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THE LORD MAYOR AND THE FREEMASONS.

THE Lord Mayor of London is just now a prominent figure in English Freemasonry. On Tuesday he was installed as Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on which occasion an assemblage far more brilliant than is usually witnessed in connection with a Masonic meeting was gathered together at the Mansion House, where, by dispensation from the Grand Master, the ceremonies of the day were performed; while on the previous Friday he was the recipient of a special gift from the Lodge of Israel, of which he is a Past Master, in recognition of his elevation to the dignity of first magistrate of the City of London. Looking forward we find him pledged to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will take place on Wednesday, the 26th instant, on which occasion we hope the gathering will be as grand as that of Tuesday last, and that the result of his lordship's advocacy then may elicit as hearty a response as was accorded him in his own Lodge, at the Mansion House, on the occasion of his installation. Next Monday Sir Henry Isaacs is expected at the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, when Bro. Arthur B. Hudson will be installed as Worshipful Master. In addition to this there are other meetings, which if not actually arranged by the Lord Mayor, will at least have his attention at the proper time, and his presidency in the honoured post of chief Magistrate of the City promises to be as brilliant as any that have preceded it, from a Masonic point of view.

The gathering of Tuesday last at the Mansion House was indeed a brilliant affair. It has fittingly been described as probably the first occasion in the history of the Craft in this country on which a Worshipful Master was so honoured as to be installed at his own residence, and certainly the first occasion of a Lord Mayor entertaining his Lodge under such conditions. A number of fortunate circumstances combined to bring about this happy coincidence. First may be mentioned the fact of the Lord Mayor being a Freemason, next the good luck that caused his installation into the chair of his Lodge during his term of office in the City, and last, but not least, the peculiar surroundings of the Lodge over which he now presides, and which has justly been termed one of the most important in the world, drawing its members from some of the leading professions of the day, and that, too, in a most cosmopolitan manner. The grandeur of the meeting has been described as imposing, but that hardly conveys a fair idea of the sight which met the view of those who were fortunate enough to be among the company. There was a more brilliant gathering of Grand Officers than is usually witnessed, even at important assemblages of Grand Lodge, while the attractions of the historical building in which the meeting was held will fairly vie with those of the

Masonic Temple itself. The whole of the surroundings were of the most gratifying character, and everything combined to make this unique assembly as much of a success as could possibly be desired. No Worshipful Master of a Lodge ever started his year of office with more hearty and sincere wishes of success than were showered upon Sir Henry Isaacs on Tuesday.

We must not, however, lose the opportunity to offer a welcome for the coming guest as well as speed the parting one. There is an event looming in the near future which, we are pleased to say, is regarded by the Lord Mayor with equal enthusiasm and with equal pleasure as anything he felt in connection with his own installation as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. If ever one of our Institutions had an enthusiastic Chairman to preside over its Anniversary Festival, the Benevolent Institution is in that position this year. Lord Mayor Isaacs has proved himself not merely an ornamental president. He has personally urged the claims of those for whom he is to plead on the 26th, and more than one new worker has been secured for the good cause through his personal efforts. The subject was briefly touched upon by some of the speakers on Tuesday, notably by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, to whom was entrusted the proposition of the toast of the Masonic Charities. He hoped that all who were present that evening would do something to support their present Chairman in the good work he had undertaken, and it is but fair to expect some tangible addition to the funds of the Charity from the appeal then put forward. Brother James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, was particularly happy in his reply, which, like all the speeches on the occasion, was commendably brief, and to the point. Perhaps the remarks of Bro. J. C. Parkinson earlier in the evening, when he acknowledged the toast of the Installing Officer, expressed the views of the other speakers, each of whom appeared to act as though they recognised the fact of being "before a body of accomplished experts, each a competent critic, and all accustomed to criticize—the very flower of the Craft." Bro. Terry referred to the Mansion House as being the medium for receiving large sums for distribution in benevolence, and he thought it would be a very good thing for them to pay the Lord Mayor the compliment of contributing largely in support of his chairmanship for the Benevolent Institution—a sentiment that must be endorsed by those outside who have the interests of charity at heart.

Our readers are too well aware of the many calls made year by year on the Benevolent Institution to need any lengthy details from us on the present occasion. There are a large number of aged Craftsmen, and an equally long array of widows, annually receiving handsome annuities from the funds of this Charity, in support of which the members of the Craft will assemble, as we have already said, on the 26th inst., under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

There is yet ample time to swell the total of subscriptions then to be announced, and we hope that all who are able to do so will contribute their share, and thus make the presidency of the Lord Mayor at the first Festival of the Masonic Institutions for 1890 as brilliant a success as was his installation on Tuesday last.

WHY FREEMASONRY EXISTS.

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WHEREVER Freemasons have in any time met in Lodge together, whether in English inns or in open air, in cities or in the camps of armies, or in our lately-peopled villages, where the church, the school-house, and the Masonic hall, builded side by side, marked the advance of American civilisation on its march across the continent; whether in boats on the Bay of Naples, to elude the spies of the twin tyrannies; or in Spain under the bloody Ferdinand, in Russia under a tolerant czar, in the city of Constantine, permitted by the sultan, in Egypt under the protection of the Khedive, himself a Mason, or in the Mohammedan and Parsee Lodges of Bombay under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland; whether in its youth, or since it has grown to its present estate of ripening manhood, there have always been present in the Lodge, as Inspectors of the Work, those divinities, beautiful and gracious, the Spirit of Brotherhood, Trustfulness in the beneficence of God, the Love of Truth, fleet-footed Charity, large-souled Tolerance, and warm-hearted Loving-Kindness, whose presence has made the most plainly-furnished Lodge in camp or frontier village radiant with a greater beauty than that which adorns the chambers of luxury in the palaces of kings.

It is often said that Masonry is not a religion. If it be said that it is not Christianity, not Hebraism, not Mohammedanism, not Parsecism, this is true; but there was religion in the world before any of these were; and if the faith of the enlightened thinkers of Greece and Rome, of Egypt and India, who believed that there was one Divine Creator and Preserver of the Universe, its Lord or Ruler, revering and adoring Him as beneficent and wise; and that the intelligent soul of man did not cease to be, at the death of the body;—if this was a religion, surely Freemasonry, having the same belief and trustful reverence, is likewise a religion, within the definitions of the Apostle James and the Prophet Isaiah, and by the declaration of Christ himself as to that which was "all the Law and the Prophets."

When the railing accusation is brought against Freemasonry, that it is hostile to lawful government, a Mason need make no other reply than this: That as our Institution is the faithful hand-maiden of religion whenever that which calls itself religion claims only the power to teach and persuade, and does not pretend to the right to persecute, or exert itself to overcome republican or constitutional government, so everywhere, Freemasons, individually and collectively, are loyal and active supporters of such governments, in all the American republics, in France and Switzerland, in Great Britain and Denmark, in Sweden and Norway, in the Netherlands and Belgium, in Brazil, in Germany and Spain and Portugal, in Hungary and Italy and Greece; for fidelity and loyalty, and peace and order, and subordination to lawful authority are the household gods of Freemasonry.

No human institution lives long without changes in its organic structure, in the processes of its action, in its forms and methods, and even in its principles once regarded as essential and unchangeable. The restless activity of humanity makes stability impossible. From the common lot of all Freemasonry is not exempt; but, in the main, has stood upon the old ways, and thence made progress. The constitutions of civil government and political organisation, whether written, or broadened from precedent to precedent, change more in a score of years than Masonry has changed in a century. For the most part, it has adhered to the spirit, if not altogether to the letter of the Old Charges and Regulations—too much, perhaps, in some things, in which it might be better if the letter of the old law governed it less, and its spirit more.

The field of Masonic labour is as wide as the world is;

and everywhere in it the toilers in the sun will find work enough to do, and the same old enemies to overcome. No matter under what forms the workmen organise themselves to attain that concentration of effort in which strength consists and on which success depends, no matter in what degrees each organisation embodies its teachings, making each a lesson for its affiliates, no matter what form of government or modes of administration each may adopt, there should be harmony and allied action among all, if the work of all is Masonic work, if the degrees of all are lessons of Masonic truth, and if the aim and end and purpose of the labours of all are the same.

For the different divisions of Masonry into Rites and Orders are like streams that flow from one great inexhaustible fountain. If in one flows the morality of Masonry, in another the high principles and noble sentiments and heroic aspirations of chivalry, and in another the philosophy which it has as heir of the ancient ages, these streams may glide peacefully onward side by side, each with healing in its waters for the ills of humanity; for the mission of all is the same, and there is no antagonism, and ought to be no rivalry between them, and no claim of superiority by one over the other. One cannot be made to flow more amply by the diminution of the other, nor is either higher, greater, or nobler than the other.

All the Rites and Degrees that can justly claim to be in their character and essence Masonic—all that have become invested by the common consent and long possession with that character, are animated by the same great purpose, and have the same high objects. All labour to strengthen the ties of Masonic brotherhood, all insist upon the observance of Masonic vows, strict performance of duty in all the relations of life, the absolute right of every man to obey the dictates of his own conscientious convictions; upon obedience to the divinely enacted laws of truth, justice, right, duty, and honour, upon the foregoing of revenge and the forgiveness of injuries, upon charitable judgment and opinion, generous deeds, and virtuous and decorous lives; and no Rite will sustain any real loss by the denial to it of the title "Masonic," if it enforces the performance of Masonic duty, strengthens the ties of Masonic brotherhood, is animated by the true spirit and imbued by the true principles of Freemasonry, and labours faithfully to achieve Masonic ends, under Masonic forms, and by Masonic methods. Such a Rite or Order will be Masonic, whether called so or not.

Surely there is nothing in the world that has the power to create, between men living in different countries, speaking different tongues, and never seeing the faces nor hearing the voices of each other, an affection so warm and constant as that of Mason for Mason.

Also Freemasonry not only brings together, as nothing else in the world can, men who without it would never have known each other, but it creates mutual liking and esteem where without it one man, on account of political or religious differences, would have lived and died in the firm belief that the other was not fit to be either liked or esteemed.

In the current intercourse of the world, men too commonly turn the worst side of their nature outward, because the influences exerted upon human nature by the pursuits and rivalries and ambitions of human life are for the most part harmful. In our ordinary life we too generally see men at their worst, they being unjust to themselves. In our Masonic intercourse we see them at their best; they are just to themselves, and we find reason to like and admire many whom, but for the brotherhood created between us and them by Freemasonry, we should always have believed insincere, dishonest, malicious, or unjust. It is as true a saying as ever was said, that it is a great excellence of human nature, and a great gift to it from God, to be able to discern the good that is in other men.

It is the high duty of a Mason to seek for and find the good that there is in human nature, and, by knowing men, and especially those of the Household of the Faithful, better, to like and value them more; and above all, to cherish a conviction as strong and steadfast as if it were written by the finger of Deity upon our souls, that no difference of religious belief or of political principle, how great soever either may be, can make a brother less worthy of our loving regard and sympathy.

