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## THE FUTURE OF THE CHARITIES.

IT is much to be regretted that Grand Lodge did not think it desirable to take some action in regard to the new laws proposed for the Benevolent Institution, other than calmly to agree to them; more particularly as during the last few days the severity and harshness of the new conditions has been unfavourably commented on in influential quarters. There were some among us who regarded the work of the Committee of Inquiry into the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as the ringing of the knell of that Charity—and we are not yet quite sure they were wholly wrong, for the Craft has by no means heard the last of that very unfortunate “public wash of dirty linen,” or found out the exorbitant price that will have to be paid for the economies supposed to result from that investigation. But we think the changes made in the laws of the Benevolent Institution will prove even more disastrous; indeed, they have already proved so, for they have been the means of driving away the support of East Lancashire from the Central Charities, in favour of the local funds that have long existed in that district. It is perhaps early in the day to say that the East Lancashire Masons have stopped their contributions to the London Charities, but when so distinguished a Mason as Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the Provincial Grand Master, tells his brethren, in Provincial Lodge, to carefully use their “votes” for the London Charities, and greatly increase the “support” given to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, it does not require much knowledge of Masonic affairs to imagine the ultimate result of his advice. For the time being the support of East Lancashire is lost to the three great Masonic Institutions which are usually regarded as representing the benevolence of the Craft. How long the estrangement will last, and to what extent it will be carried, time alone can prove, but we anticipate a “thorough breaking away” from past practices, and we shall not be surprised if contributions from that district virtually cease, except perhaps in those cases where Lodges have already paid something towards the acquisition of perpetual votes, and desire to make sure of a benefit which we imagine will ere long be inquired into—perhaps abolished. These perpetual votes should form an item in the balance sheets prepared in connection with the Masonic Institutions, and we very much question if it is wise to continue the system that allows a Lodge to secure, for a comparatively small amount, a perpetual right to a share of the benefits of the funds. In the case of Lodges there should be a definite limit, say ten, fifteen or twenty years, and we should not be surprised if this principle is speedily recognised and an alteration attempted.

Turning away, for the time being, from East

Lancashire, we will consider the position in the Province of North and East Yorkshire. There the Masons have just celebrated the Second Annual Festival of the Educational Fund of their Province, and have secured no less a sum than £496 10s in support of their local organisation. This amount, with the £1054 15s subscribed last year, makes upwards of £1500, the bulk of which is to be invested, on the same lines as adopted in the other northern counties, where the general rule is to expend only interest and annual subscriptions, leaving the donations to accumulate. Perhaps it would be wrong to say that the whole of this £1500 would have found its way into the coffers of the London Charities had North and East Yorkshire remained without a local fund, but we think a large proportion of the amount would have been so expended, while as regards the future we expect a preference will generally be shown for the local charity as compared with those located in the metropolis. The second Festival of the North and East Yorkshire Fund was held at Hull, under the presidency of Brother J. W. Woodall, Past Grand Treasurer of England, who, in proposing the toast of the evening—success to the Fund—said it had been established for the purpose of enabling those children in the Province who were ineligible, either by age or failing to secure sufficient votes, to obtain admission to the large Masonic Institutions, to receive their education at other important scholastic establishments which fortunately abounded in the county. It had always struck him, said Bro. Woodall, that the sending up of children from special districts in the country to the large Masonic Schools, though giving them a first-rate education, yet often failed to give them that education which was necessary to some special trades and businesses in their own particular districts, especially in the West Riding, where industrial training was required. Here we have another view of the situation that must tend to lessen the support given to the Central Institutions, and although Brother Woodall is not reported to have said anything particularly detrimental to the existing Charities, he yet uttered enough to show the direction in which his sympathies lay, and we know that his views, and those expressed by the Provincial chief of East Lancashire, are shared by most of the principal workers in the cause of Masonic benevolence in the North. It is not so much a question of giving a splendid education to one child as it is a desire to render some help to a number of children that finds favour in many of the Provinces, and we cannot wholly disassociate from our mind the truth of the old adage that half a loaf is better than no bread in this respect. Of course it is very gratifying for one child of a district to be handsomely provided for by the Freemasons of England; clothed, educated and maintained until such time as he or she is ready to start on their own account in the world; but, on the other hand, there are a dozen or perhaps more children in the same district, equally deserving, and equally in need

of help, for whom nothing can be done. Provincial combinations for the purpose of working the elections have done a vast amount of good, so far as the Provinces are concerned, but there is another side to even that question. It is now virtually impossible for any district to carry a case unless the Provincial organisation formally adopts it, so that the trouble of election has been transferred from the London poll, where it was previously decided, to the committee meeting of the local association, and as a consequence failure in any particular case is sometimes set down to local influences and jealousies, whereas in olden times the number of votes polled was an effectual answer to most of the questions that arose, or that could possibly be referred to, in regard to any candidate's success or failure.

In last week's Freemasonry column of the *Evening News and Post* this subject was touched upon, and it was pointed out that what appeared very much like a serious trouble was dawning upon the great Charitable Institutions of the Craft. Our contemporary considers that within the next few years the whole of the northern counties of England will withdraw their sympathy from the Central Institutions, in favour of their own local funds. They will not, however, withdraw their claims on the benefits of the Charities at the same time, as a very large proportion of the votes held in the north have been acquired by the Provincial and Private Lodges in perpetuity, and our contemporary states that the north of England could keep a matter of two hundred children and old people on the funds of the Charities without contributing a farthing towards their maintenance. Such a course of proceeding would be regarded in many quarters as very unfair, but why? The Institutions offer certain privileges in return for certain payments, and they cannot repudiate any arrangements entered into by Lodges for the purpose of acquiring perpetual votes. We are of opinion this is a serious matter, and one that calls for more than passing notice, but whether it will receive attention or not remains to be seen. There is no setting aside one fact—the number of votes required to secure a place in either the Boys' or the Girls' School, or an annuity for an aged Mason or his Widow, is out of all character, taking into consideration the actual cost of obtaining those votes. At the last elections the highest unsuccessful candidates polled as follows:—Boys 1779 votes, Girls 2593, Aged Mason 2258, Widow 3187. With such figures as these can it be wondered that the Provinces are bestirring themselves to advance their local Funds? or that there is an early possibility of a serious falling away of existing supporters?

### THE DUTIES OF MASTERS.

**T**HE Worshipful Master of a Lodge is an officer whose duties are multiform and manifold. Those who suppose him to be merely a figure-head make a gross mistake. True, he is an imposing figure; true, this figure has a head; but while all eyes look to him, and all ears are open to him, and he is "monarch of all he surveys," if this imposing figure expects the office to take the place of the man, or supply his deficiencies, he is woefully mistaken. When a small man attempts to fill a large place he appears smaller than he ever did before. No one should aspire to be the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, the ruler of a host of his Brethren, the arbiter of the Craft, who is not possessed of wisdom, learning, judgment, tact, and whose heart is not overflowing with brotherly love.

Many Brethren appear to think that if they know the work, they are qualified to sit in Solomon's seat. Solomon did not think so. He qualified himself for the right performance of all his duties by first asking from the Grand Architect wisdom, and obtaining that wondrous gift from His dispensing hand. What the Master needs to-day is, wisdom, wisdom, wisdom—wisdom in all things, not only that petty

wisdom, that technical wisdom, that narrow wisdom, which qualifies merely for the performance of one duty, but that enlarged spirit of understanding which is as broad as the office the Master holds; that appreciation of all the needs of his Brethren whom he has been selected to preside over; that devotion to duty which waits not to be sought, but goes out to find occasion for the exercise of the beneficent prerogatives with which his office is endowed. Symbolically he is a luminary, actually he should be a dispenser of light. The sun should shine. And yet how many suns are obscured by clouds! How many Masters are servants! How many secretaries are Masters!

