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THE ELECTIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS.

THE half yearly elections for the two Educational Institutions will be held on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th inst., that for the Boys' School being fixed for the former, and that for the Girls' School for the latter day. In each case there is a long list of candidates, but fortunately there is also a large number of vacancies, the respective totals being: for the Boys' School, 30 vacancies and 68 candidates; for the Girls' School, 21 vacancies and 43 candidates. This gives a total of 111 children seeking the benefits of the two Masonic Schools, of whom 51 can be elected during the present month.

On the Boys' list there are ten children whose age will preclude them from taking part in another election should they not be able to secure sufficient votes to prove successful at the coming contest. Of these, No. 5, Stanley Edmund Rolls Pratt, comes forward with 1831 votes to his credit, the result of four elections in which he has taken part. He is one of five children dependent on their mother, who is the widow of an old member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey. The father had a short Masonic career, he dying about two years after his initiation, but during that period he had risen to the office of Junior Deacon, and had shown his interest in the charitable work of Freemasonry by subscribing to the Benevolent Institution. No. 4, Edward George Jarman, another fifth application, is also fortunate as regards votes brought forward, his total being 1680. The father of this lad was a Sergeant Major of the Royal Artillery, and died of sunstroke, on his way home from India, where he had been on service. He was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 500, and subsequently joined another of the Madras Lodges, where he filled the office of Secretary. There are three children dependent on his widow. No. 32, Ernest Charles George Mountford, was a candidate in October last, when 462 votes were recorded on his behalf. His father was initiated in the Forward Lodge, No. 1180, Warwickshire, and filled the office of Secretary therein. There are five of his children now dependent on his widow, but we hope that the efforts of his friends will be so far successful as to relieve her of the care of one of them, by securing a place for him in our Boys' School. The other last application cases on the list are, No. 2, James Carruthers, sixth application, with 27 votes brought forward; No. 19, Charles Wilfred Peters, 69 votes in hand from last two contests; No. 24, Charles Lind Lamont Young, third application, no votes yet recorded; No. 33, Francis Charles Hodge, second application, no votes yet polled; No. 43, Herbert Cecil Bartholomew, 78 votes from last contest; No. 49, L. A. F. Thomas, with 177 votes from October; and No. 55, H. Heyworth, a new candidate, from the Province of East Lancashire.

Turning to the sister Institution, we find seven candidates of full age, five of whom have taken part

in previous contests, while the other two now come forward for the first time. Of the former, No. 29, Arline Hall, stands in the best position, in point of votes brought forward, her total being 1713 from one previous election. Her father was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 221, and subsequently joined St. George's, No. 1723, in the Province of East Lancashire, which district will, we anticipate, secure this child's admission to the Girls' School at the coming election. There are five children dependent on the mother, who was left a widow in 1888. No. 12, Mary Maud Watson, from the Province of Warwickshire, has also a goodly number of votes to her credit, 1510 having been polled on her behalf at the last three contests. The father was initiated in the Elkington Lodge, No. 1016, and subsequently joined Machen, No. 1782, of which he was a Past Master. He also qualified as a Life Subscriber of the Institution for the benefits of which his daughter is now a candidate. No. 24, Ada Florence May, brings forward 869 votes from October last; No. 16, Annie Wilson, 801 from the last two elections; No. 10, F. E. G. Dixon, 723 from three contests; while the other two last applications (No. 33, Anne Hopkins, and No. 43, May Hinings), are new to this election.

As was recently stated in the Masonic column of the *Evening News and Post*, the question of how to deal with these last chance candidates has long exercised the minds of English Craftsmen. It is much to be regretted some special help cannot be afforded them, but so far no proposal has proved to be practical. We fear, as our contemporary remarks, they must take their turn with the rest, some of them being unfortunately sent away without any hope of future assistance. To show how often this latter alternative does occur, we have only to refer to the ballot papers for the coming elections, whereon we find it recorded that five candidates have been removed from the Girls' list since the last election, on account of their age being now above the limit allowed, while in connection with the Boys' School there were four such cases—a total of nine for one half year. While we can but regret the amount of disappointment these removals must have entailed, we must admit the difficulty seems quite impossible of solution. So long as the number of applicants exceeds the number of vacancies there must of necessity be elections, and in like manner there must occasionally occur cases where success is not achieved within the period allowed by the laws of the Institutions.

Another section of candidates for whom we think something special is deserving are those who have lost both parents. Unfortunately it seldom happens that a list is printed that does not contain one or more such cases, those for the elections of the present month being no exception in this respect. In the case of the Boys' School there are five such cases, while two others appear on the paper of the Girls' School. We have already spoken of one of the boys

who has lost both of his parents, No. 55, H. Heyworth, his being also a last application case. The others are No. 10, E. E. Whale, who is one of four children left parentless. His father was initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. His death occurred in 1887, when he was a Past Master of his Lodge. The lad has already taken part in four elections, and goes to the poll this month with a record of 165 votes in his favour. No. 23, F. E. W. Cooper, is another case in which there are four dependent children left parentless. This lad, who has a sister in the Girls' School, has taken part in the last two elections, at which 1625 votes have been recorded on his behalf. His father was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London, and subscribed, until the time of his death, 11 years after his initiation. No. 48, H. J. M. Aldous, is an only child, left parentless. He was a candidate in October, when 768 votes were polled on his behalf. His father was also a London Mason, having been made in the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, and subscribed thereto until his death, last year. No. 62, Charles Truine is new to the present list. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of a family of six dependent, three of whom are partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, London, and he subsequently joined the Cyclist, No. 2246, in the Province of Surrey. He was a life subscriber to the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School, and was a subscribing member of his Lodge until his death, in June 1889.

On the Girls list, No. 3, Bertha Johnston, is one of three parentless children. Her father was initiated in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, passed the chair in that Lodge, and rose to Grand Lodge office in his Province of Durham. His daughter has taken part in three elections, and comes forward with 709 votes already polled. The other case on this list is No. 37, S. G. Glenny, who has a brother in the Boys' School. There are four children now dependent on friends. The father was initiated in the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, London, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, in 1886. We need hardly remind our readers—as we have expressed our views on so many occasions—that the few cases we have specially referred to are not necessarily the most deserving of support, or the most sorely pressed among the long list of applicants, but there are special features in connection with all of them that call for special consideration at the hands of the Craft, and we sincerely hope that all, or nearly all, may prove successful when the day of election comes round.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE General Committee met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer occupied the chair. He was supported by Bros. George Plucknett, Jno. Masters, Stanley J. Attenborough, James Brett, J. Bodenham, John Barnett jun., George Everett, George Corble, R. W. Bourne, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey, J. Glass, W. A. Scurrah, George R. Langley, Albert Escott, Rev. Harry Hebb (Head Master), C. H. Webb, E. Hobbs, Edwin Storr, James Blyth, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed; and the minutes of the Provisional Management Committee and of the House and Audit Committees were read. The report of the Provisional Committee contained recommendations with reference to the resignation of Brother Frederick Binckes. Bro. John Glass said that, following on the report of the Provisional Committee respecting the resignation of Bro. Binckes, it was necessary that the General Committee should agree to certain resolutions which would have to be passed on that subject. Without such resolutions the recommendations of the Provisional Committee would be

worthless. The acceptance of the resignation of the Secretary must be endorsed by the General Committee, and approved and received by that Committee, to be of value. The Provisional Committee thought that certain resolutions which they recommended should be agreed to, but at the same time they considered that these resolutions should emanate from some of the members of the General Committee who were not members of the Provisional Committee. There were three of these resolutions, which were as follow:—

1. That this Committee approve and confirm the arrangements made by the Provisional Committee as to the resignation of Brother Binckes from the office of Secretary on the 30th of June next, upon payment to him of the sum of £2500, pursuant to the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee.

2. That in the event of the whole amount, viz., £2500, of the Pension Indemnity Fund not being collected or paid over by the trustees of that fund on the 30th of June next, the Provisional Management Committee be empowered to make such financial arrangements as may be necessary for providing for payment on that day of the £2500 or any other sum to Bro. Binckes on his vacating the office of Secretary.

3. That the Provisional Management Committee be required to take the necessary steps, by advertisements or otherwise, for procuring candidates for the office of Secretary of the Institution, to be elected in accordance with the by-laws of the Institution, and that the Provisional Committee be requested to settle as to the duties of, and the salary to be paid to, the new Secretary.