I have lately for the first time learned that fully half a score of men whom I well knew fifty years and more ago—some of whom I liked and some disliked—were Masons.

They are all dead now, and the very names of some are forgotten in the State in which they lived; and were almost wholly forgotten by me. But with the knowledge that they were Masons, even when I was not one, there have come to me a new and larger interest in the actions of their lives, a warmer feeling of affection for the memories of those among them whom I liked and honoured, and kind thoughts and charitable opinions of those whom I regarded with dislike.

Such, surely, must be the influence of Freemasonry upon every generous soul. How often, in the words of Edwin Arnold, we would fain say to some one among the dead:—

Bear no grudge to those
Who had not time, in life's hard fight, to show how well they liked
thee:
We that seemed less than friends were brothers; now
Death knows it! and love knows! and I! and thou!

—Voice of Masonry.

ENDS AND OBJECTS OF MASONRY.

"THE Masons' Lodge is a type of the world," says a great German poet, with an accuracy seldom belonging to epigrammatic utterances. In the several degrees of Masonry, symbolised under the types of the tools of that art which has found its highest development in raising upon earth material evidences of mankind's love and adoration for the Most High who dwelleth in the heavens, we find depicted as upon a stage, man's progress through this mundane existence in such a manner as to bring before him the great truth that his days on earth are but few, and a stage on the great journey to the mysterious hereafter.

Masonry rightly viewed rests upon two great facts; the recognition of the existence of a Supreme Being who is not only the Great Architect of the Universe but the Great Geometrician who has vouchsafed to us plans for our conduct here upon earth, on the Tracing Board of His revealed word; and the great principle of religious socialism, which teaches us in all things to subordinate our own selfish ends to the needs of the other component parts of that great human fabric of which the greatest of us is but an insignificant unit. Indeed, the great ends of Masonry cannot be better summed up than in those grand principles of love to God and love to man, which run through all the pure religions of the world, and which were never so impressively laid down as in the words of the Great Master who taught us that duty towards God and duty towards our neighbour comprised up the obligations of the good man's life here upon earth.

Masonry ever tends towards the concrete in thought, and all the highways and bye-ways of its beneficent action are as nothing if we forget to refer them to these two great principles upon which they are based. The benevolence which relieves the poverty-stricken brother, his destitute widow, or his orphan child, the kindly help which sets the erring Craftsman once more on the right road, and the social spirit which leads us to congregate together for innocent enjoyment, are but phases of carrying out our duty towards man; and this again is as nought if we disassociate it from our duty towards the Great Architect and creator of the Universe.

The Mason who tries to build up the former without the help of the Revealed Will of the Most High, is like the Fellow Craft who flings the Master's Tracing Board aside, and tries to lay stone upon stone, and course upon course, without other guidance than his own fleeting ideas of the fitness of things. Equally as such an erring Mason would have to lament his unfinished and useless work, so we who build a moral edifice know not whither we are going if we discard the plans laid down for us in the Great Light of the Craft, and trust only to the fitful guidings of that poor and variable thing, the individual conscience. Happily, few amongst are inclined to controvert these principles, but it is well that we should now and then revert to them and follow up the diverse streams of Masonry to their primal sources, lest we fail in giving a clear and distinct reason for the course we have mapped out for ourselves.—*South African Freemason.*

PRESENTATION TO THE LORD MAYOR.

WHEN W. Bro. the Right Hon Sir Henry A. Isaacs was installed as Lord Mayor the members of the Lodge of Israel desired to present him with an address of congratulation, and a Committee of the Lodge was appointed to carry out the resolution, but it having come to their knowledge that the P.M.'s jewel which had been presented to him on his retirement from the chair of the Lodge had been stolen from him, the Committee thought that it would be a graceful act to present him with another jewel. The Lord Mayor signified his intention to be present at the installation meeting on the 28th ult., to receive the same, but, unfortunately, he was too unwell to be able to attend; but he agreed to receive the Committee on Friday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of having the jewel handed to him. Accordingly Bros. M. I. Emanuel W.M., C. F. Hogard I.P.M. P.G.S.B., A. M. Cohen Treasurer, Littaur P.M., H. I. Phillips P.M., J. A. Gartley P.M., and A. J. Henochsberg P.M. P.P.D.G.D.C. West Lancashire attended at the Mansion House for that purpose. Bro. Rev. Marcus Haines, the proposer of the resolution, being unfortunately prevented by a serious attack of the prevailing epidemic from being present, Bro. M. I. Emanuel W.M. made the presentation on behalf of the Lodge, alluding to the many services the Lord Mayor had rendered to the Lodge in years gone by, both as a P.M. of the Lodge and as President for many years of its Benevolent Fund; and read the inscription on the jewel:—

"Presented by the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, to W. Bro. Rt. Honble. Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs W.M. 1856, as a slight souvenir of his being Lord Mayor of the City of London for 1889-1890. 28th January 1890."

The Lord Mayor very feelingly acknowledged the gift, and expressed his regret that the great number of the members of the Drury Lane Lodge and the Grand Officers, and the want of sufficient room at the Mansion House to entertain all those he would have desired to be present at his installation as Worshipful Master of that Lodge, did not permit him to invite the members of the Committee to dine with him on Tuesday next, but he would, on a future occasion, ask them to a dinner at the Mansion House. After the presentation, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the members of the Committee at luncheon.

THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

IN connection with the allegations which have been made against the management of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, the Duke of Newcastle, as president, has issued a circular giving details of the vindication of the institution. He says:—"The efforts to wreck St. John's Hospital, wantonly commenced upwards of two years ago, and malignantly persisted in, poisoned the minds of some of the managers of the Hospital Saturday Fund against the Hospital. This body, however, with a candour redounding to their honour, instead of excluding the Hospital from participation in their distribution of the moneys collected for the hospitals, conceived the desire to have for themselves an independent investigation of the books and accounts of the Hospital. This action was hailed with much satisfaction by the Hospital Board, who unanimously passed a resolution placing all the books and documents at the disposition of the Saturday Fund and for the purposes of the investigation. The firm of public accountants selected was Messrs. W. H. Pannell and Co. In cheerfully and unreservedly submitting to the investigation the board were actuated by two motives—the desire to have once and for all removed from the hospital the air of suspicion which the action of its traducers had certainly surrounded it with, and the knowledge that the body proposing to make the investigation was a recognised public one, and not a clique who but sought the ruin of the hospital. The investigation commenced on the 11th December, and their report was brought before the Hospital Saturday Fund for consideration on the 11th January, at a meeting presided over by Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., at which upwards of 40 members were present, and after an exhaustive debate, a grant of £59 16s was voted by a large majority to the Hospital. The result was received with enthusiastic applause, for throughout the discussion no one had ventured to utter a syllable against the Hospital as a relief-giving and good-doing charity; indeed there were those present who emphatically declared that the poor who suffered from diseases of the skin could not possibly do without St. John's Hospital."—*Globe.*

The restoration of the choir, lantern tower, and transepts of Peterborough Cathedral having been completed, the Dean and Chapter are now in want of funds to furnish the choir. Several stalls have been promised, and a fund has been opened to present two stalls on behalf of the Freemasons of England, as a memorial of the Masonic ceremony which took place on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the central tower by Lord Carnarvon in May 1884. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Notts and Hunts have headed the list with a donation of £25. The restoration committee have decided to issue another appeal for funds to proceed with the work.—*British Architect.*

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WHY IS BRO. PECKHAM ANGRY WITH JACOB NORTON?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The New York World, of 23rd December, gave notice of Bro. Peckham's mental excitement. It says:—

"Mr. Peckham claims a vindication." It then goes on to say:

"The communication, by Jacob Norton, in a recent number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of London, attacking William H. Peckham, a prominent member of the Fraternity in this city, for his position with regard to the Grand Orient of France, has called forth a lengthy reply from the latter gentleman, addressed to the Editor of the CHRONICLE. The criticism of Peckham was based in part upon the latter's expressed objection to the visit of Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas, while in Paris, in 1888, to the Grand Orient Scottish Rite concerns, which visit Norton defended, as not inimical to the cause of Freemasonry. In his reply and support of his claim, that Bro. Gorgas violated his obligations and fealty to the Order, Peckham calls attention to a letter addressed by Gorgas to the Grand Master of Maryland. Gorgas stated that while in France he attended informally a meeting of what he understood was a purely Scottish Rite Body. Upon hearing that it was instead a Grand Orient Body, he wished to disown any intention of dishonouring his own Grand Lodge, and expressed regret for what he had done. The Grand Lodge of Maryland accepted the disclaimer, in the spirit in which it was offered, and passed a resolution emphasizing the severance of relations between that body and the Grand Orient of France, on account of the elimination from the latter's charter of the name of the Deity. This action is quoted by Peckham as supporting his own view of the apparent disloyalty of Gorgas."

From the above extract, and from Bro. Peckham's "Reply" in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, one would infer that I have attacked Bro. Peckham's character. But the fact is, as a citizen, I believe that he is all that is good, and, as a Sovereign Scotch Riter, I believe that he is just as legitimate and legal as the Sovereigns of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, as Bro. Gorman, as Bro. De La Granja, as Bro. Foulhoze, or as either of the two coloured Masons who rule over the coloured Scotch Rites. I moreover believe that no Blue Mason's Grand Lodge has a right to interfere with the respective claims of our Scotch Rite Sovereigns. I did find fault with the opinion of the Grand Secretary of New York for advising that charges should be brought against New York Seymour-Cerneauites, because their Sovereign, Bro. Gorgas, visited a Scotch Rite concern in Paris, and I still maintain that a Grand Lodge has no more right to prohibit me visiting a Scotch Rite concern, wherein some of the members are atheists, than it has a right to forbid me visiting the Royal Society because some of its members are atheists. Brother MacCalla distinctly admitted that all the so-called high degrees are mere "Masonic excrescences," and if so, it is simply absurd on the part of Grand Lodges to make a distinction between the said excrescences, for each of the excrescences alike pervert Masonic universality. Bro. Peckham says, "Bro. Norton makes that I am not in good standing." The truth is, I merely quoted from what a Scotch Riter of another faction wrote, and instead of approving the treatment Bro. Peckham received from his opponent Scotch Rites, I expressed my opinion that they ought to have received the penitent sinner with gladness and kindness, especially so when he did it from high religious motives.

True, I expressed surprise that Bro. Peckham did not discover that he was serving a sinning Sovereign until about eighteen months after it was known that Bro. Gorgas hobnobbed with the Grand Orient in Paris, and I must say that the excuse Bro. Peckham made for his long delay has not solved the puzzle. I believe that something yet remains untold in connection with that question.