Of course a Master should be a good worker. The Master who cannot work is an absurdity. Work is one of his primary functions. If he cannot work he should not be Master. And he should not only work, but work well. He can, if he chooses. In this era of light and knowledge, the ignorant are wilfully and inexcusably ignorant. The prevalence of Schools of Instruction, and the number of bright Masons to be found almost everywhere, render it absolutely unpardonable for a Master of a Lodge now to be unable to do his own work.

But work is not the whole of Masonry, no, not by a vast deal.

An important part of the duty of a Master is the government of his Lodge. To do this with justice and equity, requires the possession and exercise of knowledge, wisdom and prudence. He who rules at discretion should rule with discretion. A Master should be acquainted with the main provisions of the Ahiman Rezon or Constitutions of the Craft, with the Bye-Laws of his own Lodge, with the decisions of the Grand Lodge, the usages, customs and Landmarks, and with Masonic parliamentary law. Without a knowledge of these he will suffer his Lodge continually to go astray, and fall into difficulties which will draw down upon it Masonic penalties, necessarily administered, in the way of corrective action by the supreme Masonic authority.

Another duty which the Master owes to his office to perform is, a personal oversight of his fellow members, especially when they are in sickness or distress. His Brethren are a part of himself, and when one suffers he should suffer with him, to the extent of relieving the suffering, in accordance with his own and the Lodge's ability. The sick, the dying and the dead are especially the charge of the Worshipful Master. Their condition he should report to the Lodge, so that it may minister to their needs. But, primarily, they are under his charge, and for them he should hold himself Masonically responsible.

Another duty which is his, is to maintain harmony and fraternal feeling throughout the membership of the Lodge. He will always be favourably listened to, on account of the dignity of his office. He can wield an influence for good which no other member can. Hence he is derelict in the exercise of his functions, if he is not continually labouring to promote universal good feeling in the body of the Craft over which he presides. A harmonious Lodge is a successful Lodge. A harmonising Master makes a harmonious Lodge.

The Lodge which has for its Master a Brother who knows the work and performs it impressively; who knows Masonic law and executes it impartially; who is paternal as well as fraternal in his oversight of his fellow-members; and who ever has in view the promotion of universal harmony—such a Lodge is a true Masonic Lodge, the Master is a true Master, and the Masonry therein taught and exemplified is pure and undefiled.—*Keystone.*

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the installation of a Worshipful Master of the Striguil Lodge, No. 2186, took place. The newly-elected W.M. is C. Whalley, who was installed by Bro. S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. The other Officers for the present year were appointed, and in the evening a grand banquet, presided over by the W.M., was held.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, and she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive, action.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight presided, in the unavoidable absence of the M.W. Grand Master, and Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Prov. Grand Master for Durham, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Lord Cremorne, P.G.S.W. as G.S.W.; and Bro. Lord Alfred S. Churchill G.J.W. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th March and of the Grand Festival of the 30th April were read and confirmed. Bro. Beach said he had great pleasure in announcing that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Canada, Brother Richard Walkem, Q.C., had done the brethren the honour of attending Grand Lodge as a visitor. And he would ask the brethren to salute him with the honour due to his rank. This having been done Bro. Richard Walkem rose, and said: M.W. Grand Master in the chair and Brethren,—Without desiring to occupy your very valuable time this evening, I feel it would be ungracious in me not to say a word or two for the honour you have done me. It has been my very earnest desire since I was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada to have the opportunity of attending the mother Grand Lodge of England, and, with that desire, I am here this evening. I am an entire stranger in England, for though born here, I was carried out of the country at two years of age. I have settled in the Province of Canada, and I may say I am thoroughly and out-and-out a Canadian. At the same time, brethren, I cannot forget the tie, and the remembrance of it will always be present to me. I acknowledge that, though in Canada, I am a son of a brother of this soil, and in pursuance of that idea and that thought it was that I determined to come over and attend the Grand Lodge of England. Brethren, just a word with regard to our brethren in Canada. You, perhaps, are not all aware of the circumstances under which our Grand Lodge of Canada was formed. You will understand, outside of England, Scotland, and Ireland, in all countries under the jurisdiction of the British Crown, what is called outside territory is regarded as common ground. Accordingly, Canada is considered common ground. In 1855, when Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, there were in existence in Canada Lodges holding charters from England, Scotland, and Ireland. For reasons which I will not mention at the time—reasons which have been amply justified by the course of events since—the Canadians, declared their independence, and accordingly, in 1855, 41 Lodges met in Ontario, and erected a Grand Lodge of Canada, of which I am the Grand Master at the present time. The course they adopted was fully acquiesced in, I am happy to say, by the Grand Lodge of England, and Canadian independence was acknowledged by Grand Lodge under the Earl of Zetland in 1858. Since that time we have expanded from 41 Lodges, which constituted Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, to 355 Lodges, which was the number I presided over just a fortnight ago; and out of a population of slightly over 2,000,000, of which Ontario is composed, we have 20,000 Masons, of the best men and true in that Province. You may have an idea of the enormous influence 20,000 Masons exercise in the Province; and I need hardly say, among those who are Masons of Ontario we have men who occupy the highest position. It has lately occurred to me to come over to England to Grand Lodge to see the brethren and the working of the mother Grand Lodge of the world, and compare it with the Lodges of which our Grand Lodge is composed. I find in England the Lodges are composed of the bone and sinew of the English nation. And, brethren, it is exactly so in the United States; and wherever Anglo-Saxon institutions obtain and flourish there we find Masonry flourishes side by side, thus showing that the teaching and practice of Masonry are consonant with loyalty to our Queen and the maintenance of civil and religious liberty. It is a great pleasure to me to visit you this evening. Our Lodge meets in the month of July, and I shall have to hurry back to attend it; but I assure you that to the last day of my life I shall esteem as a great honour the cordial way in which I have been received among you. Brother Beach

then announced that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had again appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes; and in investing him the acting Grand Master said he was sure he could place the chain on no neck that was more worthy. The Scrutineers of votes for the election of the Board of General Purposes were then appointed and obligated, and the Scrutineers retired to collect and examine the papers. There was no contest for membership of the Colonial Board, consequently the brethren whose names we gave last week were declared competent to act. This rule likewise applies to the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The grants recommended for confirmation were all agreed to, and the proposal to vote £500 for the erection of a stained glass window in the "Centenary Hall" at the Girls' School was also favourably received. The report of the Board of General Purposes—printed in full by us last week—was taken as read, and adopted, as likewise was the report of the Colonial Board. The report, embodying the alterations in the rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, also secured the approval of the meeting. The customary grant of £70—usually brought forward by the late Bro. Raynham W. Stewart—was pleaded for successfully by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, and this completing the business, United Grand Lodge was closed. Later in the evening it was announced that the following brethren had been elected members of the Board of General Purposes:—

EBENEZER CHARLES MULVEY . . . . .	2353
GEORGE READ . . . . .	1681
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH . . . . .	1744
JOHN AIRD, M.P. . . . .	259
JOHN BARNETT JUN. . . . .	2192
SAMUEL COCHRANE . . . . .	2345
CHARLES EDWARD KEYSER . . . . .	2323
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER . . . . .	1964
HENRY PRITCHARD . . . . .	1415
CAPTAIN THOMAS CHARLES WALLS . . . . .	141
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D. . . . .	1891
LENNOX BROWNE . . . . .	2108
GEORGE GARDNER . . . . .	2012
TOM DREW BEAR . . . . .	1584

## P.G. LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE following circular has been sent to the several Lodges in the Province:—

22 Market Place, Reading,  
31st May 1890.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have great pleasure in forwarding to you, for the information of the Brethren of the ———— Lodge, the following extract from a letter received this morning from the Grand Secretary:—

"I have the honour to inform you that the M.W. Grand Master, having duly considered the request of the various Lodges in the Province of Berks and Bucks to be separated into two Provinces, one for each County,—he has been pleased to accede thereto, and has directed that the separation shall take place on the 1st July ensuing.