Bro. Attenborough moved, and Bro. Scurrah seconded the first resolution. Bro. Langley inquired whether it was proposed that the sum should be handed to Bro. Binckes, or invested. The Chairman said it would be handed over to Bro. Binckes. He might tell the brethren that the Province of Hampshire had subscribed £117 10s without any objection. It would take some time to get the money in. The motion was then carried. Bro. Attenborough remarked that as the second resolution was framed, the balance of the £2500 was to be paid out of the funds of the Institution. He would suggest that the word "temporarily" be inserted. In that case he should not object to it, but if the payment was to be a permanent charge on the funds he should object. The fund was being raised to provide the £2500. The resolution provided that the £2500 was to be paid on 30th June. If it went forward that it was to be paid out of the funds of the Institution, irrespective of whether it was raised from the Pension Indemnity Fund, there would be great opposition to it. Bro. Scurrah said he thought it ought to be stated in the resolution whether the money was going to be provided out of the funds of the Institution. The resolution was very wide upon this point. Bro. Attenborough said he would propose that the Committee be authorised to pay this £2500 out of the funds of the Institution on the 30th of June, on the understanding that it should not be a charge upon the funds, but that it should be a temporary measure to tide over the difficulty, and that the Pension Indemnity Fund repay this £2500. It seemed to him that this understanding had been come to with Bro. Binckes, and that on the 30th June the £2500 should be forthcoming. It might not be forthcoming out of the Pension Indemnity Fund, and it was not a reasonable thing that the Provisional Committee should put their hands in their pockets for it, or pay it out of the funds of the Institution. The Chairman said the object of the proposition was to complete the vacation of the office of Secretary on 30th June. If £1700 or £1800 only was subscribed by that day, the Committee asked for power to advance the balance then accruing out of the funds of the Institution. Bro. Barnett jun. asked who was absolutely responsible for the balance? Was it the members of the Committee? The balance could not be raised without some security. Bro. C. H. Webb said he understood that a cheque had already been handed in as a guarantee for the amount, on the faith that it would be recouped by a certain time. As the whole of the Lodges would not have had an opportunity of coming to a resolution prior to the date named, he hoped that it would come from the fund provided by the guarantee. He brought it before his Lodge some weeks ago, and mentioned that the cheque had been given. His Lodge voted its proportion to the Indemnity Fund. Bro. George Everett replied that there had been a good deal of misunderstanding about the £2500, for which a brother of West Yorkshire would be happy to give a cheque. It, however, resolved itself into this—the brother in question was prepared to pay the £2500 on condition that the Provisional Management Committee would render

themselves liable to repay that amount. There were 30 members on the Committee, all good men and true, and he (Brother Everett) would be happy to find his £100 towards it to-morrow. Others, however, did not think it a fair thing that the members of the Committee should be asked to make themselves liable, nor did he himself, for that matter. He hoped the Committee would carry the resolution now submitted. He felt certain that they would get this £2500. The reason they had not already secured it was, that the thing had not been well managed, so far as London was concerned. Many did not understand what it meant, and a good many misrepresented it. For his own part, knowing all about it, he had put it before his own Lodges in a proper shape, and they had readily voted double the amount asked. In the autumn session, when the Lodges were meeting again for the winter, it would be found to come all right if there was any thing like organisation, and every Lodge would take a share in the matter. The Lodges in the Provinces where the subject was thoroughly understood had come forward nobly, especially West Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Hampshire, and the final result could not be a matter of doubt. Brother W. W. Morgan remarked that a great deal of misapprehension had arisen from the fact that statements had been made in the newspapers through which many brethren supposed the brother from West Yorkshire had already provided a cheque for the amount. Personally, he knew this was not the case, and he thought it would be better if the Chairman let the meeting know that no such cheque had been received, as the brethren had been led to believe. In reply the Chairman said no such cheque had been handed over. The brother of West Yorkshire made the offer, believing that the amount would be subscribed. The Committee did not think it fair to call upon him for the money, knowing very well that the proposal to raise the money would be carried out. For himself, he thought it would be unfair to call upon any individual to take such a responsibility. They thanked the brother, but they thought it better that their personal efforts in their respective Lodges and districts should be exerted to raise the amount. The Lodges he had had to do with in the Provinces had accorded the proposal a very free and open acceptance. The Committee believed now that there would be a balance to hand over to the Institution. On the 30th June they might be £100 or £200 short of the £2500, but some Lodges did not meet till after the summer, in June, July, or August, and in order to give them an opportunity of subscribing, the Provisional Management Committee asked for authority to draw on the funds of the Institution, for any balance not subscribed to the £2500 Pension Indemnity Fund by the 30th June. After some discussion as to the form of the motion, so as to guard the funds of the Institution from payment of the balance, the motion was altered, as follows:—

"That in the event of the whole amount, viz., £2500, of the Pension Indemnity Fund not being collected or paid over by the trustees of that Fund on the 30th June next, the Provisional Management Committee be empowered to provide out of the funds of the Institution the balance required to provide for payment on that day of the £2500 to Bro. Binckes on his vacating the office of Secretary, such balance to be eventually refunded by the Pension Indemnity Fund."

As altered, the motion was carried unanimously. The motion for the third resolution having been read by the Chairman, Bro. Scurrah desired to know what was the meaning of "advertising for candidates for the Office of Secretary?" Were they to be advertised for as Masons only, or was that clause not to be inserted? They might have hundreds of applications from the outside world. The Chairman said the laws of the Institution would be observed; they must advertise. The brethren might safely leave this to the Provisional Committee. After some discussion as to defining the duties and fixing the salary, Bro. Scurrah insisted that the Provisional Committee could not legally exceed their powers, and he claimed an observance of the laws, which defined that the powers now proposed to be given to the Provisional Committee could only be exercised by the General Committee. Bro. Glass thought if this Committee could now see their way to agree to the resolution, or to a rider to the resolution, saying that the salary should not exceed a certain sum, it would be a great advantage to the Provisional Committee; it would be a guide to the Committee as to what they should offer candidates. Bro. Corble remarked that it had already been fixed that it was not to exceed £300 a year. Bro. Scurrah pressed that the

Provisional Committee should report to the General Committee. The Chairman said he would add to the resolution the words, "and report thereon to the next meeting of the General Committee." The motion as amended was proposed, seconded, and carried. Two petitions of candidates to be placed on the list for the October election were then considered. An outfit of £5 each was voted to two Boys who had left the School and obtained situations, and notice of two motions for the next Quarterly Court were given in. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held their regular monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. James Brett presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, T. B. Purchas, C. H. Webb, E. West, W. Smith, L. C. Haslip, David D. Mercer A.G.P., Hugh Cotter, Charles G. Hill, Alexander Forsyth, F. Mead, Dr. Hogg, F. H. Hubbert, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Making, and James Terry (Secretary.) The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the adjourned meeting on the 25th ult. read for information, the Secretary reported the death of four male annuitants. The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and directed to be entered on the minutes. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer of the Institution, and Bros. J. Newton and J. J. Berry were appointed a Committee to prepare the annual report, to be submitted to the general meeting in May, and it having been agreed that the Stewards at the recent Festival be invited to visit the Institution at Croydon, a letter was read from a firm of solicitors relating to the bequest of one-third of the residue of the estate of the late Dr. Morris Wilson, and asking for the sanction by the Committee of payment, amounting to £167, which was not bequeathed by will. The request was agreed to, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

KENT CHARITY COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Charity Committee of the Province of Kent was held at Rochester, on the 21st ult., to consider the ensuing elections of the several Institutions; and representatives were present from the different towns, including Dover, and other centres of Freemasonry in the county. Managers for the ensuing elections having been appointed, it was resolved, in regard to the Girls' School, "to secure the election of Alice W. Bingham, No. 1 on the List, and the managers to exercise their discretion in dealing with surplus votes." For the Boys' School it was decided that "All votes owing to be first repaid, and then H. C. Pownall, No. 42 on the list, to be supported, and after him Edward Sole, No. 56 on the list." In connection with the Royal Benevolent Institution for Old Men and Women, it was agreed to support the case of Mrs. Mary Redman, widow, No. 5 on the list, and that of Bro. G. Stevens, No. 20 on the list, "as far as the members think advisable." The following petitions for relief were received, and the amounts recommended to Provincial Grand Lodge:—Strand, Lodge 31, £15; Mrs. Stanton, 1208, £15; Miss Bass, 125, £10; — Pickering, 77, £15; Mrs. Viles, 972, £15; Bro. Mann, 20, £20. The application on behalf of — Bailey, 874, was out of order; and Bro. Burfield's was withdrawn. The Committee recommended that £13 be paid out of Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Girls' School towards the cost of placing a memorial for one of the windows in the new Memorial Hall at the School. After a discussion the Committee recommended that the sum of £142 10s be paid from Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Provisional Committee of the Boys' School to secure a pension to Bro. F. Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary of that Institution.

A handsome painted window, by Clayton and Bell, has just been placed in the parish church of Burghclere, near Newbury, by the parishioners, in memory of the late Bro. Canon Portal, for many years rector. A further memorial of this popular Canon, who died suddenly, it will be remembered, a year ago, will be a handsome building for parochial work, which is to cost a thousand guineas. The site has been given by Lord Carnarvon.

MARRIAGE.

LANGTON-CALROW.—On the 9th April, at St. John's, Bayswater, by the Rev. Henry White, M.A., Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, Chaplain to the House of Commons, assisted by the Rev. Prebendary R. Thornton, D.D., JOSEPH DAVID, son of JOSEPH LANGTON, of 37 Queen Victoria Street, E.C., and Cavendish Mansions, Portland Place, W., to LILIAN EMILY, fourth daughter of the late FREDERIC CALROW, of Harold Wood Hall, Romford, Essex, and St. Mary-at-Hill, and grand-daughter of the Rev. HARVEY A. BROWN, late Rector of Stowe, St. Mary's, Essex.

