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LODGE FINANCES.

SOME sensational statements have recently been made as to the standing of one of the largest friendly societies of the country, and although the position in which that society now finds itself—with a deficiency on one of its accounts of close on three millions—is impossible in connection with Freemasonry, for the reason that our society is not a benefit one, it yet behoves all members of similar organisations to look very carefully how far their reputation and standing is affected by their association with a large number of Lodges and individual members. Every Mason has a voice in the management of the affairs of his own Lodge, and if he objects to the financial programme of his leaders he may at least express his views, and does not sacrifice very much if he has eventually to resign his Lodge in consequence of his inability to endorse the financial proceedings of the majority. This step may be, and possibly is, extremely rare, but, as we have said, it does not cost very much to put it into practice if absolutely necessary, but the same cannot be said in regard to a society which bargains to give its members certain benefits in case of sickness and death, and the amount of which benefits depend, to a very great extent, on the number of years during which the payments have been kept up. In those cases retirement means the sacrifice of advantages won by payment in years gone by, and not unfrequently withdrawal means entire forfeiture of rights, without any chance of securing similar advantages in other quarters, for experience has taught the majority of the societies established for the purpose of giving sick and death grants that they must not accept risks on an aged life at the same terms as on a younger one.

As, however, Freemasonry holds aloof from anything in the form of sick or death grants as a matter of right, it would be useless to carry comparison further than to ask our brethren to consider, for a few moments, how far their reputation is pledged, not only as regards their individual Lodges, but rather in relation to the whole Craft of England, for be it remembered that any calamity which may come upon a section of the Order will make itself felt, in proportion to its importance, throughout the country. The Lodges of the friendly society we have already referred to are not all in a state of insolvency, and possibly the worst among their number do not look upon their deficiency as anything very serious; perhaps a levy of a few shillings per member would in most cases put matters on a fairly sound financial basis; but taken together, and treated from a thoroughly business point of view, it is reported the order stands with liabilities of close on three millions sterling, against which there is a comparatively insignificant provision, unless funds set aside for other purposes are drawn upon. What we should like to know is, how would Freemasonry emerge from a strict and impartial audit of the affairs of its private

Lodges? We know a very large proportion of them possess funds which are amply sufficient to meet all liabilities, but it must be noted that in some such cases the surplus is locked up in the form of a Benevolent Fund, and the members have no right to reckon it as an asset, although it is so reckoned, while in some cases our Lodges—as we have pointed out in the past—are virtually insolvent, quite unable to show a legitimate surplus if put to the test. Although they may present a fairly square balance-sheet from time to time, it is no secret they could not produce a surplus if challenged at any particular moment. How far this deficiency extends, or how much it would amount to if summarised throughout the country, it is quite impossible to say, but we have an example before us of an English society whose Lodges, through many small discrepancies, has established in the entire body a deficiency of enormous extent, and we repeat it is well for the members of the Masonic Order to look around and see if they stand wholly secure.

The governing body of English Freemasons exercises no control over its subordinates in matters of finance, and this fact, coupled with the weakness of indulgent Treasurers, and more indulgent caterers, opens the door for grave irregularities if they are desired by individual Lodges or members. We should be sorry to urge anything like a strict regulation of the expenditure of private Lodges by the Grand Lodge of England, but, as we have urged in the past, we think it would be well if the authorities introduced something like a mild supervision of the accounts of its subordinates, reserving the right of checking any Lodge working on a really unsound basis; it would at least be a move towards preventing such a scandal in Freemasonry as has recently come to light elsewhere, or anything approaching thereto. Freemasonry has too much to lose to be enabled to run any risk in this matter, and for that reason alone careful consideration should be given to the whole subject of finance. It cannot be denied that any flaw existing under such a head, in even a few of the Lodges, must some day seriously affect the whole body of the Craft, if the need ever arises for a general balancing up, or estimation of the resources of the Order. Whether that need will ever arise, or what will be its outcome, it is impossible to say, but it is never too early to profit by the experience of others, and in this case a careful scrutiny may be the means of remedying any small amount of irregularity already existing, as well as prevent anything like serious trouble in years to come. Experience is very cheap if purchased at the expense of some one else, but often very dear if forced harshly upon ourselves. Let us then look around, and see if the troubles discovered by the society already referred to have any analogy in Freemasonry, and if so let us set to work to remove them long before their presence is forcibly impressed upon us.

MASONRY SHOWS MEN WHAT TO DO.

FREEMASONRY is a series of traditions orally preserved and dramatically enacted; it is a body of mystic science growing out of the very roots of the creation; and it is a system of morality, inculcating on its disciples, in the guise of emblems and allegories, the duties they owe to their God, their fellows and themselves. Grasped in its inmost genius, it wears a triple aspect, at once scientific, religious and ethical; for it seeks to unfold the mysteries of nature and art in precise form and measure and number, and to train its votaries to an intelligent fulfilment of their destiny, in the light of the great principles which preside over the origin, method and end of all things. It teaches that the objects, relations, and motions of the universe, both of matter and mind, are manifestations of the attributes and purposes of the Creator, and that the direct interpretation and obedience of His will, and thus recorded, is the true religion for universal man, free from the assumptions of arbitrary king or priest.

Earth and moon and sun and comet and star, gravitation and cohesion and magnetism and light and heat and sound, point and line and surface and solid, square and compass and gauge and level and plumb, are didactically scientific when proving the exact relationships of nature, profoundly moral in their application to the duties of man, unutterably mystic and religious as instant revelations of the presence and power of God; and it is not in any mere signals of fraternity, or claims for help, as the vulgar suppose, but it is in a knowledge of the constituent laws and cabalistic secrets of the creation, that the chief dignity and significance of our ancient Craft reside. The real genius of Freemasonry, hidden far beyond the intention of its founders, or the consciousness of its members, is to be gathered by a clear comprehension, not so much of any of its special tenets or ceremonies, as of its general scope as a whole, and the ultimate aim implied in all its procedures.

One of the most striking characteristics of our Institution is its system of mystical instruction. There is nothing in Masonry, from cable-tow to taper, which has not a practical moral. The Institution is vocal all through with allegorical narratives setting forth noble examples; pictured all over with impressive symbols exhorting to wisdom, to virtue and to piety. Its regalia and forms are not the puerile display and empty ceremonies which they might seem to an ignorant spectator. Each particular is alive with meaning and use. Every point in the Masonic Lodge, every act in its ritual, is loaded with a moral which ought to be carefully pondered and practiced. By our symbolism every Mason should be led to feel something of the poetic beauty and religious solemnity of the duties of daily life.

There is need of speaking emphatically on this subject, both because of the great intrinsic force and beauty of these symbols, and because they are so often neglected and forgotten. Many of our brethren slur over them without any appreciation of the fact that herein resides the very soul of Masonry. This is doubly disgraceful. For example, the Mason who fails to cultivate his mind by that pursuit of philosophy, literature, art and science to which he is so persuasively urged in his initiation, and who neglects to refresh his conscience and confirm his better vows by frequent contemplation of the solemn monitors there hung up before him, is the more inexcusable because he sins directly in the light, and against the immediate exhortations of his guide. No Craftsman can pass the Middle Chamber of King Solomon's Temple without being introduced to philosophy through an analysis of the five senses, and being instructed in the lofty claims of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Indeed, at the earliest stage of his progress he is told to learn—from the fact that the Lodge which he has entered metaphorically rests on three great pillars, called wisdom, Strength, and Beauty—that there must be intellectual insight to contrive, moral power to support, and affectional loveliness to adorn all great and important undertakings.