"I have further great pleasure in announcing to you that the Grand Master has appointed, as Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Berks, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., who will be installed by H.R.H. the Grand Master towards the end of July.

"The Province of Berks will remain for the present in charge of V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as D.P.G. Master."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROBERT BRADLEY, P.G.S.B.  
Prov. Grand Sec.

It is confidently expected that the installation will take place in Reading.

The Prince of Wales has granted a warrant for the establishment of a Lodge in London to be called the Cornish Lodge. It is founded for the convenience of Cornishmen resident in the London district. Brother Nicholas West, Past Grand Warden Cornwall, is to be the first Master. Bro. J. Henwood Thomas Past Master Temple Lodge, No. 101, a member of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, is to be the first Senior Warden; and Brother Roberts the first Junior Warden. The Lodge is to meet at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

## THE "SPECULATIVE" NEW DEPARTURE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I HAVE just fallen on an extract I copied from *Stow's Survey*, Thomas's edition, 1842, p 68, from which, I think, that a debating club genius could prove the existence of *Speculative Tailory, time out of mind*, just as easily as our very learned brethren of the Q.C. Lodge prove the existence of Speculative Masonry in the 14th or 15th century. Here is the extract:—

"The Merchant Tailors' Hall, pertaining to the guild and fraternity of *St. John the Baptist*, (1) time out of mind called tailors and linen drapers of London. I find that Edward I., in the 28th year of his reign, confirmed this guild by the name of Tailors and linen armorers, (2) and also gave to the brethren thereof (3) authority every year at Midsummer to hold a feast and choose unto them a governour, or *master with wardens*, (4) whereupon the same year, 1300, on the festive day of the nativity of *St. John the Baptist*, they chose Henry de Ryall to their *pilgrimage*, (5) for the master of this *mystery*, (6) as one that *travelled for the whole company* (7) was then called. \* \* \*

"In the 21st of Edward IV., Homes, *alias* Clarencialux, King at Arms for the South part of England, granted by his patent to the fraternity and guild of *St. John the Baptist*, of tailors and linen armorers, to bear in a shield of silver a pavillion, between two mantels imperial purple, in chief azure, and a holy Lamb set within a sun, &c. (8).

"In the second of Henry IV. the company received a new confirmatory charter, by the name of the Scissors (9) and fraternity of *St. John the Baptist* in London. \* \* \* Henry VII., a brother of the fraternity of the Tailors, in the 18th year of his reign, 1503, reincorporated the same by the name of Masters and Wardens of the Merchant Tailors of the fraternity of *St. John the Baptist*, in the City of London."

I have not been trained to the profession which requires or demands ability to prove

That day means night,  
That wrong means right,  
That dark means light,  
That standing means flight,  
That love means slight.

Or, *vice versa*, or, in other words, I cannot argue equally well on both sides of a question. I cannot for such a purpose spin a long yarn, and varnish it with relatively learned subjects for the purpose of diverting the reader's or listener's attention from my actual paucity of knowledge upon the question at issue that I claim to be in my possession; or, in other words, I cannot throw dust into my reader's eyes by a display of profound learning about the Gothic Arch, the Pointed Arch, or some other kind of Arch. I shall therefore, with a mere outline of hints, show how much a Merchant Tailor lawyer could, with the sophistical line of reasoning peculiar to his (and I may add to the clerical) profession, prove that *Tailory was what it was not*. I will, however, do my best in representing to the imagination of my readers a Merchant Lawyer Tailor addressing a Masonic assembly, thus:

My friends,

I shall proceed to prove, from Stowe's Survey of London, that the fraternity of Tailors is more ancient than that of Masons. In the first place, there can be no doubt that the art of making some kind of covering for the human body antedates the art of building, for a tradition has been preserved that before the first pair of the human race left Paradise Mother Eve made herself some kind of a covering from fig leaves, from which period the tailor art may be said to date its origin, but building did not begin before the time of Lamach. How many years intervened between the beginning of the said arts, your Rev. Chaplain will doubtless inform you to a day. But anyhow, the tailor's art and tailor's traditions antedate those of the Masons.

Again. You claim a monopoly to the patronage of the Saints John; you call your mysteries "St. John's Masonry"—and why? Surely, your poet of the 15th century had never heard about the Masons' connection with the St. Johns, nor did the author of the Matthew Cooke MS. know it, nor did the writers of the pre-1717 Masonic Rituals know it. I mean those which Bro. Hughan dubbed "Ancient Charges," &c. The Edinburgh Lodge, in 1475, was the first Lodge which adopted the Saints John as Patron Saints, while, as far back as the year 1300, the Baptist was our Patron Saint time out of mind; hence, we have a better right to talk about St. John's Tailory than you have to talk about St. John's Masonry. [See the part indicated by the mark (1)].

Again. Some of you decorate yourselves with cocked

hats, and swear up and down of having ceremonies which came down from the Knights Templars. Now this Knighthood Masonic brag was unknown before 1735. But our Tailors have preserved, in their *title*, which ante-dates the year 1300, an expression which proves some kind of a connection with Knighthood, viz.: we were linen *Armourers*. [See mark (2)]. This title by itself might not be received as evidence in a Court of Justice, but we add to it other hints, marked (5) and (7), we find "pilgrimage" and "travelled for the whole company," stated, doubtless, in an *allegorical sense*. Now this *pilgrimage* and this *travelled* must necessarily refer to our Brother Tailors former pilgrimages to the Holy Land, hence, there seems to have been formerly a body of Tailors in Jerusalem who wore linen *armour*, and were, of course, linked to the Sir Knights Templars.

Again, the part marked (4) proves that our brethren had a *Master and Wardens*, and the part marked (6) proves that the tailors had a *mystery*, meaning a *secret ceremony of initiation*, and must, of course, have been able to make themselves known by secret signs, grips, &c. Further on we find, that they adopted the *Scissors* as their symbol, see (9). And by adding to the above what is given in (8), that the linen armourers possessed a "Silver Shield, a pavillion, between two mantels imperial in chief azure, and a Holy Lamb set between a sun." Who can now doubt that our ancient Tailoric brethren possessed a peculiar symbology of their own, and that they had *Speculative Tailors* too.

And now, I will just review my accumulated evidence, and exhibit *Tailory* just as it was. 1st. It is hundreds of years older than Masonry, as the Bible shows. 2nd. St. John's Tailory existed centuries before St. John's Masonry. 3rd. Tailors were *armourers* long before the year 1300. 4th. They called each other *brethren* a long while before Masons did so. 5th. Tailors had Masters and Wardens before Masons were an organised body. 6th. The significant references to *pilgrimages* and *travelling* are decidedly *symbolic*; add to which they undoubtedly had a *mystery*, and several other Tailoric symbols, including the *Scissors*. If, then, all this does not prove *Speculative Tailory*, then it is time to stop your luminaries from bragging about the *antiquity* of Speculative Masonry. But I am not done with you yet. You brag of a "*Regius Poem*," with an unknown name for its author. The Tailors also had a poet. His name was Anthony Mundy, and on St. John's Day 1605 he recited the following lines in presence of his Majesty James I., *The English Solomon Mundy* said:—

"I find recorded in my register,  
Seven Kings have honoured this [Tailoric] Society.  
Fourteen great dukes did willingly prefer  
Their love and kindness to this company.  
Three score eight lords declared their amity,  
Terming themselves brethren of this band,  
The very worthiest Lords in all the land.  
Three dukes, three earls, four lords of noble name,  
All in one year did join our Brotherhood.  
I find, besides, great lords from France there came,  
To hold league, and to do them any good,  
Yet no imbasing their height in blood.  
Of bishops and deans, to those before,  
My record could afford as many more.\*

In 1607, King James again visited the Tailors, so did Henry Prince of Wales, and a numerous suite. The Prince "and a crowd of courtiers" then joined the Tailor brotherhood. King James declined to join them, because he was a Brother *Cordwainer*, meaning a *Shoemaker*. You see now that in those days they had, not only *Speculative Tailors*, but *Speculative Shoemakers* too. (Here the lecturer was interrupted with a shout—"Pshaw"! Pshaw! (repeated the lecturer) you do not say *pshaw* when Ashmole is called by your Masonic luminaries a *Speculative Mason*, nor do you say *pshaw* to Bro. Gould's imaginary *Speculative Masons* of the 15th century. Why, then, do you discredit the *Speculativeness* of Brother Tailors and Brother Shoemakers in the days of James I.? The evidence in favour of the *Speculative Tailors* and *Speculative Shoemakers* is equal at least, if not superior, to the evidence Bro. Gould furnishes in favour of his *Speculative Masons*. If my non-operative Tailors and non-operative Shoemakers were not *Speculative Tailors* and *Speculative Shoemakers*, what proof have you that

\* Alibone calls Mundy "Post Laureate of the City of London." And Hazlitt, in his "Hand Book to the popular Dramatic Literature," as well as in his edition of Johnson's "Lives of the Poets," devoted considerable space to name the writings, and to a sketch of Mundy's life.

your non-operative Masons were Speculative Masons?