NOT SO BAD AS AT FIRST SUPPOSED.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE Rev. Isaac Taylor, in his attack on the pious Puseyites, in his work called "Ancient Christianity," after expressing his contempt for the pious Rev. Butler's *Lives of the Saints*, goes on to say:—

"Let any one open Butler's *Lives of the Saints* at hazard, and without looking at dates of the several lives therein related, let him select a few which appear the most ridiculously absurd, or which are on any account peculiarly offensive, and I will venture to predict that these articles, so distinguished by their extravagance and folly, will turn out to be *nicene* [that is, of those who lived in the 3rd or 4th century], and not to popish stories. In fact they will be found to be translations from [the writings of] Athanasius, Basil, Paladius, Jerome, or some of their contemporaries. On the contrary, any lives that may appear to be less objectionable, and in a sense edifying, will be those of modern Romanist saints. If then the lives of the saints as a whole be worthy of contempt, the principal stress of this contempt falls not on the Church of Rome, but upon the church of the third and fourth century."

Our author then goes on to assure us that ridiculous as Butler's *Lives of those early Saints* are, they, comparatively speaking, are highly rational to the same lives as originally written by the early writers. In short, Butler left out some of the most absurd stories given by Athanasius, Jerome and Co., and modified and softened down others. It is evident, therefore, that the greatest pietists believed in the greatest absurdities, and that the Romanists to whom Butler belonged were not quite as pious as their predecessors of the Nicene periods were. Hence the Romanists could not believe as much as the more pious primitive writers believed.

By the same rule we may discover the comparative piety of our Masonic writers. Take out, at hazard, a number of contributions to Masonic papers, magazines, and even from the *Transactions of the Q.C. Lodge*, and you may depend upon it that every absurd contribution was written by a pietist, and the most intense pietist will be found to have written the most absurd stuff. The pre-1717 MSS., as well as the histories and literature of the last century, were more or less the productions of pietists. Oliver, Mackey, C. W. Moore, and numerous other Masonic writers of this century, were pietists, and on reading their respective writings it will be found that those who invented the greatest number of *flbs*, or who believed in the most absurd Masonic fables, were the most pious. And that our now living pious Masonic writers still continue to write absurdities may be illustrated by contributors to the Masonic press. Thus, not long since, I read an article in the *Keystone* on "Ancient Landmarks." If I had not seen the writer's name I should still have been satisfied that it was written by a pietist. The same may be illustrated by the absurd semi-annual leaders in the said *Keystone* about the connection of the Saints John with Masonry. The seventy columns of that paper, during the last twenty years, which have been devoted to that subject, are so ridiculously absurd that, in my estimation, Bro. Mac Calla, its editor, deserves the title as one of the very greatest of our American Masonic pietists. About forty years ago, an old Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, while alluding contemptuously to some person, said, in my presence, "He understands it no more than Jews understand their own Scriptures." Now, it will be conceded by every sensible man that such an absurdity could only have been uttered by a pietist.

Again, take up the absurdities still retained in some American Masonic rituals, and these are likewise the work of pietists. But that is not all, for it often happens that of a phrase introduced say sixty years ago, or even less, pious brethren will swear that it is an ancient landmark. Thus, in 1842, I was assured that the story about Hiram Abiff's monument was an *ancient tradition*, and the late pious Bro. Rob Morris, when I last saw him, in Boston, insisted that it was an ancient tradition. But the truth is, Jeremy L. Cross invented the so-called Hiram Abiff's monument in 1819. The same Bro. Cross introduced into the ritual in 1819 "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah," and this has since then given rise to a phrase, viz., "the lion's paw," or "the lion's grip." And a very learned writer has since then proved that the said phrase descended to us from the mysteries of our ancient Egyptian Masonic brethren. But here is something which Mackey gives, upon authority, as an ancient tradition preserved by English Lodges, viz.:—

"From the building of the first Temple at Jerusalem, to the

Babylonish captivity, Freemasons' Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon. From thence, to the coming of the Messiah, they were dedicated to Zerubbabel, the builder of the second Temple; and from that time, to the final destruction of the Temple by Titus XXX., they were dedicated to St. John the Baptist; but owing to the many massacres and disorders which attended that memorable event, Freemasonry sank very much into decay; many Lodges were entirely broken up, and but few could meet in sufficient numbers to constitute their legality; and at a general meeting of the Craft, held in the city of Benjamin, it was observed that the principal reason for the decline of Masonry was the want of a Grand Master to patronise it. They therefore deputed seven of their most eminent members to wait upon St. John the Evangelist, who was at that time Bishop at Ephesus, requesting him to take upon himself that office. He returned for answer, that though well stricken in years (being upwards of ninety), yet having been in the early part of his life initiated into Masonry, he would take upon himself that office. He thereby completed, by his learning, what the other St. John had completed by his zeal, and thus drew what Freemasons term a line parallel. Ever since which Freemasons' Lodges in all Christian countries have been dedicated to both St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist."

The above tissue of lies used to be recited in Boston Lodges in a most solemn manner, adding thereto that the Saints John "were parallels in Christianity as well as in Masonry." The fact, however is, the above story was not invented before the second decade of this century. The earliest publication I find that story in is in the works of Krause, printed in Germany in 1820, or somewhat later. As late as 1822, Frederick Dalcho, the then best informed Mason in America, was puzzled for a reason why the Saints John were introduced into Masonry? That story, therefore, must have come to America after 1822. Now, had our Masonic pious writers distinguished themselves by writing more truths, and by advocating a higher standard of justice than the less pious Masonic writers, they would indeed have been a credit to Christianity as well as to Masonry. But being as it is, they deserve to be despised just as much as Isaac Taylor despised the writers of the *Lives of Saints*.*

Now, as a rule, New England Protestants do not believe in the efficacy of Saints' patronage, but on the contrary they regard it as a mere Popish superstition; and as the only reason they can give for their adherence to Saints' patronage is the above ridiculous Masonic St. John story, a story at which every man of common sense must laugh at, it therefore seems to me that their real motive for adhering to that superstition is not piety, but it arises from a deep-seated prejudice against Jews, and an inward love to insult them with impunity. In short, Masonic love in America is a mere farce.

The Massachusetts Grand Lecturer, however, lately informed me that some of the sectarian allusions, including the recital of the ridiculous story about the Saints John, as above given, are no longer heard in Massachusetts Masonic Lodges, and I have even received a ritual for laying a corner-stone, printed in 1886, in which the Saints John are not mentioned. We see now that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has moved onward somewhat, and this is mainly due to the liberality of the late Grand Chaplain, and to the greater liberality of the Grand Masters for the last twelve years or so. In Rhode Island, however, piety, or the pleasure of insulting Jewish Masons in Masonic Lodges, kept the Grand Lodge at a stand still. A ritual, printed in Rhode Island in 1886, for laying a corner-stone has in it, "under the patronage of the holy Saints John," &c. And the same ritual was reprinted to be used at the laying of a corner stone of a synagogue on the 23rd of September 1889. The said ritual was printed in the local papers; the Jewish papers in New York naturally found fault, so did the editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and so did I. Upon further inquiry I was informed by a Hebrew correspondent from Rhode Island, who I understand is not a Mason, and is therefore less likely to deny an offence committed by Masons than a Jewish Brother Mason might feel disposed to do. And he informed me, by letter, that the printing of the ritual, without expunging the objectionable allusion to the Saints

* Mosheim, the ecclesiastical historian, had as bad an opinion of the Nicene writers as Isaac Taylor had. The said pious writers (said he) taught that it was an act of virtue to deceive and lie when by such means the interest of the Church might be promoted. This maxim, he further says, was already then of long standing, and he adds, "We would willingly except from this charge Ambrose and Hilary, Augustin, Gregory Nazienzen, and Jerome, but truth, which is more respectable than these venerable fathers, obliges us to involve them in the general accusation."

I hope that our Masonic pietists will take a hint from the above remarks, and in future govern themselves accordingly.

John, was a blunder of the building Committee, and that when the blunder was discovered some one waited on the Grand Secretary, and gave him to understand that they did not want to have "pork" served up in the ceremony. The symbolic hint was understood, and the Grand Master had the good sense to act accordingly, and after the error appeared in the Jewish press the Rabbi of the Providence, R.I., congregation informed the Jewish editors in New York and Cincinnati that the Grand Master of Rhode Island did not use the objectionable part of the ritual.

I have, however, evidence from another source which conflicts with the above statements, viz.: Rev. Bro. Rugg, editor of the *Masonic Repository*, in Providence, Rhode Island, in the last issue of his publication, makes no denial whatever about the Grand Master having uttered the very words of the printed ritual when laying the corner stone of the Synagogue; he admits, in a modifying manner, that Jews have cause to be annoyed at the frequent Christian allusions in the prayers and ritual as given in Masonic Lodges, but makes no attempt to remind the Grand Master that he has violated good manners, and that he has broken the Golden Rule, &c., &c. Our Rev. Bro. Rugg seems to think that the duty of a pious Christian to rant and cant is of more importance than good manners or the Golden Rule; he therefore devotes his eloquence to reason with the Jews. He reminds them that since the Masonic revival, at least, the Christian element has predominated in Masonic Lodges, and as it is of no use to reason with pious Christians about the case in point, then, for the sake of peace, harmony, and brotherly love, the Jew should not be too sensitive to the insults he receives in Masonic Lodges; the Jew should be broad-minded; and, in short, he should grin and bear with equanimity the treatment he receives from brother Masons. Indeed, our good Bro. Rugg intimates that the Jews in Rhode Island expected that the Grand Master would lay the corner stone of their Synagogue in accordance with the printed ritual, and were not at all offended when the Grand Master did so. Bro. Rugg says:—

"That the Jewish brethren gathered at that corner-stone laying were not greatly troubled with the form of words used in the ritual, and the special allusions to the Saints John, [and adds] as one eminent Jew remarked in our hearing, 'We know (said the Jew) that no offence was intended, and therefore did not feel insulted—scarcely annoyed—by the form used in placing the foundation stone to our Synagogue.'"