Our ancient brethren, who were practical Masons, while we are but theoretical, it must be confessed, were more faithful to their duties than we are to ours. For they proceeded with the utmost solicitude to erect their temporal buildings exactly according to the rules and designs laid down by the Master on his trestle board, or book of models; but we, carelessly overlooking the symbolic directions of our Order, fail to erect our spiritual buildings as we ought,

agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in that great volume of nature and revelation which is our moral trestle board, or book of patterns. The true Masonic trestle board for each individual workman, whether in the quarry of business, at the furnace of politics, or on the structure of character, is his own mind; and every Mason, at an early stage of his initiating journey, is warned to copy into it all the plans of his life only in strict accordance with the rules of the four cardinal virtues stationed at the four quarters of the moral compass.

Although our ancient brethren wrought in operative, we in speculative Masonry, yet we must not leave the moral principles, the everlasting duties and virtues of our Order, as mere speculations, but must carefully reduce them to practice. The old proverb does not attribute beauty to mere looks, much less to empty profession; but, with the powerful emphasis of truth, it says: "Handsome is that handsome does." There is no beauty in the world like the beauty of performance, no glory like the glory of fidelity culminating in success.

Every true Mason is a spiritual architect, required to build an indestructible house of character out of the rude material of his being. This is the fairest and sublimest of all temples. This he is taught that every man must rear for himself. It is to be built out of faith, knowledge and virtue, the blessings of Providence and the disciplines of life. The heart is its altar, to burn with the incense of gratitude, overshadowed by cherubic wings of wonder, and fanned with the living breath of divinity. When the spirit-fabric is complete, death tears down the scaffolding of flesh and bones that surrounded it, and the pure soul mounts to God, a perfect and undecaying temple not made with hands. Such being the genius of Freemasonry, is it any wonder that its children love and revere it, rally around it, and swear to shield and perpetuate it, and make it co-extensive with the whole earth?

Let us then be true and earnest in all our relations with the great Institution of Freemasonry. No one with an adequate knowledge of the facts and philosophy of the subject, and with a spirit sufficiently expansive and sympathetic, can fail to see that, as an educational and benevolent Institution, our Order is one of the mightiest means ever devised for promoting the progress of mankind; and that if its members will only live up to its precepts, and combine to spread them in organised action, there awaits it a more glorious destiny than has ever yet fallen to the lot of any single institution in the world.

The Church, by its verbal teachings, tells men what to do; Masonry, by its symbolic ritual, shows them what to do. Now let our great democratic Brotherhood, scorning merely to say what ought to be done, not content any longer with a dramatic exhibition of it, resolutely begin, with one mind and one heart, to do it, in the actual sphere of private and public life; and Freemasonry, if not bearing off the diadem from the Church itself, shall at least be crowned with it in the forefront, as no inferior champion in establishing the kingdom of God on earth. On the contrary, if the leading representatives of our Order throughout the world, reckless of the grand philanthropic and religious sentiments of morality and disinterestedness, so profuse on their lips and in their ceremonies, are absorbed in the pursuit of office and selfish pleasure or advantage, the Institution, in spite of all its chivalrous associations and delightful memories, will be gradually shorn of its glory and justly pass into oblivion.—*Voice of Masonry.*

A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that the statement that the Swiss authorities have ordered the William Tell story to be wiped out of their school books is indignantly denied. Bro. Jacob Norton will doubtless make a note of this contradiction.

At the September meeting of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, Bro. J. H. Vaux S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year. The Secretary, Bro. W. L. Sanders, was presented with a silver cup by the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Winter Parker, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Lodge during his term of office.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

INCIDENTS OF MASONRY.

WHEN barely admitted to practice, says J. W. Donovan, in the *American Tyler*, a matter of great importance came into my charge that led to an extended trip West and South, where a little observation confirmed my previous belief that a Mason can travel—with pleasure and safety—in foreign countries and receive more than ordinary wages—the benefit of friendship and confidence.

Stranded in a strange city—obliged to put up my watch for board while the miscarried letter and draft went way beyond me and back again, it first aided to identify me at the bank, when the draft did come forward, and next to secure confidence of parties about to pay over funds in settlement, and very soon after brought me to the bedside of a sick brother, now a wealthy Mason in Michigan, for whom my small services became of great benefit—a friend in need being always a friend indeed to a traveller far from home.

It would be too personal to relate the thanks and blessings returned for the help to the sick brother, who had taken cold on the prairies of Kansas, had an ulcerated throat, was barely able to speak in whispers, and was utterly without means of support or travel, even if strong enough to start homeward. The qualities of Masonry, like those of mercy, were “not strained” in either case, but “blessing him that gives and him that takes” was a benefit to both. If you could see that brother as he lay in sickness, pain and misery, hearing him mutter of his home and friends, and longing to leave eastward, sick as he was, you would know what it is to be, as all Masons are, once or more in a life-time, utterly helpless and without money.

But a stranger case yet happened. It was winter, cold and windy—winds are in earnest when they blow out west. The Pacific east-bound train was well loaded, when a tall man stepped off at Lawrence one evening and asked if there were any Masons near by, hurriedly explaining that a Mason's widow was at the point of death inside. Quickly we gathered, lifted the tall woman from the coach to a hotel near by, sent for a physician, waited till we knew she was beyond danger and could go homeward in safety. You may talk of churches, charities, aid societies, and Little Sisters of the Poor, and tell all they do (they are good, and no one doubts it), and how they do it, but when the lone hour comes in sickness, with only strangers near us, a word, a sign, or a token, that can summon strong arms to our helping is a church and a charity and a friend worth remembering, and the more we see of life and the world the more we realize it.—*Masonic Review*.

GRAND MASTER MACCALLA.

IT is a source of much pleasure to the brethren in Pennsylvania, and we may say to the Masonic Fraternity in general, to learn, by cablegram, of the cordial and hearty receptions extended to the G. Master of Pennsylvania and Past Grand Master Bro. Joseph P. Horner, of New Orleans, Louisiana, in York and London. From receptions given to the American Masons previously, particularly those to Alleghany Commandery, No. 35, in 1871; to Mary K.T., No. 36, in 1878; to Apollo Commandery, K.T., of Chicago, to the American brethren in 1887, and to Bros. Charles E. Meyer, Daniel Sutter, Charles W. Packer, William J. Kelly, Charles Matthews jun., and to many others, we can almost feel the warmth of the greetings extended to our Grand Master MacCalla. It is not so much an honour to him personally as it is a tribute to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. A Grand Lodge which definitely traces its existence from that G. Lodge from the time of Daniel Coxe, who was hailed therein 159 years ago as the Grand Master of America. Truly, Grand Master MacCalla says in his cable that it is the second time in one hundred and fifty-nine years that a Grand Master of Pennsylvania has been greeted in the mother Grand Lodge. Bro. Daniel Coxe then, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla now. As we listened to the business at Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening last, our thoughts recalled the St. John's Lodge Ledger of 1731. Is there not something in Freemasonry, Brethren, to be proud of?—*Keystone*.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. President was in the chair, with Bro. J. Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, while the chair of Junior Vice-President was occupied by Bro. Valentine A.G.P. There were present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., A. A. Pendlebury A.G.S., and William Dodd, representing the Grand Secretary's office; Bros. George B. Chapman, Henry Garrod, William P. Brown, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, E. Shedd, L. C. Haslip, George Read, W. Hopekirk, W. G. Lemon, A. C. Woodward, J. Bunker, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, C. H. Webb, G. Corble, R. H. Harland, H. Higgins, Charles J. R. Tizon, C. W. Mansfield, G. M. E. Hamilton, H. Massey, Fred. T. Reade, R. Saxton Besant, Robert Griggs, John E. Fells, E. Holsworth, Samuel H. Parkhouse, T. W. Ockenden, C. N. McIntyre North, Edward J. Dodd, and Charles Rawle. The brethren confirmed a recommendation to the Grand Master for £40 made at the last meeting, in August. There were 18 new cases on the list, one of which was deferred, for the attendance of the visiting brother. The other 17 were relieved, with a total of £360. There were two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40, four of £30, four grants of £20, two of £15, and five of £10 each.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, of which Lord Leigh is Provincial Grand Master, will hold its annual meeting at the Guy's Lodge, Leamington, on the 29th inst. The Provincial Grand Lodge will attend service at the Parish Church, and a sermon will be preached by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Holland Richards. The banquet will take place in the evening at the Town Hall.