The above outline of specious reasoning will show how a real lawyer, who is trained to magnify mole hills into mountains, and who always has a dozen authorities at his fingers' end to prove either side of a case, how, with the above Tailoric "accumulated evidence," he might have made out a case in behalf of Tailoric *Speculativeness* equal at least to Bro. Gould's Masonic *Speculativeness*.

Space will not allow me, at present, to criticise Bro. Gould's *items*. I shall, therefore, merely add that, with Bro. Gould's method of reasoning, he could have proved equally well the antiquity of Royal Archism, Masonic Templarism, Crypticism, Scotch Riteism, Memphisism, Misraimism, Rosicrucianism, Mystic Shrineism, and numerous other humbugging *isms* which Masonic charlatans have imposed upon pious, credulous Masonic dreamers as *genuine and ancient*, and all which *stuff* is still believed by some Masons as "Gospel truth."

Now, if the Quatuor Coronati Lodge really and truly means to enlighten the Masonic fraternity, then, instead of flying to all out of the way regions in order to find excuses for propping up the antiquity of Speculative Masonry and of Masonic *degrees*, they ought to have long since boldly proclaimed that before the year 1717, the notions of Speculative Masonry and of Masonic *degrees* were totally unknown to the Masonic Fraternity.

BOSTON, U.S., 16th May 1890.

#### FREEMASONRY IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE *Freemasons' Calendar and Directory* for the Province of Gloucester, for the year 1890, is now in course of issue to the Brethren, through the agency of their respective Lodges. The issue takes place later in the year than that of ordinary calendars—and has, indeed, been somewhat delayed this year by exceptional circumstances—but this is explained by the fact that it has been found of late years convenient to include in the Annual the first two months of the new year, so to take note of the many changes in the officering of the Lodges which are made at the festival meetings, of which so large a proportion are held in January and February. The present publication is the twelfth of the series, the first four, 1879-82, having been compiled by the late Bro. Col. Basevi, P. Dist. Dep.-G.M. Panj., when Charity Secretary to the Province, and the subsequent issues having been the work of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, whose service to the Craft is represented by the two important offices he holds of Deputy Grand Master and Charity Secretary to the Province. The most interesting feature of the yearly Calendar is that which sets out the charitable work of the Brotherhood, and it is one to which the Brethren may refer with pardonable gratification. Taking first the contributions of the Province to the great Masonic Charities, viz., the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Male and Female Benevolent Institution, the growth of the support given by the Province is indicated by the steady increase in the number of votes it is able to cast at elections of candidates. In 1879, when the Calendar was first issued, the number of votes held in the Province was 936, and each year since there has been an increase more or less considerable upon the number of the year preceding, until now the aggregate of votes is 3420, and this notwithstanding that the numerical strength of the subscribers has decreased during the interval. The "pride of place" in the generous rivalry between the various Lodges in connection with the Charities, is held by the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, at Cirencester, which with fifty-four members holds 635 votes; and next stands the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, of Cheltenham, which holds 591 votes, the third place being held by the Royal Gloucestershire, No. 839, of Gloucester, with 565 votes. In addition to the more general charities, the Province has of late years maintained a Provincial Benevolent Fund for the education and advancement in life of the children of Masons of the Province, and for the relief of the "poor and distressed," and by this fund useful work has been done. The little book gives the usual details of the internal economy of the Lodges of the Province, interesting more especially to the members. In one particular there has been an alteration, which will generally be considered an improvement, in the plan of the Calendar, a considerable space being given to a "Record of Masonic occurrences" in the Province, which, if followed up, will be found useful for future reference. The Calendar is admirably compiled by its indefatigable editor, and has been, as usual, excellently printed by Mr. Bellows.—*Cheltenham Examiner*.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, 24th inst., at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The banquet will take place at the Holborn Restaurant.

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#### A CHINESE MASONIC FUNERAL.

**B**RO. JACOB NORTON sends us the following slip, "to comfort," as he says, "Masonic Antiquity hankorers."

NEW YORK, 7th May.

The great Chinese funeral was the sensation of the week. The resident colony of Celestials assembled almost to a man in Mott Street on Monday to pay the last honours of a Masonic funeral to Yung Chee Yang, a distinguished physician and High, Grand and Noble Secretary of the Sang Gee Tang, the Chinese Masonic Lodge of this city. Rarely has the mean and shabby quarter in which the Chinamen are crowded together been so enlivened by colour, picturesque grouping, and graceful, albeit barbaric, ceremonies as on Monday. The display of silk and satin robes—violet, purple, red and yellow—was ravishment to the eyes of the female beholders, many of whom braved the enviroing throng of hoodlams in order to see them.

The Chinese Colony here is capable of great things when its public spirit is aroused, and it seems to have as much public spirit as any of the other foreign populations. The thing which surprised the spectators most was the richness of the paraphernalia exhibited in connection with the Masonic ceremony. Some of the robes must have cost hundreds of dollars before they reached New York from far Cathay.

The funeral was held in a huge stable, converted for the nonce into a temple, hung with oriental black and white draperies. Horses in the stables on a second floor were heard impatiently stamping their feet above the heads of the grave and impassive Chinamen, who sat or stood around the coffin in which the dead Mongolian Mason lay. Lights in the handsome brass candelabra on either side of the coffin threw a strange theatrical glare over the whole assembly. Nearly all the men held their hands folded and concealed within their flowing sleeves, and their faces seemed absolutely expressionless. A Rembrandt would have found there a subject with which to immortalize himself.

The body of the dead Mason was dressed in a silken blouse of blue, with navy blue trowsers and sandals of the same tint. In the breast of the blouse was placed a fan, and on the head was a black cap. Above the funeral tablet was a representation of the All-Seeing Eye, and below was the square and compass. On the left hand side was a Corinthian Column, and the inscription, "We Meet Upon the Level."

The funeral ceremonies were very complicated, but their main features were the dipping of the fingers in the blood of the sacrificial goat, which was placed on a little pedestal; the burning of innumerable sticks of bamboo punk, which sent forth a faint, sickening odour, unpleasantly suggestive of the charnel house, and the offering of rich viands to the spirits of the dead, supposed to be hovering about in pursuit of any of the leavings from the feast. The music was of that weird, wailing order with which frequenters of the Chinese Theatre are familiar; doubtless it has character, but it is almost impossible for an Anglo-Saxon to discover it.

The official mourners were numerous, and had much hard work. One of them, delegated to keep the evil spirits from nipping the unfortunate Yung Chee Yang in his coffin, and bearing him away to the Chinese inferno, was armed with a wand, was dressed grotesquely, and had his face painted hideously in black and white, so that he might scare away even the devil, should he happen along. But intelligent Chinamen say that this child's play is kept up only out of respect to the past—very likely as mummies are still maintained at an English funeral—and that no one believes in it.

