remedying for the future their neglect in the past. We hope the example they have set may be followed elsewhere, wherever it is needed.

REPLY TO BRO. HUGHAN'S "SPECULATIVE MASONRY."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BROTHER HUGHAN'S method of argument for bolstering up Elias Ashmole as a "true blue" Mason may convince an unwary reader, or one who had not read my paper, in the previous number of the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE* (viz. 29th June). To an experienced reader, however, it must be evident that the splurge he makes about the meaning of the word "speculative," and

about "play of words," was just designed to divert the reader's attention from the question at issue; for the word *speculative* was incidentally used by me only once, without comment or argument. Hence Bro. Hughan had no need to devote nearly a third of his letter to explaining the meaning of *speculative*, and to charge me with making capital of it, or a "display of words." And here is another specimen of the same kind, and designed for the same purpose. He says:—

"I am sorry that Bro. Norton, after all my trouble to give the exact words of Ashmole's Diary, relative to his initiation, &c., quotes from a printed account which is erroneous, notwithstanding he had my reproduction before him. He might surely be a little more careful under the circumstances, as the sense of the extract is seriously affected by the interpolation to which reference has more than once been made by Bro. Gould and myself."

As I am apt sometimes, either through carelessness, or without knowledge and intent, to omit or add a word when copying a quotation, or, when it is not essential, to give merely the gist of a quotation; yet, as I am conscious that I never make such alteration for the purpose of misleading or misconstruing, I thought, after reading the above fierce rebuke, that I must have made a terrible blunder, which laid me open to such serious charges as any one would infer from the above lecture; but, on comparing Bro. Hughan's extract with my own, I find the difference consists just in one word, viz., Bro. Hughan's quotation reads:—

"11. [March 1682]. Accordingly I went, and about noon *were* admitted" while mine reads, "*was* admitted."

Now, with due respect to Bro. Hughan, I do not believe that he would have resorted to such quibbles and innuendoes if he had not felt the lack of better argument.

The main argument of Bro. Hughan consists, first, in disbelieving in Dr. Plott's statement, in 1586, that Masons had secrets, he says:—

"How does Bro. Norton know that in order to gain admission into St. Paul's Lodge [Antiquity], in or about 1717, it was necessary to show a sign, to give a grip, or to whisper a word? We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this Lodge in 1717, at least no evidence has transpired on this side of the Atlantic, so Bro. Norton will oblige us by forwarding the needful particulars, which are new to us."

The first witness I shall put on the stand to show that the pre-1717 Masons had a *degree*, that is, one degree or ceremony at least, is Bro. Hughan himself. In the "Kingston Masonic Annual," page 46, Bro. Hughan says about the pre 1717 period:—

"So far as their preserved records are concerned, [they] only seemed to have worked a simple Rite of one degree."

Second, on the same page, further down, Bro. Hughan says:—

"The distinguished Scottish Historian, Bro. D. M. Lyon, alluding to the secrets of the Fraternity anterior to the establishment of Grand Lodges, well observes, that "There is a total absence from Lodge records of any allusion to Masonic Rites other than what was embraced in giving the Masons' word. . . . Great value was attached by Craftsmen to possession of this talismanic monosyllable; for all who were without the word, were regarded as Cowans, to work with whom subjected defaulters to fine or expulsion."

The above quotations were copied from Bro. Hughan's own work of 1871, but in 1889 he professes total ignorance that the pre-1717 had any secrets, words, or ceremonies. But that is not all; I am pretty sure, though I cannot prove it, that Bro. Hughan had read Bro. Lyon's History of Freemasonry in Scotland, published in 1873, and he must have read on pages 22 and 23, that the Scotch Lodges had a Masons' word and a Masons' grip. And again, on page 151 of Bro. Lyon's History, Bro. Hughan must have read as follows:—

"Att Maries Chapell, 24 of August 1821 years—James Wattson present deacon of the Masons of Edin^h. Preses. The which day Doctor John Theophilus Desaguliers . . . late General Master of the Mason Lodges in England, being in town, and desirous to have a conference with the Deacon, Warden, and Master Masons of Edin^h. which was accordingly granted, and finding him duly qualified in all points of Masonry, they received him as a Brother into their Society."

To which Bro. Lyon adds, on page 152:—

"That he [Desaguliers] and his brethren in Mary's

Chapel should have so thoroughly understood each other on all the points of Masonry shows, either that in their main features the secrets of the old Operative Lodges of the two countries were somewhat similar, or that an inkling of the novelty had already been conveyed to Scotland."

Cannot the above satisfy Bro. Hughan that the Freemasons in England as well as in Scotland had secrets before 1717? I believe that Dr. Plott's description of the Masons in 1586 was in the main correct, but if that is not enough to convince our good brother Hughan, I must refer him to Bro. Carson of Cincinnati, who is in possession of an English publication of 1696, wherein it is stated that the Masons had a *secret word*.

Again, says Bro. Hughan:—

"How Bro. Norton can declare that the *London Lodge* to which Ashmole was summoned, in 1682, was no other than the Masonic Guild which, as already shown [?], had neither any sign, word, grip, or ceremony, save that of a dinner, passes my comprehension, for a more unfounded declaration could not be made."

In answer to the above, I say that Bro. Hughan's doubts about the London Masons' Guild having had no secret forms of recognition, in 1582, can easily be removed by his calling at Masons' Hall, Masons' Alley, between Basinghall-street and Coleman-street, in the City of London, and there he can learn whether the Masons' Guild had a secret word, sign, or grip, in 1512, or not. I have, however, two of the very best informed brethren of our Fraternity, who will testify that in the days of Elias Ashmole there were two distinct Masonic organizations in England, who had no connection with each other; no brotherhood existed between them, nor did there exist the least sign of sympathy for each other. One of the said organizations was *blessed* with secret modes of recognition and a secret ceremony of initiation. These were our progenitors. The other Masonic organization had no more secrets to keep and conceal than the Fishmongers' Guild, the Barbers' Guild, or any other Guild. First, Bro. Gould says:—

"Also, it does not seem clear whether the building trades generally [meaning our progenitors] had any connection with the Masons' Company of London, and I should be inclined to think that the building trades' associations [our ancestors' trade] were trade union societies, differing from the Guilds, which partook more of a corporate character, and which hence more closely resembled the Collegia."

The next witness I have the pleasure to introduce was especially recommended by Bro. Hughan himself, in his article in the *Freemason*, as "having given," in the *Masonic Magazine*, December 1881, "by far the best account of the subject [of Guilds] ever printed," viz., Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A. Bro. Gould's opinion is given in a hesitating manner, but in Vol. I., page 125, of the *Quatuor Coronati Proceedings*, Bro. Rylands speaks with more certainty upon the question at issue. He says:

"I cannot help thinking that the trade Guilds of Paris, incorporated as they express it, arranged in banners, by Louis XI., in 1467, bore the same relationship to the ordinary Compagnonage, as the Masons' Company of London, incorporated (or at least was granted armorial bearings) by Edward IV., in 1472-3, as well as possibly the Masons' Companies in other large towns, whether incorporated or not, bore to the old Lodges of Freemasons, scattered over the whole country [meaning our progenitors], and of which occasional mention has been found, and of whose non-connection with Masons' Companies there is evident proof." (The italicizing is mine).

The reader will bear in mind that two A.A. No. 1 Masonic Students bear testimony that there were formerly in England two distinct Masonic organisations, which had no connection whatever, viz., Incorporated Masons' Guilds, and Operative Masons or Trades Unions. Now Ashmole, in 1582, was summoned to attend the meeting of a Lodge held in *Masons' Hall*. The Masons' Guild have, and then had, a building known in London as "Masons' Hall." I am not aware that more than one Masons' Hall existed in London in 1582. Ashmole must therefore have been summoned to a meeting of the Masons' Guild, which had no more Masonic secrets than they have now. Ashmole claimed the title of "Senior Fellow" of that organisation, hence the Masonry he received in Warrington, in 1546, must have been of the same kind as the London Masons' Guild confers to-day, and as it conferred in 1582. Hence Ashmole could no more have gained admission into a Lodge of our predecessors than the Master of the Masons' Guild

could get admission to-day into one of our Lodges without previous initiation into our mysteries, and hence it is absurd on our part to claim Ashmole as *our Brother Mason*, when in reality his Masonry, as the saying is, was a *horse of another colour*.

BOSTON, U.S., 26th July 1889.

THE "MASONIC POEM" OF A.D. 1390.

THE most ancient, extended and undoubted record of Freemasonry extant is the well-known British Museum MS., "Bib. Regius," or "Halliwell MS." By universal consent it is of great antiquity. The late Bro. Woodford and others date it A.D. 1390, while Mr. Edward A. Bond (keeper of MSS.) and Bro. Dr. Geo. Kloss date it fifty years later. It was originally made known to the public by the late Mr. James O. Halliwell, F.R.S., in an essay read before the Society of Antiquaries of England in 1839. It is contained in a small quarto, well written on vellum, and before it was acquired by the British Museum, it was owned by a noted collector of the seventeenth century, Mr. Charles Theyer. David Casley catalogued it in 1734 for the British Museum, and then styled it "A Poem of Moral Duties," not recognizing its Masonic character. About 1757 it was labelled "Poem on the Craft of Masonry." Mr. Halliwell was the first to distinctly point out, in 1839, its important Masonic character. He printed it in 1840, and again in 1844; and it was printed in the United States, at Philadelphia, in 1856, by Bro. Leon Hyneman, in his "Masonic Library," a valuable compend, in two volumes, containing also the famous Anderson "Constitutions" of both 1723 and 1738. Prior to the present year, however, this invaluable "Masonic Poem" has never been published in *fac simile*. This notable work has just been accomplished by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London—the literary Masonic Lodge of the world—which has issued it in the first volume of its "Masonic Reprints," under the title of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha." Of the beauty, the interest and the value of this *fac simile*, and of the entire volume, we cannot speak in too laudatory terms. It reflects the highest credit on the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, its Secretary our esteemed friend and Brother Geo. Wm. Speth, the accomplished Secretary of the Lodge, and editor of the volume, and on Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the historian of Freemasonry, who is the commentator on the Masonic Poem, and the other curious contents of this Reprint. We use only measured language when we say, that this volume should be in the library of every Freemason who has any desire for culture. It is handsome, it is curious, it is valuable—to our mind one of the most valuable monographs ever issued on Freemasonry.