The only testimonial which Lord and Lady Carrington have consented to accept on their departure from the colony of New South Wales is an illuminated address to their little daughter, aged one year, who was born in Australia. In accepting this gift Lord Carrington told the brethren that it should be “built into the wall of their little Australian sister's English home.”

Obituary.

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A report reaches us that Bro. Robert Bradley, who some ten years since succeeded the late Bro. W. Biggs as Prov. Grand Secretary of the United Provinces of Berks and Bucks, has “shuffled off this mortal coil.” Brother Bradley had gained the respect and esteem of the brethren of the Province wherein he held office, and all will receive this intelligence with the deepest regret.

We have also to record the death of Bro. Enoch Walker, vestry clerk of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Bro. Walker was a founder and P.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766. His funeral took place at Abney Park Cemetery on Monday, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, among whom were a majority of the vestrymen of the parish. Among those who sent wreaths were the members of the St. Leonard Lodge.

The obsequies of the Right Honourable Robert Francis St. Clair Erskine, fourth Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Past First Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, &c., took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., and was attended by a large Masonic body, including representatives from the Grand bodies of the Craft, Royal Arch, Royal Order of Scotland, and many of the higher degrees. It is a matter of history that in the reign of James II. the office of Grand Master of Scotland was granted to William St. Clair of Rosslyn, &c., and his heirs and successors, by the king's charter. In 1736, however, the then representative of the family renounced his claims lest the exercise of the privilege should be prejudicial to the Craft. It was then (1736) the basis of the present Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed, and during the first year William St. Clair of Rosslyn presided over the Grand Lodge. The remains of the departed Earl were laid in the family vault in the grounds at Roslin Chapel with impressive ceremony. He was born 2nd March 1833, and died 6th September 1890. He was possessed of a brilliant and cultivated mind, and is described as a devoted and kind husband, a loving father, a considerate landlord, and the faithful friend of all who ever enjoyed his friendship.—*Glasgow Evening News*.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge for the Province of Devonshire was held on the 11th inst., at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth. About 350 brethren, from all parts of the Province, and many visitors, assembled in the large hall of the Club, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Large palms and giant ferns were ranged on each side of the long corridor. The Lodge room itself was draped with flags and decorated with armed trophies, kindly lent through Bro. W. Powell. All the visiting brethren were loud in their praises of the handsome way in which Lodge 70, under whose banner Prov. Grand Lodge met, entertained them, and the excellence of the general arrangements made for their convenience. Great credit is due to Bro. W. Pengelly, of 2025, and Bro. W. H. Phillips for the energy and ability displayed in the matter of the decorations, which were carried out under the able direction of Bro. W. H. Dillon. Bro. J. Ewens, of Stonehouse very kindly fixed the shields, &c. The Committee of Petitions met first. The Secretary read the following report of the London representative, Bro. the Rev. W. Whittley P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D. (England):—In presenting another annual report your London representative has again the gratification of declaring the Province free from debt. The two candidates adopted by the committee were duly elected—Alberta Dale in April and Thomas Chapman in May last. Fortunately for the Province, the friends of Alberta Dale worked so well that only 110 votes were required from the Province to secure her election. For Bro. Chapman 3041 votes were polled, thus placing him the fifth on the list of successful candidates. The votes received from the Province by your representative were as follow:—October 1889—Boys' votes, 570; Girls', 329. April 1890—Boys', 565; Girls', 327. May—Men's, 559; Women's, 697—total 3047. As before stated the votes polled were:—Alberta Dale, 110; Bro. Chapman, 3041—total, 3151. The 104 votes required to make up the number polled were secured from other sources without incurring further liability. The increasing difficulty attending the elections renders it more and more desirable that all the Lodges and brethren in the Province should be loyal to the committee, and especially that all proxies should be sent to the Secretary as early as possible after the date of issue. It is always necessary to exchange votes with some other Province, and it places your representative at a great disadvantage when, having arranged for such exchange, he is unable to forward the votes required. If the brethren will be prompt in forwarding their proxies they will greatly aid your representative in what is every year a more difficult task. Your representative was able, without touching the votes of the Province, to render assistance in the election of Mrs. Helmore, also a Devonshire case. The remaining fact to be noted is, that some proxies have this year been received the day after the election. There were eighteen applicants for the votes of the Province for the great Masonic Institutions, and it was decided to support a brother of Lodge 202, and the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge 70. There were eight applicants for relief, and the following sums were voted:—£10 to a brother of Lodge Metham, No. 1205, £5 to a brother of Duncombe Lodge, No. 1486, with a recommendation to the Grand Lodge to grant £15, £5 to a brother of Lodge 328 (Torquay), with a £10 recommend; £5 to a brother of 106, with a £10 recommend; £5 to a brother of 159, with a £10 recommend; £5 to a brother of 1091, £5 to the widow of a brother of 156, with a £10 recommend; £5 to the widow of a brother of 1205. The Provincial Grand Lodge afterwards met, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. G. Rogers presiding, with Bro. Major M. Tracey P.M. 1247 P.P.G.S.W. as D.P.G.M., Bros. H. M. Imbert-Terry P.M. 112 S.G. Warden, Captain Ivimey P.M. 1135 J.G. Wardeu, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.M. and Chaplain 189 P.P.G. Chaplain as Grand Chaplain, Bros. James Templeton P.M. 1332 Grand Treasurer, G. H. Sellick P.M. 1550 Grand Registrar, G. C. Davey P.M. 251 Grand Secretary, H. C. Guppy P.M. 251 Grand S. Deacon, T. C. Hallett P.M. 303 Grand Senior Deacon, D. Banks P.M. 156 G.J. Deacon, W. R. Northway P.M. 282 G.J. Deacon, J. Algar P.M. 39 Grand Superintendent