Opposite the devil scarer was painted, on the coffin itself, the figure of a beneficent looking old man, with a long, white beard. This personage represented a good spirit, whose spectral task was to amuse and divert the demons hovering in the air until Yung Chee Yang could be safely put under the sod.

After the ceremonies there was a feast of roast pig, of tea, of cakes, agreeably interspersed with fragrant cigarettes, and when the last morsel was eaten, and the last drop was drunk, the procession of Celestials, some on horseback, some in "hacks," and all as grave as if going to their own execution, went through the streets to Evergreen Cemetery, where, after burning the dead man's Masonic robes, and genuflexions innumerable by the crowd, the Chinamen dispersed. They were persecuted of hoodlams along the route, but paid absolutely no attention to their persecutors, and the mourners whose duty it was to frighten the demons scowled vigorously until the very last turn was piled upon the breast of Yung Chee Yang.

The Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, meets every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms (adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116 High Street). W. Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, Bro. Walter Robin Secretary.

A rich window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Barners Street, has been erected in the Church of Bedwas, in South Wales, in memory of the late Rector, the Rev. W. Williams. The peculiarity of treatment consists, in the three subjects, of "The Nativity," "Resurrection," and "Crucifixion," being limited to two figures in each, very successfully.

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## MARK MASONRY.

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## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

**A**N important ceremony in connection with Mark Masonry in the Province of Devon took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., was installed as the Grand Master of the Province. It will be remembered that one of the most popular Grand Masters the Province ever had—Col. Tanner Davey—died some three years since, and at his death the charge devolved upon Bro. Spence Bate, who also passed away. Then the control of Mark Masonry in the Province fell to the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Past Grand Chaplain of England, who was for some time Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and acted as Deputy to the last named deceased gentleman. It being considered expedient that the Province should be again regularly controlled by a Grand Master, the Prince of Wales appointed the hon. gentleman referred to, and on Wednesday, in the presence of a brilliant company of Mark Masons, he was duly installed by the Right Worshipful the Earl of Euston, Past Grand Warden of England, and President of the Board of General Purposes. The arrangements were most effectively carried out by a Committee of the St. George's Lodge of Mark Masons, which is the oldest working Lodge in the Province (the Masonic charter of Southmolton having fallen practically into abeyance). We might mention that Bro. Vinnicombe acted as Organist during the proceedings in the afternoon, and had charge of the musical arrangements. He was assisted by a choir, composed of Bros. A. J. Truscott, G. Huxham, W. R. Lisle, Joseph Gould, A. M. Laurence, and J. Algar. The General Committee consisted of the Wardens of No. 15, together with Bros. E. T. Fulford, W. H. Kelland, and A. Hope. The last named induced Messrs. Veitch, the well-known local nurserymen, to lend a choice selection of palms and flowers for the decoration of the hall, and the chamber presented a charming appearance. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. H. Stocker), who has recently had conferred on him the important rank of Grand Deacon of England, had charge of the arrangements for the installation proceedings, and was deservedly complimented upon the highly efficient way in which his task was fulfilled. The installation was most impressively performed by the Earl of Euston. Bro. Lemon appointed a deputation to receive and introduce the Installing Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. This was performed, and the Earl of Euston entered and assumed the throne, the Organist playing a voluntary. The Grand Officers were then saluted with Grand honours, and an ode was sung. Other formalities having been observed, Sir Stafford Northcote was introduced, a deputation of the principal Officers, accompanied by the W.M.'s present, having been appointed to that duty. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, officiated as the Chaplain, offered a prayer, and an ode was sung. The Provincial Grand Master designate was then addressed by the Installing Master, who congratulated him upon his appointment and the honourable duties he was about to enter upon, which he felt sure he would endeavour to faithfully carry out. He also congratulated the brethren of the Province upon Sir Stafford's appointment, feeling sure that he would make an excellent ruler, and a Brother who would do much to help on the Mark Degree in the Province. The new Provincial Grand Master was then obligated, invested, and inducted into the chair of office. He was proclaimed, saluted, and after the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," had been sung, proceeded with the duties of the annual Lodge. He announced that he appointed Captain G. S. Strode Lowe his Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The Secretary reported that all the brethren appointed to office at the last Provincial Grand Lodge had, with one exception, assumed their rank. During the past year there had been 63 advancements, which, allowing for losses by death and otherwise, had left an increase of eleven subscribing members. There were 482 members in the Province at the close of 1889, against 471 in 1888. The memorial tablet had been finished in Rose Ash Church. The various reports were read and adopted, and Bro. W. H. Kelland was elected Treasurer. A letter from Bro. Lowe was read, in which he regretted being unable to attend through the inspection of his corps that day, at which it was imperative for the officers to attend, particu-

larly in his case, as the instructor of musketry. The Provincial Grand Master regretted Bro. Lowe's absence, but said he hoped to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at Plymouth shortly, when he would have an opportunity of installing his Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following Officers:—

Bro. Capt. Jno. S. Swann 372	...	Senior Warden
F. B. Westlake 50	...	Junior Warden
A. J. Verdi 16	...	M.O.
J. Sampson 16	...	S.O.
F. R. Thomas 35	...	J.O.
Rev. H. P. L. Maurice 372	...	Chaplain
W. H. Kelland 15	...	Treasurer
H. Stocker 15	...	Secretary
H. P. Jarman 215	...	Registrar
T. Prust 319	...	Senior Deacon
G. Dimier 66	...	Junior Deacon
R. Brickwood 383	...	Inspector of Works
G. Wilson 169	...	Dir. of Cers.
H. W. Pengelly 96	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. Powe 15	...	Sword Bearer
A. Revell 76	...	Standard Bearer
M. Durban 91	...	Organist
F. J. Price 48	...	Assistant Secretary
C. R. H. Sellick	...	I.G.
C. G. Whitell 383	...	} Stewards
W. Kelland 15	...	
E. H. Cordes 216	...	
R. T. Parsons 64	...	
James Gidley 383	...	Tyler

The Provincial Committee appointed for the year were Bros. the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Samuel Jones, John Lane, W. Vicary, E. Aitken-Davies, G. P. Barrett, J. T. Bond, H. Stocker, F. Crouch, and the Prov. G. Treasurer. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Rongemont Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master presiding.

## R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN.

**T**HE attendance at the annual gathering for the athletic sports of our Scholars, on Saturday last, was all that could be desired. The meeting was held in the vacant plot of ground facing the Institution, in Lordship Lane, and not, as heretofore, in the field at the back of the School Buildings. The several events were well contested, and the pupils displayed no lack of enthusiasm in the proceedings of the day. The following is the official programme of the principal events, with the names of the successful competitors:—

High Jump—Lower School, Andrews 1; Preparatory, Loftbouse 1; Upper School, Mayne 1.  
 100 yards—Lower, Groves 1; Preparatory, Giblett 1; Upper, White 1.  
 440 yards—Lower, Atkinson, 42 yards, 1; Upper, White, owes 2 yards, 1.  
 220 yards—Preparatory, Giblett 1; Lower, Groves 1.  
 1000 yards handicap—Stoward, 93 yards, 1; Fursey, 126 yards, 2; Podmore, 150 yards, 3.  
 600 yards steeplechase—Worthington, 45 yards, 1; White, scratch, 2.  
 Obstacle race—White, scratch, 1.  
 1000 yards invitation race—L. C. Freeman, S.L.H., scratch, 1; E. H. Emerson, Finchley H., 40 yards, 2; C. Norman Jones, S.L.H., 22 yards, 3. Emerson took the lead at half distance, but was passed shortly after passed by the scratch man, who won by 5 yards in 2 mins. 29 secs.