Bro. Rugg's testimony certainly confirms the report that was circulated in the Jewish papers, that the corner stone was laid in accordance with the printed ritual. But, on the other hand, my informant assured me that Bro. Rugg was not present at the laying of the said corner-stone. Bro. Rugg may therefore have got his first information from reading the rebuke administered by the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to the so-called *Masonic* Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and it is not all impossible that our zealous Bro. Rugg, instead of trying to ascertain as to how much truth there was in the report, took it at once for granted that it was true. As he deemed it to be his first duty to explain, apologise, and smooth things up, he was there led to imagine that an eminent Jew told him, "We know that no offence was intended, &c."

On weighing the above conflicting evidence, I prefer the statement made by my Jewish correspondent. I do not know him personally, but I have heard him spoken of highly by those who do know him, and, until otherwise proved, I shall indulge in the hope that good manners are not altogether extinct, even in the very pious Masonic Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Boston, U.S., 28th March 1890.

LIVERPOOL MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THIS flourishing young Society spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening on Monday, 31st ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, in listening to a lecture on "The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry." The lecturer (Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson) was briefly introduced to the meeting by the Chairman (Bro. J. Hawkins), and for an hour riveted the attention of the members by a description of these symbols, which he traced from a very early period of the world's existence, illustrating his points by drawings on the black-board. At the close of the lecture a discussion took place on several of the points brought forward, to which Bro. Finlayson replied, and a vote of thanks to him brought the evening to a close.

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WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

An Oration, delivered by Bro. J. E. Thomas, at the Consecration of Lodge St. Alban, Adelaide.

IT has been an established custom among Masons, upon occasions such as and similar to the present, for some qualified brother to set forth in definite and explanatory terms, the reasons and motives which have impelled the renewed and augmented effort made to extend the area of Masonic work, and to develop its ramifications in the world's field of action. Oftentimes these occasions have been utilised for the purpose of expounding the principles and aims of the Craft, of elucidating and explaining its *raison d'être*, and maintaining its claim for very existence. And in an age when intellect and culture demand that every effort made to secure an individual and peculiar existence shall at least prove the value and the utility of its claim—when the balances of incisive judgment are called into use, and are rigorously employed to weigh the virtues of every organisation demanding recognition at the hands of an enlightened and discerning public—in such an age, I say, if never before, does it become our necessity to satisfy ourselves, as well as those outside the Masonic circle, that the Order exists for noble aims and honourable ends—that its means and appliances are commendable and satisfactory to such as are of a liberal and equitable tendency—and that its régime and authority are of such a nature as to prove highly beneficial and productive of happy results to those who follow its precepts in actual truth and sincerity. What then is Freemasonry and wherefore its existence? Verily an important and serious question, my brethren, and for the rightful answering thereof deserving a treatment which neither the present time nor the ability of your lecturer can provide. But inasmuch as an answer is demanded, let his very inexperience for the nonce supply the necessity in part, leaving its more ample treatment to the care of able and zealous Craftsmen, who will in the near future, we trust, add their contributions to the already significant weight of testimony borne by a scholarly and studious past. Briefly and authoritatively stated, Freemasonry claims to be a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. This so far has been the recognised definition of its aims and purpose. Born in the remote past, it undoubtedly had its origin in the combination of skilled labour for the purpose of cultivating the arts of the mechanic and builder; but to-day, shorn of its strictly manual and operative character by the improved and different methods whereby the knowledge and craft of the mechanical arts become disseminated, it has assumed an introspective character, in which we apply the terms and phrases of the builder's art to the cultivation and practice of a moral life. In this garb Masonry presents herself to the world to-day. True to the traditions of the past, she makes no bold or obtrusive demand for the support of any one, until such time as a warm and admiring regard has been first kindled in the heart; but, woman like, once the cowan has been transformed into the votary, she calls for constancy and the fullest exercise of faithful service. And if the service be exacting it is in the highest degree ennobling. If it be disciplinarian in its nature, are not the very results of its training conducive to the acquirement of a glorious freedom from self—a care and a regard for the welfare of others—and a consuming desire to make such use of our natural life as to deserve the plaudits of a satisfied conscience. In that spirit let us hope are we met to-night—once again to re-seal our obligation and to renew our protestations of admiration for the Order of which we are members—and this time under the inspiring guardianship of the name of England's great proto-martyr. Fortified as it were by his glorious example we renew our pledges at the shrine consecrated to the lofty attainments of a manly and honourable life. Strengthened by the renown of his fidelity to all healthy and praiseworthy aspirations we declare that we too—though surrounded by pitfalls which are well nigh impossible to avoid—are desirous of acquiring the quality of true nobility. And roused by his self-denial and abnegation we declare ourselves resolved to follow a course in which self and indulgence shall be resolutely annihilated; that is, so far as weak human nature can be overcome. And that henceforth, if never before, we will endeavour to be the means of imparting joy and gladness to those of our fellows less happily circumstanced. Let the devout manner of his life

serve to remind us of the reverence due to our Creator; a duty plainly and clearly taught at the very threshold of Masonry, and impressed perpetually by the ever present symbol reminding us of the G.A.O.T.U., to whom we must all submit, and whom we ought humbly to adore. Let his temperate and abstemious fashions teach us how to limit our desires and enjoyments within legitimate bounds, so that having due control over them we may not become slaves to prodigality and luxuriousness. But, in more special relationship with Freemasonry—let his unwearied labours for the temporal (and eternal) welfare of others call to our minds always and ceaselessly the various claims of that distinctively Masonic principle of brotherhood. Let his most noble and renowned attempt to visit upon himself the dire effects of imperial and persecuting anger directed against another, awake in us a manly and unsparing effort to at least share the burdens of our fellows and brethren by extending to them the gladdening hand of Fraternity. Whilst it has been the especial province of religion to instruct us in our duty to our Maker, and to inculcate feelings of reverence and humility towards the Source of all Goodness, we claim it to be the peculiar province of Freemasonry to develop our love for our fellows, and to foster a high standard of brotherhood. In this direction we are drawn from the abstract into the real. Beatific inspirations become solidified by humanitarian action, and holy thoughts are rendered of current value when minted into the coin of sweet charity. And where we use that much exercised word let us not use it in that narrow, limited form which is made to represent the disposal of creature comforts and temporal benefactions; but rather in that wider, boundless and illimitable sense in which charity means brotherhood and tenderness, and gentle dealings one with the other. The cultivation of a state in which bickerings and petty jealousies shall have been annihilated; where none shall lie in wait (as it were) ever seeking cause of offence and reasons for obstructing; where any movement designed to carry forward the banner of progress, or to engage in the righteous quest of knowledge shall be fostered rather than hindered; where personal vanity and rude spite shall be deemed unworthy and inglorious. What is demanded of Masonry in the present age is that it shall mean a true manhood, and that to be named a Mason is to be accounted a true man. One permeated with nobility of spirit, and tutored in all the virtues which make life fragrant and healthy, a centre of sympathetic action and a source of happiness and support to others. Not wilfully given to unreasonable perversity, but ever inclined to judge all actions in the same spirit as that in which they may be initiated.

Whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are honest,
Whatsoever things are just,
Whatsoever things are pure,
Whatsoever things are lovely,
Whatsoever things are of good report,
If there be any virtue, and if there
Be any praise—think on these things.

Such should be the formula for our guidance and action, and we doubt not that if adopted in the same spirit as we conscientiously judge our own motives, contention and strife must of necessity vanish.

To thine own self be true,
And it shall follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

But, brethren, far beyond this negative form of brotherhood and charity there exist finer and nobler gradations of Masonic ethics. We may be tardy in admitting the responsibility imposed on us by our Masonic vows, but the truth remains that no duty is more expressly inculcated than that which concerns fraternity. Not the empty paradiings of brotherhood, limited to short re-unions at regular and stated times; nor yet the meaningless professions made by one Mason to another when self-seeking or sordid motives foolishly prompt us to make a stepping-stone of our obligations; but rather the cultivation of that expanded benevolence and brotherhood which sees in every man, be he cowan or initiate, a claimant for sympathy and fellow-feeling in some form or another. The brotherhood which waits not for forced opportunities wherein to exercise his professions, but being ever on the alert for chances and openings, discovers the truth of the statement made by the learned Roman philosopher, that "men resemble the Gods in nothing so much as in doing good to their fellow-creatures."—

Be useful where thou livest, that they may
Both want and wish thy pleasing presence still.
Kindness, good parts; great places are the way
To compass this; find out men's wants and will,
And meet them there; all worldly joys go less
To the one joy of doing kindnesses.