of Works, W. Taylor P.M. 328 Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Adams P.M. 1181 D. Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. P. Reece P.M. 494 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Drennan P.M. 710 Grand Standard Bearer, W. Oakley P.M. 1181 Grand Standard Bearer, E. J. Griffiths P.M. 847 Grand Organist, G. B. Avent P.M. 1443 Assistant Grand Secretary, J. Kingdon P.M. 421 Grand Pursuivant, R. W. Pitcher P.M. 230 Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Shooter P.M. 112 Grand Tyler; Bros. B. S. Johns P.M. 159, Jesse Stapleton 666, R. Dickson P.M. 1205, Sampson P.M. 1254, and J. Kevern P.M. 1550 G. Stewards. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said he had to express his regret—and he was sure it would be shared by all present—that the state of health of the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington) prevented him from attending that day to take the chair, which he had filled with so much credit to himself, and with so much advantage to the Province. He trusted that would be the last time he should have to apologise for him, but Lord Ebrington was ordered by his medical man not to take part in any public business for the present. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that up to 31st December last there were 2,920 subscribing members in the Province, being an increase of 49 on the previous year. There had been 245 initiations, a decrease of 36. There were 706 Past Masters in the Province, and the number of brethren returned in arrear was 382, an increase of 52. The Provincial Grand Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £244. Brother Pollard presented the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and Bro. J. B. Gover the report of the Committee of Petitions. Bro. John Stocker proposed the election of Bro. W. Powell P.M. and Secretary 1205 2258 as Provincial Grand Treasurer, eulogising his Masonic zeal and ability. Bro. Merrifield, Tavistock, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Cornish and Jew were appointed as Auditors. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed his regret that Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. of England, of Torquay, who was to have been appointed S.G.W. of the Province in recognition of his distinguished services to Freemasonry in general, and to the West of England in particular, could not take up the appointment in consequence of ill-health. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. J. Kersteman P.M. 303	... Senior Warden
John Stocker P.M. 39	... Junior Warden
Rev. E. P. Hood P.M. 248	... } Chaplains
Rev. A. Newman 494	... } Chaplains
W. Powell P.M. 1205	... Treasurer
William Locke P.M. 444	... Registrar
G. C. Davie P.M. 251	... Secretary
J. Bassett P.M. 1212	... } Senior Deacons
P. G. L. Pearce P.M. 1247	... } Senior Deacons
W. F. Westcott P.M. 70	... } Junior Deacons
J. Sampson P.M. 1254	... } Junior Deacons
J. C. Palmer P.M. 372	... Supt. of Works
J. G. Kevern P.M. 1550	... Dir. of Cirs.
Rd. Dickson P.M. 1205	... Deputy Dir. of Cers.
S. Tapley P.M. 1885	... Assist. Dir. of Cirs.
B. S. Johns P.M. 159	... Sword Bearer
H. Berwick P.M. 164	... } Standard Bearers
Jesse Stapleton P.M. 666	... } Standard Bearers
Thomas Morgan P.M. 1402	... Organist
Charles Ashford P.M. 1284	... Assist. Secretary
R. W. Pitcher P.M. 230	... Pursuivant
H. S. Kitt P.M. 105	... Assistant Pursuivant
W. H. Churohill P.M. 106	... } Stewards
H. R. Langmead P.M. 202	... } Stewards
J. Osborn P.M. 954	... } Stewards
H. Marley P.M. 1358	... } Stewards
W. Bond P.M. 1486	... } Stewards
J. Gidley P.M. 2025	... } Stewards
F. Shooter 112	... Tyler

A vote of condolence was passed with the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon on the death of the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master. Bro. Major Tracey proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren of Lodge St. John, for their admirable arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. L. Friend remarked that the new Salem Lodge, at Dawlish, would be consecrated on the third Monday in October. Bro. J. M. McLeod, the newly-appointed Secretary of the Boys' School, returned thanks to the brethren for their support. The Lodge was then closed in due form. The annual banquet was afterwards held. About one hundred sat down. The D.P.G.M. presided up to 7 p.m., and then Bro. Imbert-Terry took the chair. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. J. M. MacLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School, gave a practical address on the new organization of the Institu-

tion. A string band, under the direction of Bro. A. T. Liddiard and Bro. T. Goodall, carried out the musical arrangements successfully. Those who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Bros. Revill, Debnam, Leonard and Lavers.

CONSECRATION OF THE BARRY LODGE, No. 2357.

THIS ceremony took place at Cadoxton, Barry, on Thursday, the 11th inst. The ceremony was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, assisted by Bros. W. Williams P.M. as S.W., J. R. Davies P.M. 1573 J.W., John Williams P.M. 237 S.D., F. P. Adey P.M. J.D. The Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the opening hymn was sung. A telegram was received from the Provincial Grand Master, conveying his best wishes, and regretting his inability to be present. The Deputy then addressed the assembly, regretting the absence of the Grand Master, and congratulating the Lodge on their beautiful room, and the very neat and tasteful manner in which it was laid out, the fittings and emblems being remarkably neat and good, and hoped it would flourish, and very soon become a great Lodge. The W.M. designate then addressed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and asked him to do them the honour to consecrate the Lodge. The founders then stood around the tracing board, when the Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. Tudor, read the warrant. The Provincial Grand Chaplain read a portion of Scripture from 1 Kings viii. The following brethren bore the emblems of consecration:—Bro. J. Homfray, corn; Br. F. Adey, wine; Bro. Geo. Thomas, oil; Bro. J. Guthrie, salt. The Dedication Prayer was given by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. The Worshipful the Deputy then dedicated the Lodge, after which the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Dr. Walters, delivered an oration. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Monmouth, Bro. George Homfray, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Thomas P.M. 36, for installation. After the obligation the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and then opened to a Board of Masters. After the installation of the W.M. he was invested in the usual form. The W.M. invested as his Immediate Past Master Bro. Guthrie. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed. The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing twelve months, as follow:—Bros. George Neale S.W., J. Jewel Williams W.M. P.G.S.D. (Mon.) J.W., F. P. Abey P.M. P.G.S.W. D.C., H. Chappell Treasurer, T. Higman Secretary, W. P. Phillips S.D., W. Lloyd Edwards J.D., T. Ewbank I.G., J. Spickett and Sidney Davies Stewards. The usual business having been concluded, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The following were appointed the Officers:—

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| Bro. F. P. Adey P.M. 1754 | ... | Senior Warden |
| George Thomas P.M. 36 | ... | Junior Warden |
| Rev. T. Walters, D.D., P.M. 1573 | } | Chaplains |
| Rev. W. Williams P.M. 1827 | | |
| George Jones P.M. 364 (re-elected) | ... | Treasurer |
| J. W. Lloyd P.M. 237 | ... | Registrar |
| Walter Whittington P.M. 364 | ... | Secretary |
| Adam Boelte P.M. 1754 | ... | Senior Deacon |
| J. H. Simkio P.M. 1754 | ... | Junior Deacon |
| Sir Morgan Morgan W.M. 36 | ... | Sup. of Works |
| Hugh Vaughan P.M. 1827 | ... | Dir. of Cers. |
| J. Coath P.M. 1752 | ... | Assist. Dir. of Cers. |
| E. W. Wright P.M. 651 | ... | Sword Bearer |
| W. Raleigh Parker P.M. 1323 | } | Standard Bearers |
| Ernest Grant P.M. 364 | | |
| George Abraham W.M. 679 | ... | Organist |
| Edward H. Howard P.M. 1573 | ... | Assist. Secretary |
| S. Sandbrook P.M. 110 | ... | Pursuivant |
| Thomas Payne P.M. 1822 | ... | Assist. Pursuivant |
| Thomas James S.D. 960 | } | Stewards |
| Edwin G. Prothero S.W. 237 | | |
| Morgan Williams J.W. 1573 | | |
| William Watkin Jones P. Sec 1992 | | |
| G. Bullerwell 237 | ... | Tyler |

The Treasurer's accounts were then read and passed. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master moved the re-election of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. George Jones, for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks for his services during the past year. A resolution was passed in reference to the death of the Pro Grand Master, the late Earl of Carnarvon. The usual collection for local charities was then made and handed in to the W.M. of the Barry Lodge for distribution amongst the poor. The investiture of Officers being concluded, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the Wenloe Arms Hotel, Cadoxton-juxta-Barry, where the banquet was served, at 5 o'clock precisely. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion; the catering was everything that could be desired, and gave universal satisfaction. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with some excellent music, and the whole concluded at an early hour, to enable the brethren to meet trains for their return journey.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the spring of life.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT ALFRETON.