Freemasons from London, Plymouth, Exeter, Crediton, Budleigh Salterton, Exmouth, Dawlish, Honiton, and Starcross were present at the installation of Bro. Frank Hubber as W.M. of Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Topsbam. The ceremony was impressively performed by Brother F. Sanders Past Prov. G. Standard Bearer. The annual banquet was afterwards served in the Globe Hotel, handsomely decorated for the occasion. About seventy sat down to tastefully laid tables, and at the close of a pleasant evening Mr. and Mrs. Hodder were heartily thanked for the arrangements of the banquet.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., Bro. R. Preston was installed W.M. of the Medway Lodge, No. 1678. The D.P.G.M. of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes, was present.

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29th May 1890.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
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N.B.—The ATHENAEUM is opposite the Great Northern Railway Station,  
and 15 minutes' walk from the Great Eastern Station at Enfield Town.

A Dinner (Cold) will take place at the Athenaeum immediately after the  
Provincial Grand Lodge. Tickets 6s each (exclusive of Wine).

Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a  
remittance) to Brother J. H. Thompson (Secretary of the Enfield Lodge), Bel-  
mont Villa, Northumberland Park, Tottenham, on or before 11th June, other-  
wise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements; and to ensure  
the comfort of those brethren who have obtained tickets, none can be issued  
after that date, and covers will only be laid for the number applied for. This  
arrangement will be rigidly observed, and no one will be able to obtain tickets  
at the meeting.

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Brethren should consult the June Time Tables for the time the Trains leave  
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By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,  
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.  
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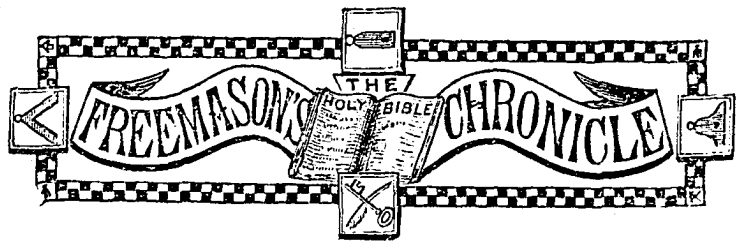
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SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE 1890.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

MARK Masons' Hall, by which title the extensive  
premises, formerly Bacon's Hotel, in Great Queen  
Street, London, immediately adjoining Freemasons' Tavern,  
and contiguous to Freemasons' Hall, will in future be  
known, was formally occupied by the Grand Lodge of



Mark Master Masons for its Summer Communication on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. The assemblage of members of the Order was a large one, and the brethren were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with the exceedingly appropriate alterations which had been made in the adaptation of the old premises to the general purposes of Mark Masonry, and more especially with the noble Hall, which has been erected for the larger gatherings of its Grand Lodge. The Great Hall or Throne Room is a magnificent apartment, of proportionate dimensions, lofty and well ventilated, and when the proposed decorations shall have been completed will vie in splendour and convenience with most of the larger places of public meeting in London. In addition to the Great Hall there are five spacious Lodge rooms, with accommodation for Masonic Lodges of every degree, numbering from 20 to 120 members, and there can be but little, if any, doubt that many Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves and Councils will avail themselves of a place of meeting at once so central and convenient. For the present the General Board propose to make only the small charge of one guinea for the nightly use of each Lodge room. The Mark Degree may now fairly be said to possess a permanent home, worthy of its important position in Freemasonry, and of those brethren by whose zeal and energy during the last quarter of a century the success of the Order has been secured. The Grand Lodge on the occasion of which we write was presided over by the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Mark Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, in the unavoidable and greatly regretted absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; M.W. Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the R.W. Bro. the Marquess of Hertford Deputy Grand Master. Amongst the large number of brethren present were:—

Bros. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. as G.M., Col. Sir F. Burdett P.G.M. Surrey as D.G.M., Rt. Hon. the Lord Cremorne and Sir Lionel Darell Grand Wardens, W. A. F. Powell P.G.M. Bristol, A. F. Godson, M.P., P.P.G.M. Worcestershire, Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.M. Sussex, Col. Marmaduke Ramsay D.G.M. for the Mediterranean, Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston President of the General Board, Charles Fitzgerald Matier Grand Secretary, Captain N. G. Philips and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.G. Wardens, C. H. Driver P.G.M.O. as G.M.O., W. G. Lemon G.S.O. and Butler Wilkins G.J.O., Lieut.-Col. Frederick Gadsden, Lieut.-Col. Arthur Bott Cook, Richard Eve, J. E. Le Feuvre, Col. Somerville Burney, Alfred Williams, Charles Belton, Charles Henry Driver, Reginald James Mure, O. H. Pearson, W. E. Stewart, S. C. Dibdin, James Stevens, S. G. Kirchboffer, J. S. Cumberland, G. K. Patten, and G. Cooper Past Grand Overseers; Rev. W. Trevor Parkins Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. P. Bent, Very Rev. Dean Currie, Revs. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, James N. Palmer, J. A. Loydd, Past Grand Chaplains; Henry Faija Grand Treasurer, Edward Letchworth P.G. Treasurer, R. Loveland Loveland D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. E. Dawson D.P.G.M. Herts, C. Hammerton D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, T. T. Strachan Deputy Prov. Grand Master Norths and Durham, F. Sumner Knyvett Grand Senior Deacon, and J. B. Cockburn, J. Lewis Thomas, Percy Wallis, D. P. Cama, and Dr. George Mickleby Past Grand Deacons; John Burker P.G. Inspector of Works, J. H. Matthews A.G.D.C., Andrew McDowall and John Ramsay P.A.G. Directors of Ceremonies, T. C. Walls P.G. Sword Bearer as G.S.B., George Gravelay, James Boulton, and James Carlaw P.G. Sword Bearers; A. R. Carter Grand Standard Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B. as Grand Standard Bearer, J. D. Murray P.G. Standard Bearer, W. J. Nosworthy as Grand Organist, William Vincent P.G.I.G. as Grand I.G., G. F. Newington Bridges, James H. Hastie, S. J. Attenborough, G. J. Cosburn, A. H. Jefferies, A. Markham, W. G. Gilbert, H. E. Shirley, H. W. K. Elwes, T. Ovenden, F. H. Muller, W. A. Sourrah, C. Lee, S. Kelly, W. H. Cowper, Viscount Molesworth, S. R. Legg, H. W. G. Abell, V. P. Freeman, J. Barnett jun., S. Davis, T. C. Edmonds, W. Danning, J. Cater, F. Walton, P. Colville Smith, A. H. Bateman, Nelson Prower, Rev. T. Barton Spencer, J. R. Wilmer, Rev. J. Hutchins, A. Woodiwiss, Rev. R. W. M. Pope, R. Clowes, H. M. Hobbs, T. W. Richardson, W. M. Stiles, &c., &c., &c.

After the customary ceremony of opening Grand Lodge and the confirmation of former minutes, the report of the General Board was received, and the recommendations it contained met with unanimous approval. Amongst the most important of these were a vote of cordial thanks to the Honorary Architects, Bros. Robert Berridge P.G.M.O. G.D.C., and Charles Driver P.G.M.O., and also to the Building and Premises Committee, Bros. the Earl of Euston P.G.W. President General Board, Frank Richardson Grand Registrar, James Moon Provincial Grand Treasurer, and C. F. Matier P.G. Warden Grand Secretary; and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. It was also decided that Grand Lodge should in future hold Quarterly Communications instead of Half-Yearly meetings, such Communications to be holden on the first Tuesday in the months of March, June, September, and December respectively in each year, and the Book of