The volume includes ten papers: (1) *fac simile* and transcript of the "Masonic Poem;" (2) *fac simile* and transcript of "Urbanitatis;" (3) *fac simile* and transcript from "Instructions for a Parish Priest;" (4) Article on the Freemasons in "The Plain Dealer," No. 51, September 14, 1724; (5) "An Ode to the Grand Khaibar" (1726); (6) "A Defence of Masonry," from Smith's "Freemason's Pocket Companion" (1738); (7) "Brother Euclid's Letter to the Author of Anderson's 1738 Constitutions;" (8) A Commentary on Nos. 1, 2 and 3, by Bro. Robert Freke Gould; (9) Three maps of England, at the time of Edwin, A.D. 627, in A.D. 878, and in A.D. 926, in the era of Athelstan, by Bro. Speth; and (10) a glossary by Bro. Speth.

The second and third numbers are given in *fac simile* and transcript, because the "Masonic Poem" contains extended quotations from them, and they therefore throw important light upon its text.

Here we must commend, also in the highest terms, Bro. Gould's thoughtful, able and entirely satisfactory commentary on the Poem. He was evidently benefited by the criticisms (ours with that of others) on his previous lack of veneration for Craft traditions, as evidenced in his "History of Freemasonry." His careful study of the Masonic Poem has led him to revise his views on this important branch of Masonic learning, and we are glad to announce that he is now in line with those who accept the traditions of Freemasonry as monumenting Masonic history. We congratulate him on his growth in Masonic grace and true Masonic scholarship, and we trust that

hereafter the *Keystone* and he will be at one in their estimate of the value of Masonic tradition as an exponent of lost or obscured Masonic history.

Bro. Gould says, there is "a strong presumption that the Masonic Poem was of Northumbrian origin." This carries us back from the year of the writing of the Poem, about A.D. 1390 or 1440, to the year 627, the era of King Edwin of Northumbria.

It may help us the better to comprehend the date of the writing of the MS. of this Poem by recalling the fact, that Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" shortly antedate it.

The fact that it is poetic in form, while singular now, was customary then, as Bro. Gould abundantly shows. The laws of ancient Spain were versified. Down to the thirteenth century the compositions of jongleurs and trouvères were exclusively preserved by song and recitation. A rhythmical oath was taken by candidates on becoming members of the Holy Vehme, and the court was opened with a metrical dialogue. The marriage service of the Episcopal Church to-day is rhythmical, and in the Roman Catholic Church the priests sing the mass. Gould says, in this connection: "Our Masonic laws and traditions may have been passed down through the alliterative rhythm of the Anglo-Saxons, and the rhyme of the Normans, to find their first place in written language a remove or two only from the Poem under examination."

When the reader is informed that nearly one-third of the Masonic Poem is composed of extracts from two other old MSS.—"Mirks' Instructions to Parish Priests," and "Urbanitatis"—a poem relating to conduct at meals, in the presence of a lord, he will be glad that *fac similes* and transcriptions from both of these deeply interesting originals supplement the Poem in this Reprint.

The late Bro. Woodford believed that the concluding one hundred lines of the Poem (693 to 794) and "Urbanitatis," had a common origin, and the same learned Brother declared that the Poem was "the original of all our later 'Constitutions.'" The earliest version of these MS. Constitutions which have come down to us is that known as the "Grand Lodge MS.," of date about A.D. 1583. It is now in the archives of Freemasons' Hall, London. In nearly all of these MSS. Prince Edwin and King Athelstan are referred to as loving Masons and practising Masonry. Concerning them and the ancient city of York Bro. Gould says: "In that ancient city all lines of way seem to converge, and in connection with it a tradition has grown up wherein are associated the names of Athelstan and Edwin as patrons of Masonry. * * Edwin was the first King of Northumberland, and has left his name on the frontier fortress of Eadwinesburgh or Edinburgh. * * I think we may safely assume that Athelstan having been the first king of all England, was therefore the most natural fountain-head from which a legendary belief in the grant of a Royal Charter to the Masons can be supposed to have arisen." Athelstan, we know, granted two charters to the monastery of St. Wilfrid, and one to the Church at Beverley, from both of which instruments Bro. Gould quotes; and the statutes of the London Guilds were first reduced to writing in the time of Athelstan.

Our Brother styles the "Masonic Poem" the "Regius MS.," for two reasons—because it is in the Royal Library of the British Museum, and also because "of its supremacy as a document of the Craft." He significantly adds, as to the concurrent testimony of all the leading Masonic MSS., that "the 'Old Charges' or 'Manuscript Constitutions' concur with the 'Regius MS.' in tracing the establishment of Masonry as a science to an Egyptian origin." Here, again, we are at one with Bro. Gould, in his construction of these venerable Craft documents.

In order that the reader may fully comprehend the important Masonic events upon which light is cast by the Masonic Poem and the Old Charges of Freemasonry, and also that they may appreciate and applaud Bro. Gould's present estimate of the value of Craft traditions, as embodied in Craft MSS., we quote from his Commentary on the Poem in this Reprint the following significant paragraphs:—

The facts then are, that the Cathedral of St. Peter's at York was begun under Edwin in 627, and the officiating clergy of the same edifice were granted a charter by Athelstan about the year 936. Here at all events two leading incidents in the Legend of the Craft coalesce in a common centre—York Minster—which Edwin founded, and whose ministers Athelstan endowed. * *

That the Edwin of Masonic tradition is identical with Edwin of Northumbria, seems to me fairly inferential, from the fact that the latter was an undoubted patron of Operative Masonry, A.D. 627. The Athelstan of the Legend can be identified with even greater ease,

and he equally owes his position in Masonic history to an actual connection with York and its famous Minster. If, indeed, in the skein of fable of which the Masonic Legend is composed, there be a solitary thread of fact, it appears to me that we must look for it among those of our traditions which can be associated in any way with the city of York and the Cathedral there. It is noteworthy, also, as supporting the claim for its antiquity, that no other later king than Athelstan is referred to in the Legend. * *

It has seemed to me at least a reasonable supposition that the Old Charges or Manuscript Constitutions had become fixed or crystallised before the Regius MS. took form as a writing. * *

That the Masonic Poem was in the possession of a Guild, and that the Guild so possessing it was not composed of Operative Masons, are propositions which I think can be established. * *

The last hundred lines of the Masonic Poem are almost exactly the same as the poem "Urbanitatis," a *fac simile* of which is given in the present volume. The latter consists of minute directions for behaviour—in the presence of a lord—at table—and among ladies. * *

These rules of decorum read very curiously in the present age, but their inapplicability to the circumstances of the working Masons in the fourteenth or fifteenth century will be at once apparent. They were intended for *gentlemen* of those days, and the instructions for behaviour in the presence of a lord—at table—and in the society of ladies—would all have been equally out of place in a code of manners drawn up for the use of a Guild or Craft of artizans. * *

The conclusion, therefore, to which, as it seems to me, we are directed by the evidence, is that the persons to whom the text of the Regius MS. was sung or recited, were a Guild or Fraternity from whom all but the memory or tradition of its ancient trade had departed. * *

Here we must bring these interesting quotations to a close. We doubt not, however, every reader of the *Keystone* will have his appetite quickened for a thorough acquaintance with this beautiful and remarkable Masonic Reprint, concerning a portion only of the contents of which we have in this article had space to refer.—*Keystone*.

LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.*

THE volume of the History of this Lodge, now presented to the Craft, is indeed a handsome addition to the literature of the Order, and is in itself an unmistakable sign of the prosperity of the Lodge of whose career it is a record. Unlike many of the Histories which have appeared from time to time, and which have been undertaken by individual members, this work is stamped with the authority of the Lodge itself, for its compilation was agreed to by a resolution of the members in open Lodge, and they are therefore entitled to the distinction of being among the first to officially undertake the production of a Lodge History, and thereby add another link to the chain of evidence that we hope will some day be available for a general and complete history of the Craft. It was at the Lodge meeting in February 1885 that a request was made that the records should be collected, with a view to the History of the Lodge being published. A Committee was appointed for this purpose, and the then Secretary, Bro. Herbert Crossley, was entrusted with the work. Most faithfully has he discharged his duty, not only to his Lodge, but to the Craft Universal, for, as we have said on previous occasions, it is from reliable and complete Histories of private Lodges that the future historian of the Mason Craft will look for the materials wherewith to build up his more stupendous undertaking.

Brother Crossley takes us, in his first chapter, to "Halifax and its surroundings at the time of the formation of the Lodge of Probity," which, we are told, took place on the 12th July 1738, at the Bull's Head, Halifax. After tracing the rise of the town to its present state of prosperity, and speaking of some few of the more important works carried out in the earlier days of its career, he says that in all these great and useful objects it will be found that the brethren whose names are enrolled on our books as members, and often as rulers of the Craft, were by no means in the background, but were promoters in all objects which might prove useful to the well-being of the town. Here we have additional evidence of the way

* "History of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, together with an Account of the Formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire and the Lodge of Promulgation. By Herbert Crossley (S.W. of the Lodge of Probity), Halifax." Published by the Lodge of Probity. 1888.

in which Freemasonry has always taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the country at large, just as it continues to do at the present time, when, in spite of occasional taunts that the Masonic ceremony adds nothing to the dignity of local works, we find that in all quarters the help and co-operation of the Craft is eagerly sought and generally appreciated.

In the next chapter the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire is touched upon, and the compiler of this History thinks that the testimony at the disposal of the Lodge of Probity should assist in settling the date of the establishment of that body, as distinct from that of the whole of Yorkshire—differences of opinion existing as to whether the separate establishment should date from 1738 or 1822. The Grand Lodge of England gives the latter period, while, on the opposite side, Entick's Book of Constitutions for 1757 is quoted. Therein the Provincial Grand Lodge of the "West Riding" of Yorkshire is accredited to 1738, William Horton, Esq., being given as the Master (this brother is named by Grand Lodge as the first Provincial Master of "Yorkshire"). In addition to this proof Bro. Crossley acknowledges his indebtedness to Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler, who, after searching the records of Grand Lodge, supplies the following extract therefrom:—

"William Horton, Esq^{re}. for y^e West Riding of y^e County of York. Carnarvon G.M. Edward Rooke Leeds, Esq^{re}. Provincial for the West Riding of y^e County of York, instead of William Horton, Esq^{re}. deceased. KINTORE G.M."