And, now, about Bro. Peckham's disapproving of *fault-finding*. In every court house the judge is a fault-finder. He finds fault with a man for having been drunk; with another for stealing, cheating, forging, &c., &c., and the said judge is not regarded as a bad man for his fault-finding. Every citizen here has as much right to point out all the faults—both in Church and State—as the judge has in his court; and I claim equal right to point out the faults of Grand Masters, Grand Lodges, high degrees, and low degrees too. Can any one deny that we had and still have scores of Masonic writers who invented legends and perverted Masonic history? Or can any one deny that Masonic charlatans have invented so-called Masonic rites and degrees, and palmed them off on our credulous brethren as *ancient*? Or, can any one deny that the descendants of those charlatans do not claim to be higher Masons? and of having a right to rule Grand Lodges? And can any one deny that some of our American Grand Lodges are absolutely ruled by Scotch Rites? So much so, that they even claim the right to expel Masons or abolish Lodges, because Masons choose to patronise Cerneauism? Nay, more. A Grand Master of Ohio would not suffer the Grand Master of Tennessee to choose a brother for his representative in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, not because the brother was a *Cerneauite*, for he was actually a Scotch Riter of the orthodox concern, but the said brother believed that a Grand Lodge has no right to meddle with outside organizations.

Again. Some years ago, American Grand Lodges severed connection with the Grand Orient of France because it acknowledged the legality of our coloured Grand Lodges. But as the United Grand Lodges of Germany have also acknowledged the legality of our

coloured Masons, why do not our rulers treat Germany as they did the Grand Orient of France? The truth is, it was not on account of the coloured Masons that spite was shown to the Grand Orient of France, but because the Grand Orient acknowledged the legality of a Scotch Rite concern in New Orleans, and if the German Grand Lodges, instead of acknowledging the legality of the coloured Masons, had acknowledged Bro. Peckham as the only legal S.G.C. of the U.S. and its Territories, the Grand Lodges in America, who are ruled by Scotch Rite cliques, would have severed connection with the German Grand Lodges too.

Still again. If deviating from Anderson's landmarks, by leaving out the Deity from the Ritual, is a Masonic offence, the ignoring of Anderson's landmark of Masonic universality should be equally regarded as a Masonic offence. Why, then, are our landmark sticklers so indignant against the Grand Orient of France, while they remain very friendly with the Grand Lodge of Sweden, where none but Christians can be made Masons?

But that is not all. The Masonry of the Grand Lodge of Sweden and the Grand Orient of France is at least consistent in their respective Jurisdictions. In the former, Masonry is undisguisedly sectarian, and in the latter it is truly universal and cosmopolitan. But how is Masonry in America? Is it consistently universal? or is it consistently a Christian Institution? If it is cosmopolitan and universal, then neither Holy Bible nor holy saints should be mentioned in the Ritual; and if Masonry is Christian, why do you admit Jews, and pretend to *universality*? The fact is, our Masonry is faulty; hence, in some Grand Lodges belief in the authenticity and inspiration of the Bible is not deemed essential to Masonry, while in other Grand Lodges Masons are expelled because of their disbelief in the Bible. The latter would be all right, providing a candidate for Masonry signed a plain-worded creed as to what is required of Masons to believe; but as no such creed is submitted to a candidate before his initiation into Masonry, it seems to me grossly unjust to expel a Mason for disbelieving what he was never required to believe before he paid his money for being made a Mason.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

BOSTON, Mass., 7th Jan. 1890.

JACOB NORTON.

DEVON COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS.

THE Committee of Petitions, Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, held their annual meeting on the 29th ult., at Plymouth. There was a large attendance. The Secretary (Bro. J. B. Gover) reported that since the last report there have been two elections—boys and girls. The number of votes received for the use of the Province was 570 boys and 329 girls, as against 545 boys and 300 girls in the corresponding period of the previous year. There is a steady increase in our members' votes, but it is not commensurate with the vastly increased number of votes now requisite to carry a candidate. The report of Bro. Rev. W. Whitley P.G.D. of England, the representative of the Committee in London, stated that the votes received from the Province in October last were available for the next elections. If he received every vote the Province could send him, it would be all he could do to carry one candidate. He therefore hoped that all having votes would be loyal to the Committee, and leave their votes for the adopted candidate. Once more he urged the necessity of all the voting papers being signed and sent to the Secretary immediately on being received. Many votes had been lost to the Province by the lateness of the arrival of proxies. All other Provinces were able to negotiate at least a fortnight before the elections. He had been unable to do so, not knowing what votes he would receive. Subject to the approval of the Committee, he had promised to see the girl A.D., aged nine, daughter of a brother of Lodge 1254, Exeter, carried at the next election. He hoped the Committee would empower him to act accordingly, and give him one other candidate, for whom he would do his best. Both reports were adopted. To two distressed brethren, one aged 54, of Lodge Harmony, Plymouth, the other aged 63, of Lodge Metham, Stonehouse, £5 each was voted. There were six applications from widows of deceased brothers, six from distressed brothers, seven on behalf of children, candidates for the Schools. The widows are from 156, Plymouth, age 62; Brixham, age 62, Budleigh Salterton, age 78; Brixham, age 72; 106, Exmouth, age 66; Crediton, age 58. The brethren were from Lodges Tavistock, age 62; Dartmouth, age 71; 1247, Plymouth, age 68; 202, Devonport, age 68; Brixham, age 66; 159, Plymouth, age 62. Among the children the candidate recommended by Bro. Whitley was adopted. Among the senior applicants two were strongly recommended for immediate consideration. The brother from Lodge Tavistock was adopted, and the other brother from the Friendship Lodge, Devonport, was warmly advocated to be recommended to the London Representative, should he be able to do anything for him at the coming election. Brothers W. G. Rogers, Rev. H. Whitley, and J. B. Gover were unanimously re-elected Chairman, London Representative, and Secretary respectively. A recommendation from the London Committee of General Purposes to appoint a Provincial Committee to consider all applications for relief, and where necessary to ask for statutory declarations was adopted. Bros. W. Rogers, W. Whitley, and J. B. Gover were appointed the Committee, with power to add to their number. A recommendation from a London Committee to raise £2500 by a subscription of about £2 10s per Lodge to pay off Bro. Binckes was adopted.

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UNION LODGE, No. 38.

BROTHER LORD WALTER GORDON LENNOX, M.P., is succeeded in the chair of this Lodge, held at Chichester, by Bro. G. C. Inkpen, of Southsea, who was duly installed at the annual Lodge meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Chichester, on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of members of the Craft. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex (Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P.) was at the last moment prevented from attending, but amongst those present were:—Bros. T. Weller Poley P.G.D. of England, V. P. Freeman Prov. G. Secretary P.G.D. of England, C. J. Pocock P.G.S.W., T. Billing P.G.J.W., G. Smith P.P.G.W., J. St. Clair P.P.G.D., Cronch P.P.G.D., Owen Wyatt P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Dr. Bond P.M., Cecil Parsons W.M. 271, L. R. Styer W.M. 315, E. T. Cooksey W.M. 851, W. Wright W.M. 1303, Dowell W.M. 2187, R. Clowes W.M. 2201, &c. The installation ceremony was carried out by Bro. J. St. Clair. Bro. Inkpen presented a P.M.'s jewel to Lord Walter Lennox, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Inkpen appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Lord W. G. Lennox, M.P., I.P.M., W. Doman S.W., Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher J.W., Rev. H. M. Davey P.M. Chaplain, O. N. Wyatt Treasurer, J. H. Hawes P.M. Secretary, C. F. Charge S.D., J. Fielden J.D., G. Smith P.M. D.C., A. Lambert Organist, E. F. A. Gower J.G., H. H. Moore and G. Fielder Stewards, W. Beatson Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. Waite.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 309.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., Bro. T. W. Haydon was installed as the W.M. of this Lodge for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed in the Lodge Room at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, the installing Master being Bro. J. Clover, who, owing to the illness of Bro. W. A. Hill P.M., accepted an invitation to place his nephew in the chair of K.S. Amongst those present were:—Bros. T. Francis P.P.G.W., J. B. Goldsmith P.P.G.W., W. Edmonds P.P.G. Registrar, A. R. Holbrook P.P.G. Registrar, G. F. Lancaster P.P.G. Registrar, J. W. Giove P.G. Treasurer, G. Farney Brown P.G.D., H. Townsend P.P.G.D., T. Palsgrave P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Buck P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, T. H. Williams I.P.M., H. Cooke P.M., Young P.M., T. F. Wilton P.P.G.O., Captain Markham, R.N., W.M. 257, W. E. Leamy W.M. 312, W. Bates W.M. 487, H. H. Atkinson-Grimshaw W.M. 928, Dr. B. H. Mumby W.M. 1069, Lieut. T. Cowd, R.N., W.M. 1705, W. Miller W.M. 2068, T. A. Bramson, G. W. Edmonds, H. Austin Storry, J. Knight, E. H. Cooper, H. E. Bate, J. Homan, E. Penton, W. Gilbert Heath, M. H. Blanchard, R. Clover, J. W. Gardner, W. G. Robins, C. T. Pennington, T. Whiteman, W. W. Brown, and H. Jones. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), and many other prominent members of the Craft. The ceremony was conducted in a most able manner by Bro. Clover, to whom a vote of thanks was unanimously passed. Bro. T. H. Williams was presented with a life subscription to a Masonic Charity and a bar for a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of services as W.M. during the past year; and Bro. J. B. Goldsmith with a Past Treasurer's jewel, he having held the office of Treasurer of the Lodge for twelve years. The presentations were made by the newly-installed W.M. in suitable terms. The following were appointed Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months: Bros. T. H. Williams I.P.M., E. H. Cooper S.W., H. E. Bate J.W., Rev. A. A. Headley Chaplain, W. Gilbert Heath Treasurer, J. Homan S.D., E. Penton J.D., H. Cooke P.M. D.C., M. H. Blanchard I.G., C. Reader and R. Clover Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. Williams, it was unanimously decided to forward ten guineas as a subscription from the Lodge to the testimonial to Bro. Beach, M.P., who had held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for twenty-one years. After the Lodge, a banquet was served in the Assembly Rooms, by Bro. Young, whose catering was in every way satisfactory. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Wilton's string band gave a choice selection of music during the banquet.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 341.

THE installation meeting took place at the Cinque Ports' Arms Hotel, Rye, on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. Molineux Jenkins. After the usual routine business, the W.M. stated that as his year of office was about to expire he wished to make the Lodge some present, which would serve to remind the members of his Mastership, and at the same time be a memorial of one who had rendered great services to the Lodge during the past year. He therefore asked the brethren to accept from him a portrait of their Bro. W. Dawes Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, a Past Master of the Lodge, and several other Lodges, and who had acted as Secretary for many years. He then formally presented the portrait, duly framed. Bro. J. Bellingham then proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for his handsome present, which was duly put to the meeting by the Senior Warden, and carried unanimously. Bro. W. Dawes feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and trusted he might be spared many years to assist the Lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to instal as W.M. Bro. Lieutenant Colonel A. M. Brookfield, M.P., and performed the ceremony throughout in a faultless style, delivering the addresses in a manner which was perfect. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. J. Palmer S.W., W. T. Smith J.W., Rev. A. H. Crick Chaplain, F. Bellingham P.M. Treasurer, W. Dawes

P.M. Secretary, T. Bushby S.D., J. N. Masters J.D., W. A. Waters I.G., and J. Massey Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the dinner table. Amongst the visitors were Brothers Crawford J. Pocock W.M. 811, Richard Clowes W.M. 2201, W. S. Allen W.M. 40, W. Carless W.M. 1812, and several others. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Crawford J. Pocock P.G.S.W., who, in his reply, stated that he had been requested by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to express his extreme regret that an engagement of long standing at Ashby de la Zouch prevented him from being present. Bro. Pocock thanked the W.M. for an allusion he had made to his late father, who always took a great interest in the Wellington Lodge, and expressed a hope that the Lodge might prosper. The health of the Visitors having been proposed by Bro. Francis Bellingham, Bros. R. Clowes and W. S. Allen severally returned thanks. The other toasts were the health of the W.M., who acknowledged the toast in a kind and hearty manner, the P.M.'s, and the Officers of the Lodge, after which the Tyler's toast finished the evening, the proceeding of which were of a most enjoyable character, the Past Masters exerting themselves for the comfort of those present.