MENTION has been freely made in these columns of the rapid growth of Mark Masonry in Derbyshire. Indeed, so marked has been the development of the degree during the past few years that a purely personal reason alone stands in the way of an application to the Prince of Wales (now the M.W. G.M.M.M.) for the constitution of a Derbyshire Province. At present the county is allied with Leicester, Northamptonshire, and Rutland, and presided over by the venerable and accomplished William Kelly of Leicester, and the most enthusiastic local promoters of the Order would hesitate to take any steps calculated to undermine the prestige of his long and honourable career in Mark Masonry. The latest addition to the Mark Lodges of Derbyshire has been made in the pleasant little town of Alfreton, where for many years there has existed a flourishing Craft Lodge, viz., the Royal Alfred, No. 1028. The warrant of constitution was obtained under the auspices of the Derby Mark Lodge, No. 302, the petitioning brethren being Bros. Percy Wallis P.G. Deacon England, A. Schofield, W. H. Fisher, Holland Rowbotham, and J. R. Fielding. The ceremony of consecration has just been performed, and was made the occasion of an interesting and instructive gathering. The promoters were exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure the attendance, as Consecrating Officer, of R.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier P.G.W. (England), and Grand Mark Secretary, who, with Bro. Robert Berridge P.G.W. (England), Grand Director of Ceremonies, journeyed expressly from London to conduct the proceedings of the day. In the natural order of events, the Derby Lodge exhibited a kindly and practical interest in the well-being of what may be regarded as its offspring. Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss G.M. Overseer (England) undertook to carry out the important preliminary work, and he was supported by the following members of No. 302:—Bros. Thomas Cox D.P.G.M., Percy Wallis P.G. Deacon (England), C. Webster P.M., E. Horne, W. J. Piper, A. Frazer, E. J. H. Hoskyns, W. H. Wheeldon, W. L. Dodd. There were also present Bros. George Fletcher, the Rev. C. W. Groves, J. H. Cook, the Hon. C. W. Trollope, A. Schofield (Worshipful Master designate), W. H. Fisher, H. Rowbottom, and J. R. Fielding. Lodge having been opened, a number of brethren were advanced to the degree of Mark Master. The Grand Officers (reinforced by this time by Bro. Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.G. Chaplain) were then admitted, and the elaborate ceremony of consecration was performed. Bro. Matier carried out the ceremony with singular fidelity and impressiveness, receiving both from Bros. Berridge and Wigg such valuable assistance as could only be rendered by sympathetic and experienced Masons. Incidentally, Bro. Wigg delivered a brief oration, setting forth in glowing terms the principles and aims of the Mark degree. He skilfully made capital out of the fact that the new Lodge had been christened the "St. Martin" (after the Parish Church of Alfreton, it may be mentioned), contending that the generous and high-souled man whose deeds of charity and love were thus commemorated was a pattern for all true Masons to imitate. The history of St. Martin proved that he so loved his fellow men—and especially those of them who were reduced to poverty and distress—that he was ever ready to sacrifice self to the promotion of their comfort and happiness. Bro. Wigg related with thrilling effect the pathetic and well-known story of St. Martin and the beggar, and added that the moral of it might be accepted as a beautiful illustration of the truest and loftiest principles of their ancient Order. He went on to urge upon his listeners the duty of giving the widest possible application to their belief in the virtue of charity. Let them be charitable in every phase of life, not less so amongst their friends in the world than amongst their brethren in Freemasonry. The address was followed with the closest attention, and cordially appreciated. Subsequently the important task of installing the first Worshipful Master was admirably discharged by Bro. Percy Wallis. The honour was conferred upon Bro. A. Schofield (the worthy and popular host of the George Hotel, Alfreton), who has been long and honourably known as a Craft Mason in Derbyshire. Bro. Schofield duly appointed and invested his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. P. Wallis I.P.M., W. H. Fisher S.W., Holland Rowbottom J.W., J. R. Fielding M.O., Knowles S.O., Diamond J.O., Wild Treasurer, H. Basil Boag Secretary, Hoskyns S.D., Lee J.D., and Bunting Tyler. The following brethren were appointed honorary members of the Lodge:—Bros. Matier, Berridge, W. Kelly, A. Woodiwiss, T. Cox, Wigg, and E. Horne. At a later period the brethren dined together at the George Hotel, Bro. Schofield catering with the utmost liberality. The health of the new W.M., the Consecrating Officer, and the Visiting Brethren, and success to St. Martin Lodge were cordially honoured. It ought to be added that Bro. W. L. Dodd had charge of the musical arrangements throughout the day, and worked with his accustomed assiduity and good taste.—*Derby Daily Telegraph.*

We are informed that the foundation stone of the Approach Tower to the proposed Suspension Bridge at Douglas, Isle of Man, will be laid with Masonic honours by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, this (Saturday) morning, the 20th inst. Special arrangements have been made for the conveyance to the Island of Masons and others desirous of taking part or witnessing the ceremony.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Present—Bros. Jas. A. Woolley W.M., W. Booth S.W., W. H. Wood Chaplain, A. Sidebottom Secretary, J. Wellis S.D., R. B. Robinson J.D., T. Hulme Organist, J. Corney P.M., J. Pike P.M., W. Lee P.M., W. Lowcock, T. Whalley, H. Baron, G. Hackin, G. W. Onsey, W. Barrington, J. Hamer, J. L. Taylor, J. Lord, J. Griffiths, S. Hanson, A. Isow, Wm. Reddell P.M. Tyler. Visitors—Bro. W. J. McGuckin 1011 and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G. Steward (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Windeatt, and being announced favourable, he was subsequently initiated by the W.M., Bro. Booth delivering the E.A. charge. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. Beardmore on the irreparable loss he had sustained through the death of his son by drowning. Much sympathy was expressed for Bro. Beardmore by all the brethren. Profound regret was also expressed at the loss the Lodge had sustained through the death of Bro. P.M. Nicholls, who was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. His loss will be much felt by the Zetland Lodge, to whom he was greatly attached. When the Lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned for supper, and the health of the initiate was proposed and responded to.

CHORLTON LODGE, No. 1387.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, on Tuesday the 11th inst. Present:—Bros. Charles Martyn W.M., S. Locke I.P.M., F. Renshaw S.W., F. S. Bedford J.W., J. Chadfield Treasurer, Chas. Heywood P.M. Secretary, H. H. Martyn J.D., J. B. Wolstenholme I.G., W. Chessyre Tyler, J. J. Lambert P.M. P.P.G. Reg., R. Davies P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Crampton P.M., Wm. Hall P.M., G. R. Swann P.M., P. Travers, H. Cooper, E. T. T. Smith, C. Willis, T. Shaw, J. Heymann, R. H. Merrett, E. Heymann and J. Kennerley. Visitors:—W. A. Smith 877, A. Shirley 2231, J. T. Smith 1417, W. Ingram 152, C. Mackay 2231, S. Williams 1013, J. G. Bromley P.M. 1375, H. Scott 86, and J. C. Roberts 1583. The Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Shaw was passed to the second degree by Bro. J. Crampton P.M., and Bros. Smith and Willis were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bros. J. J. Lambert P.M. P.P.G. Registrar and the Worshipful Master respectively, after which the Lodge was lowered, and closed in the usual manner. The brethren subsequently snipped together, and the usual toast list was gone through, including the newly passed and raised brethren.

SALEM LODGE, No. 1443.

THE monthly meeting was held at Dawlish on the 15th inst., when Bro. G. B. Avant the W.M. presided. Bro. J. F. King S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. J. S. Whidborne was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Luscombe was re-appointed Tyler. The opening of the new Lodge next month was discussed, and arrangements facilitated.

ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present:—W. Glasspole W.M., W. T. Shapland S.W., E. Davy J.W., J. R. Thebridge P.M. Treasurer, C. L. Thomas P.M. Secretary, J. Carey S.D., C. P. Billing J.D., W. Rice P.M. D.C., H. M. Appleton P.M. acting as D.C., A. J. Tonkin I.G., C. Hazell Steward, Dando P.M., W. K. Thomas P.M., F. G. Dimery P.M., E. Harvey, F. Brammald, C. Morgan, J. Uncles, A. Jeffreys, J. Gay, H. Stafford, G. Morgan, and J. Sheppard. The visiting brethren included the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England, J. Nash W.M. 1833, E. G. Grabb P.M. 68, C. Pfeiffer S.W. 1833, James Stoate 610, J. Habgood 68, W. Jarritt 68, T. Milligan W.M. 610, T. Harris 68, L. Beck 326, W. Galpin P.M. 68 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, T. D. C. Leveritt 68, J. Haddon I.P.M. 1966, J. Stephens 1457, T. Webley S.W. 68, T. Carrington I.G. 686, Jno. Gard P.M. 68 P.P.G.J.W., Ed. Rogerson 68, T. Jennings W.M. 68, F. Lesser 720, F. Moore 1388, C. Spencer 1388, F. G. Moore 1388, A. Britt W.M. 1388, and T. Butler 68. There was a fair muster of brethren of the purple, and the Past Masters and visitors were well represented, the occasion being further marked by the annual fraternal visit of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68. The introductory ceremonies were done by the W.M., Bro. W. Glasspole, at the conclusion of which Bro. Wm. Rice P.M. was elected on the Charity Organization Committee. The Worshipful D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England, was then invited to perform the ceremony of installation, which he kindly consented to do. For his marked ability to do this ceremony in particular, or any Craft ceremony in general, Bro. Else has a reputation extending far beyond the Province of Somerset, and again he delighted his hearers by his clear enunciation and impressive rendering, and Bro. Shapland, the W.M. elect, could not have desired to be installed into the chair of K.S. by a more competent brother. The installation being completed, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follows:—W. Glasspole I.P.M., E. Davy S.W., J. Carey J.W., J. R. Thebridge P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), C. L. Thomas P.M. Secretary (re-appointed), C. P. Billing S.D., A. J. Tonkin J.D., H. M. Appleton P.M. D.C., C. Hazell I.G., E. W. Harvey and F. D. Brammald Stewards, and F. Simpkins Tyler (re-elected). At the conclusion of the Lodge business, an excellent

banquet was supplied by Mrs. Boulter, at the Royal Hotel. Bro. Shapland W.M. presided, and proposed, in well-chosen and suitable words, the Queen and the Craft, the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. The Worshipful Master next submitted, in suitable terms, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset and P.G.D. of England Bro. R. C. Else, the Installing Master, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge past and present. Bro. Else, on rising, was well received. He thanked the W.M. for the very kind way he had spoken of him, and the brethren of Somerset and of Bristol for the way they had received him both at the banquet and in Lodge. Since he had worn the collar of D.P.G.M. the relations between the Bristol and Somerset Provinces had always been of a most fraternal kind. He had often said that the old proverb that inferred a prophet had no honour in his own country could not be applied to Masoury, as no one could receive him more kindly than did the whole of the Somerset Province. He appreciated the kind way they were led to look upon his labours in the Craft, that had extended now for nearly a quarter of a century, and the mention of that period induced him sometimes to think that the day must soon arrive when he must retire, and let a brother of more energy take on the duties. None of us know what may take place, and we must wait to be guided by circumstances; but this they may rely on, that whether he visited or met them as D.P.G.M., or as a private member of his Mother Lodge, the same cordial good feeling would continue to exist, if they extended to him such heartiness as they did at the present time. As he had soon to leave to catch his train, he desired to wish Bro. Shapland a very good year of office, and he felt satisfied that the warrant that day placed in his hand would lose none of its lustre, but more would be added to it. He congratulated the Lodge on looking out so good a man and so good a Mason to preside over them. Bro. Rice proposed the W.M. of 1755, and dwelt on his sterling ability. The W.M. replied, and hoped he would be helped during his reign by the P.M.'s. Bro. Thebridge next offered the toast of the I.P.M., whose work had been so well done. Bro. Glasspole, in reply, was glad he had done well enough to gain their approval. The W.M. next submitted the P.M.'s of 1755, which was ably acknowledged by Bros. Dimery, Rice, Thebridge, and Dando. Bro. Fremming replied to the toast of the Visiting Brethren, and the Officers was tersely spoken to by all the brethren who had that day been appointed. The Tyler's toast closed the list. The two violin solos, given by Bro. Thos. Carrington, were perfectly rendered and heartily applauded, and Bro. F. Lesser, R.A.M., Panmure Lodge, No. 720, kindly accompanied the musical brethren on the piano.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

ON Thursday, the 4th inst., this Lodge held an emergency meeting, under the presidency of Bro. Burritt Lane W.M., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. Biddlecombe S.W., J. Sargeant J.W., J. A. Hammond Treasurer, J. Mills Secretary, C. J. Ozanne S.D., S. J. Wilford J.D., W. C. Hutchinson W.S., G. Harrison Tyler. The following members and visitors were also present: Members—Bros. L. Van der Heyden, Dunn, Sinclair, and A. Carnall. Visitors—Bros. R. Allen All Saints 1716, J. Eckstein Urban 1196, J. G. Shand City of Westminster 1563. The immediate business of the meeting being the initiation of three gentlemen, who had already been proposed, the Lodge was duly opened, and the ballot taken. Proving unanimous in their favour, Messrs. H. Geary (Secretary of Messrs. Blandell Bros. Limited), J. Bennett (of the Cotton Estate Office), and Scott Hartley, were presented to the W.M., who then duly initiated them into the mysteries appertaining to the degree of the Apprentice Freemason. It is needless to say that Bro. Burritt Lane performed this duty with his usual precision and eloquence. No other business being on hand, and the Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony. There being but a few brethren present, so many being away in this pleasant season, there was not, as usual in this essentially musical Lodge, a regular set programme. Volunteers were not wanting, and all called upon by the W.M. cheerfully responded. Bro. Sinclair Dunn sang several songs delightfully, "Let me like a soldier fall," and "The Moon has raised her lamp above," being in his repertory. In the latter he was ably aided by Bro. Sargeant, who possesses a voice ranging high in the alto scale in his top notes, and goes down into the lowest depths in his basso profundo. But Arthur Carnall, (who, in the absence of the organist, Bro. Warren Lear, fulfilled his duties) performed as accompanist with his own peculiar taste and skill. Bro. Eckstein sang several humorous ditties of the Savage Club style. Bro. W.M. and other brethren also contributed.

WHITWORTH LODGE, No. 1932.

THE annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on 10th inst. in the Masonic Hall, Spennymoor. Bro. J. W. Sanderson was installed W.M. in place of W. Rutter sen. the retiring Master. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Farthing P.M., after which a banquet was held in the Central Hall, at which a large number of local Masons and visitors sat down.

BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

AS usual when this Lodge assembles, there was a large gathering on Wednesday last, at the Highbury Station Hotel, when Bro. E. J. Acworth (P.M. 133, 1612, 2077) the W.M. elect was installed as the third Master of the Lodge. The ceremony of the day was most ably conducted by the outgoing W.M. Bro. M. J. Jessop. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. and his Officers at four o'clock. After the

minutes of the last regular Lodge had been submitted and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following brethren, who desired to join the Lodge,—Barnett I. Barnato, M.L.A., Joppa Lodge, No. 188, proposed by Bro. H. I. Barnato, seconded by Bro. M. J. Jessop W.M.; Woolf Joel, Peace and Harmony Lodge, Dutoitspan, S.A., proposed by Bro. H. I. Barnato, seconded by Bro. M. J. Jessop W.M. In each case the result was satisfactory, and the brethren named took their seats as members of the Barnato Lodge. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M., P.G. St. Bearer, now took the chair, and after all preliminaries had been complied with, he raised Bros. H. Lewis and Solomon Abrahams. Bro. E. J. Acworth was next presented as the W.M. elect, and Bro. Jessop, who had resumed the chair, administered the obligation. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened (on this occasion essentially a large and representative body), and the new W.M. was regularly placed in the chair. After congratulations, those below the installed Master's rank were re-admitted and the W.M. was regularly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The following were the Officers invested:—Bro. M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261 I.P.M., Tom Honey S.W., I. B. Joel J.W., J. Joel Treasurer, M. J. De Leeuw Secretary, A. Levy S.D., I. Gluckstein J.D., M. Basch D.C., W. Wright Organist, C. Vandyk I.G., H. Warner A.D.C., M. Hyman S.S., E. J. Whiteway J.S. Bro. Jessop then gave the addresses, in masterly fashion, and took his seat on the left of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Acworth's first duty was indeed a pleasant one; the Lodge had procured for their popular outgoing Master a chaste and handsome jewel, while Bro. H. I. Barnato had supplemented their gift with a splendid diamond for the centre. Bro. Acworth in placing it on Bro. Jessop's breast said that no one present was better able to judge of its merits than the recipient, but he spoke the sentiments of the brethren when he desired Bro. Jessop to accept it as intrinsically expressing their appreciation of the zeal and assiduity he had displayed in the welfare of the Lodge since its inception—two years back. The jewel, which was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Jessop, bears the following inscription:—