In addition to this extract from Grand Lodge records some other interesting particulars are given touching upon this period of the Craft's history in Yorkshire, and among other matters we have a fine reproduction of a portrait of the Bro. William Horton here referred to (from a painting in the possession of Bro. Capt. J. T. Horton, J.P., Howroyde, Barkisland). Summing up this question, Bro. Crossley says, "from the evidence here adduced the assertion is warranted that the West Riding of Yorkshire had a Provincial Grand Master in 1738; and as there is some doubt as to the truth of this statement, the writer felt he was justified in having gone out of his way to vindicate this assertion; and also as the Provincial Grand Masters, who were appointed, were men who resided in the immediate vicinity of Halifax, and were probably members and founders of the Lodge of Probity. . . . Further he cannot but remark that one of the family of Horton, a direct descendant of the before mentioned William Horton, is at the present time enrolled on the list of the members of the Lodge of Probity."

In the next chapter the historian commences on the actual records of his Lodge, tracing it from its foundation, in 1738, up to the year 1769. Our consideration of this and subsequent chapters we leave for another time; for the present we think that we have shown enough to prove the value of Bro. Crossley's work, not only as a memento of his own Lodge, but associated with the Craft of the entire neighbourhood.

In consequence of Dr. Hall's retirement from the post of Medical Officer to the R.M. Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, a successor will shortly have to be appointed. Of the candidates already in the field we may mention Bro. R. F. Tomlin. Amongst the qualifications this gentleman puts forward is one that should not be overlooked—he resides close to the Institution, while as regards testimonials, those he submits speak highly of his ability as a Surgeon and general Medical Practitioner.

The annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham has been fixed to take place at Berwick, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., &c, P.G.M.M.M., supported by W. Bro. R. B. Reed D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Straker Wilson Prov. Grand Secretary, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Council for the Delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

ON Friday, the 2nd inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, under the presidency of the M.W. the Prov. G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England. The apartment had been decorated for the occasion by a committee from the receiving Lodge (St. Kew, 1222). The Officers of the P.G.L. were received with due honours at 1.30, and, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. C. Else), the formal part of the business was proceeded with. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the audited accounts of the Treasurer produced, the same shewing a balance in hand of £93 11s 11d, as against £143 4s 1d at the corresponding date of last year. The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. C. L. F. Edwards) explained that at first sight it would appear that they had lost £50 during the year, whereas their ordinary receipts had exceeded their expenditure by £48, as their disbursements included £89 5s to the Girls' School and £18 7s 6d annuity to Bro. Woodward. The revised by-laws were produced, the principal alteration being to the effect that every Officer of the P.G.L., on his appointment to office—except that of Steward—shall provide himself with, and retain the same as his property, a full dress collar and apron of regulation pattern. This alteration was suggested to save the Province the cost of a new set of office emblems, which are sadly needed. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The M.W. the Prov. G.M. entered the Lodge room at 2.30, accompanied by Bros. Ffarington W.M., and G. H. Perrett I.P.M. (Officers of the receiving Lodge), preceded by the G.S.B. and P.G. Deacons. His Lordship having apologised for being late—owing to the crowded traffic on the railway—thanked the D.P.G.M. for having proceeded with the business. He then invested the following Brethren with collars of office for the ensuing year:—

Bro. G. E. Alford 1222	...	Senior Warden
A. Dackett 291	...	Junior Warden
F. S. Byrde 1296	...	} Chaplains
F. W. Macdonald 329	...	
C. L. Fry Edwards (re-elected)	...	Treasurer
W. Fuller 53	...	Registrar
J. C. Hunt (re-appointed)	...	Secretary
F. W. Warren 1953	...	S.D.
A. S. Ashcroft 1296	...	J.D.
G. B. Laffan	...	Superintendent of Works
S. Spill 793	...	D.C.
S. W. Pusey 437	...	A.D.C.
C. E. Pearce 261	...	Sword Bearer
E. Bennett 2038	...	} Standard Bearer
F. Wood 1199	...	
W. E. Sparrow 906	...	Organist
P. Manning 285	...	Purst.
T. E. Wilton 241	...	Assist. Purst.
G. H. Perrett 1222	...	} Stewards
C. Lockyer 976	...	
J. Gill 1966	...	
E. P. Palmer 772	...	
G. Barry 814	...	
A. J. Salter	...	} Tylers
C. Bidgood	...	

The M.W. Prov. G.M. thought the whole of the large assemblage that had gathered that day would agree with him in a resolution expressive of their deep regret at the lamented death of Brigadier-General Adair, Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, and their sympathy with the bereaved members of his family. The D.P.G.M. seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

The P.G.M. then proposed that a similar resolution should be recorded in the case of the late Bro. Sumner Toms, who had died during his year of office as P.G.J.W. The P.G.S.W. seconded the resolution, which was also carried. On the proposal of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. B. Ashley P.P.S.G.W. was elected as a trustee of the property of the Province in the place of the late Bro. Adair, and the sum of £100 was ordered to be drawn from deposit and invested in consols. Bro. S. R. Baskett 329 then proposed "That this Provincial Grand Lodge is of opinion that it is desirable to have a Benevolent Fund for local charitable purposes for the Province of Somerset, and that the matter be referred to the Charity Organization Committee, or to a Committee specially appointed by this P.G.L. to consider the question, and report at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd seconded the proposal, which was spoken to by Bro. White. After some discussion it was resolved to omit the latter part of the resolution, leaving it to the P.G.M. to determine

whether, after consultation with the Charity Organization Committee, it was desirable to convene a special meeting of the P.G. Lodge. Alms were then collected, amounting to £7 14s 3½d, which, on the proposal of the W.M. of St. Kew Lodge, seconded by the I.P.M., was voted to the Weston-Super-Mare Hospital, and acknowledged by the P.G.S.W., as one of the Officers of that Institution. An adjournment was subsequently made to the Grand Atlantic Hotel, where a large number partook of a repast, served in excellent style, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was pleased to express his entire approval of the arrangements made, and congratulated the town on Mr. Drinkwater's extensive undertaking.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Easton Lodge, the residence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, M.P. The meeting was held under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543. The Great Eastern Railway Company, with the characteristic liberality which actuates them, had made special arrangements, and brethren from all parts of the Province were enabled to take part in the proceedings. Special trains were run from Bishop Stortford and Witham, and these were met at Dunmow Station by an ample supply of brakes, in which the brethren were conveyed through the quaint Essex town to the country seat of the Provincial Grand Master. The Library at Easton Lodge was set apart for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and an elegant Lodge-room it made. Unfortunately it was not sufficiently commodious to accommodate all the brethren who desired to be present, consequently admission was confined to the members of Prov. Grand Lodge. For his other visitors Lord Brooke had thoughtfully provided entertainment in the beautifully wooded park and charming gardens which surround the house, where the splendid band of the Northumberland Fusiliers, under Mr. W. H. Dencer, performed selections of operatic and classical music, which were very much enjoyed. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock, by the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, in the absence of V.W. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., acting as D.P.G.M. Amongst those present were:—

George Harrison P.G.S.W., John C. Quennell P.G.J.W., Thomas Cochran P.G.C., Andrew Durrant P.G. Treasurer, Thos. Ralling P.G. Sec. P.A.G.D. of C., J. W. Whitlock P.G.S. of W, A. Lucking P.G.P. P.G.D. of C., E. Roberts P.G.O., C. T. Lewis P.G.S.B., and A. Martin P.G.T.; J. P. Lewin, H. E. Dehane, Vero W. Taylor, Rev. F. B. Shepherd, F. J. Snell, A. Welsh, John Hutley, E. J. Acworth, G. R. Dawson, W. R. Willcocks, Thos. Humphreys, Thos. F. Barrett, Thomas Lloyd, F. R. Hales, Robert Martin, A. Gosling, G. A. Eustace, Joseph Grimes, John J. C. Turner, E. Hennemeyer, Edmund Gowers, F. G. Green, Rev. E. H. Crate, W. V. Wilson, Alf. F. Ginn, F. Wood, E. Sheadd, J. E. Wiseman, John Downes, H. Finn, Charles Cobb, W. Sowman, R. Howard Ives, Thomas P. Mills, R. G. Kallett, George Motion, Jas. Salmon, J. E. Horn, Arthur Mead, E. H. Inman, Thomas Malyn, J. Fuller, E. H. Horwood, J. E. White, H. T. S. Burney, Alf. Buck, Andrew C. Durrant, W. D. Merritt, G. D. Clapham, J. Tanner, G. H. Finch, A. G. Marshall, G. P. Gilbey, James P. Britton, J. F. W. Bullock, John Taylor jun., T. J. D. Crampton.

There was also a very large attendance of the Masters and Past Masters of the various Lodges in the Province. Amongst the Visitors were:—

Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, Col. S. Burney, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Robert Grey, William Lake, G. Cooper, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Saunders, George Abbot, Rev. George Nugee, Fred C. Atkinson, W. W. Morgau, &c.

Letters, regretting inability to attend, were announced as having been received from the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Algernon Lennox, Lord Henniker, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir Whittaker Ellis, Sir George Harris, Col. Shadwell Clerke (Grand Secretary), &c., &c.

At an earlier stage of the day's proceedings the Finance Committee met to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts. After the Lodge had been formally constituted the Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient form, and the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge were read and duly confirmed. On calling over the roll of Lodges, representatives were present from each, and they duly answered the call. From the report read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, it appeared that the total number of brethren on the roll was 1300, an increase of 36 as compared with last year.