BEDFORDSHIRE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 475.

ON Friday, the 7th inst., the Luton brethren gave a ball at the Town Hall, which was a marked success. About 160 ladies and gentlemen attended. A covered way led from the carriages to the doorway, and the staircase was laid with carpet and lined with rows of pretty foliage plants and gaily-coloured flowers. The upper room, in which the dancing took place, was very handsomely decorated. Numerous flags of various colours bespangled the walls, with heraldic shields and trophies of bannerettes effectively appearing at intervals, while large mirrors placed here and there lent additional sparkle to the scene. All round the top of the wainscot ran a tasteful arrangement of art muslin, and the windows were draped with fancy curtains. Several mottoes in bold letters could be read on the walls, these including such appropriate Masonic sentiments as "Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, and Justice," "Faith, Hope, and Charity," "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." Conspicuous features in the ornamentation also were the representations of various tools, emblematic of Masonry and the fellow Crafts. The floor was laid with a dancing cloth, while Willshaw's band, from Bedford, ensconced among a rich display of plants and flowers on the platform, discoursed splendid music. The supper and refreshments took place in the Council Chamber below, which was fitted up and furnished as a buffet, the catering being entrusted to the Army and Navy Stores, London. Smoke and retiring rooms were provided, as well as every convenience which thought could suggest for ensuring the company a pleasant evening. The decorations were carried out by Mr. S. C. Oliver. Dancing commenced at half-past eight, and was continued till an early hour in the morning. The Stewards were the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. J. Cumberland, J.P., E. F. Green, W. R. Phillips, E. A. Cumberland, W. C. Hazelgrove, A. Atkins, A. S. Ewen, and Hugh Cumberland, with the present W.M. Bro. W. Austin, and Bros. J. Gladwell S.W. and A. Morcom J.W. Bros. W. R. Phillips, A. S. Ewen and Hugh Cumberland acted as Masters of the Ceremonies. We may mention that the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Stuart) gave permission for Masonic clothing to be worn, which added much to the appearance of the brethren. The following is a list of some of those who were present:—The Mayor of Luton (Alderman Alexander) and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. S. Barford and Miss M. Barford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bates, Mr. Beemish, Mr. and Mrs. Beck, Mr. Bindloss, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carruthers, Miss Childs, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Christie, Dr. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. F. Cook and Master F. Cook, Mr. R. E. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Cumberland, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cumberland, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cumberland, Mr. and Mrs. W. Deacon, Mr. F. Dearberg, Mr. R. Dearberg, Mr. and Mrs. Durler, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ewen, Mr. A. D. Farms, Mr. W. F. Faulkner, Mr. W. L. Gates, Mr. H. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Gladwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grace, Miss Grace, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Green, Miss and Master C. H. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hunt, Mr. Green, Mr. H. J. Haberfield, Miss Hewitt and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Miss Jones and Mr. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kershaw, Mr. King, Mr. H. H. Kingsley and Miss Kingsley, Mr. W. Kremling, Mr. J. B. Lambie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leete, Mr. H. E. Lockhart and Miss Lockhart, Mr. C. Mares, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Morcom, Miss Morin, Miss Morrison, Mr. W. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. E. Nott, Mr. H. Nott, Mr. G. H. Ordish, Mr. and Mrs. Ostler, Mr. L. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Percival, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Phillips and the Misses Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Phillips, the Misses Phillips and Mr. W. Phillips jun., Mr. and Mrs. Potter and Miss Potter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sale, Mr. F. J. Scroggs, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sell, Mr. S. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sibley, Mr. Slight, Mr. W. Smith, Miss K. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith, Miss L. Smyth, Mr. W. A. Southam Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sworder, Dr. and Mrs. Sworder, Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thomson, Miss Thomson, Miss Todd, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, Miss Alice Tomson, Mr. R. Vaile, Mrs. J. Valentine, Mr. Max Waller, Mr. W. Waller, and the Misses Waller (3), Mr. Mark Ward, Mr. G. Wardill, Mr. and Mrs. W. Webdale, Mr. Oscar White and Miss White, Miss Wright, &c., &c.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

ON Monday, the 3rd inst., the annual festival was held at Selby, when Bro. George William Hudson, was installed to the office of Worshipful Master. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Staniland, at the close of which the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren to their respective offices:—

Bros. Mark Scott I.P.M., Robert Hodgson S.W., H. Eggleshaw J.W., W. N. Cheeseman P.M. Treasurer, E. Townend Secretary, T. G. P. Barlow P.M. Director of Ceremonies, the Rev. Thomas Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, J. F. Watson Senior Deacon, William Wilkinson Junior Deacon, F. W. Sykes Organist, John J. Richardson I.G., the Rev. H. Greaves P.M. Charity Steward, William Staniland P.M. Lecturer, John B. Harper and S. M. Scott Stewards, William Rawling Tyler.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street. There was a fair attendance, but we missed many of the familiar faces we have been accustomed to see assembled in years gone by, and we were forcibly reminded that the power of the "Mighty Conqueror" is indeed potent. The formal opening of the Lodge was conducted by the W.M., Bro. Henry Lindfield, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, he advanced the Lodge, and with due formality Bro. F. C. Hale was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. W. Radcliffe then took the chair, and installed Bro. Harry Nash, the Senior Warden of the past year. The following were appointed as the Officers:—P. J. King S.W., Orlton Cooper J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, W. Kirkland S.D., W. J. Dyer J.D., Charles Skipp I.G., B. Banks Tyler. Bro. Radcliffe delivered the addresses in masterly fashion, and was congratulated on the way in which he had worked the ceremony throughout. Amongst those present as visitors were Bros. Geo. King P.M. 172, J. R. Allman I.P.M. 1425, W. Sergeant Lee P.M. 1768, J. A. Collings Organist 1693, Benjamin Stone P.M. 569 (S.C.), Fred. Corbett 1612, A. R. W. Vowles 1901, E. Heathcote 1563. Routine work followed, and Lodge was closed. A most recherché banquet was then served, and after the cloth had been removed, the W.M. Bro. Nash rose to propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty. Bro. Nash said the kind consideration of the Queen was at all times recognized by her subjects, but he did not commend to the consideration of the members of the St. Michael's the action recently taken by the brethren of a Masonic Lodge, who sent a telegram announcing they had drunk Her Majesty's health. This, he thought, was taxing her urbanity beyond reasonable limits. He was sure the toast would be received right loyally. Full honour was done to the M.W. the Grand Master and the other routine toasts. Bro. Lindfield proposed the health of the W.M., who had long been associated with the St. Michael's Lodge, but whose business avocations had prevented him hitherto taking a prominent position as an Officer of the Lodge. In reply, Bro. Nash thanked the Lodge for the advancement they had been pleased to confer on him, and assured the members that it would be his constant endeavour to study the interests of the Lodge and of each of them individually. There were certain events in the lives of all men that were indelibly impressed on their memory, and such an event was his appointment to the high office of Master of a Masonic Lodge. He felt the responsibility of this high position—a position of which any one might reasonably be proud, and fully appreciated the honour that had that night been conferred on him in associating his name with that of the Past Masters who had ruled over the destinies of the St. Michael's for upwards of ninety years. He could only promise to do his best to faithfully discharge the duties of the stewardship that had been entrusted to him, and he hoped that at its termination he should have won the approval of those with whom it was his pleasure to work. The next toast was that of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Lindfield. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to him, and he suitably acknowledged the gift and thanked the Lodge for the way in which he had been supported during the past year. The Installing Master was next complimented, and, in reply, Bro. Radcliffe P.M. said he thanked all for the kindness bestowed upon him. He was a retiring sort of man, who did not profess to be able to do anything especially well, but if anything was required of him he was always ready to do what he could. What he attempted was with no desire to achieve personal glorification, or to secure popular applause, but rather to add to the prestige of old St. Michael's Lodge. It was now nine years since he installed his successor in the chair of the Lodge, and when it was proposed that he should instal the Master of that evening, he gave the matter consideration, and he assured the brethren he had discharged the work to the best of his ability—and he hoped to the satisfaction of all the members. Several other toasts followed, and it was a late hour before the brethren separated.

HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 1085.

THE 24th anniversary was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. There was a numerous attendance, including Bros. Hayter P.G.S.B. England, W. H. Marsden P.G.S.W., J. H. Clarke W.M. 153, Severn Taylor W.M. 731, George S. Smith W.M. 802, Alexander Frazer P.M. 731, C. Weston P.M. 731, J. Bland P.M. 731, E. Horne P.M. 731, J. W. Brigg P.M. 731, John Walker S.W. 731, G. T. Wright P.P.G.S.W., A. J. Flint S.W. 253, J. Copstick P.M. 731, Raymond Slater P.M. 802, P. Wallis P.M. 830, Frederick Stone I.P.M. 1085, James Worsnop P.M. 1036, J. E. Russell P.M. 1085, C. D. Hart P.M. 1085, J. O. Manton P.M. 285, H. Carr P.M. 1085, Joseph H. Richardson P.M. 1085. The installing Master was Bro. Frederick Stone, and the ceremony was performed with his usual impressiveness. The W.M. Bro. Baxter W. Pike installed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Frederick Stone I.P.M., John Webb S.W., A. Nicholson J.W., J. Pandey Williams Chaplain, W. Butterfield P.M. Treasurer, Luther Russell Secretary, S. J. Sanders S.D., A. Worsnop J.D., J. A. Manton P.M. D.C., Neville Cox Organist, W. Hart I.G., T. Beveridge Senior Steward, B. Cooper Junior Steward, W. Stone Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet was held.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