Presented to Wor. Bro. M. J. JESSOP, by the Brethren of
THE BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265,
September 17th 1890,

In recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master, 1889-90.
The central diamond presented by Bro. H. I. Barnato.

The Barnato brethren unquestionably recognise the services of those on whose shoulders the conduct of their Lodge business rests. Brother M. J. De Leeuw, who during the past 12 months has brought some amount of energy to bear upon his duties, was the next to be complimented. A very neat Secretary's jewel was now given to the W.M., who in handing it over to Bro. De Leeuw assured him the members one and all thanked him for the attention he had given to his duties. Bro. De Leeuw, who was completely taken by surprise, disclaimed any desire for special effort; what he undertook he strove to go through with satisfactorily. Their appreciation of his work would incite him further, and he trusted that as time rolled on he should still retain their good opinion. We had almost admitted to mention that the Audit Committee presented their report, which was of an eminently satisfactory character. After routine business had been attended to, the Lodge was closed. The banquet was most liberally served by Messrs. Baker Bros., Limited, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sams. On the removal of the cloth a full toast list was honoured, but the speeches were made as brief as was convenient, in order that those present might enjoy the musical treat provided. Bro. W. Wright, the Organist of the Lodge, to whom had been entrusted the arrangements, had secured the services of the Unity Vocal Quartet, Miss Douglas, Bros. W. Lloyd, Arthur Combes, Walter Syckelmore, I. White, &c., &c., and by their united efforts a merry evening was spent. The following were among the Visitors:—Bro. Dr. R. W. Woodman P.G. Sword Bearer, A. Garvatt £19, M. J. Emanuel W.M. 205, G. Everett P.M. 177, &c., J. Hodgkyns P.M. 1026, M. Levey Secretary 1017, G. Cook W.M. 820, Isaac White 205, Aubrey Saunders 1344 P.D.G.M. Madras, H. J. Henochsberg P.M. 1729, M. J. Emanuel P.D. Sword Bearer Natal P.M. 1069, E. C. Mulvey P.G. Sword Bearer Surrey, M. Mendelssohn S.D. 212, L. M. Myers P.M. 188, E. Simmons 188, W. Lloyd W.M. 145, I. Myers 188, W. J. Gardner W.M. 188, F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, A. J. Henochsberg P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancashire, B. Wiegel 188, W. C. Steele 2002, Herbert Sprake 2192, Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Blank 205, G. Milton 1987, M. Abrahams Peace and Harmony Lodge, L. Abrahams Peace and Harmony Lodge, A. Michel 177, B. W. Jones 1891, J. Glass P.M. 453 P.G. Supt. of Works Essex, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. Combes Past Master 820. The jewel presented to the Secretary was inscribed as follows:—

Presented to
Bro. M. J. DE LEEUW,
By the brethren of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265,
In recognition of his valuable services as Secretary.
1889-90.

We take the opportunity to remind our readers that the new Masonic Hall, Princes-street, Northampton, will be formally consecrated and dedicated on Thursday next, the 25th instant. It is anticipated a large number of Craftsmen will take part in the proceedings.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

INASMUCH as the arrival of the swallow betokens that joyous Spring is with us, and that we may look forward to our Summer pleasures, so the receipt of a summons to attend the installation meeting of this popular Lodge warns us that we must prepare for the more active and practical duties that devolve upon us during the so-called Masonic season. When we attend the installation meeting of this Lodge, which meets at Freemasons' Hall, we generally find

that noble structure under the "control" of the British workman, and on this occasion his presence was forcibly in evidence. We scarcely dare to advance an estimate as to how many volts or voltas it will take to make the electric lighting of the building perfect, but a friend who professes to know all about the matter predicts that there will yet be a considerable amount of "tinkering" before perfection is arrived at. However, that is not our business, so let us to our affairs. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. Alfred H. Jakins, and the brethren proceeded to confirm the minutes of the regular meeting of 12th April, and of the emergency meeting of 10th May. Bro. Arthur Tarling was then passed to the degree of F.C. The Reports of the Audit Committees of the Lodge Funds, and of the Benevolent Fund were presented, and both were adopted. The ceremony of the day was conducted by Bro. W. B. Marous P.M., who has recently visited Australia, and who was heartily congratulated by the brethren on his return. The W.M. elect was regularly presented, and was placed in the chair with full honours. After having been regularly saluted in the three degrees, Bro. Charles H. Cox appointed the following as Officers to assist him during his occupancy of the chair:—Bros. Alfred H. Jakins I.P.M., Joseph Bladon S.W., John Culver J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, W. H. Foot S.D., W. H. Lowry J.D., Charles Mussard I.G., A. J. Dixie P.M. Director of Ceremonies, A. T. Bashinski and C. Heinekey Stewards, Frederic Humphreys Organist. Bro. Marcus gave the several addresses in a perfect and scholarly manner, and on taking his seat was congratulated by all present. The ballot was now brought into requisition for Mr. Arthur Edmund Turner, proposed by Bro. C. N. Knuth and seconded by Bro. Cox W.M.; for Mr. Henry George Thom, proposed by Bro. Cox W.M. and seconded by Bro. J. Bladon S.D.; for Mr. Jacob Jacobs, proposed by Bro. Cox W.M. and seconded by Bro. J. Bladon S.D.; and for Mr. Harry Bladon, proposed by Bro. J. Bladon S.D. and seconded by Bro. A. Lambert. The result in each case was in favour of the candidate, and the four gentlemen named were introduced, and had the privilege of Masonic light conferred upon them; the new W.M. ably acquitting himself in his rendering of the ceremony. A notice of motion by Bro. John Culver J.W., that the joining fee be reduced to £5 5s, was next brought forward. It was well received by the members, and on its being seconded by Bro. A. J. Dixie P.M., and supported by the Treasurer, was unanimously agreed to. Reference was made to the recent decease of two of the Founders of the Lodge, and graceful reference was made to the services they each had rendered to the Lodge during their association with it, and it was decided to place a record on the Lodge minutes as to the brethren's appreciation of such services, and of the loss the Lodge had sustained by their death. A jewel was presented to the retiring Master, and he was thanked for his services during the year. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. A splendid banquet was supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited; it was served in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the superintendence of Bro. Mantell. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. briefly introduced the toasts, promising that short speeches should be the rule so far as he was concerned, as he felt assured the brethren would prefer the music to any verbose remarks. An important family engagement compelled our representative to leave early, but we are told that the utmost cordiality governed the proceedings throughout. Amongst those present, in addition to those named, were Bros. J. W. Brooke P.M., Dr. Bott P.M., H. Cattermole P.M., A. Williams P.M., &c. The following were among the visitors:—Bros. Thos. Baxter 228, J. W. Mason 309 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, E. E. Austin J.W. 1749, J. M. McLeod Secretary R.M.I.B., W. Adams 2264, Stephen Wood 408 P.P.J.W. Warwickshire, R. J. Cook P.M. 435, G. J. Judge W.M. elect 2264, H. Massey P.M. 619 1923, T. W. Bone P.M. 1185, W. G. Mulford P.M. 1321, G. S. Miller 2264, H. G. Martin J.W. 1622, W. A. Brown P.M. 1567, W. H. Dunn S.W. 1298, H. Clark 73, Morris Hart 73, S. B. Harris P.M. 538, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Turle Lee 2264, D. Loebel 185, S. Shepley 1706, M. Mendelssohn S.D. 212, L. Meyer 1622, &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, Mus. Bac.; we append the programme:—Solo and Chorus, "God Save the Queen," Dr. Bull, Mr. Sutton Shepley; Solo and Chorus, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards, Bro. W. T. Perrins; Song, "A Dream of Spain," Royle, Miss Annie Matthews; Song, "The Last Watch," Piasuti, Bro. Thom; Song, "Angus McDonald," Roeckel, Miss Alice Bocquet; Trio, "Queen of the Night," Smart, Miss Matthews, Miss Bocquet, and Mr. Shepley; Song, "The Star of Bethlehem," Bro. Perrins; Song, "Friar of Orders Grey," Reeve, Mr. Sutton Shepley; Pianoforte Solo, "Dause Nigre," Ascher, Bro. Turle Lee; Song, "Over Hill, over Dale," Cooke, Miss Annie Matthews; Song, "Dear Love," Klein, Bro. Thom; Song, "Kerry Dancers," Molloy, Miss Alice Bocquet; Song, "The Arcthusa," Shield, Mr. Sutton Shepley.