The amount of contributions from the various Lodges, and the number of members in each for 1889 presented a very satisfactory result. There was a balance of £93 18s 8d in the hands of the Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Auditors' report was then read, and it was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report of the Charity Committee was unanimously adopted, and directions given that it be duly recorded on the minutes. With regard to the Provincial Calendar, a motion was made that its publication be continued. On the suggestion of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dehane proposed, and Bro. Dr. Lennox Brown seconded a proposition, that the names of brethren sending in votes to the Charity Committee be published. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren. After giving them a very cordial welcome to Easton Lodge, Lord Brooke expressed the hope that by the arrangements which had been made, the inconvenience of holding the meeting there had been minimised. He felt that a very great honour had been conferred upon him by the holding of Prov. Grand Lodge under his roof, and he thanked the brethren for attending in such large numbers. He took the opportunity to acknowledge the cordial support they had given him on that as well as on many previous occasions. With regard to the state of Freemasonry in the Province, he thought they had every reason for congratulation. When he was appointed to rule over the Province the number of members was 866. Since then several new Lodges had been consecrated, and at the present moment there were 1,300 members in the Province. Referring to the recent consecration of the Lennox Brown Lodge, his Lordship predicted for it a most successful career. The brother after whom the Lodge was named, and whom he was glad to see amongst them that day, had taken the greatest interest in everything connected with Freemasonry. He was glad to see that the financial position of the Province had improved, and that, notwithstanding the agricultural depression which so seriously affected the district, the contributions to the Masonic Charities showed an increase on previous years. £291 had been sent up to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, towards which Bro. Lennox-Browne contributed the magnificent sum of £234. £23 had been sent up to the Girls' School, and £331 to the Boys', making a total of £645; this he thought was a very satisfactory amount for a not very rich Province. The Prov. Grand Master then announced that Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., had consented to act as his Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing year. The next business was the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Vero W. Taylor proposed the re-election of Bro. Andrew Durrant. He knew there was a feeling that there should be a change, but he did not share that feeling; and he thought it better to retain the services of so good an officer as Bro. Durrant had proved himself to be. Bro. G. T. Clapham seconded. Bro. J. J. C. Turner nominated Bro. Sadler, W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Maldon. He endorsed everything that had been said in favour of Bro. Andrew Durrant, but it was impossible to confer upon him any greater honour than he already possessed, and it would not detract from that honour if another brother were elected to the office Bro. Durrant had filled with so much credit for so many years. Bro. Sadler was the present Mayor of Maldon, and every way a most suitable brother for the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bro. F. R. Hales seconded the nomination of Bro. Sadler. Bro. Salmon nominated Bro. Acworth, who was a P.M. of three Lodges, was Treasurer of his mother Lodge, and Past Treasurer of the Epping Lodge. Bro. John Glass seconded the nomination of Bro. Acworth. Scrutineers were then nominated to examine the voting papers, and later on Bro. Sadler was declared duly elected. The following shows the result of the voting:—Bro. Sadler 77, Bro. Acworth 61, and Bro. Andrew Durrant 39. The following brethren were then invested with the collars of their respective offices:—

Bro. Dr. Lennox Browne 2256	...	Senior Warden
E. H. Baily 2006	...	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Quennell 214	...	Chaplain
Joseph Sadler 1024	...	Treasurer
A. J. H. Ward 650	...	Registrar
Thos. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C.	...	Secretary
J. Van Essen 2005	...	S.D.
Frank Sackett 1343	...	J.D.
Geo. Copus 1312	...	Superintendent of Works
A. Lucking P.G.P.	...	D.C.
W. Barronghs 1137	...	A.D.C.
G. J. Westfield 2184	...	Sword Bearer

Wilson Metcalfe 276	...	} Standard Bearers
G. Thomas 1817	...	
Egbert Roberts 917	...	Organist
Arthur Barritt 1024	...	Assist. Sec.
John Ayling 160	...	Parst.
Wm. Strutt 2077	...	Assist. Parst.
A. W. Martin	...	Tyler
J. G. Renshaw 697	...	} Stewards
W. H. Heagerty 1343	...	
R. C. Lyle 1543	...	
D. Milbank 1543	...	
J. M. Welch 1543	...	
C. Birt 1543	...	

After the new Provincial Grand Officers had been saluted, Bro. Bailey was unanimously elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of Bro. Lewin who retired by rotation; and, on the proposition of the Prov. Grand Master, the remuneration of the Prov. Grand Secretary was increased from ten guineas to 20 guineas per annum, an additional honorarium of 10 guineas being granted to Bro. Ralling for his services during the past year. On the proposition of Bro. Salmon, seconded by Bro. Corbell, and supported by Bro. Sadler, it was resolved that a jewel be presented to Bro. Durrant, and that the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge be recorded on the minutes for his past services as Prov. Grand Treasurer. In response Bro. Durrant said, that during the ten years he had filled the office of Treasurer he had endeavoured to discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and if in the future he could give any assistance to the newly-elected Treasurer he should be only too pleased to do so. On the proposition of Bro. Sadler, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Boys' School, and 10 guineas to the Girls' School, from Prov. G. Lodge Funds; 10 guineas was voted to the R. M. Benevolent Institution, from the Charity Fund of the Province. On the proposition of Bro. Snell, 10 guineas was also voted to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, the votes to be vested in the Master of the Rosslyn Lodge for the time being. The Prov. Grand Master announced that he intended to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Walton-on-the-Naze. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Great Eastern Railway Company, for the facilities afforded to the brethren attending the meeting, and on the proposition of Bro. Merritt, seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, a similar compliment was accorded the Prov. Grand Master for the hospitable manner in which he had received the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master briefly responded, and then Lodge was closed.

The Banquet was served in one of Messrs. Rands and Jeckell's large marquees, erected in the park. The interior was lined with broad strips of Masonic blue and white, and presented quite an imposing appearance. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and over 300 brethren were present. The dinner was admirably served by Messrs. Wright and Son, of Colchester. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the Queen and the Grand Master, and referred in felicitous terms to the recent marriage of the Princess Louise of Wales. He said he should be very sorry to say anything disparaging of any foreigner, but he was sure it was a matter of satisfaction to every Englishman that Her Royal Highness had become affianced and married to one of their own flesh and blood. Lord Brooke next gave the Grand Officers, and coupled with it the toast and name of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who responded in a characteristically happy speech, in which he stated that a good many years ago he had the honour to consecrate the Rosslyn Lodge at Dunmow, and he was proud and happy to see the progress it had made. Before sitting down he proposed the toast of the evening, the health of Lord Brooke, the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, a toast which was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. Lord Brooke, in response, said he was happy to think that the day had passed off without a single note of discord. With regard to the election of Treasurer, he thought it was perfectly right that the office should be open to election, and he felt sure that Bro. Durrant, who had filled the office for some time, with pleasure to himself and with great benefit to the Province, would be glad to see the honour conferred upon such a worthy Mason as Bro. Sadler. After a brief reference to the manner in which the Province had supported the Masonic Charities during the past year, his Lordship alluded to the growth of Masonry abroad, and referred to the hospitable receptions which he had met with from brethren in India and Egypt, and in conclusion again thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by meeting in Provincial Grand Lodge under his roof. His Lordship next proposed the Provincial Grand Officers, for whom Bro. Lennox-Brown responded. The toast of the Visitors, proposed by the P.G.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Pickard, and for the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, also proposed from the chair, Brother Clapham W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge, responded. The other toasts were the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Ralling, and Prov. Grand Dir. of Cers. Bro. Lucking, both of whom responded. After the banquet the gardens were beautifully illuminated with variegated lights and Chinese lanterns, and a short concert, which was graced with the presence of Lady Brooke, was given in front of the house by talented and well-known artistes. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Chas. Clark. Mr. N. Howlett was the accompanist. At dusk there was a display of fireworks,

culminating in an effective set piece by Aggio, of Colchester. The illumination of the gardens and the upholstery in the marquee were the work of Mr. Griffin, of Colchester. Altogether, the meeting was a success. Everything passed off admirably, and the cheers which were given for Lord Brooke and his charming wife before the brethren left the Park were of the heartiest description. Special trains conveyed the visitors to Witham and Bishop Stortford, and thus a most enjoyable day was brought to a happy conclusion.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Companions the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire; James Glaisher Past Assistant Grand Sojourner, and Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay Grand Superintendent of Malta. Charters were granted for new Royal Arch Chapters to be attached to St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor; the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, Worcester; the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, London; and the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London. Sanction was also given for the removal of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, to the Guildhall Tavern; the Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, to the Holborn Restaurant; and the Phoenix Chapter, No. 1235, to the Town Hall, Buxton. In consequence of the formation (and recognition by Grand Lodge of England) of a Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Australasian Chapters, named in our issue last week were erased from the register of Grand Chapter, the Lodges to which those Chapters are attached having joined the Grand Lodge of Victoria. In the course of the evening Dr. Jabez Hogg was invested with the regalia of Grand Sword Bearer.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

THE annual convocation was held on the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The Principals elect were installed:—J. Hoyten as Z., P. H. Bridgman H., A. Trout J. Ex-Comps. J. M. Hifley P.P.G.Std.Br., J. W. Cornish 223 were the Installing Officers. The Officers invested were Ex-Comp. J. M. Hifley S.E., Comp. C. B. Gale S.N., Ex-Comp. W. Browning Treasurer, Comps. J. Jermyn P.S., T. Lillierap 1st A.S., G. W. Bell 2nd A.S., C. H. Tozer Dir. of Cers., A. E. Bridgman Assist. Dir. of Cers., P. Hannaford and T. A. Stephens Stewards, W. H. Phillips Janitor. Two guineas were voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund towards entitling the Chapter to a Governorship of that Institution. The day of Convocation was changed to the first Thursday in October, January, April, and July, instead of the third Wednesday.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. H. Webb, James Brett, Gordon Smith, John Jones, H. Dickey, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. Binckes (Secretary). As arranged at the July meeting, that on account of the Naval Review and the August Bank Holiday very few brethren would be likely to attend this meeting, the business to be transacted should be postponed till Saturday, the 10th inst., the only work done was to read and confirm the minutes of the July meeting, and this course was pursued. Bro. Jones suggested that the adjournment should be advertised in the newspapers. He did not think the brethren generally understood that there was to be an adjournment. The business to be transacted was very important. The Provisional Committee was to bring up its further report, and he desired that the action to be taken upon that report should not be adopted at a small meeting. He hoped that no one would be able to say that it was done at a hole-and-corner meeting. He, therefore, trusted the meeting would be advertised in the usual way. Bro. Binckes said it could not be in the usual way, because the meetings of the General Committee were not advertised. However, there need be no difficulty about advertising. All that Bro. Jones had to do was to make a motion that the adjourned meeting for the 10th inst., at 4 p.m., be advertised, and if it was seconded and carried, he (Bro. Binckes) would send the advertisement out at once. Bro. Jones then moved, and Bro. James Brett seconded, that the adjourned meeting be advertised. The motion was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh. The Senior Grand Warden, Brother James T. S. Elliot, acted as the M.W.G. Master. Among the other office-bearers present were D. Murray Lyon G. Secretary, J. Dalrymple Duncan Acting S.G. Warden, Lieutenant-Colonel John Campbell Acting J.G. Warden, George Christie, David Hume, Major F. W. Allan, and others. Apologies for absence were received from Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., John Graham of Broadstone, Sir Charles Dalrymple, the Rev. Thomas Somerville, David Reid, &c. The Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock with a very poor attendance compared with the large assemblages in the other portions of the year. Before proceeding with the business of the Lodge, the Acting Grand Master moved—"That this Lodge forward a loyal and dutiful address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the marriage of the eldest daughter of the Prince of Wales. Also, that addresses be sent to the Prince of Wales and to the Duke and Duchess of Fife." The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Secretary instructed accordingly. The recommendation of the Committee on Grand Lodge Rulings that "Grand Lodge fully recognises the inalienable right of all Master Masons to meet, discuss, and petition Grand Lodge on any matter connected with Masonry; but when a communication is to be addressed to the whole Craft, the sanction of the Grand Committee must be first procured," was, on the motion of Brother Caldwell, sent back to committee for re-consideration. The recommendation of committee that Grand Lodge enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and to accede to the request of the seceding Scottish-holding Lodges as to the retention of their charters, was unanimously adopted. Lord Clanmorris was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. From the reports submitted it appeared that the income during the last three months amounted to £1,235 2s 2d, and the expenditure to £562 16s 8d. Grants made from the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund during the quarter ending 20th July amounted to £90 10s, while the income for the same period amounted to £62 4s 6d. For the half-year ending 18th July 1889, the Board of the Annuity Branch had under consideration 41 cases, 7 of which were continued, 19 rejected, and 15 entertained. To one case—the widow of a brother at Dunedin—£20 was allotted, two cases £15 each, and the remaining twelve £10 each—total £170, which, added to £155 allotted last January, gives the total of £325 being paid in annuities to brothers, brothers' widows, or brothers' children.