AN important gathering of Freemasons took place on Tuesday evening, at the Mansion House, when, by special dispensation

of the Prince of Wales, the Lord Mayor was installed as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. This was probably the first time in the history of the Craft in this country when the Master of a private Lodge had been installed in his own house, and certainly the first occasion of a Lord Mayor entertaining his Lodge under such conditions. The Lord Mayor was regularly installed as Master by Bro. J. C. Parkinson Past Grand Deacon, and he afterwards appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—J. Fernandez Senior Warden, S. B. Bancroft Junior Warden, J. S. Fleming Treasurer, J. H. Matthews Secretary, Harry Nicholls Senior Deacon, Thomas Catling Junior Deacon, G. S. Bashford Inner Guard, A. J. Caldicott Organist, Sir Morell Mackenzie Director of Ceremonies, C. J. Phipps and Oscar Barrett Stewards. After the closing of the Lodge, the company was entertained at a banquet by the Lord Mayor, in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary loyal toasts were given. His Lordship next proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, referring back to the time when he was present at the installation of Lord Carnarvon (Pro Grand Master) as Ruler of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge. From that time to the present the Pro Grand Master had secured the approval and best wishes of the whole Craft. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of a brother well known in the Craft, one who they often had as president of their meetings in Grand Lodge, and one who was at all times a popular chairman—Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Mr. Beach replied to the toast. It was the duty of the Grand Officers to exert themselves to the best of their ability for the good of the Craft, and he felt that every brother on the roll would be delighted to fulfil that duty. Each of them felt a pleasure in working, which they did as if the future of the whole Order depended on their own individual exertions. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., submitted the toast of the Lord Mayor. He had been deputed to perform a most agreeable duty, and while he had great pleasure in complying with the request, he felt there were many present who could do far better than he was capable of doing. Still, he had the greatest of pleasure in submitting the toast of the Lord Mayor, the Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and felt assured that the company would reply in the heartiest manner to the invitation he gave them. They were probably all aware of the onerous duties attached to the office of Worshipful Master, but he felt justified in assuring them that, notwithstanding his many other calls, the Lord Mayor would not neglect his work as ruler of the Drury Lane Lodge. The Lodge was, comparatively speaking, a young one; still it had enjoyed the support of some distinguished Masters. Yet he ventured to think that not one of them would prove more worthy than the brother who had during the day been installed as Master for the ensuing year. The Lord Mayor, in reply, said he thanked the company very much for the kindness with which they had received the toast, proposed, as it was, in such flattering terms by Bro. Sir F. Burdett. He assured them it was to him a source of great pride to find himself installed Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, because if there was one Lodge which more than another was distinguished by the possession of members of the highest possible intellect, representing the best of all possible professions, he should say commend him to the Drury Lane Lodge. To be Master of any Lodge was a great honour, but he did not hesitate to say that to be Master of Drury Lane Lodge was a great distinction. He assured them he so appreciated it, and any thing he could do to conduce to the success of the Lodge, and to the comfort and convenience of the members of that Lodge should be done. He thanked them again for the compliment they had paid him. Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire, responded to the toast of the Visitors, and said that when he went back to his Province he should tell the brethren there what a hearty reception he had had in the old City of London. The Lord Mayor proposed the health of the Installing Officer, Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., and said that Brother Parkinson invariably performed the duties of Installing Master in this Lodge. Many of the brethren lost some of the effect of the installation ceremony from the circumstance that he (the Lord Mayor) had been a Worshipful Master before, and therefore some portions of the interesting ceremony were left out. However, Bro. Parkinson could not perform the duties of Installing Master otherwise than in the most admirable manner. He was a Mason full of Masonic lore, but he had also a Masonic heart, and as such a Mason he must ask them to drink his health, and this was the smallest tribute he could personally pay Bro. Parkinson for the admirable manner in which he had installed him that day. Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. replied, and said it was with a deep sense of the responsibility, not to say trepidation, that he attempted so onerous a task as that of installing the Worshipful Master before such a body of accomplished experts, each a competent critic, and all accustomed to criticise—the very flower of the Craft. To have installed the Lord Mayor of London, before some of the most distinguished artistes of the day, in that historic Mason House, which had been graced by the presence of so many interesting and patriotic assemblies, none more brilliant than the gathering of that night, was an additional matter for congratulation. That the Lord Mayor himself should belong to that ancient faith and race to which Freemasonry owed to much of its inspiration and so many of its symbols was so him a matter of additional pride. On this account alone, putting aside other and more weighty considerations, he begged to thank the Lord Mayor and the brethren for their generous recognition of his services. Sir E. Inglesfield I.P.M. responded to the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. T. Catling J.D., P.M. Savage Club Lodge, responded for the Officers, and said that Bros. Fernandez, Bancroft, and Nicholls, his Senior Officers, who had been obliged to leave to keep their professional engagements, would discharge their duties in the most efficient manner. No pains would be wanting on their part to do so. The Earl of Euston (Provincial Grand Master of Northampton and Huntingdon) proposed the Masonic Charities, which, he said, were steadily increasing, and he hoped that as the world went on Masons

would be able to point to them as the landmarks of what Freemasons did for those who were dependent upon them. All the three Charities were represented that evening by their Secretaries, and he pointed to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, as an example of how happy and comfortable Masons could make their annuitants. The Lord Mayor would preside at the Festival of this Institution on the 26th inst., and he entreated all the brethren to send up the largest subscriptions they could on that occasion. Mr. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution, replied to the toast. Perhaps this meeting was the most important that had ever taken place within the walls of the Mansion House, and it was to the toast of the Masonic Institutions that he had to respond. When they remembered that the Worshipful Master of this Lodge had consented to preside over the destinies of the Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Festival for the current year, he hoped that if there were any persons in the assembly who had not made up their minds to support that Institution, they should remember they could not have a better opportunity than the present of giving to the Lord Mayor their contributions to swell the total of his list. They knew the Mansion House was the means of receiving large sums for the purposes of distribution in benevolence, and he thought it would be a very good thing for them to pay the Lord Mayor the compliment of contributing largely in support of his Chairmanship for the Masonic Benevolent Institution. He could assure them the donations would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. The Tyler's toast was next given, after which an enjoyable concert was provided.—*City Press.*

SWAN OF AVON LODGE, No. 2133.

THE fifth installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when Bro. J. Seymour Cranmer succeeded to the chair vacated by Bro. J. F. Burke, who has so ably filled the position of Master during the past twelve months. There was a good attendance of visiting brethren. In the course of the afternoon a telegram was received from Bro. J. T. Collins Deputy Provincial Grand Master, announcing his inability to attend, as promised, through indisposition. A reply, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with Bro. Collins, was promptly despatched. Letters expressing their inability to be present were also received from the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, Lord Leigh; Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, and others. The ritual of the installation ceremony was performed with more than usual impressiveness by Bro. Fayerman, Bro. Garnett, who was to have undertaken the ceremony, being prevented doing so by a recent accident. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Smith S.W., J. Downing J.W., A. C. Pickering Treas., T. C. New Sec., E. Deer S.D., G. M. Bird J.D., C. R. Garnett D.C., W. Horton Standard Bearer, J. H. Caseley Organist, W. Barnard Assistant Secretary, C. F. Loggin I.G., J. Hill Steward, W. Pearce Assistant Steward, R. Lunn Charity Steward, R. Wilmore Tyler. A ballot for a Life Governorship in one of the Masonic Charities then took place, which fell to Bro. J. Callaway. Nearly fifty brethren subsequently sat down to the installation banquet. The W.M. presided, and briefly submitted the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, &c., the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Boyden gave the health of the newly-installed Master, and bore testimony to the zeal and ability Bro. Cranmer had displayed in the various offices he had filled since the establishment of the Lodge. He said he had not only a fair knowledge of the obligations of the office he had taken, but a settled determination to maintain its high character. Bro. Cranmer, in reply, said he had always taken the keenest interest in Masonry, and he hoped that at the close of his period of office it would be found that he had fulfilled the duties of the post to his own satisfaction and to their credit and advantage. Before resuming his seat he presented Bro. Burke, the retiring Master, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of the manner in which he had presided over them during the past year. It may be said that Bro. Burke has been singularly successful as Master, and has won the admiration and esteem of the brethren. His reception, therefore, upon rising to reply was of a very marked character. He expressed his thankfulness for such a handsome recognition of his services, and observed how pleasant had been his year of office, and how loyally he had been supported by his Officers. Bro. Burke afterwards submitted the toast of the Installing Master, to whom he felt personally indebted for having undertaken the ceremony on so short a notice. Bro. Fayerman suitably replied, and said he felt a great interest in the Swan of Avon Lodge. That was the second time he had performed the ceremony of installation for them. The remaining toasts included the Past Masters, proposed by Bro. T. Hutchings, and responded to by Bro. G. Boyden; the Visitors, proposed in a "gay and festive" speech by Bro. W. Hutchings, and responded to by Bros. Douglas and Cooper; the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Colbourne, and responded to by Bros. J. Smith, J. Downing, and A. C. Pickering; the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Deer, and responded to, in a practical speech, by Bro. Lunn; and the Tyler's toast. It was proposed that a vote of thanks should be conveyed to the ladies who had so beautifully decorated the tables. During the evening an excellent programme of songs was gone through, and the brethren wiled away three very delightful hours.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. S. Dancyger Preceptor, Emanuel W.M., Liscombe S.W., Samuel J.W., H. Saqui Secretary, Frank S.D., Lys J.D., Rosenberg I.G.; Cohen, A. Botibol, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cohen candidate. Bro. Emanuel, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture. Bro. Liscombe was elected W.M. for next week.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—Held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta Street, W.C. Present:—Bros. Greenway Preceptor, Grimes W.M., Berry S.W., Esling J.W., Hunter S.D., Evenden J.D., White I.G., Welsford acting Secretary, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The first section was worked by the Preceptor, questions being answered in rotation. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Evenden, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Welsford candidate. The third section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. G. Claridge Oliver, of the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228, was elected a member. Bro. Oliver thanked the brethren. Bro. Berry S.W. was elected S.W. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. Greenway proposed, and Bro. Hunter seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given and recorded on the minutes to Bro. Grimes for the efficient and impressive manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation, this being his first essay. Bro. Greenway added, if all the brethren devoted that careful attention to the work which the W.M. of that evening had done, his post of Preceptor would be one of great pleasure and credit to himself. The S.W. Bro. Berry, in putting it to the Lodge, made suitable remarks, endorsing what had been said, particularly the impressiveness of Bro. Grimes's working. The vote was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith. Applications for children to be placed on the foundation of the Charity were considered, and the committee resolved to adopt all the candidates, the additional yearly expenditure for these new cases amounting to upwards of £70. The draft annual report of the institution, which voluntarily undertakes the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, read by Bro. Captain Maonab, was as follows:—