And, if taught we would weave a fresh garland, with which to add to the honour of our Craft, it can be accomplished by declaring that from henceforth the virtue of Masonic charity shall be defined as embodying—not only the commendable disposal of bounty and a ready response to the demands of necessity and affliction, but also the lavish liquidation of humanity's claim for a tender and compassionate sympathy. It has been truly said that "all human lives are as separate circles, they may touch at one point in friendly approach, but when they touch each rounds itself off the other"—(Lytton). While admiring the illustration one dares to question whether under the benign influences of a tender compassionate interchange the actual point of contact may not be magnified into a joyous, prolonged over-lapping. To give of our substance to the poor and necessitous in the hour of their affliction cannot but be meritorious and praiseworthy; but loftier still, and pre-eminently laudable is the conduct of him who has for pursuit the mitigation of the martyrdom of so many lives—who has a heart for the life-long burden of sad and dreary duties which so many are forced to bear, and unalleviated by the cheering help of external solace or comfort. How do we propose to render help to these? Certain it is that the jingling of the guinea will be no avail, nor will the prompt observance of a sworn obligation supply the exigency. But equally sure will prove the earnest, passionate appeal to the Great Source of all kingliness of nature that we may be supplied with words which shall prove efficacious in providing relief and comfort to burdened hearts, and in pouring balm on many an aching wound. And to-night within sound, as it were, of the joyous peal of Christmastide greetings, there appeals to our hearts with intensified force the claims of a wider Fraternity and a more invigorating type of benevolence. It never was more needed, methinks, nor ever before so well calculated to soothe the ills of a restless and ailing humanity. Day after day there is presented the spectacle of a wearying and weakening strife between the various sections of an otherwise united people—each clamorous for his portion of material wealth. Regard for the interests of others appears to have been transformed into the hungry frenzy of an enemy. Personal freedom and liberty are apt to be encroached upon under the banner of the "greatest good to the greatest number," and the times seem pregnant with restrictions and intimidations. Drawn in coarse and crude lines, this is the aspect of the times. As Masons, have we no missions? no remedies to offer? no principles to assert? no virtues to commend? Shall we not labour to attain that millennium—

When each man finds his own in all men's good
And all men work in noble brotherhood.

M.W. G.M., my effort is concluded. Permit me to offer it for your commendation and for the approval of my brethren.—*South Australian Freemason.*

We are glad to hear that Bro. Richard Clowes, the present W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, has been appointed to the office of Provincial Senior Grand Warden in the Province of Sussex, of which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is Provincial Grand Master, the vacancy being caused by the death of the late lamented Bro. Crawford J. Pocock. Bro. Clowes has already filled the office of Provincial Senior Grand Warden in the Province of Essex, and we are pleased to find that his merits are appreciated in Sussex, where he has taken up his residence. His zeal for Freemasonry is well known, and he is a subscribing member of two other Lodges in the Province. His appointment will be hailed with the greatest satisfaction by all who know him.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—After our latest visit to this theatre we were led to a consideration of the question,—To what extreme limits will the present generation of playwrights venture? Mr. Gilbert's "Topsy-turveydom" will soon be far distanced if the present rage for sensation and startling surprises is not checked. Each new piece presented brings us a fresh theory for contemplation, and in far too many cases we feel that wasted has been any time we may have spent in endeavouring to provide an adequate or reliable solution for the author's motives. Surely so experienced a writer as Mr. Sydney Grundy must have known he was outraging all accepted traditions when he formulated the idea that his village priest must break the seal of the confessional in order that he, the commissioned playwright, could supply workable material for those to whom was to be entrusted the "creating" of their several "parts." In these advanced days when toleration in all that pertains to the several phases of belief is considered almost an essential, he must be a bold man who dare venture even to hint at such an eventuality occurring as a betrayal of the secrets of the confessional. Five minutes conversation with any intelligent priest will suffice for the average mind to grasp the details of the responsibility cast by the Romish Church upon its teachers in regard to what is herein required of them, and we venture to assert that no stings of conscience will assail the true exponent of the doctrine of his religion when he knows he has faithfully carried out his trust. Again, the meek, contented Abbé Dubois of Mr. Grundy's version of "Le Secret de la Terreuse,"—so admirably personified by Mr. Beerbohm Tree,—after nineteen years custodianship of so important a secret, and fully realising his position as confessor, could never have approached even the consideration of becoming an apostate. We fear, however, that if we continue in this strain our readers may incline to tediousness. So much has been written on the "motif" and groundwork of "The Village Priest," since its production last week, that the average playgoer has had ample opportunity to formulate if not to sum up his own conclusions. The first scene represented shows us the deceased Judge's Library, and here we learn from his blind widow that he was, in the eyes of the world, a man of unblemished reputation. Here we are introduced to Armand D'Arçay (Mr. Fred Terry), a rising barrister, who professes a strong attachment for Marguerite (Mrs. Tree), the daughter of the Comtesse de Trémeillon. Here also we make the acquaintance of Jean Torquenie (Mr. James Fernandez). Torquenie has been condemned to death for the murder of the Comtesse's husband, but at the instance of the "upright judge," he has had his sentence commuted to 20 years' penal servitude. Nineteen years have elapsed, and we find that Torquenie has escaped from confinement, with but one desire,—that of establishing his innocence. He relates his story to D'Arçay, whom he implores to aid him. But when the barrister, who is well acquainted with the details of the case—it ranking as a *cause célèbre*—hears Torquenie's charge that it was his own father who was the guilty man, he realizes that the missing link in the chain of evidence has been supplied, and moreover that the lady he desires to make his wife is the daughter of his own father. Torquenie learns that his daughter Jeanne (Miss Norreys) has been brought up by Madame D'Arçay, and that she is a resident under the roof that covers them now. Torquenie has never seen his child, and prays Armand to procure him an interview. This prayer is granted by the barrister, but Jeanne, who has been brought up in the belief that her father is a murderer, shrinks from him in terror when she learns Torquenie is her father. This scene was splendidly played throughout by all concerned. The second Act introduces us to the Abbé Dubois (Mr. Beerbohm Tree), whom we find badgered and abused by his housekeeper Madeline (Mrs. E. H. Brooke). In due course Torquenie appears to enlist the help of the Abbé, and here again a finely worked up scene results. This is interrupted by the appearance of the gendarmes who are in search of the escaped prisoner; he is, however, shielded by the Abbé, who is well aware Torquenie has been condemned unjustly. The third and fourth Acts develop the story, but we feel we may leave it to our readers to see how the plot works out. In the fifth Act we come to what we consider the blot in the whole story. The Abbé has decided to betray the secrets of the confessional, and so clear the convict. Torquenie, however, resolves to sacrifice himself, and when the gendarmes again seek him he surrenders himself rather than bring disgrace on the innocent lady, who has watched over and befriended his child. This is, briefly, an outline of the plot. To the artists to whom its development was entrusted no praise can be too high. Mr. Tree, ever careful, gave us a splendid conception of the gentle and true-hearted Abbé. Mr. Fernandez has never been seen more fervent, and his dual scenes in this play will live in the memory of all who may be privileged to witness them. Mr. Fred Terry literally astonished us, so rapid is the progress he has made in his profession. To Miss Rose Leclercq was entrusted the difficult part of the Comtesse de Trémeillon, and we do not know another lady who could more adequately have fulfilled the requirements of the author. The work will doubtless be "touched up," and then we feel assured it will command a run.

Shaftesbury.—If "Dick Venables" attains any permanent success at the Shaftesbury, the credit will be due to Mr. Willard, the creator of the principal part, and not to the author of the play. The author, Mr. Arthur Law, may claim the credit, such as it is, of originality. Let us hasten, however, to explain what we mean. The poet laureate says truly, in his *In Memoriam*, "Common is the commonplace," and this aphorism is well illustrated in Mr. Law's latest effort. The well-worn, we had almost said, the worn-out materials which form the basis of transpontine melodrama are the sum and substance of Mr. Law's play. Those to whom the half-penny novellette and the penny *Family Herald* afford sufficing mental pabulum may find satisfaction in "Dick Venables." But Mr. Law's

originality lies in his treatment of these materials in so peculiar a fashion that he has produced not a comedy, not a drama, not a burlesque, but a comic burlesque drama. The pity of it is, however, not so much that Mr. Law has written the play, but that Mr. Willard is condemned to interpret it. Our readers shall judge whether we are too severe. Mrs. Lisle, the wife of Dick Venables, a convict serving his term at Wildmoor, thinking her husband is dead, because she had read that he had been shot in attempting to escape, chooses Wildmoor, of all places in the world, to forget her hideous past. Mrs. Lisle, be it observed, is a gentle creature, and the wonder is that so gentle a girl has married a man without one redeeming quality. Her friends are Archdeacon Jellicoe, his wife and daughter, and a Doctor Paganstecher. With a subtle sense of the humour of things, the Archdeacon is represented as a confirmed kleptomaniac, and the Doctor is so much of a lunatic, that in the neighbourhood of Wildmoor Jail he has untold treasures of precious stones, kept in an ordinary cabinet, and tells his man-servant of their value, having chosen the said servant after an examination of his bumps. A new governor is appointed at Wildmoor Jail, in the person of Captain Lankester, nephew of Archdeacon Jellicoe, who, recognising in Mrs. Lisle an old sweetheart, proposes to her and is accepted. But just as the happy lovers part Dick Venables, having escaped from Wildmoor, and wounded one of the pursuing warders, who shortly after dies, appears on the scene and compels his wife to pass him off as her brother. He has grim conversations with the prison governor, who has of course been told by Mrs. Lisle that she cannot marry him. Husband and wife are about to leave the neighbourhood when Dr. Paganstecher's servant, who is a criminal, and immediately recognises Venables, insists on his remaining, in order to aid in the robbery of Dr. Paganstecher's jewels. Mr. Law evidently does not believe in honour among thieves, for the servant in question, though he declares he would never round on a pal, keeps Venables at Wildmoor, knowing at the time that he is in danger of being hanged; and finally denounces him in his true character when he imagines he has tricked him over the robbery of the jewels. With such materials what could actors do? They did all that was possible. Mr. Alfred Bishop, as the Archdeacon, and Mr. E. W. Garden, as the phrenological doctor, succeeded in making the audience laugh with them and not at them. Miss Annie Rose, as the Archdeacon's daughter, was pretty and makes a perfect *ingénue*. Mrs. Canninge was good as Lady Harriet Jellicoe, but she had next to no opportunities. Mr. Elwood, as Captain Lankester, was a manly lover, though his utterance was not as distinct as it might have been. Miss Olga Brandon had a thankless part, but was too good an artist not to score a success. But the honour fell to Mr. Willard. That he was able to save such a play from failure that he secured, and rightly, the genuine applause of the audience, shows what a consummate actor he is. But the part is not worthy of Mr. Willard, and it is because we wish to see him assume rôles more worthy of himself that we feel constrained to condemn Mr. Arthur Law's play.