Obituary.

Bro. J. W. Moulton, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was, a few days since, struck with paralysis, which terminated fatally on Monday morning last, at his residence in Peter-street, Islington. Our late brother was very much respected by his fellows, and his loss will be deeply regretted by them. Bro. Moulton was of a kind, genial disposition, ever ready to lend a helping hand where needed. Truly it may be said of him, "A good man and brother," in every sense of the word. He was buried on Thursday, at Highgate Cemetery, the funeral being attended by a numerous assemblage of sorrowing relatives, friends, and employes. The Lodge was represented by Bros. A. W. Fenner, Founder, P.M. and Secretary, Jas. Cooper P.M. and Treasurer, R. P. Forge P.M., J. Potter, and J. Collings. It may be mentioned that the Kingsland Lodge sent a wreath to be placed on the grave.

We have been requested to state that the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79, has removed from the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, to the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford. The meeting nights will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month, throughout the year, at 8 p.m., instead of Friday evenings, as hitherto.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the General Committee will be held, by adjournment from Saturday, 3rd August, on Saturday 10th August, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, at the usual hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, for the transaction of general business.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.,
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
6th August 1889.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

DEAR MADAM OR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as candidate for the same.

I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it.

I have the honour to append Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post, I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

Lordship Lane, Wood Green,
August 1889.

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.

Copies of Testimonials received by R. F. Tomlin, Surgeon.

Devonport, 26th May 1873.

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September 1869, and remained with me till October 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with Exemplary Diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY, Surgeon.

21 Grosvenor, Bath, 23rd July 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the years 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, railway men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, L.S.A. (Lond).

Becket House Wantage, 23rd July 1889.

Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last Fourteen Years, I can bear every testimony to his Character and Abilities, both professionally and socially.

After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skilful services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer.

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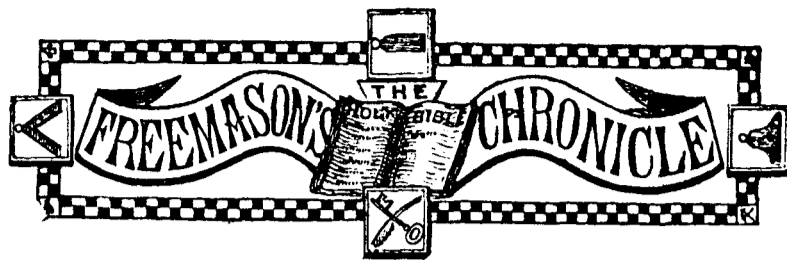
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SUTHERLAND OF UNITY LODGE, No. 460.

THE jubilee of this Lodge, whose place of meeting is the Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme, was celebrated on the 26th ult. On the 26th of June 1839, there was a meeting of members of the Craft at Newcastle concerning the consecration of a new Lodge, but very little information is supplied by the Lodge minute-books as to the nature of the business transacted. From that little, however, and other circumstances, it would appear that William Mason was the leader of the movement for rallying together those gentlemen living in the town who had already been initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. There was originally an intention to name the new Lodge the Sutherland, but some Barslem brethren, notwithstanding the existence of the old St. Martin's in that town, forestalled the Newcastle applicants for a warrant, and secured for themselves the name of Sutherland. The Freemasons in the old borough were obliged to submit, at the same time they determined to adhere to the name "Sutherland," adding to it the words "of Unity," to distinguish it from the Lodge now numbered 451. We are not aware that any confusion has been caused, though some years ago the proposal to change the name to the Anson was seriously entertained. Before the meeting referred to, the Lodge warrant had been granted, under date 26th March 1839, and the consecration took place on 26th July in the same year. In the warrant William Mason was named the first W.M., with John Woolley as S.W. and John Boulton as J.W. It has sometimes been said that in the early days of the Lodge the brethren were more jovial than their successors, and that, in accordance with the custom of the times, later hours were kept, so that the brethren fixed the day of meeting on the Friday nearest the full moon in the hope of thereby getting home with greater safety. It is curious to notice that in the first year of the Lodge's existence the brethren were summoned to ordinary meetings at irregular hours, sometimes at three, five, six, or seven o'clock, and Bruce's Act not having come into operation, no doubt the moon was a useful luminary to many after the Tyler's toast had been drunk, for many brethren had a long distance to walk and perhaps on rough and lonely roads. It must not be inferred that in their hilarity the brethren showed any lack of charity, "the characteristic of a Freemason's heart," for in their contributions to benevolent objects the members of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity have always kept pace with the times. In the early days of the Lodge a candidate after initiation had to be regularly proposed, seconded, and voted for, before he could be passed to a second degree, and he had again to be formally proposed and elected before being raised to the sublime degree. But this arrangement was not long insisted upon. In 1840 John Bostock was initiated and passed the same night, which was a common occurrence a little later, but has long since been contrary to the Book of Constitutions. Blackballing was commenced in the same year, and while several candidates were elected on the 11th of September 1840, one was rejected as the result of the ballot. Blackballing has been practised at intervals, though sparingly and not always wisely, ever since. The Lodge was in the first instance numbered 674 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, but in 1863, in accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, all the Lodges on the register were brought forward in regular succession by filling up the numbers of those which had become vacant, either by voluntary surrender of warrants or by erasure. From that time the number of the Sutherland of Unity has been 460. William Mason the first W.M. was, at the time of the formation of the Lodge, Mayor of the borough, an office which his father, John Mason, had held from the 1st of January to the 9th November 1836. He was in business with his father, as a hat manufacturer, employing a large number of hands, the site of the factory being at the present time covered with the sugar refinery on the London-road. William Mason presided over the Lodge till the end of 1840, and in 1847 he was appointed P.G.S.W. He continued to take an active interest in Freemasonry nearly a quarter of a century after the founding of the Lodge, and he was buried in St. Giles's churchyard. Of the first Wardens, the senior (Bro. John Woolley) was only a member of the Lodge for a short time, and the junior (Bro. John Boulton), though eligible for the chair, never took office as W.M. The first S.D. was George Tait, the first J.D. Robert Miller, and the Treasurer and Secretary were elected from brethren initiated after the consecration. The first candidate for initiation as a member of the Lodge was Liddle Elliot, C.E., and he was the first Treasurer of the Lodge. Bro. Elliot was elected Mayor of Newcastle in 1843, and was afterwards chosen, by the promoters of a scheme for obtaining a sufficient supply of water for the townships of Hanley and Shelton, to make a survey and report "as to the capability of the district to afford a sufficient supply of water for those townships and such other districts of the Staffordshire Potteries as may be deemed practicable." We quote the words of the instructions to the engineer, which may be said to be the origin of the Potteries Waterworks Company, whose engineer Bro. Elliot continued to be till the time of his death. In the first year of the existence of the Lodge there were also initiated Robert Fenton, who became W.M. as early as 1842, and P.G.S.W. in 1848 (Mayor of the borough in 1844); John Hallam, who was W.M. in 1843 and P.G.S.W. in 1848 (Mayor in 1847); Charles Trubshaw, who was W.M. in 1845, became P.G.S.W. in 1851, and was well known for many years as the county surveyor for Staffordshire; Robert Chapman, for many years

borough surveyor of Newcastle, who took office, but never occupied the W.M.'s chair. Altogether, at the end of 1839 there were 19 members, including Henry Rothwell, the first Tyler. The initiates in 1840 numbered 13, and there were two joining members. The initiates included William Hargreaves, who was W.M. in 1844, P.G.S.W. in 1867, and took a warm interest in the concerns of the Lodge till his removal from the town, and in 1881 he was elected an honorary member, a mark of respect which is sparingly paid to brethren, and is therefore all the greater compliment. He was Mayor in 1854. The initiates in 1840 also included Joseph Cooper, who, though he rendered valuable services to the town as a member of the Corporation, and served the office of Mayor for the year commencing November 1857, was not a zealous Mason; Frederick Crewe, W.M. 1846; John Cook Snape, father of John Twist Snape, the latter of whom was W.M. in 1885, had provincial honours conferred on him in 1887, and is now Secretary to the Lodge; and Edwin Hill (Mayor, November 1859). One of the joining members this year, J. R. Home, became Master of the Lodge in 1841. In the minute-book there is a record of the installation of Bro. Home as W.M. on the 30th of December 1840, and for the first time "St. John's" is alluded to, but the Secretary has omitted to say anything with regard to its celebration. In 1841 John Trubshaw was initiated, and James Trubshaw (W.M. in 1848) was admitted a joining member. The initiates also included John Broomhall (W.M. in 1847), Minshall G. Philips (W.M. 1859), Charles Booth, who is still living, at a very advanced age; and Henry Bagguley. The last-named was initiated on the 7th May 1841, subsequently passed and raised, and commenced his duties as Tyler of the Lodge in 1842, and Tyler of P.G. Lodge in 1845. He continued to hold both offices till two or three years ago, though his health had been giving way for years, and he was elected an honorary member of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity—a position which he holds at the present time. In 1842 there were only two initiates, one of them being Samuel Mayer Turner, who was W.M. in 1854, and P.G.A.D.C. in 1860 (twice Mayor of the borough).