"At the close of another year, your committee again feel thankful at being in a position to present a report exhibiting more than usual prosperity and usefulness. The gross income of the institution, from all sources, as disclosed by the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1889, amounted to £2460 18s, being an increase of nearly £600 over that of last year. Of this total, £1495 5s 8d was derived from donations and subscriptions, £725 6s 1d from interest on invested capital, and £240 6s 3d from the annual ball. It is pleasing to note that the wave of marked prosperity which has been passing over our land for the past year or so has left its impress upon the funds of this noble charity, but it must be borne in mind that a substantial addition to the funded capital will soon be needed to maintain the income from that source at even its present level, owing to the fact that the next expiring bonds will, on renewal, yield a much smaller rate of interest from the decreased value of money. We are pleased to see that our prediction as to the anticipated liberality of our younger Lodges has been amply verified, and that our oldest, as well as our very young Lodges, have distinguished themselves by their munificent support of this admirable charity. During the year the benefits of the Institution have been extended to 214 children, viz.:—193 on the educational fund, at an outlay of £1258 4s 11d; 17 on the combined fund (which clothes, educates, and maintains them), at a cost of £551 4s 10d, allowing a proportion of presentations, beside which £25 was paid towards the advancement in life of four children whose time on the other funds had expired. The number of applicants whose petitions were found in order were 34, every one of whom was placed on the foundation, whilst 35 went off, leaving, at the closing date, 221 children entitled to the benefits of the institution. We would also ask your special attention to the smallness of our working expenses this year, for which we venture to claim an economy worthy of note by all administrators of public charities. During the year, death has removed from our lists three of our respected vice-presidents, Bros. J. Prescott, R. A. Davies, and Richard Brown, all good and worthy brethren, whose names will long live in our memories, especially the latter, who in his day performed valuable services to the Craft in general and this institution—which he served as Hon. Secretary—in particular, contributing in no small degree to build up the substantial position it now occupies. Not a few Life Governors have also crossed that "irrevocable bourne," but your good fortune has secured to both lists a large accession of brethren of position and truly Masonic spirit. Special notice deserves to be drawn to the thoughtful liberality of our late lamented Bro. Crossley, of Lindsay Lodge, 1335, Wigan, under whose will the Institution has benefited to the extent of £320. Charitable acts of this nature are certain of reward, and say to every man whom God has prospered, "Go, thou, and do likewise." Our duties in preparing this report being ended, we desire to express our thanks to the Almighty for the good work He has permitted the Institution to do during the past year; to the various donors and subscribers for the liberal manner in which they have supported it; and we pray that He who cares for the fatherless and the widow may prosper these benefactors in all their undertakings, and foster in them that truly charitable spirit which blesses the giver as well as the receiver."

(Signed)

Bro. G. BROADBRIDGE.
J. M'NAB.
T. H. W. WALKER.

The report was unanimously adopted for recommendation to the Court of Governors, and the proceedings closed with the usual vote of thanks.

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HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 7½ YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the Press Association, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1611, M.F.Z. 73.

The Rev. S. A. SELWYN, Past Chaplain 210, St. James's Vicarage, Hatcham, S.E.

Bro. H. E. F. BUSSEY, P.M. 1928, 123 Brixton Hill, S.W.

Bro. Alderman FARNCOMBE, Prov. G.I.W. Sussex, East Sussex News Office, Lewes.

Bro. R. J. GRIFFITHS, W.M. 1928, 4 Inner Temple Lane, E.C.

Bro. C. F. PARDON, P.M. 1928, 119 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. R. J. ALBERRY, 1362, S.D. 1928, 21 Stockwell Park Crescent, S.W.

Bro. THOS. C. SUMNER, Yorkshire Post Office, Leeds, No. 1211.

Bro. THOMAS MINSTRELL, P.M. 87, P.M. and Secretary 1923, 16 Ann Street, Union Square, Islington, N.

Bro. H. MASSEY, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1923, 93 Chancery Lane, W.C.

Bro. J. C. DUCKWORTH, P.M. 1928, Liverpool Courier Office, 81 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. W. T. PERKINS, J.W. 1923, Manchester Courier Office, 27 Fleet Street, E.C.

Bro. A. F. ASHER, P.M. 1305, Surrey Advertiser Office, Guildford.

Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 38, West Sussex Gazette Office, Chichester.

Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.

Bro. W. E. PITT, 1923, Press Association, Wine Office Court, E.C.

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Bro. R. STACEY, P.M. and P.Z. 180, 434 Brixton Road, S.W.

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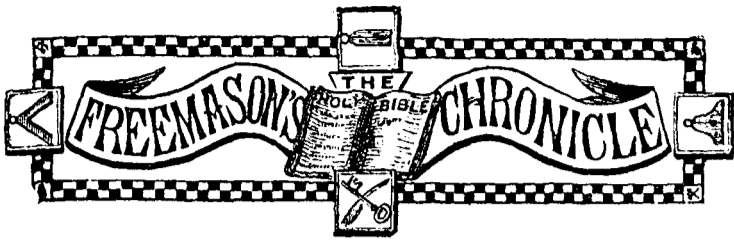
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SATURDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 1890.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, on Saturday afternoon, the 1st inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, Past Grand Steward and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, was installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There was a large gathering of Sussex Freemasons and distinguished visiting brethren. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, deputed by the Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Connaught, presided. The Warden's chairs were occupied by Bros. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph and T. Billing. Among the Grand Officers present were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton Past Grand Warden, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney Past Grand Deacon, J. S. Eastes Past Grand Deacon Deputy Provincial Grand Master Kent, F. West Past Grand Deacon Deputy Provincial Grand Master (in charge) Surrey, E. Letchworth Past Grand Deacon, C. F. Matier Past Grand Standard Bearer, A. H. Moyes Past Grand Standard Bearer Deputy Provincial Grand Master Cambridge, Aug. Harris Grand Treasurer. The distinguished visitors also included the Worshipful the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Brother Henry A. Isaacs, W.M. Drury Lane, and Lord Walter G. N. Lennox. There was also a very large muster of present and past Prov. G. Officers and members of the Province. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the acting Provincial Grand Master, who was supported on the right by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden and acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting, said that three years since he presided over the Provincial Grand Lodge—on the death of the late Bro. John Henderson Scott. He then had the high honour of installing as their Deputy Provincial Grand Master their late excellent and worthy Brother Gerard Ford, whose services for three years were beyond all praise. He was happy to feel that those services were duly and gratefully recognised by resolutions lately passed in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he would add his own humble, personal testimony to the zeal of one whose whole time had been devoted to the advancement and prosperity of Freemasonry in Sussex. Bro. Gerard Ford had been called away to his last rest, and, again, he (Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke) by the gracious appointment of their Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, was in the chair to instal yet another good brother, Sir W. T. Marriott, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He felt sure that the latter appointment would meet with general approval, and that their distinguished brother would bring to bear upon his office all those various attributes of zeal and energy which had so amply characterised his work in other departments outside Freemasonry, and as years rolled on he believed he would prove a worthy successor to his eminent predecessors. The patent of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott's appointment having been read, he was duly obligated, invested, and installed, and took the chair amidst hearty applause. Addressing the brethren, the newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed his deep feelings of thankfulness for the kind manner in which his appointment had been received. Many words were not expected from him. All he would say was that two feelings affected him—gratitude to their Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, for having deemed him worthy of the high office conferred upon him, and fear lest he should not be found equal to the duties that office required. He would, however, do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him, and to per-

form the various duties entrusted to him. He then invested Bro. Crawford J. Pocock as Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The Provincial Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. J. Sayers. The newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London and the Officers of Grand Lodge. The Chairman opened the toast list by proposing the Queen and the Craft, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He then gave the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. It was well-known, he said, how admirably the Grand Officers performed their duties, and he was pleased to see so many present. He wished to couple with the toast the name of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., whom he had known as a friendly opponent for twenty years, and who, at great inconvenience, had only just arrived—too late for the banquet. In Bro. Philbrick they had one who had always been ready to exert himself and to make sacrifices for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Philbrick, in responding, said the Chairman, like an experienced huntsman, had acted upon the old advice, "Hunt your hounds hungry." Their Deputy Provincial Grand Master could, however, do no wrong, particularly on the first occasion of his occupying his throne. The choice made by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was, he believed, a good one, and he wished Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott health, happiness and prosperity in his reign of office. He trusted it would be a long one, and that under his care the Province would continue to make substantial progress. The Chairman next proposed the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. He said he had no need to sing the praises of one who, they all knew, had the interests of Freemasonry in Sussex thoroughly at heart. In the Jubilee year their Provincial Grand Master embraced the opportunity of visiting Sussex, and of assisting in the consecration of the Earl of Sussex Lodge. The Duke was coming home this year, and, though it was dangerous to predict, he (Bro. Marriott) felt that one of the first things he would do would be to pay a visit to the Freemasons of Sussex, and they, he was sure, would give him the warmest and heartiest of the receptions he would experience in England. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke then proposed the Wor. Deputy Provincial Grand Master (in charge), the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General Past Grand Steward. In submitting the toast, he said he did so with mingled feelings, for he could not help casting his thoughts and memories back to old days. The past was, however, gone, never to return; and, as men of the world, they must look to the future. Occupying the proud position of Installing Officer in the afternoon, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast—a toast which would come home to the hearts of the Freemasons in Sussex. The worthy brother appointed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was, he said, in many phases a distinguished man. He was a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council, a Counsel learned in the Law, senior M.P. for Brighton, and in Masonry had served as Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Some twenty years since Brother Sir W. T. Marriott had been initiated into one of the most distinguished of Lodges, and, twelve years ago, had received the appointment of Grand Steward. He had secured the appreciation of Sussex Masons, and was a member of three Sussex Lodges. It was such a worthy and distinguished man and Mason that had been appointed to preside over them. They had heard his promise to perform to the utmost the duties of his high trust, and he (Bro. Clerke) believed that promise to be sincere. All present would, he was sure, join him in congratulating Sir W. T. Marriott upon his appointment to the high office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising to respond, was received with hearty and prolonged applause. He said he could not find words to thank the brethren sufficiently for their kindness towards him. He esteemed highly the honour conferred upon him by the Duke of Connaught, and appreciated sincerely the cordial manner in which that appointment had been accepted by the Masons of Sussex. The Duke, doubtless, had not relied upon his own judgment, but had consulted the Grand