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HUBERT DE BURGH CHAPTER.

A MEETING of this Chapter (18th Degree) was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on the 25th ult. Bro. Dr. C. C. Walter was installed as M.W.S., succeeding Bro. W. J. Bordeaux, and the Officers appointed were:—Bros. J. D. Terson Proleat, W. Pearse 1st General, Major-Gen. T. Cummings 2nd General, E. Lukey (30 deg. P.M. W.S., Mayor of Dover) Treasurer, J. D. Terson P.M. W.S. Recorder, W. Smith (Deputy Mayor) Grand Marshal, W. O. Kennett Raphael, E. Lukey D.C., J. U. Terson 1st Herald, J. J. Wright 2nd Herald, A. J. Crane Captain of the Guard, Captain H. T. Naylor Organist, L. Marsh Equerry. Bro. Colonel G. N. Mony, C.B., 33 deg., was present, and this being his first visit since his election as Inspector-General of the South Eastern District, he was congratulated by the brethren, and made an honorary member of the Chapter. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. J. Bordeaux upon his protracted illness.

The annual report of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Institution states that the income of the institution last year was £1619 5s 3d, as compared with £822 4s 1d in 1888, and has only been exceeded in one year. Relief grants were made amounting to £229, and grants for education to the amount of £259. A sum of £8114 6s 3d is now invested. Applications for relief were not so numerous last year as in 1888.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, was held on Wednesday, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, Bro. W. O. Swetman being installed as Worshipful Master. We shall give a report of the proceedings next week.

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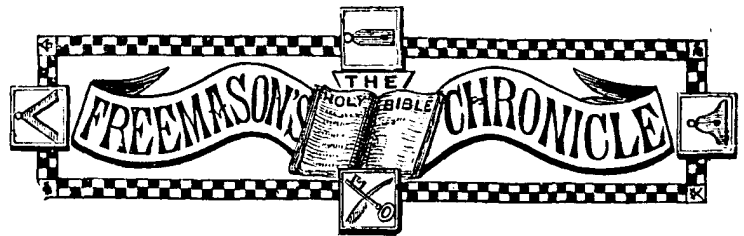
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SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL 1890.

CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF CONFIDENCE, No. 193.

THE members of this Lodge, which attained the centenary of its establishment on the 15th February last, celebrated the event by a banquet, last week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and at the same time marked a coincidence which is unique, or almost so, in the annals of the Craft. For nearly forty years the regular meetings of this Lodge have been held at its present quarters, and although there are one or more Lodges in the Metropolis that can boast a longer association with one house, it is probable that there is not another instance in Freemasonry of so long a stay in one place, coupled with the fact of so intimate an association with the proprietor of the hotel as is the case with the Confidence Lodge and Bro. Clemow's establishment. For nearly the whole of the period during which the Confidence Lodge has met at Anderton's Hotel, the proprietor of that establishment has been enrolled as a member of the Lodge, in fact one of the Past Masters said, at the centenary celebration on Wednesday of last week, it was Bro. Frank Clemow the elder—the father of the present proprietor—who proposed him as a member of the Lodge thirty-one years since. It must have been very gratifying to the present proprietor to hear the names of his father and his brother spoken of and associated as they were with the past history of the Lodge, and no doubt he felt determined to maintain the friendly relations that had hitherto existed between this Lodge—the oldest of his now long list of Masonic customers—and the establishment of which he is the head. Of the forty-six Masonic Lodges, Chapters, &c., now meeting at Anderton's Hotel, the Confidence was the only one associated with the establishment in 1851, the date of its removal there. The celebration of the centenary of the Lodge took the form of a banquet, at which the members and their lady friends were present. It was a matter of regret that the gathering came so near upon the Easter holidays as to keep away many who would otherwise have attended. As it was the company was a small one, considering that the Lodge has a roll of about one hundred members, and that its regular gatherings are generally well attended, both by members and visiting brethren. However, it was the near approach of the holiday season and not any lack of interest in the old Lodge that kept its members and friends away from the centenary celebration. Bro. E. J. Davey, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, presided over the proceedings, and was supported by two Grand Officers—Bro. J. L. Mather P.G.A.D.C., and Bro. James Terry P.G. Sword Bearer—together with other visitors, including Bros. T. B. Dodson P.M. 860, John Barnett jun. W.M. 2191, Edwin Storr P.M. 169, and others. At the conclusion of the banquet, the toast of the Queen was submitted from the chair, and was followed by that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who, Bro. Davey said, was an Officer the whole Craft might look up to. The interest the Prince of Wales took in the work of Freemasonry stood out as a pattern worthy of imitation by royalty and others throughout the world. To the toast of the Grand Officers, Bros. Mather and Terry replied. The former expressed the pleasure felt by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England in being present at such gatherings as the one they were that night taking part in. They were always gratified to assist in any celebrations marking the stability or the progress of the Craft. Bro. Terry followed in a most humorous speech. He felt some amount of gratification, and at the same time considerable regret, that he was not present at the consecration of the Lodge. No doubt Masonry was very different then to what it was to-day, and yet in all probability very similar. On one point he was pretty sure—the founders of the Confidence Lodge did not have among them a brother representing the office he had the honour to hold in the Grand Lodge of England. In those days a Sword Bearer was not deemed necessary, now it had become the custom to carry a sword in front of the Grand Master. He did not speak with authority on the subject, but he believed that at no time in its history had the Confidence Lodge numbered a Grand Officer among its members. There were many who would like to see this omission remedied in the near future, and no doubt the eyes of the Grand Master would in due course be turned to those Lodges which had for so long a period as a hundred years worked to uphold the dignity and importance of the Craft. He could not hope to be present at the next celebration of a like character in the Lodge, but he could and did entertain the desire that the same good feeling and fellowship that now seemed to actuate its members might exist then, and that for all time the Confidence Lodge might pursue a path of prosperity. The next toast was the Lodge of Confidence, and this was proposed by Bro. Past Master Cubitt. In reply, Bro. S. Webb P.M. and D.C. of the Lodge made a most interesting speech. He took the opportunity of tracing the career of the Lodge during its one hundred years of existence. He could not hope for the opportunity on that occasion of pointing out to the members the many interesting events in the past history of the Lodge, but he might venture to tell them of the many changes of residence it had known. Possibly this list would be received with surprise by many of those present, because some of the

localities in which the Lodge had assembled were not regarded with particular favour at the present time; they must not forget, however, that times had very much altered, how much it was almost impossible to imagine, but the list he was about to read would give them some idea to work upon. It might also enable them to form some opinion of what Freemasonry was in days gone by. The earliest records in connection with the Lodge took them back to 15th February 1790, when a warrant was granted by the "Atholl," or "Ancient" Grand Lodge for its establishment, the place of meeting then being given as the Dolphin, Red Lion-street, Holborn. Since then it had shifted on fifteen occasions, the full list of its places of meeting, as given in Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," being as follow:—

- 1790 Dolphin, Read Lyon Street, Holborn.
- 1790 Bell, Bank Bridge (or Battle Bridge).
- 1793 Old Swan, Butcher Row, Temple Bar.
- 1797 Sheers, Chequer Alley, Old Street.
- 1799 Queen's Head, White Cross Street.
- 1800 Blue Last, Ludgate Hill.
- 1801 Horse Shoe and Magpie, Strand.
- 1802 Coach and Horses, St. Martin's Lane.
- 1807 Porcupine, Newport Street, Leicester Fields.
- 1820 The Porcupine, Newgate Street.
- 1829 Bedford Head Tavern, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden.
- 1831 Crown Tavern, Clifford's Inn Passage.
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- 1846 Colosseum Hotel, Portland Road, Regent's Park.
- 1848 White Lion Tavern, Brick Lane, St. Luke's.
- 1851 Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