In February 1841, according to an entry in the minute-book, interest on borrowed money was ordered to be paid, which would appear to indicate that the Lodge was not in a very prosperous condition at that date. The state of the funds no doubt has had an influence in fixing the annual subscription of the Lodge to the North Staffordshire Infirmary at £2 2s in 1843, subsequently increasing it to £10 10s, and afterwards lowering it to £5 5s. But whatever fluctuations may have taken place since the date named, the finances are satisfactory at the present time.

One of the earliest entries in 1842 is the statement that at the meeting of the Lodge held on the 29th January, Bro. Mason P.M. read two interesting sermons—one that was preached by a Rev. and respected brother before the Lodge at Madras—the other by the Rev. W. Brook Jones, Grand Chaplain, at Chelmsford, at the installation of the Right Worshipful G. Downing P.G. Master of Essex. During that year the Secretary missed attending Lodge four months in succession, and disregarded remonstrances addressed to him. In May 1842 a resolution was passed in favour of holding Lodges of Instruction, which had been held at irregular intervals till recent years. One good resolution was passed this year, which has, however, long been in abeyance, attaching a penalty to any brother neglecting to signify whether he intends or not to dine at the Festival of St. John.

In 1843 there were three initiates—Wm. Bailey, Robert W. Fraser, M.D., and Thomas Jenkins; another candidate, who had been duly elected, declining to come forward, as others have occasionally done since, for obvious reasons. On the 7th August in this year the Lodge was not opened "in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the candidates," and amongst the other records is a statement that at the meeting in April a Committee was appointed to draw up a memorial to the Grand Master on the subject of the neglected state of the Province. Three years later a communication was received from the P.G. Lodge to the effect that one of the Lodges in South Staffordshire was suspended for seven months "for sundry irregularities in discipline and inattention to their Masonic duties." At the same time this notification was made, Dr. Slade D.P.G.M. (who was no doubt paying a round of inspection), examined the working condition and whole position of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity. He warmly enlivened the way in which all the duties were performed, and offered a few words of congratulation "upon the high position the Lodge had attained with respect to the number and respectability of its members. In 1843 a Lodge of Emergency was held, for the purpose of balloting for and initiating Dr. Fraser, on the ground that he was "an officer of Her Majesty's regiment of Infantry now stationed in this town. His stay is uncertain, consequent on the detachment being under marching orders." It was on the 8th of December 1843 that Thomas Jenkins was initiated. He was at the time clerk of the works at Trentham Hall. In 1852 Bro. Jenkins presented to the Lodge the gavel, and subsequently the square and level used by King George the Fourth, in laying the foundation-stone at the rebuilding of Windsor Castle. The gavel was used by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in laying the foundation-stone of the North Staffordshire Infirmary in 1866, and recently by Col. Gough, the R.W. P.G.M. of Staffordshire, in laying the foundation-stone of new public buildings at Tunstall, all which occurrences are inscribed on silver plates inlaid on the gavel—an instrument the possession of which is regarded with much pleasure and pardonable pride by the members. It is also used in laying the foundation-stone of Newcastle Public Buildings, 6th July 1888. Bro. Jenkins left his country many years ago, and afterwards distinguished himself as a Freemason in Australia.

A large addition was made to the membership of the Lodge in the same year, when the P.G. Lodge was held at Newcastle. Bro. Hyslop is still a subscribing member, and is Treasurer of the Lodge. In November 1872, he was elected Mayor of the borough. The other initiates in 1860 included James Winstanley, Samuel Peake Howson, Charles Massey (Mayor in 1863), Samuel Carryer and James Poole (W.M. in 1867), while Samuel Crewe, Jesse Prime, and

the Rev. W. Astley Cave-Brown-Cave became joining members. Walter Acton joined in 1861, was W.M. in 1865 and 1874, and P.G.J.W. in 1866. In 1861 William Ottey Briggs was initiated; he was W.M. in 1865 and P.G.S.W. in 1869, when the P.G. Lodge assembled at Newcastle, and his name stands as the senior subscribing P.M. of the Lodge in this year's Calendar. Bro. Briggs was elected Mayor of Newcastle in November 1874. William Large, who was made a joining member in 1861, was P.G.S.D. in 1862; another, who joined at the same time, William Cecil Cave-Brown-Cave, becoming P.G. Chaplain in 1862. It was in 1861 that Bro. William Dutton had the pleasing duty of initiating Colin Minton Campbell, who, as a member of Parliament from 1874 to 1879, as a magistrate of the county, as a director of the North Staffordshire Railway (the later years as chairman), as a manufacturer, and as one who took part for many years in the management of local affairs, had his time too much occupied to permit of his frequent attendance at Lodge, but who continued to be associated with his mother Lodge of Freemasons till his much lamented death in 1885. Altogether, there were 18 new members in 1861. In the next few years there were many new members, including in 1862 Charles Holtom (Stoke), in 1863 the Rev. M. M'Hutchin and Charles Howard King, the latter a joining member, who was P.G.J.D. in 1859.

It is recorded that in 1862 pecuniary aid was rendered to Carlo Bragazzi, who, after residing in this Province 35 years, was about to return to Italy, his native country. The members expressed "sincere feelings of respect and esteem for one who, during his long residence in this Province, has acquired and maintained the reputation of a true, faithful, and worthy Mason, and truly honest, honourable, and respectable man, and also their earnest wish that in his own native land, now happily relieved from that heavy oppression which 35 years ago compelled him to seek refuge in England, the evening of his life may be passed in comfort, contentment, tranquillity and peace."

In 1864 there were initiated, amongst others, William Young Craig, who resigned membership soon after he commenced the representation of North Staffordshire in Parliament, in 1879; John Warner P.G.P., in 1871, and Clement Marsh, three times W.M.—namely, in 1870, 1871, and 1873. Dr. Charles Orton joined the Lodge in 1864, and became W.M. in 1868, while in 1866 Alfred Glover P.G.S.W. 1857 joined, and John Adamthwaite, William Shepherd Allen (M.P. for the borough from 1865 to 1885, and still a member of the Lodge), and William Jones, W.M. in 1872 and P.G.S. of Works in 1875, were initiated.

The members added since 1866 have included the following:— In 1867, Dr. M. J. Crean; 1863, Charles Hickson, W.M. in 1875 and P.G.J.W. in 1876; and George Barclay W.M. in 1876. In 1871 (joining) J. G. Ainsworth, W.M. 1879, P.G.S.D. 1881. In 1873 (joining) Thomas Turner, W.M. in 1878, and P.G.R. in 1879; J. Inghamells, W.M. in 1877, P.G.J.D. in 1878, and at present Director of Ceremonies; and E. E. Scrivener (joining), previously P.G.S.D. In 1874, E. H. Croydon, W.M. 1882, P.G. Assistant Sec. 1884. In 1875, Thomas E. Storey, P.G.A.D.C. 1884, and Alfred Leigh Broad, W.M. 1880, P.G.J.W. 1882. In 1876, William Henry Bucknell, W.M. 1881, P.G.A.D.C. 1883; T. G. Booth (at present Chief Bailiff of Tunstall), Joseph Griffith, J. T. Eayres, the latter of whom was W.M. of 662 in 1884. In 1877, Edwin Harrison, one of the present Stewards; Thomas Peake Heath, who devoted more time to municipal duties than Masonic work, and was elected Mayor of the Borough in 1880; and William Thomas Aggutter W.M. 1884, P.G.S.D. 1885. In 1878, Dr. St. John Edwards (joining), F. Mountford, W.M. 1883, P.G.O. 1882, and P.G.S.D. 1889; and John Smith W.M. 1877. In 1879, Harold Bonsor, the present S.W.; John Twist Snape, W.M. 1885 and 1886, P.P.S.B. 1886; Frederick Skerrett, the present W.M.; T. W. Eardley the present S.D. In 1881, Henry Hollins, the present J.D.; and in 1883, W. H. Newby, the present J.W. Besides Bro. Newby, there were six other initiates, but four of them are now non-resident, and the other two are absentees on Lodge nights. Though there has been a paucity in the attendance, and in the amount of "work" done, since 1883, the W.M. and his Officers are hopeful that they see signs of renewed prosperity, which is gratifying to them at this time, when they are celebrating the jubilee of the Lodge. Joseph Griffith, Mayor of the borough in November 1881, was initiated in this Lodge, and is still a member. One of the most recent initiates is the present Mayor of Newcastle, Bro. J. A. Whittingham, and there are now fifty-three subscribing members.

The following have held the office of W.M. since the consecration of the Lodge:—1839 and 1840, William Mason; 1841, J. R. Home; 1842, Robert Feuton; 1843, John Hallam; 1844, William Hargreaves; 1845, Charles Trubshaw; 1846, Frederick Crewe; 1847, John Broomhall; 1848, James Trubshaw; 1849 and 1850, Thomas Ward; 1851, Thomas Fenton; 1852, William Cartwright; 1853, Henry Hall; 1854, Samuel Mayer Turner; 1855, Thomas Mason; 1856, David Dilworth; 1857, John Hallam; 1858, Jos. Knight; 1859, M. G. Phillips; 1860 and 1861, Wm. Dutton; 1862, John Pearson; 1863, William Hyatt; 1864, R. W. Lichfield; 1865, Walter Acton; 1866, William Ottey Briggs; 1867, James Poole; 1868, Charles Orton; 1869, Samuel Hyslop; 1870, and 1871, Clement Marsh; 1872, William Jones; 1873, Clement Marsh; 1874, Walter Acton; 1875, Charles Hickson; 1876, George Barclay; 1877, J. Inghamells; 1878, Thomas Turner; 1879, J. Green Ainsworth; 1880, Alfred Leigh Broad; 1881, William Henry Bucknell; 1882, Edward Henry Croydon; 1883, Frederick Mountford; 1884, William Thomas Aggutter; 1885 and 1886, John Twist Snape; 1887, John Smith; 1888, Frederick Mountford; 1889, Frederick Skerrett.