Officers, whom they were all glad to see that evening. Humorously alluding to his many duties, he said the Grand Officers had imagined that he had positively nothing to do, and that as he had led an idle life until 1890, they had determined that he should now enjoy life by having some real work to do. He thanked them therefore for their care, and His Royal Highness for being guided by their advice. Speaking seriously, he said he had not the leisure time which their late Bro. Gerard Ford had enjoyed. He had many calls on him, but what spare time he had should be devoted to the Province of Sussex. He relied on their kind forbearance. No one believed more firmly than he did in the real principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love and affection, which he wished were more frequently practised outside Masonry. He was pleased by his appointment to have another close connection with Brighton, and would, to the best of his ability, carry out the duties imposed upon him. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton said he had been honoured in acting at the installation meeting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and was further honoured in being asked to propose the W. Prov. Senior Grand Warden Bro. Crawford J. Pocock, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past. He was very pleased to offer his felicitations to Brother Pocock. He well remembered his father, than whom a better Mason never wore badge or collar—one who installed him in the first chair he ever held. He was, therefore, especially glad to welcome Bro. Pocock in his new and exalted position. Speaking of the remaining Past and Present Officers, he said he had visited many Lodges, but had never known any brethren who had better carried out their duties than those of the Province of Sussex. The Provincial Senior Grand Warden Bro. Crawford J. Pocock responded, and, on behalf of the past and present Officers, thanked Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. On behalf of the Officers he promised that they would do their utmost, heartily, cheerfully, and willingly, to discharge their duties. He gracefully acknowledged the personal allusion to himself and father, and pledged himself to do his best to fulfil the duties of his own high office. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master next submitted the Visitors. That evening they had the rare pleasure of being honoured with the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, who had come amongst them at great sacrifice to himself. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London responded. There was, he said, an affinity between the Corporations of London and the Queen of Watering Places. Both Corporations appreciated the duties which devolved upon them, and both studied how they could best serve the interests of those whom they represented. He gave his personal experiences of the many duties appertaining to the office of Lord Mayor, and referred to the antiquity of the office and the good works which emanated from the Mansion House. It had, he said, given him great pleasure to be present and assist at the installation of that afternoon, and, by the courtesy of Bro. R. Clowes, who had placed his miniature Mansion House at his disposal, he had been enabled to stay and join them at their festive board. He congratulated Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott on his appointment, remarking that he had never seen a Grand Lodge comparable to that which assembled in the afternoon, and that the banquet was one which would not make any occupant of the Mansion House blush. On behalf of himself and the remaining visitors he tendered his heartiest thanks. Bro. H. Davey proposed the W.M.'s of, and success to the Lodges in the Province. The W.M.'s had been selected, he said, for their good qualities. He hoped they would show consideration and leniency to their newly-elected Deputy Provincial Grand Master if from the pressure of his many duties he found himself unable to visit the Lodges so frequently as their late Bro. Sir Walter Burrell had done. Bro. L. Styer responded, remarking that the W.M.'s did all they could to support the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The toast of the Stewards, given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bros. W. Botting and W. E. Morrison. The Tyler's toast completed the list. During the evening, a programme of music, arranged by Bro. Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Provincial Grand Organist, was pleasingly sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Bro. F. Clements, with Bro. Dr. F. J. Sawyer and Mr. Alfred Neall as accompanists. Bro. Eric C. Williams gave a most effective rendering of "The Charge of the

Light Brigade," for which he was justly complimented; Bro. Thilthorpe also gave a recitation.

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GRAND LODGE.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst. The principal business for the meeting was the annual appointment of members of Grand Committee in room of those who retired by rotation; and this brought a large assemblage of Masons, many of them from the West of Scotland. There were about 400 present. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master Mason, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., the throne was occupied by the Earl of Haddington Depute Grand Master. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Substitute Grand Master acted as Grand Master Depute; Bro. Jas. T. S. Elliot, of Wolfelee, as Substitute Grand Master; Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, as Senior Grand Warden; and Bro. Colonel J. Campbell, Perth, as Junior Grand Warden. There was submitted to the Grand Lodge a state of the accounts for the year from 29th November 1888, which showed that the funds had increased during that time by £1770, and now amounted to £31,680. To this increase falls to be added the half of the free income for 1887-88 transferred to the extended scheme of benevolence, making the free income for the year £2789, one-half whereof falls to be transferred to the extended scheme. The income for the year had been £4820, and the expenditure £2031, whilst £1018 had been paid to the annuity fund. A statement of the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence showed that that fund amounts to £6092, being an increase during the year of £101. During the past three months £180 had been voted in grants from this fund. An abstract of the accounts of the annuity branch of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Fund from 10th March 1884 to 28th November 1889 showed a balance on capital account of £3139, and £325 on income account. Annuities amounting to £146 had been granted by the board during the year 1889. For the 13 vacancies in Grand Committee there were 21 candidates, and the election resulted in the return of the following brethren, with the number of votes mentioned:—Bros. Colin Galletly 310, John B. McNaught 284, Jas. T. S. Elliot of Wolfelee 282, David Snoddon 277, James Boyd 269, Robert King Stewart of Mordestoun Castle 251, Charles Baxter, W.S., 249, James Berry 230, Jas. Carmichael, M.D., 227, James Reid 226, Geo. C. Douglas 219, John Davidson 183, and Wm. J. C. Abbott 179. The Grand Secretary tabled the charter of the Lodge Eden Operative, Strathmiglo, No. 300, which had been forwarded to Grand Lodge by Bro. George Innes P.M. No. 86, in name of Bro. David Gilmour, who had joined the Lodge in 1821. In accepting the gift, the Grand Committee had directed its thanks to be conveyed to Bro. Gilmour. The Grand Committee reported that they had resolved that a circular be sent to the Lodges in Scotland asking answers to those queries:—(1) Does your Lodge meet in premises licensed for the sale of excisable liquors? (2) Could premises other than licensed be obtained without serious difficulty? And (3) What fees are charged for initiation? It was reported that the Grand Secretary had been appointed by the Grand Committee to vote as the representative of Grand Lodge at Poor-law elections. On the recommendation of Grand Committee, it was resolved that the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of £75 for the additional work and responsibility thrown upon him through the illness and death of the late Grand Cashier. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued to the new Lodges Pretoria Celtic, Pretoria, South African Republic, and St. Servantus, Alva, Stirlingshire. Bros. George Moulton Carpenter and Frederick Schupple were appointed to represent Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island and Hamburg respectively. On the recommendation of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, Bro. Chas. Louison, Mayor of Christchurch, was appointed District Grand Master in room of Bro. the Rev. James Hill resigned. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The annual soiree and ball of the St. Bode Lodge, No. 1119, was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow, on Wednesday, the 5th instant. The large room of the hall had been prettily decorated for the occasion. There were over a hundred people present, and dancing was kept up with much zeal till an early hour in the morning, to the strains of Mr. Amers' band.

The Fidelity Chapter, No. 267, will be consecrated, at Blackburn, during the present month.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The ills of life are increased tenfold by the mode of life so many have to lead; most especially is this the case amongst the toilers in our factories and huge workshops of the manufacturing districts, whose digestions become impaired and nervous systems debilitated by the protracted confinement and enforced deprivation of healthy out-of-door exercise. The factory workers may almost be said to have diseases of their own, readily amenable, however, to treatment if not allowed to proceed unchecked. Holloway's Pills are the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of liver and stomach complaints, as they act surely but gently, regulating the secretions without weakening the nerves or interfering with the daily work.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—In continuation of his series of adaptations from old authors, Mr. Robert Buchanan has now dramatised Samuel Richardson's famous novel of "Clarissa Harlowe," which has been described as the finest work of fiction ever written. We need not here dilate upon previous stage versions of the story, as that by Mr. Buchanan certainly surpasses all others. It is told in four acts. The first deals with the abduction of Clarissa by Lovelace; the second shows her arrival in London, the discovery of Hetty Belford, a former victim of the rōu, by her drunken brother Philip, his repentance and determination of vengeance. In the third we have the mock marriage, the defeat of Philip by means of drugged wine, and the inferred ruin of Clarissa. Finally we have the pathetic death of Clarissa and the expiation of Lovelace, who is killed by Belford. Nothing could possibly be finer than the assumption of the part of Clarissa by Miss Winifred Emery, who makes a distinct mark as an emotional actress; her modest maidenly pleading to her lover, her doubts of his sincerity and her death scene are all in the highest form of art, and met with deserved success. Mr. T. B. Thalberg plays Richard Lovelace with great care and comes well through a difficult task. Mr. Thomas Thorne appears in a somewhat new character for him, and the experiment is as pleasing as successful. As Philip Belford we first see him as a depraved wretch, who lends himself to effect the ruin of an innocent girl for the sake of means to pander to his drunken cravings. The sense of shame awakened by Clarissa's purity is fully aroused by the discovery that his own sister was destroyed by Lovelace, but his repentance is marred by the fierce desire for vengeance that prompts him to kill his oppressor. The final scene of the third act is magnificently performed by all concerned, and equals in intensity any thing at present on the London stage. Mr. Cyril Maude represents old Mr. Solmes in so artistic a manner as to make us regret his absence after the first act. Mr. Fred Thorne gives full effect to the disreputable Captain Macshane, and Messrs. Harbury, Yorke, F. Gillmore and Grove efficiently sustain the minor characters. Special mention must be made of Miss E. Banister, who pathetically plays the part of Hetty, and Miss Mary Collette makes a fair start as the saucy little country girl Jenny. The piece is admirably mounted, the costumes of the last century faithfully reproduced, and without any doubt we may safely predict a long run for it.

Terry's—We are very pleased to be able to congratulate Miss Cissy Grahame on her first venture as a manageress, and hope that the success that has hitherto attended this house may follow her throughout her reign. The cordial welcome bestowed by the audience upon Mr. Jerome K. Jerome's "comparatively speaking" new and original play "New Lamps for Old" is well deserved, though at first sight the story is rather startling. *On ne badine pas avec l'amour*, say the French, and this is what Edwin and Elvira Honeydew find to their cost. After having enjoyed a twelvemonth's wedded bliss they begin to long for the impossible, and having read some of Mrs. Mona Caird's works they fancy that happiness is to be found only with anthropological unity. With this idea Elvira flops her young affections on a long haired-aesthetic poet of the Basil Streyhe species, while Edwin runs off with a strong-minded young woman in masculine attire who woos and threatens him in the same breath. The two couples naturally find their way to the same hotel, and inevitable confusion is caused when it is discovered that the effeminate poet and the masculine lady are man and wife. A convenient stoppage of the electric light at the hotel affords each an opportunity for departure, and having been satisfactorily disillusionised the couples pair off with their legitimate partners and the curtain descends. The fun of the piece is materially assisted by an old family lawyer on the look out for a good case, a part that in the hands of Mr. W. S. Penley is most amusing. The fair manageress played Elvira as the author had evidently intended, her scenes in the second act being highly diverting. Mr. F. Kerr gives an exceedingly clever sketch as the Great Postlethwaite, Miss Gertrude Kingston's portrayal of the mannish lady merits the applause it obtained. Mr. Bernard Gould acts with much spirit as Edwin, while Miss Houston and Mr. Lestocq are admirably placed as Jorkins and Jemima. The pretty scene at Grundy Lodge for acts one and three was much admired, and reflects great credit upon the designers, Messrs. Jetley. The play is produced under the direction of Mr. W. H. Vernon. The Duke and Duchess of Life, Lord and Lady Londesborough, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress had boxes on Saturday evening.

Haymarket.—The success that Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree has achieved by Mr. Robert Buchanan's adaptation of the French play "Roger la Honte," entitled "A Man's Shadow," is hardly to be wondered at when we consider the stirring situations that the play abounds in. We are glad to say, however, that although the piece is exciting, it does not lose anything by it, as in the case of many we could mention. Mr. Buchanan has adapted a fine play, and has put touches here and there with good effect. Now that the artistes have warmed to their work the piece is presented in perfect style. Mr. Tree scores immensely in the double part of Laroque and his shadow. It is a masterly piece of acting throughout, and has undoubtedly placed this young actor another step higher in his profession. We would, however, offer a word of advice. In the last act, when Luversan falls dead, he has a beard, but when the crowd moves aside, we see him without one. This should be altered. Mr. James Fernandez's great scene makes a strong impression on the audience; his acting is that of a thorough master. Little Minnie Terry is wonderfully good as Susanne, while Mrs. Tree and Miss Julia Neilson score well as Henriette and Julie. Notwithstanding "A Man's Shadow" has been acted over a hundred and fifty times,

crowded houses are the rule, and we feel confident will remain so for a long time to come.