He felt sure that when, one hundred years back, their ancient brethren established their Lodge—which, by the way, assumed its present name in 1820—they had little idea of such a meeting as was assembled that day to celebrate the centenary of its establishment. He felt that the providence that watches over those who do right had watched over the Lodge of Confidence, which had gone on regularly meeting for a full century without a slur or a blemish on its reputation. To show how well their affairs had been managed, he had only to point to the fact that the Grand Master had granted their request for a centenary warrant without any demur, although the privileges such a warrant conferred were most jealously guarded, and only awarded to those who had an indisputable claim to them. He hoped every member of the Lodge would look upon the event they had that night met to celebrate in the same light as he did, and would consider it an honour to belong to a Lodge that could boast so long and so distinguished a career. Turning to personal matters, Bro. Webb observed that he might say a few words in regard to his long association with the Lodge. He was proposed as a member by the late Bro. Frank Clemow, in 1859, and was initiated on 11th April of that year. He rose to the dignity of Master of the Lodge in 1867, and had 13 initiates during his term of office, while, what was a novelty at that time, he installed his successor when the time came round for him to vacate the chair. This ceremony had previously been performed—so far as he could discover, with but one exception—by some outside Craftsman, more proficient than the actual members of the Lodge. Since then he had placed 15 of the rulers of the Lodge in its chair, not because he had desired to push himself forward for the work, but at the earnest request of the different Masters who had passed through the chair. He was very pleased to think how much he had been honoured in being allowed to do so. He referred to the formation of the Great Northern Lodge, in 1870, as an offshoot of the Confidence Lodge, and felt the members of the parent might be almost as proud of their offspring as of their own career. Bro. Smither I.P.M. submitted the health of the Worshipful Master. It was one of those toasts sure of a hearty welcome in a Masonic Lodge. The present ruler of their Lodge was placed in a position more honourable than that enjoyed by any of his predecessors in the chair—he was ruling over the Lodge during its one hundredth year of existence. This honour descended to all who were intimately associated with it. For himself he felt great pleasure in proposing the health of the Centennial Master. The present Master was anxious to do all that was required of him, and the older members of the Lodge only hoped that he might have as much success during his term of office as had attended any of them in their presidency. In reply, the Master tendered his thanks. No harm could come to any man through association with Freemasonry; on the contrary, it was likely to improve all who became associated with it, and lead its votaries to become better men, better husbands, and better citizens. The toast of the Ladies was entrusted to Bro. Hart J.W. He considered it a toast any Mason should be proud to give in any Masonic assembly. The members of the Confidence Lodge had great pleasure in welcoming their lady friends on the present occasion, and he felt the galaxy of beauty around them would be looked back upon as marking a red-letter day in the history of the Lodge. He could not help thinking that Freemasons were a little selfish in taking so much time to themselves. However, they had given the ladies an opportunity of seeing a little of what went on in the Craft, and he hoped they would go away with a favourable impression of the Confidence Lodge and Freemasonry in general. The main object of the Order was to advance the welfare of their fellow creatures; to render help to the aged, the widow, and the orphan in distress among them, and generally promote the good of mankind. He hoped their gathering that night would lead to ultimate joy and rejoicing among those in need of help. Bro. Nightingale replied, and then the toast of the Visitors was given. To this Bros. Dodson, Storr, and Lindfield responded. The Past Masters, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Officers were duly honoured with special toasts, after which the meeting was brought to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Aethel Collings, who was assisted by Miss Alice Sugden, Miss Flora Edwards, Mr. W. H. Lloyd, Bros. Barry Linden and Arthur Frye. Several of the songs were encored. Bro. Frye's ventriloquial sketch was particularly good.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, was well attended. There were present Bros. Harry Nash W.M., P. J. King S.W., Orton Cooper J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary; Usher Back, Henry Lindfield, F. J. Hentsch, W. W. Morgan, Past Masters; W. Kirkland S.D., C. Skipp I.G., B. Banks Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. J. C. J. Burt, W. G. Jennings, C. Everett 1507, J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, J. A. Collings 1950. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Morgan Kingston, proposed by the W.M. as a candidate for initiation, seconded by the Secretary; also for Mr. Albert Usher, who was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by the W.M. This resulted favourably in each case. There was also a candidate who desired to join 211, viz., Bro. Thomas Hewitt, and he came forward under the same sponsors who had acted for Mr. Usher. Here again the result was favourable. The two gentlemen named above were then introduced, and the ceremony was carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner by the W.M. This completing the business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together. After the Loyal toasts had been done honour to, the I.P.M. Bro. Lindfield proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. If any doubt had existed in the minds of the members as to how Bro. Nash would be able to discharge the duties of the office it had been dispelled that day, when they had seen him initiate two gentlemen into the Lodge in a really impressive manner. The Worshipful Master replied. It was a source of great pleasure to him to know that the members of his Lodge were satisfied with what he had been able to do. He hoped he should continue his work in such a way as to deserve their approval throughout his year of office. The toast of the initiates was heartily proposed, the Master feeling that the two gentlemen admitted that day would prove acquisitions to the Lodge. He trusted that what they had seen that night would induce them to take an interest in Freemasonry, and arouse in them a desire to push forward in its teachings. Replying, Bro. Kingston expressed the pleasure he felt in being now numbered among the free and accepted of the Masonic body. He hoped he and his brother initiate would show by their actions that the honour of admitting them had not been misplaced. Brother Usher followed. He had been greatly interested in what he had seen that day in Freemasonry, and already longed to know more of its lessons. He hoped to deserve advancement at no very distant date. In proposing the health of the Visitors, the Master said he did not think the Lodge had met any time within the memory of its present members without entertaining guests. He was very pleased to see those who were present that evening, and assured them that he wished them all a safe return to their homes, and a speedy re-appearance in the St. Michael's Lodge, if they desired it. Each of the visitors responded in turn, Bro. Fred. Binckes making a most forcible speech, and referring in an interesting way to the question of Lodges of Instruction, which had been spoken of by one of the former speakers in somewhat unusual terms. The brother we refer to adopted the somewhat novel course of finding fault with Lodges of Instruction, which he designated as schools for teaching a gabbling and senseless knowledge of the ritual. Needless to say he was not supported by any of the other speakers, as we think it is all but generally recognised that oral tuition, with actual practice in a properly constituted Lodge of Instruction, is the best of all means of acquiring proficiency in the work of Freemasonry.

LOYAL MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 457.

THE members held their Lodge meeting on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Institute, North Parade, Monmouth. A banquet was afterwards given, at the King's Head Hotel, to mark the return to England of Major W. F. N. Noel, R.E., from the Mauritius, where he had been stationed since 1886, at which time he relinquished the appointment of Adjutant of the R.M.E.M. Major Noel is a P.M. of the Monmouth Lodge, and the respect and esteem in which he is so deservedly held by his brother Masons is fully shared by the public of Monmouth.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—

At the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 3rd instant, there were present:—Bros. R. E. Cursons W.M., F. M. Noakes S.W., G. H. Foan J.W., W. Brindley Preceptor, Joseph Greenway Deputy Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, H. Hoggins S.D., C. Rotter J.D., J. D. Rymer I.G., J. Gluckstein, J. Laurence, S. Moss, A. Davis, G. A. Bergholtz, T. C. Seagg, E. Tooley, and G. H. Reynolds. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. F. Fort offered himself as a candidate to be raised, and was duly examined. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The Preceptor worked the second section, and the Deputy Preceptor the third section of the third lecture. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. E. P. Day, Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, was elected a member. Bro. F. M. Noakes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not wish to propose a "boycott" in Freemasonry, but may I ask if it is necessary to introduce non-Mason artistes at Masonic banquets? Surely there are enough good vocalists associated with the Order to give us all the music we need, and it is a slight on their ability to engage gentlemen outside the Craft to supply the harmony after Lodge banquets. The custom is severely criticised in various quarters, and many Lodges will not allow any but Masons to sing at their meetings. This is not enough; the custom—which I fear is gaining ground—should be prohibited, unless it can be shown that Masonic members of the musical profession are not sufficiently numerous to fill all the engagements offered them.

Hoping you will favour me by inserting the foregoing imperfect remarks,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD PRO.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund held a meeting, on the 17th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. There were present Bros. R. Pengelly 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., G. Horswill 105, J. W. Cornish 223 P.P.G.T., R. Cawsey 230 P.P.G.J.D., E. Aitken-Davies 1099 P.P.G.S. Works, F. Hooper 1212 P.P.G.D.C., R. G. Bird 1550, R. Hambly 1855 P.P.G.S. Works, S. Jew 105 1847 P.P.G.T., W. Allsford 202, W. J. Stanbury 1099 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. B. Gover 70 P.P.G. Secretary, Hon. Secretary of the Fund, and W. H. Dillon. Two more children are to be placed on the fund. The auditors reported £500 as invested, £470 being at the bank available for general purposes. Four candidates brought on from the last election were again placed on the list—a deceased brother's son, 9½ years, from Concord Lodge, 1135, Ilfracombe, who has 118 votes to bring forward from the last election; a deceased brother's son, 8½ years, Jordan Lodge, 1402, Torquay, 534 votes to bring on; a deceased brother's daughter, 8½ years, Elms Lodge, 1212, Stoke, 332 votes to bring on; and a deceased brother's son, 10½ years, Friendship Lodge, 202, Devonport, 43 votes to bring on. To those candidates was added one new candidate, a deceased brother's son, 7½ years, Hauley Lodge, 797, Dartmouth. The meeting for the elections was appointed to be held at Exeter on 1st April.