For many years the Perseverance Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Newcastle, consisting mainly of members of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity. But the membership became so low in 1884, that the Chapter ceased to appear in the Masonic Calendar after that year, and most of the Royal Arch Masons of Newcastle are affiliated with the Staffordshire Knot Chapter at Hauley. Whether Chapter 460 may be resuscitated remains to be seen.

—Staffordshire Advertiser.

CENTENNIAL OF THE CONNECTICUT G. LODGE.

AN event of unusual importance to the Masonic Fraternity in Connecticut occurred on the 10th ult., when the Grand Lodge of that State, assisted by subordinate Commanderies and Lodges and distinguished invited guests from other States, celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Elaborate preparations had been in progress for many months. The Ceremonies opened with a parade by the Commanderies and Lodges of Connecticut escorting the Grand Lodge, and in which 4000 Masons took part. Attendance had been promised by 68 Lodges, with a total of 2816 members, and there were also 10 Commanderies of Knights Templar in line, with nearly 600 members. There were 22 bands, including Colt's Armoury Band of Hartford and Cappa's 7th Regimental band of New York. The musicians numbered nearly 400. Dinner was served in the Armoury for those who took part in the parade, and arrangements had been made for 4000 persons. The public exercises included an historical address by Grand Secretary Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford and other appropriate services. In the evening a concert was given at the Hyperion, which was open to the public, and for which tickets had been sold. This was preceded by a banquet, to which only Masons were admitted. On the evening of the 9th ult. Grand Master Swartwout, of Stamford, held a reception, to which all the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters had been invited. In addition to the immense gathering of the Craft in Connecticut, there were many present from other States, and among the invited guests many of the most prominent Masons in the country. Massachusetts was represented by Grand Master Henry Endicott and Grand Secretary Sereno D. Nickerson, of Massachusetts, who were present as special invited guests of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Other distinguished Freemasons present were:—Grand Master John C. Smith, of Illinois; Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine; Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, of Maryland; Grand Master Webb, of New Jersey; Grand Master George W. Carrier, of New Hampshire; Past Grand Master Richard Vaux, of Pennsylvania; Deputy Grand Master Benjamin F. Haller, of Tennessee; Deputy Grand Master John W. Vrooman, of New York; Grand Secretary Edwin Baker, of Rhode Island; Grand Master Clifford P. MacCalla, of Pennsylvania; Grand Master George H. Kenyon, of Rhode Island, and others. Freemasonry in Connecticut began with the institution of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, in 1750. Hiram Lodge was chartered by St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Thomas Oxnard Grand Master, and is consequently the oldest Lodge in the State. The Lodge was suspended by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1887, after 130 years of active life, but the difficulties between the two bodies have recently been healed, and the ancient Lodge restored to its place at the head of Connecticut Freemasonry. The petition to St. John's Grand Lodge was headed by D. Wooster, then Captain, afterwards General, in the Continental Army, and also contained the names of some of the most prominent and best known citizens of New Haven. David Wooster was appointed the first Master of the Lodge. Wooster was a veteran of the French and Indian wars, and served with distinction in the provincial army. He led his regiment of Connecticut Volunteers in three campaigns against the French posts of Crown Point and Ticonderoga. In the last campaign, the English, under command of General Amherst, were successful, and, with the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe's army, brought about the loss of the whole of Canada to the French. Gen. Wooster distinguished himself in these campaigns for great personal courage, and led a desperate though unsuccessful attack upon the French breastworks at Lake George, in Lord Loudon's campaign. In 1775, upon the breaking out of the revolutionary war, the Connecticut General Assembly raised six regiments of troops, and appointed Gen. Wooster Major-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Connecticut troops. His Brigadiers were Joseph Spencer and Israel Putnam. When the army was reorganized by the Continental Congress, the merits of Wooster were overlooked, and through the greater fame of Putnam he was appointed Major-General from Connecticut, while Wooster was appointed Brigadier-General. This slight, however, made no difference to Wooster, who served in the campaign against Canada, under General Schuyler, with distinction. He was killed by a musket ball, fired by a Tory, when Benedict Arnold made his descent upon the Connecticut towns, in 1781. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut was instituted 8th July 1789, when there were 13 Lodges in the State. It will be noticed that the real anniversary was 8th July, but for convenience the celebration was held on the 10th July. The first convention of delegates, representing the Masonic Lodges of Connecticut, was held at New Haven, 18th March 1783. Twelve Lodges were represented. Several votes were passed, and various recommendations were made to the Lodges. The sentiment at that time was in favour of the institution of a Grand Lodge, but nothing came of the convention in that direction. The convention adjourned until the following September, but no record exists of a meeting being held at that time, and it is supposed that no further movement was made. The next convention was held at New Haven, 14th May 1789. At this time 13 Lodges were represented. At this meeting the sentiment in favour of the establishment of a Grand Lodge appeared to be unanimous. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan, and prepare constitution and by-laws for the government of the proposed Grand Lodge. The convention was then adjourned to 8th July in the same year, the committee being instructed to report at that time. On the appointed day the convention reassembled. The committee reported at length, and presented a draft for a constitution and by-laws, and a complete plan for the organization of the Grand Lodge. The proposed constitution was adopted by the convention, and a full board of Grand Officers elected. The following Lodges were represented:—Hiram Lodge, New Haven; St. John's Lodge, Middletown; St. John's Lodge, Fairfield; St. John's Lodge, Hartford; King Solomon's Lodge, Woodbury; St. John's Lodge, Stratford; Lodges in Wallingford and Danbury; Wooster Lodge, Colchester; St. Paul's Lodge, Litchfield;

Frederick Lodge, Farmington; Montgomery Lodge, Salisbury. Of these Lodges, 12 were chartered by the Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, all but St. John's Lodge, Fairfield; and St. John's Lodge, Stratford, being so chartered. The first Grand Master was Pierrepont Edwards of New Haven, a member of Hiram Lodge, and the youngest son of the famous theologian and divine, Jonathan Edwards. He was born in Northampton, Mass., in 1750. He was graduated at Princeton in 1768, and began the practice of law in New Haven in 1771. He was frequently elected to the Legislature, and was appointed administrator of the estate of Benedict Arnold at the time of his treason. He took an early stand in favour of the colonies in the contest with the mother country, and served with honour in the revolutionary army. After the close of the war he became a member of the Continental Congress, and was a warm advocate of the constitution. Later in life he became judge of the United States district court, which position he occupied at the time of his death, which occurred at Bridgeport in 1826. He was made a Mason in Hiram Lodge in 1775, and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1768. For two years he filled the office of Grand Master, with marked ability, and his administration was a credit to himself and the Fraternity. The history of Masonry in Connecticut is closely interwoven with the story of the patriotic citizens of that state. Many of those prominent in the revolutionary war were honoured members of the Masonic fraternity. Indeed, it is stated on good authority that of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 50 were Freemasons, as were also nearly all of the general officers of the army and navy of the colonies. From this it will be seen that Connecticut was not alone in the devotion of her patriots to the ancient institution of Freemasonry. Benedict Arnold was a member of Hiram Lodge of New Haven, being a frequent attendant at its meetings until 1772. Gen. Israel Putnam was also a member, and his character and fame added lustre to the Lodge, which even the treason of Arnold could not dim. Among other celebrated men who have been identified with Masonry in the Nutmeg State may be mentioned Hon. David Daggett, who was the first Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and held the office for many years. He was for several years a senator of the United States for Connecticut, and afterwards judge of the superior court. Henry W. Edwards, afterwards Governor of the State, was a member of Hiram Lodge. Hon. Ephraim Kirby, a member of King Solomon's Lodge of Woodbury, served during the whole of the revolutionary war. He was present and participated in 13 battles and skirmishes, among which were Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown, and received 13 wounds. He held high rank in his profession, and was the author of the first volume of judicial decisions ever published in this country. He died in Mississippi while on the way to assume the duties of judge of the territory of Orleans, to which he had been appointed. The members of the legal profession, the medical profession, and the clergy, have belonged to the Masons, and a full list of members would include many governors and other state officers, United States officers and representatives, judges of courts and eminent divines and physicians. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut at present has under its jurisdiction 110 subordinate Lodges and 14,731 members. The present Grand Master is John W. Swartwout of Stamford, and the Grand Secretary is Joseph K. Wheeler of Hartford. Grand Secretary Wheeler is a well read Masonic student and an authority upon all Masonic topics. The historical address was delivered by him, and was a model of research and historical accuracy.—*Boston Herald*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through the medium of your columns, to caution your readers against an individual representing himself as connected with this Theatre, and obtaining money for pretended admission tickets, the said tickets being printed on the back of my advertisement railway tickets. They are forgeries. Any admissions granted to bill exhibitors are invariably sent by post, never by hand. The man is described as being tall, and with a fair moustache.

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Yours sincerely,
EDWARD TERRY.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CROOK.

ON Wednesday, 17th ult., Bro. Babbington Boulton, Restoration Lodge, No. 111, P.P.G. Treas. and Acting Deputy Master, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Durham, in a most impressive manner solemnly consecrated and dedicated a handsome building in Church-street, Crook, to the services of Masonry. The Crook Lodge, No. 2019, of which Bro. E. Milburn is W.M., is in a very prosperous state, there being now a membership of over sixty. Its formation took place seven years ago. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards partaken of.

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ANCIENT UNION LODGE, No. 203.

THE annual picnic was held at Clitheroe. The party, numbering about sixty, left Tithebarn-street Station by the 9:50 a.m. train, on the 25th ult., in saloon carriages, courteously placed for their comfort by Mr. Helliwell, the company's passenger agent, and after a sharp run arrived at Clitheroe, and at once proceeded to the Swan and Royal Hotel, where they were kindly received by the widow of Bro. Lofthouse. After viewing the old castle, and admiring the magnificent view of the surrounding country from its walls, the members and their ladies returned to the hotel, where they partook of dinner, and at the termination of the meal the usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M. (Bro. Thomas Wood). The W.M.'s toast was then proposed by Bro. J. N. Hounsell P.M., and Treasurer, who acted as D.C., to which Bro. Wood replied in felicitous terms. Waggonettes were in waiting, and conveyed the party through a most picturesque country, via Whalley Abbey (where the party were photographed, under the walls), Bolton, Gisburne, returning by a shorter route to the hotel. After tea the W.M. thanked several of the brethren for their valuable assistance in making the picnic so great a success, and asked the party to adjourn to the meadow by the Ribble for the sports. The 120 yards race for gentlemen, first prize a handsome briar-root pipe in case, was won by Bro. Dockerill; the second prize, a walking stick, by Mr. Hessam. The ladies potato race, which proved very exciting, was won by Mrs. Clark, the prize being a handsome silk umbrella; and the second prize a pair of gloves, &c., by Mrs. Galloway. The ladies again competed in the egg and spoon race, the prize being a beautiful handkerchief and glove-box, which was won by Miss Williams. The sports were wound up with the tug-of-war, which was won by the team captained by Bro. Galloway P.M. The party then returned to the station, where, while waiting for the arrival of the 8:5 p.m. train, the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors. After a sharp run home, the party separated at Tithebarn-street, after spending a most enjoyable day, and congratulating each other on the success of the outing.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 220.