Nineteenth Century Art Society.—This is a good all round average exhibition. Indeed there is a display of much solid work, and intending purchasers may note that the prices of some of the cabinet pictures are ridiculously small, not more than half what one might expect. At the end of the principal gallery, in the post of honour, "A Soudanese Love Song" (125), by Mr. H. J. Thaddeus, will attract attention. A minstrel of the deepest dye, in picturesque garb, is singing and playing on a sort of square guitar, and evidently enjoying his performance. Near this is a capital piece by Mr. Richard S. Marriott, "Early Morning, near Shanklin, Isle of Wight" (129), notable for its atmospheric effects. Mr. B. Cowper Baiues's "The Evening Comes, the Fields are still" (25), is another work treating atmosphere and shadows with excellent effect, as is likewise Mr. H. Frank's "A Misty Morning" (16), "On the Delft Canal" (38), by Mr. Arch Webb, portrays the prow of a large vessel, and a number of barges and steamers. This is a somewhat ambitious and interesting production. "See Saw" (53), by Mr. James McIntyre, is worthy attention; and "Bohemians" (54), by Mr. H. Maurice Page, a gipsy encampment at night, is quite Turneresque in its treatment, especially in the painting of the clouds. "Storm Warriors" (71), by Mr. Frederick James Aldridge, represents a sinking vessel in a grey sea, and other vessels in the distance. A sound piece of execution, "Boys will be Boys" (84), by Miss Kate Shaw, illustrates the effects of smoking upon inexperienced youth. "An Irish Holding" (85), by Mr. Vincent P. Yglesias, is a well treated moonlight scene and "Passing Showers" (124), by Mr. Hamilton Marr, A.R.C.A., is a highly poetical work. There are many interesting and carefully executed subjects in the water colour gallery, but the most notable exhibit is Miss Blanche Macarthur's "Zara" (311), in pastel—a truly admirable picture.

Arthur Tooth and Sons' Galleries.—A very interesting exhibition of "Pictures and Studies of Highland Sports, on Loch, Moor and Mountain," by Mr. C. E. Johnson, the well-known landscape painter, is here on view. There are in all thirty-eight subjects. Those visitors who have not been in the highlands, and are, therefore, not acquainted with highland sports, will obtain from these works a most comprehensive idea of them, and of the loveliness and grandeur of Scottish scenery; and, those who know Scotland well, will appreciate the truthfulness of these presentments. It will be seen that the pictures are not mere sketches, but highly finished studies, made on the spot. The grand rugged scenery of Scotland, the mists on the mountains, the magnificent streams, the purple heather; and the various incidents connected with salmon fishing, and shooting different kinds of game, are done to the life. The collection is altogether unique, and sustains the artist's high reputation.

Mr. Sydney Grundy's new play, entitled "A Pair of Spectacles," will be produced at the Garrick on the 22nd instant. Mr. Hare has a good part, and he will be well supported.

"Les Cloches de Cornoville" will be revived at the Opera Comique on the 7th instant, with a strong cast.

We are glad to congratulate Mr. Forbes Dawson on his convalescence, and trust he may soon recover his perfect health. This clever young actor has been sailing strangely near the Unknown Shore.

Bro. Augustus Harris was enabled to distribute over three hundred pounds among the out-of-work people at Her Majesty's Theatre, as a result of the matinee given at Drury Lane.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Henry Smith, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Hill, Mullord, Pierpoint, Brett, Brooks, Hulbert, Tattershall, Everett, Daniell, Cotter, Berry, Perceval, Purchas, Bolton, Clarke, Newton, Triggs, Freeman, Haslip, Kempton, Webb, Turtle Pigott, Perryman, David, Cubitt, Dixon, Mead, Dixie, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Mickley, Blasby, Cumberland, Hogard, Forsyth, Belchamber, and Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting, and of that on the 29th ult., having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of three male and two female annuitants, and of five accepted male candidates. He also read letters relative to candidature of four widows, two of whose names were directed to be removed from the list. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and an application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of her late husband's annuity was granted. The approved lists were settled, and the vacancies to be filled at the election in May were declared, as follows:—68 male candidates, with 11 immediate vacancies and three deferred, making together 14 to be elected; 83 widow candidates, with 7 immediate vacancies and 3 deferred, or together 10 to be elected; the total for the two funds being 151 candidates, with 18 immediate and 6 deferred annuitants, or together 24 to be elected. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

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, 15th February.

- 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- 1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
- 1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
- M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

Monday, 17th February.

- 1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
- 862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1150 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
- 1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
- R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
- K.T. 128 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

- 77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 236 York, Masonic Hall, York
- 248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
- 331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
- 359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
- 424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
- 466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
- 622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborno
- 725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
- 840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
- 925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
- 985 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach
- 1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
- 1037 Portland, Port and Hall, Portland
- 1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
- 1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1190 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
- 1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
- 1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
- R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- R.A. 120 Palladian, Green Dragon, Horford
- R.A. 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury
- R.A. 277 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
- R.A. 206 Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
- R.A. 1051 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- R.A. 1234 Bront, Masonic Hall, Topsham
- M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
- R.C. 28 William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday, 18th February.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
- 30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
- 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
- 162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
- 435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 2021 Queens Westminster, 8a Red Lion St., W.C.
- 2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
- R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 26 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.
- R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 1348 Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 239 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.C. 45 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square
- R.C. 72 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square

- 213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
- 384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
- 411 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 418 Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
- 452 Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
- 468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
- 667 Al iancc, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 930 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
- 1006 Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
- 1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
- 1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
- 1113 Ang osca, Bull Hotel, L'angefuit
- 1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Live'pool
- 1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
- 1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
- 1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool
- 1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
- 1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
- 1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
- 2022 Havcu, Lyric Hall, Ea'ing
- 2045 Wharton, Willesden
- 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
- R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
- R.A. 105 Fortitude, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
- R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.A. 310 Alfred, M.H., Alfred Street, Oxford
- R.A. 416 Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset

- R.A. 460 Perseverance, Castle, Nowe-under-Lyno
- R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
- R.A. 781 Fawcett, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
- R.A. 792 Oliver, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
- R.A. 804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
- M.M. 166 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- M.M. 330 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

Wednesday, 19th February.

- Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
- 140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
- 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
- 190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
- 1150 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H., W.C.
- 1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
- 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 1629 United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1673 Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
- 1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1681 Londosborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
- 1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
- R.A. 1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- R.C. 44 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square

- 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Ponzanco
- 175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
- 178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
- 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
- 246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
- 325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
- 342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
- 423 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
- 451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
- 537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
- 581 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
- 592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
- 633 Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
- 816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wurdlo
- 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
- 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
- 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
- 1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
- 1086 Walton, Skehuersdale M.H., Kirkdale
- 1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
- 1246 Holto, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
- 1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- 1143 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
- 1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
- 1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
- 1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
- 1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
- 1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales
- R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
- R.A. 284 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
- R.A. 289 Shalke Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden
- R.A. 290 Prosperity, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
- R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
- R.A. 417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
- R.A. 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- R.A. 533 Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton
- R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
- R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
- M.M. Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

Thursday, 20th February.

- House Committee, Gir's School, Battersea Rise, 4
- 23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
- 55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- 63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
- 179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
- 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
- 1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dalwich
- R.A. 79 Pythagoras, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- R.A. 607 United Pilgrims, Horus Tav, Kennington
- M.M. Bon Accord, 31 Red Lion Square, W.C.
- M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.

- 42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
- 56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
- 93 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
- 203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyno
- 343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
- 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
- 523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
- 600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
- 605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 1011 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford
- 1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
- 1337 Anchor, Darman House, North Allerton
- 1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
- 1512 Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
- 1892 Wallington, Public Hall, Carlhalton
- 2107 Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
- R.A. 97 Str. c. Benevolence, M.H., Sunderland
- R.A. 107 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
- R.A. 317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
- R.A. 1385 Gludsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet
- R.A. 2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stouhuse
- M.M. Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 21st February.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, 4
- 6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's

- 143 Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1704 Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- R.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Tipton
- 516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 541 De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
- 663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
- 993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
- 1095 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
- R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
- R.A. 622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborno
- R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool
- R.C. White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield

Saturday, 22nd February.

- 1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
- 1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
- 2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
- R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
- R.C. Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

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Saturday, 15th February.

- 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
- 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
- 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
- 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
- 1864 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
- 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
- 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
- R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 17th February.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
- 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
- 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
- 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
- 180 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air St., W., 8
- 243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
- 1392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
- 543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
- 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
- 933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
- 975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
- 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
- 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
- 1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
- 1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
- 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Ct. Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
- 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
- 1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
- 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
- 1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7
- 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
- 1707 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham, 8
- 1743 Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., 7
- 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
- 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 18th February.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
- 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
- 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
- 144 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8
- 177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
- 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
- 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7'45
- 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
- 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
- 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
- 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
- 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
- 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
- 1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
- 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
- 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
- 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Sags, Lambeth Rd., 8
- 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30
- 1522 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
- 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
- 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
- 1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tav, N., 8
- 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
- 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
- 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
- R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
- R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
- R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 19th February.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barsbury, 8
- 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
- 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
- 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
- 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
- 223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
- 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
- 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
- 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
- 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7

781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1356 Toxteth, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Hackney, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervoy, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, 81 Red Lion Square, 7
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 20th February.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7:30
 87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth, 8
 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
 704 Camden, 365 High Holborn, 7
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8

879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New Road
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syl. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1559 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, 7 London Street, E.C., 7:30
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
 M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Dalston, 8

Friday, 21st February.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8

453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jernyn Street, W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1036 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 1993 Wolsley, 7th King Street, Manchester, 9:30
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
 R.A. General Chapter, M.H., Birmingham, 5:30
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

Saturday, 22nd February.

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
 R.A. Sini, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

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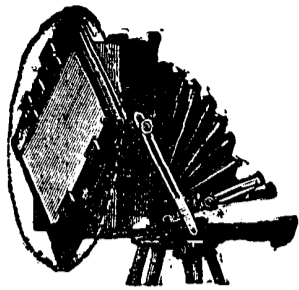
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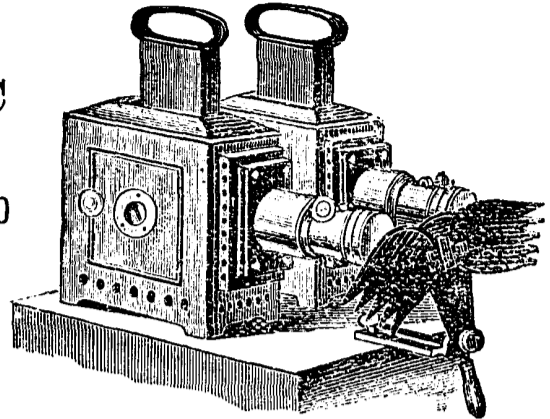
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