Constitutions is to be altered accordingly. The Rt. Hon. Bro. the Earl of Euston, in a very effective appeal to the brethren, particularly dwelling on the invaluable services rendered to Mark Masonry by the lately deceased and ever to be lamented M.W. Past Grand Master the Rev. Canon Portal, proposed that a fund should be raised for the erection of an organ in the specially devised and constructed gallery, to be called the "Portal Memorial Organ," and it was resolved that such appeal should be made to the whole of the Provincial Grand and Private Lodges, in full expectation that the sum of £500 might be contributed for that purpose. Subsequently the R.W. Brother was enabled to announce a large number of individual donations from brethren present, constituting a very respectable total, with which to commence operations. We may state, in passing, that it is intended to place a large brass tablet in a suitable recessed space under and in front of the Organ Gallery, and in full view of the occupants of the Great Hall, for all time, in commemoration of Bro. Portal and his Masonic labours. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was then proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order by the Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Berridge). The Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford was appointed M.W. Pro Grand Master; Lord Euston was appointed, and being present, was duly obligated R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and at once occupied the chair in virtue of his position. Brother William Charles Gillies P.G. Steward P.M. 34 and W.M. Grand Stewards, was elected Grand Treasurer. The Officers for the year were then appointed and, in most cases, invested in the following order, viz:—

Bro. the Marquis of Hertford	...	Pro Master
Earl of Euston	...	Deputy Master
The Viscount Dungarvan	...	Senior Warden
The Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs	...	Junior Warden
Abraham Woodiwiss	...	M.O.
Leopold Geo. Gordon Robbins	...	S.O.
James D. Murray	...	J.O.
Rev. J. Barton Spencer, M.A.	...	} Chaplains
Rev. R. W. M. Pope, M.A.	...	
R. C. Gilles (elected)	...	Treasurer
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Charles Fitzgerald Matier	...	Secretary
Radolph G. Glover	...	} Senior Deacons
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Samuel Davies	...	} Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
Dr. Lawrence	...	
Gen. Belgrave Ninnis, R.N.	...	Sword Bearer
W. M. Stiles	...	} Standard Bearers
H. W. G. Abell	...	
W. J. Nosworthy	...	Organist
J. R. Wilmer	...	Inner Guard
W. H. Cooper	...	Assistant Inner Guard
H. H. Shirley 1	...	} Stewards
G. T. Edwards 8	...	
H. Marcus Hobbs 198	...	
Professor Joseph R. Green 112	...	
George Gregory 355	...	
Lawrence Steele 350	...	
Samuel Kelly 34	...	
Stanley J. Attenborough 251	...	
John Chandler 401	...	
Lennox Browne 400	...	
H. W. K. Elwes 317	...	
Capt. A. H. Markham 2	...	
William Densham 15	...	
J. H. Thompson 194	...	
Edward James Mills	...	Tyler

The following were nominated Members of the General Board:—  
Bros. Alfred Williams, George Cooper, C. H. Driver, James Moon, R. Loveland Loveland, John E. Dawson.

Past Grand rank was conferred on Bro. H.H. the Maharaja of Cooch-Bihar as G.S.W., and on Bros. Berridge and Richardson as G.L.W.'s. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form. The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, a large majority of those present in Grand Lodge supporting the newly elected Deputy Grand Master Lord Euston. The menu left nothing to be desired, and under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp, the manager of this favourite restaurant, the supply and service was equally worthy of appreciation. The Loyal and Masonic introductory toasts were duly honoured, Lord Euston expressing the general regret of the company for the necessitated absence of the Marquess of Hertford and its unfortunate cause, that of a third attack of the influenza epidemic. His Lordship also took occasion to express the

thanks due to Bro. Beach for his presidency in Grand Lodge during its meeting, and again referred to the devoted services rendered by the late Brother Portal to the Mark Degree especially, and trusted that the memorial about to be placed in the Great Hall in recognition in some slight degree of those services would long and lastingly keep his memory green amongst the brethren. Lord Euston's health was proposed by Bro. A. F. Godson P.M. P.G. Mark Master for Worcestershire, who submitted that, as far as worth in Mark Masonry was concerned, all would admit the advantage derived by the exercise of his talent and opportunities. The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and, in response, his Lordship stated that he would continue such like services to the best of his ability, recognising that with high office must come great responsibility. He had been highly favoured, and he hoped to prove his sense of kindness shown to him by special visits to some of the Mark Provinces, and he was certain that whilst he continued to be of service to the degree, the members of it would not fail in the necessary support. The toast of the Grand Officers past and present was responded to by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan in a very brief but capable speech. Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund was proposed by Bro. the Rev. Barton Spencer Grand Chaplain, who took occasion to remark on the zeal and energy of the Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. Matier, to whom he considered the members of the Order owed a debt of gratitude for his special services in relation to the Fund. Bro. Matier, in a few well chosen sentences, explained the position of the Fund, and expressed his thanks. He stated that for the ensuing Festival (22nd July) a most popular Chairman would be found in the person of Lord Euston, that at the present time the list of Stewards was larger than usual, and that consequently results should be more than usually good, and that the greatest possible amount of good had been, and he hoped still would be done, in the distribution of its charity at the most moderate expense. The Visitors were enthusiastically welcomed, and found an able responder in Bro. Alderman Roe, M.P. for Derby. The Grand Stewards, for whom Bro. G. H. N. Bridges replied, were warmly congratulated on their success with this the certainly most brilliant gathering of Mark Masons at a Grand Lodge. We should not be doing justice to the musical brethren, Sidney Tower, F. Bevan, H. Cross, and H. W. Schartau, who, under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens P.G. Organist, carried through a well selected programme, if we failed to acknowledge, on behalf of the general company, the pleasure which their several performances afforded.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 464.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Picton Place, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday evening, 28th May, for the purpose of balloting for and initiating Messrs. W. Thomas and Jno. Evans, two highly respected business men of the town. Both having been unanimously elected, they were regularly introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a most able and impressive manner, by the W.M. Bro. W. Howell-Walters, of Harroldstone Hall, St. Bride's Bay, Pembrokeshire. The presence of our excellent Organist, Bro. P.M. Wm. Lewis Harding P.P.G.O. West Division South Wales, and his skilful manipulation of the richly toned organ, materially contributed to the completeness of the ceremonies. There were present a large number of brethren and a noble array of Past Masters. At the refreshment table after Lodge, the W.M. was heartily congratulated upon the very efficient manner in which he had filled the chair of K.S. The W.M. Bro. Howell-Walters, in responding to the toast of his health, said that it was very gratifying to find that the attendance of the brethren was increasing at every Lodge. Bro. Rale Owen, Ellis Jones, W. J. Jones, Levi Harries, and Hood-Williams contributed to the harmony of the evening, by excellent songs, some of the brethren being called upon a second time. The usual time for breaking up having arrived, the singing of the National Anthem terminated a very successful and pleasant evening.

### NARBERTH LODGE, No. 2001.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Rntzen Arms Hotel, Narberth, on Tuesday, 27th May. The W.M. Bro. H. B. Shield occupied the chair. Bros. P.M. Lewis Roberts and Hood Williams, also Bro. Rev. C. F. Harrison S.W. (of the Cambrian Lodge, Haverfordwest) attended the Lodge. A ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Lloyd Luke, of Boreath, which resulted in his being unanimously accepted as a candidate for initiation. The candidate

not being present, the W.M. requested Bro. Hood-Williams to oblige the brethren by giving them the lecture on the first tracing board. Bro. Hood-Williams said that it gave him great pleasure at all times as far as possible to meet the wishes of the brethren of the Narberth Lodge, and although it was not an easy thing to comply with their request without preparation, he would do his best. The lecture was then given, and at its conclusion the W.M. thanked Brother Hood-Williams, in the name of the Lodge, for his kindness in complying with their request. The usual questions having been asked, the Lodge was closed.