BRO. Thomas Lawton was, on the 24th ult., at the Garston Hotel, Garston, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Lodge of Harmony has now attained its 97th year, being one of the oldest Lodges in the province of West Lancashire. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Harry Round 1609, W. L. Sweetman 1505, J. F. Booth 1299, S. Haden Jones 1299, T. Sowden 786, J. Shield 1086, H. T. Wakeham 1432, R. W. T. Hatch 613, F. L. Elsworth 241, C. Stopford 1713, and W. Tomkinson 786. The presenting officers were Bros. W. S. Vines and H. Hatch Treasurer, the Worshipful Master being installed in a most impressive and able manner by his predecessor in the chair, Bro. T. F. Hill. Subsequently the Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Brothers S. S. Fisher S.W., J. W. Billingsley J.W., H. Hatch Treasurer, J. Carter Secretary, W. S. Vines D.C., J. C. Watson S.D., Dr. J. A. Fisher J.D., T. Broughton I.G., J. Williams Organist, W. W. Gamble S., T. Finch S., and T. Gidlow S. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. T. Wilson, landlord of the Garston Hotel. During the evening the retiring W.M. was presented with a beautiful tea and coffee service, supplied by Messrs Elkington and Co., Church-street, Liverpool. Each piece is enriched with an engraved rosette band, and bears the monogram of Mr. and Mrs. Hill. The salver, which is 18 inches in diameter, is mounted with a cable border and a richly engraved scroll band, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother Thomas F. Hill P.M., P.G.S.B., together with a tea and coffee service, by the members of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, as a token of their esteem and regard, on his retiring from the W.M.'s chair, July 1889."

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 1004.

AT the meeting, held on 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Douglass, Isle of Man, a most unusual event in Masonic circles took place. Ceremonies in the three degrees were gone through, the third degree being ably performed by Bro. S. Webb P.Z. P.M. P.G.J.W. The occasion will be long remembered by that genial brother, inasmuch as he had the pleasure of giving his two sons—Thomas and Henry—the sublime degree. We wonder how often a father can say that he has, in one night, conferred this degree on his two sons. Mr. Thomas Webb is a sailor, mate of the Argomene, one of the finest ships sailing out of Liverpool, and he came to the island on Monday purposely to take his third degree here. Some of the Liverpool brethren offered to give him his degree there, but he preferred coming over to his mother Lodge to have the degree conferred by his father. Bro. S. Webb has three sons who are Masons, and he initiated all of them.

HOWE AND CHARNWOOD LODGE, No. 1007.

A VERY large and influential gathering of the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland lunched together in the Town Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., to meet the Marquis of Granby, who was that day about to be admitted into the Masonic Order, as a member of this Lodge, which holds its meetings at the Bull's Head Hotel. Mr. George Carter Oliver, of Leicester, the W.M. of the Lodge, presided, and he was supported by the Marquis of Granby, Bros. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M., E. Wood, Mayor of Leicester; J. Griggs, Mayor of Loughborough; Ald. T. Wright, ex-Mayor of Leicester; the Rev. J. Bird Chaplain of the Lodge, Dr. Corcoran I.P.M., George Oliver, J.P., P.M., and a great number of other leading Masons of the Province. After the lunch, the toasts of the Queen and the Prince of Wales were heartily drunk, and the company adjourned to the Lodge Room, at the Bull's Head Hotel, where the Marquis of Granby was initiated a member of the Masonic Craft, the ceremony being most impressively and effectively performed by Bro. G. C. Oliver the W.M., ably assisted by Bros. T. B. Laxton S.W., and J. H. Marshall P.M. In the course of the proceedings Bro. G. C. Oliver proposed, and the Marquis of Granby seconded,

a vote of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Grand Master of the Order, upon the marriage of his daughter, the Princess Louise of Wales, with the Earl of Fife P.G.M. of Banff.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., the brethren of this Lodge, accompanied by several lady friends, had a picnic to Richmond and neighbourhood, and spent a pleasant day in viewing the picturesque scenery of that district. The party arrived at Richmond shortly before noon, and at one o'clock partook of luncheon at the King's Head Hotel. They afterwards left in conveyances for Aske Hall, the residence of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire, and the recently appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. Easby Abbey was also visited, and other places of special interest in the locality. At five o'clock tea was served, at the King's Head Hotel, and at 6:30 the party left Richmond by train for Thirsk, having passed an enjoyable day.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1714.

ON Saturday, 27th ult., on the occasion of the marriage of the Princess Louise, this Lodge, of which the Duke of Connaught is a member, sent a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales. The address was presented by the Secretary, Bro. Robert Bunce P.P.G.S., who was cordially received at Marlborough House by Sir Francis Knollys. Mr. Pountney, of Reading, executed the address on vellum, and it was enclosed in a neat case of imperial blue morocco. The address was signed by the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary.

PEACE LODGE, No. 2269.

ON Wednesday, 31st ult., the members and a number of lady friends, held a picnic. The party, which numbered thirty-eight, left the London and North Western Station, Wigan, at 9:36 a.m., en route for Preston. On arriving there, they at once took their places in three wagonettes, each drawn by four horses, and were driven through some beautiful country to Whalley Abbey, where an excellent lunch was in waiting. After visiting the abbey and church, the party were driven, via Milton Church and Stonyhurst College, to Whitewell, which is one of the most charming spots in North-East Lancashire. The party arrived there at 4:15, and spent an hour pleasantly admiring the beautiful scenery, &c. Dinner was served at 5:15, and at 6:30 the party again took their seats in the wagonettes, and were driven back to Preston, a distance of eighteen miles. The entire distance by road by which the party travelled was forty-two miles. Preston was reached at 8:50, and Wigan at ten o'clock. The weather throughout was very fine, and the whole proceedings were heartily enjoyed by all who took part in them.

MASONIC RELICS.—On the 25th July, when the Masons were piercing the wall of the old Parochial School, Mauchline, to lead in the gas, they came on the foundation-stone of the addition built in 1865. The chisel passed through the glass bottle, in which were found a list of the members of Mauchline St. Mango's Lodge, No. 179, the names of the teachers in the Parish School and the New Educational Institution, the ministers of Mauchline, the churches, and public works. There were fourteen photos, in good preservation, a few coins, and two newspapers, the *Glasgow Herald* and *Ayrshire Express*, of August 26th, 1865. The Lodge addressed the relics to future generations, but the same generation that witnessed the ceremony now gather round them and gaze on the features of many dead. The present proprietor, Mr John Mather, contractor, purposes replacing them in a stone of a new porch to his dwelling-house.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Adjourned meeting
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston. Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- R.A. —Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Moltham
- 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 1637—Unity, Harrow
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 12th AUGUST.

- 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1426—Hydo Park, Porchester Hotel, Loimster 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.)
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
- 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst.)
- 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
- 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- 507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobdon Bridge
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 659—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
- 685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
- 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 1350—Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611—Libericum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
- 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
- 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- 1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.
- R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
- R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
- R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
- R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
- M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 13th AUGUST.

- 25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
- 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 138—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
- 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 890—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
- 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
- 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- 1539—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
- 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruktion, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
- R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Bursley
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Teuro
- 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
- 496—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instr.)
- 415—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham

- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
- 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
- 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
- 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
- 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walsbury
- 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
- 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Silcup
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
- 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
- 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
- 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
- 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
- 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
- 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
- 2146—Sarbilton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Sarbilton. (Instruction)
- 2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesoy
- R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
- R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
- R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
- R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
- R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
- M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th AUGUST.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadehall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
- 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
- 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
- 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
- 1662—Beaconsfield, Choquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell 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. 833—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham Street, Regent Circle
- 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
- 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Braishawgate, Bolton
- 191—St. John, Knowles Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Danton
- 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
- 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Nowchurch, near Manchester
- 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster
- 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hull Huddersfield
- 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
- 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
- 483—Symphony, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
- 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
- 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Checkheaton
- 758—Eldersmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 913—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
- 1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Broomton, Chatham
- 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
- 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitthwaite
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
- 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
- R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
- R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
- R.A. 290—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
- R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
- R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
- R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- R.A. 409—Stortford, Choquers Inn, Bishop's Stortford

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST.

- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1195—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bobbin Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wembleton, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
- 1553—D. Connaught, Rainswater Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theoberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
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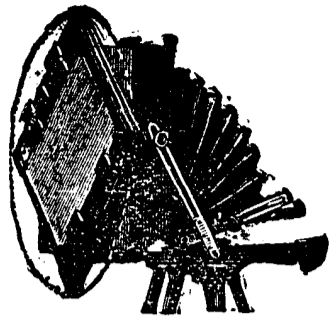
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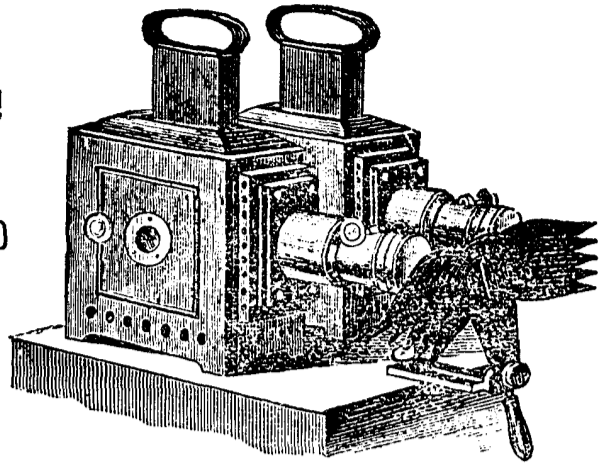
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