THE annual meeting of Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 1st inst., at Exeter. Bro. John Lane 1402 P.P.G.R. presided, and there was a good attendance. The Treasurer reported the present value of the fund to be £974, of that £500 being invested in a deposit note at the Devon and Cornwall Bank, and £474 on current account there. Bros. J. R. Lord the Treasurer and J. B. Gover the Secretary were both unanimously re-elected, and warmly thanked for their zealous services. The office of an Assistant Secretary was instituted, such an Officer having been rendered requisite by the increase of the business of the fund. Bro. W. H. Dillon was appointed the first Assistant Secretary. Bros. J. W. Cornish 223 P.P.G.T. and E. H. Littleton were re-elected Auditors. Bros. W. E. Warren P.P.G.O., H. Stocker, W. Powell, J. Brewer P.P.G.J.W., J. W. Cornish, E. T. Fulford P.P.G.T., S. Jew P.P.G.T., R. Hambly P.P.G.S. of Works, W. Allsford, G. Horswill 105, were elected the finance Committee. Bros. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., the Rev. W. Whitley P.P.G.S.W., S. Jones P.P.G.J.W., J. Brewer P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W., G. C. Davies P.G. Sec., J. Lane, J. B. Gover, S. Jew, R. Lose P.P.G. Pursuivant, D. Cross P.P.G.T., F. B. Westlake P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Lord, A. R. Lethbridge P.P.G.S. of Works, W. Powell, R. Pengelly, W. A. Gregory, E. Aitken-Davies, G. Ficks, W. Lacey, W. E. Warren, J. W. Cornish, T. Goodall P.P.G.O., E. J. Knight P.P.G.S.B., R. Cawsey P.P.G.J.D., R. Hambly P.P.G.S. of Works, F. Hooper, W. J. Stanbury P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Trevena P.P.G.D.C., T. Gray, E. D. Fulford, R. Jerman, J. Stocker, G. Whitley, H. Stocker, W. S. Hearder, W. Browning, W. H. Macey, W. Taylor, T. J. R. Chalico, C. Watson P.P.G.D.D.C., J. Griffin, W. Allsford, R. G. Bird, G. Horswill, H. Steele, E. H. Littleton, were elected the Educational and General Purposes Committee. It was proposed to grant £5 towards apprenticing the daughter of a late brother of Lodge Metham, 1205, whose term of education had been completed. There was no objection to the grant, but the notice required by the rules had not been given, and the proposition, therefore, did not appear in the agenda. Regular notice was now given, and it was suggested that if the Treasurer advanced the money in the interim, the brethren present would indemnify him. There were now thirteen children on the fund, two more were to be elected at the present meeting, and it was resolved to hold another meeting next October and then elect two more children. The present election was proceeded with. There were five candidates—the son, 9½ years old, of a deceased brother of Lodge Concord, 1135, Ilfracombe, the son, 8½ years old, of a deceased brother of Lodge Jordan, 1402, Torquay; the daughter, 8½ years, of a deceased brother of Lodge Elms, 1212,

Stoke; the son, 10½ years old, of a deceased brother of Lodge Friendship, 202, Devonport; the son, 7½ years old, of a deceased brother of Lodge Hauley, 787, Dartmouth. W. Bro. Jas. Griffin, the Chairman of the Scrutineers, reported the voting—for the candidate from Ilfracombe, 118 brought on, 172 present electors, total 290; the Torquay candidate, 534 brought on, 365 added, total 899; the Stoke candidate, 332 brought on, 556 added, total 888; the Devonport candidate, 43 brought on, 631 added, total 674; and the Dartmouth candidate, 41 votes from the present election. The Chairman declared the Torquay and Stoke candidates elected, total votes polled 2792. Bro. E. H. Shortz called attention to there being too large a sum of money left in the hands of the bankers on the current account. He advised that a portion of the balance should either be permanently invested, temporarily invested, or applied to putting more children on the fund. The officers of the fund advised that at present no further permanent investment should be made, and questioned whether the income of the present year would be as large as the last. The Finance Committee were recommended to make temporary investment of at least a portion of the balance. The Exeter brethren very hospitably entertained the brethren from the other Lodges at lunch and a high tea.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

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ROYAL VETERAN ENCAMPMENT.

THE members held their annual Convocation on Friday, 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Comps. J. Kinton Bond P.Z. 70 and J. W. Cornish P.Z. 223 were elected and installed members of the Templar Order, and joined the Royal Veterans Encampment. E.S. Knight Henry Rogers E.C. elect was installed as the E.C. by his predecessor in that office E.S. Knight J. R. Lord. Among the Past E.C.'s and E.P.'s who attended were Fraters E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Const., S. Jew P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.P.G.T., J. Griffin P.P.G. Reg., J. Austin P.P.G. Ex., W. Trevena P.P.G. 1st Capt., J. Du Pré P.P.G. Chamb., R. Pengelly P.P.G. Almoner, and Fraters A. Roberts, W. H. Dillon, J. Wallis, G. Dunsterville F. Crouch, J. Holland, F. R. Thomas, A. Tront, H. Aslitt, Phillips, J. Gidley P.G.G. The Officers invested were:—Sir Knights J. R. Lord P.E.C., W. H. Dillon 1st Ch., J. Wallis 2nd Ch., A. Roberts Prel., J. Austin Treasurer, J. B. Gover Registrar, J. Kinton Bond Expert, J. W. Cornish C.L., S. Jew Standard Bearer, W. Trevena H., W. H. Phillips Guard. It was resolved to hold a joint meeting of the Fraters of the three Preceptories in Plymouth and Stonehouse, with a view to amalgamation. At the close of the Convocation the Knights adjourned to a refectory provided at the club. The new E.C. presided, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

MELBOURNE.

A LARGELY attended meeting of Grand Lodge was held on the 19th February, at No. 3 room, Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, for the purpose of considering the Book of Constitutions by which the Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria are to rule. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., presided. The great difficulty in passing the rules of the Book of Constitutions is whether the Grand Master shall nominate his Grand Lodge Officers, or whether they shall be elected by the rulers of the Craft. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that all rules referring to election or appointment should be postponed until the other rules had been disposed of. The rules so postponed were Nos. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 67, 76 to 100, and 111, all intermediate rules being carried, but several of them were considerably amended. The M.W. G.M., at the request of the brethren, closed the Lodge at 11 o'clock. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., has made the following appointments for the ensuing twelve months:—Bro. W. T. C. Kelly President Board of General Purposes; Members—Bros. J. S. Butters P.P.B.G.P., S. Franklin P.D.G.M., J. A. Cantor P.G.S.W., P. Blashki P.G.S.W., R. O. Thompson P.G.S.W., S. Trythall P.G.S.W., W. Davis P.G.R., James Cook P.G.D.C., C. J. Davis and G. J. Shepherd; W. R. Lovering P.G.D.C., President of the Board of Benevolence.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION is also invited to the Ground (22 acres) recently laid out at the New Western Entrance of the Cemetery, also to the New Organ recently placed in the Western Chapel.

Certificates of Burial can only be obtained at the Offices, 95 Great Russell Street, where also Scale of Charges and all particulars may be had.

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HENRY J. CROFT, Secretary and Registrar.

N.B.—A Tent is provided for Mourners, if desired.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 12th April.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1446 Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928 Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.
1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637 Unity, Harrow
1690 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Sunningfield

Monday, 14th April.

5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
232 St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria Street
957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington
1922 Earl of Lathom, Greyhound, Streatham
R.A. 22 Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 1:08 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M. 230 Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411 Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn St., Birmingham
1592 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St., E.C.
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handlyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 154 Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rook Ferry, Cheshire
R.C. 12 Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
R.C. 22 Victoria, Ipswich

Tuesday, 15th April.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
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.
704 Camden Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hot, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
1006 Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1059 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045 Whariton, Willesden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 815 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
R.A. 792 Oliver, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 330 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 51 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

Wednesday, 16th April.

General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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
1170 Buckingham and Chando, F.M.H., W.C.
1319 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1392 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1673 Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street Hotel
R.C. 44 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
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
248 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
428 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, Warrle
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, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1246 Holte, A Quarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighouse, Masonic Room, Brighouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501 Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs, Barmouth, Wales
R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester
R.A. 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Rastcliffe
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371 Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Maryford
R.A. 417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Walsall
R.A. 731 Truth, Masonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swans
R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick

Thursday, 17th April.

House Committee, Gir's School, Battersea Rise, 4
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
49 Gibon, 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.
1227 Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.

42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
98 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-Lyne
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
1327 King Harold, Britannia, Waltham New Town
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1572 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
2012 Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
Emergency
R.A. 317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 327 St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Penrith
R.A. 546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 913 Patison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1324 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M. Caunges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 18th April.

6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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.
M.M. 176 Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10 Iavicta, 33 Golden Square, W.
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
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
975 Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096 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. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. 123 Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

Saturday, 19th April.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1641 Orichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 142 St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 308 Affability, Station House, Bottoms
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 12th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
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.,
1283 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Ecclestone, 13 Cambridge Street, Finsbury, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 14th April.

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, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hall, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
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 Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 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, 15th April.

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.,
177 Domatic, 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
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, 7
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel,
Croydon, 7:45
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
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861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St, Liverpool, 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1510 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
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Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
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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
228 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
1260 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
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1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
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1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
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1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
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R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

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141 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Browa Bear, Deptford, 8
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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 Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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1278 Burdett Countts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
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1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
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
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R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
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General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
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507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
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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
831 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 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
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1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Chocumont Rd., Peckham, 8
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R.A. General Chapter, M.H., Birmingham, 5:30
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
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M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

Saturday, 19th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
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
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
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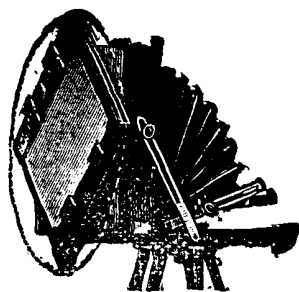
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