### GORDON LODGE, No. 2149.

THE Festival of St. John, and the installation of the W.M. elect took place on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, when Bro. Ashwell P.G.S.D. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., Bro. James Charlesworth P.G. Steward, the latter being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. T. Taylor, J. Bromley, J. B. Piercy, J. L. Hamshaw, and F. Mountford. After the W.M. had been installed in the chair, he invested the following his Officers:—Bros. G. W. Bradford S.W., Rev. E. D. Boothman J.W. and Chaplain, C. Adams Treasurer, F. H. Lodge Secretary J. B. Piercy D.C., W. J. J. W. Heath S.D., J. Clare J.D., F. Mountford Organist, C. H. Phillips I.G., A. C. Bourner and T. Lowe Stewards, W. Wood Tyler. Among those present were:—Colonel Foster Gough Provincial Grand Master, J. Bodenham, W. Tunnicliffe, F. Skerrett, J. Bromley, T. Bickley, R. Tooth, J. Webberley, S. Bentley, W. T. Copeland, J. H. Bellyse, E. V. Greatbatch, H. C. Faram, J. Ingamells, S. Watson, T. K. Pedley, D. Smith, J. Stevenson, B. H. Brough, J. Godwin, J. Robinson, W. Bainbridge, E. Pearson, E. Hallam, A. Mear, G. W. Hancock, E. B. Jackson, H. Windle, J. Eardley, W. Garner, E. Penn, R. Williams, D. Jones, W. R. Tooth, D. Sherwin, P. M. Cox, G. Barlow, G. A. Marsden, W. W. Shaw, W. F. Holton, J. Munro, A. C. Bourner, E. Jones, A. Goodwin, E. W. Hollinshead, A. E. Ramsdale, J. Lowe, and G. P. Bradford. Previous to the Lodge being closed Bro. Hamshaw presented the Lodge, on behalf of himself and Bros. Taylor and Lodge, with a beautiful banner, which had been designed by Brother E. Jones. The banner, which is of tapestry, is a veritable work of art. It was begun by a lady artist, well known for her proficiency in the art, and mainly carried out and completed by the School of Embroidery, carried on by the East Grinstead Sisters, at 32 Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, London. The whole banner is an exceedingly successful production, and if any parts of it are to be singled out from the rest they would be in the excellent likeness of General Gordon, wrought in silk; the truthfulness of the reproduction of his uniform and decorations, the excellent accuracy of the Masonic emblems, the shadings of the shafts of the pedestals and exquisite work of the two terrestrial globes. Miss Gordon, the General's sister, took an interest in the banner, and wrote a letter expressing her deep thanks for the honour done to her brother's memory by naming the Lodge after him. Brother Ashwell acknowledged the gift on behalf of the Lodge, after which it was closed, and subsequently a banquet, provided by Bro. J. Munro, whose catering gave every satisfaction, was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. The W.M. presided, and gave the loyal toasts, which included the health of the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. Piercy proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. the Pro G. Master, and the Rt. Hon. the Earl Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Bodenham responded. Bro. Rev. E. D. Boothman proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, P.G.S.B. England, and in doing so spoke highly of Col. Gough as a Mason, and of the work he did in the Province. Bro. G. P. Bradford submitted the toast of Bro. Lieut. Col. Bindley Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers of Staffordshire, Past and Present, to which Bro. Tunnicliffe responded. Bro. Charlesworth then proposed the health of the W.M. He said Bro. Ashwell was an excellent man and a Mason. He was beloved in his mother Lodge, the Portland, and twice his merits had been recognised in Provincial Grand Lodge, and twice he had been placed in the chair of King Solomon. He hoped he would live in prosperity and happiness as long as his life lasted. Bro. Ashwell in responding expressed the great satisfaction it gave him to be Worshipful Master of the Gordon Lodge, and concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Charlesworth, referring to the excellent work done by him during the past year. Bro. Charlesworth having responded, Bro. Bromley proposed the toast of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Bellyse, Smith, Greatbatch and Folker. Bro. Taylor, in giving the Masonic Charities, said they had been very successful, and the progress they had made would be maintained. Bro. Hamshaw first responded, and said those who had made the success of the Masonic Charities were the Masons. Masons were the founders, and they were also the maintainers of the Masonic Charities, and to them alone was owing all the success and honour which attached to the Charities. The honour attaching to the Masonic Charities was an honour greater than any similar honour existing in this country. He knew no charity that raised £50,000 a year. He did not know any charity in the way they raised their money that raised half that sum. He always thought in the category of Charities of this description the Masonic Charities stood pre-eminently first, and their success was owing to the zeal, affection, and watchful interest which Masons exemplified concerning those Charities, and that zeal was never better manifested than was recently in the matter of the Boys' School, and they owed to Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliffe, and the brethren associated with them, a considerable debt of gratitude. He concluded by stating that it was the intention of Bro. Charlesworth to present the Lodge with a Masonic Library. Bro. Bodenham also responded, and said his feeling was in favour of the development of local Charities conducted by the Province. The concluding toasts were the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Brother Ramsdale, and responded to by Bro. G. W. Bradford, and the Tyler's toast.

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THE following amounts have already been received. Further contributions will be duly acknowledged:—

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Terry's.—A special morning performance was given at this Theatre on Friday, the 30th ult. The occasion was the production, under the direction of the author, of a new poetic drama, entitled "In a Day," by Mrs. Augusta Webster, for the London début of her daughter Miss Davies Webster. There was a fair audience, of the usual special morning performance kind; but we are sorry to say that we are unable to congratulate them on the manner in which they spent a bright spring afternoon. Witnessing the performance of a five act tragedy in blank verse is, perhaps, not the best way of spending a fine May afternoon, but when, as was unfortunately the case on this occasion, the drama is uninteresting, and the playing of it for the most part beneath contempt, one feels that by so doing one is guilty of worse than waste of time. The story deals with the time when Greece was under Roman rule, the action of the play taking place in Athens. Myron, a wealthy Greek, falls in love with his slave Klydone, and is about to marry her, first giving her and her father, Olymnois, their freedom. Before he is able to carry out his intentions he is wrongly charged with plotting against the government, and is condemned to die. He is allowed to take his own life, which he does by poisoning himself; with slaves, flowers, &c., picturesquely grouped around him. Klydone has poisoned herself first, and is carried in dead. Olymnois rushes wildly out, we believe, also to commit suicide. We are sorry that honesty prevents our saying anything in favour of Mrs. Webster's tragedy, and when we come to to the performers the same constraint is upon us. With the exception of Mr. Matthew Brodie, who played the part of Myron fairly well, and Master Sidney Speller, a slave, who sang two songs, and sang them very well, none of the actors seemed to have any idea how a poetic drama should be played. As the occasion was the début of Miss Davies Webster, we must, we suppose, say something of her performance, but we would much rather not. The least said is soonest mended. We have nothing but goodwill towards this ambitious young lady; but if she must act, we would advise her not to attempt the part of heroine in classical tragedies written by her mother. Before appearing again in public, it would be well for her to learn to speak so that the audience may understand what she is saying. The whole action of the play took place in the outer court of Myron's house, so that only one scene was required. From the programme we learn that the scene used was painted for the "Fall of Troy," by Mr. T. W. Hall, from a design by Mr. Poynter, R.A., and Mr. Walter Crane, and was lent for the occasion by Professor Warr. It is therefore needless to say that the scene was good; and even if we got a little tired of it during the many hours of Friday afternoon, at least we did not get so tired of it as of the performance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE FIRST GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Q.C. Transactions, Vol. I., Par. 3, on page 8, Bro. Gould states as follows:—

"The following is an extract from the minutes of the Grand Lodge, 29th September 1721:—'His Grace's Worship and the Lodge, finding fault with all the copies of the Old Gothic Constitutions, ordered Brother James Anderson, A.M., to digest the same in a new and better method.'"

It is strange that when I asked the late Bro. Hervey, in 1869, to show me the oldest Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, he showed me one which began 24th June 1723. And what is more, from the same record I learned that a Grand Secretary was appointed for the first time on the said day, and if I recollect right, the Grand Lodge did not procure a record book until about three months after the above date. Now, I would like to be informed, if the Grand Lodge preserved its minutes of 1721, what was the name of the Grand Secretary of 1721?

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 9th May 1890.

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 Canonbury, 8

**Friday, 13th June.**

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha. Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermy Street, W., 8  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 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  
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall  
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

**Saturday, 14th June.**

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  
 1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8

1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
 R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

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