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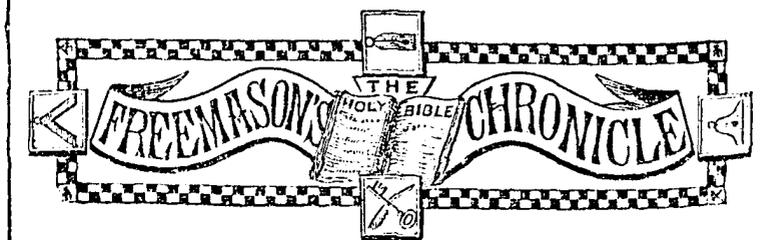
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KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

(Continued from page 170.)

IN 1797, Bro. Thomas Smith Webb published the first edition of his "Freemason's Monitor," and in that work there is no reference to the "Red Cross" degree which, subsequently, became so

prominent in his system of Masonic Knighthood, though a chapter is devoted to "Observations on the Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta."

In the second edition of the "Freemason's Monitor," published in 1802, Bro. Webb devoted several pages to the "Red Cross" degree of the Commandery. It would seem, therefore, that as late as the year 1797 Bro. Webb had no knowledge of the "Red Cross" degree now connected in this country with the Knights Templar degree, and that the connection between the two degrees was made within the period 1797-1802.

Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Grand Prior of the Knights Templar of Canada, has referred to the "Red Cross degree of the Commandery" as follows:—

"It does not appear to me to be any way requisite to take this degree in Masonry for obtaining admission to the Order of the Temple, although insisted upon in the United States; it has no connection whatever with Knights Templar, a purely Christian rite, and is, indeed, only an adjunct to the Royal Arch, and not recognised in England as a degree of Masonry. * * * * The Grand Master of the United States admits that it is a modern innovation." (Proceedings Great Priory of Canada 1858, p 35.)

"In Scotland and Ireland it is not insisted upon as a pass to the Templar, Royal Arch Masons being alone eligible; why it should have been in any way mixed up with the Order of the Temple is difficult to explain." (Proceedings Great Priory of Canada 1862, p 53.)

"I would wish it clearly understood that this degree is in no way connected with the Ancient Order of the Temple, nor is it recognised by the Grand Conclave of England, being merely a continuation of the Royal Arch, referring to the rebuilding of the Temple of Zerubbabel; and there is no reason why it should be made an Appendant degree." (Proceedings Great Priory of Canada 1870, p 121.)

"I obtained, some years ago, authority to communicate the degree of the United States 'Red Cross,' or 'Babylonish Pass,' to Canadian Templars, for the purpose of preventing any difficulty in visiting the United States Encampments where this degree is a pass to their Templar system, but is not compulsory with us, nor do I think it would be of any advantage to graft it on our purely Christian Order. This degree is now in Canada placed under the control of, and given in, Councils of Royal and Select Masters." (Proceedings Great Priory of Canada 1871, p 135.)

"It has no connection whatever with the Templar Order, and is neither a chivalric, nor, strictly speaking, a Masonic degree. * * * * The emblem of the Red Cross introduced in the degree is evidently a mistake, confusing it with the Christian Red Cross of the Constantine Order. * * * * The American ceremony has been occasionally practised in our Preceptories, or the essentials communicated, to enable the members to visit the Templar Commanderies in the U.S.A., where it is the prerequisite to their Masonic Templar Degrees. * * * I had authority to confer it from the Supreme Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment, U.S.A., the late Eminent Sir Knight William Hubbard, and I shall continue to authorize Presiding Preceptors by virtue of their office to communicate the degree. It never obtained any foothold with us, and was seldom or ever conferred as a separate degree, properly belonging to the A. and A.S. Rite of 33°." (Proceedings Great Priory of Canada 1888, p 434.)

Though the remarkable event in the life of Constantine, which occupies such a prominent place in the Red Cross degree, is well known to you, it may not be improper at this time to present briefly the statement of Eusebius, who declared that he received the account from the emperor himself, and which is as follows, viz.:—

Constantine, leading his army from France into Italy against Maxentius, his rival for the throne of the Roman Empire, suffered the deepest anxiety, and felt the need of Divine aid. Though educated in the Pagan faith, he had been attracted to Christianity. Desiring positive proof of Christ's divinity, he prayed earnestly that such evidence would be revealed to him. On a certain day, while the army was on the march, the form of the Cross appeared very luminous in the heavens, and bearing the Greek inscription "*En Touto Nika*," which signifies in English, "Conquer by this." In the night, while asleep in his tent, the same form of the Cross appeared again to Constantine, with a vision of Christ, who directed him to adopt that symbol as his military ensign.

Constantine obeyed the command, and thenceforth the form of the Cross adorned the standards of his army. After the victory which made him the sole ruler of the Roman Empire, Constantine placed the Cross in the hand of the statue erected in his honour at Rome. (Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, and Life of Constantine.)

The learned Dr. Milner, author of the "History of the Christian Church," in commenting upon this account, says: "He who is determined not to believe Christianity to be divine, will, doubtless, disbelieve this miracle from the same spirit which has induced him to harden his heart against much more striking evidence. With such an one I would not converse on the subject. But to those who admit the divine origin of Christianity, if any such doubt the truth of the miracle, I would say that it seems to me more reasonable to admit a divine interposition in a case like this, especially considering the important consequences, than to deny the veracity of Eusebius or of Constantine." (Milner's History of the Christian Church, Vol. I. pp 507, 508. London, 1847.)

The learned Dr. Grew remarked on this subject: "Constantine, resolving to rely only upon the God whom his father worshipped, prayed to know, by some special sign, who He was, and that He would afford him His help. Whereupon he was honoured, as Paul was, with a celestial vision. He saw in appearance, over the sun at mid-day, a figure made with light of a golden colour; which being composed of the first two letters of *Cristos*, that is of Christ, and having a resemblance of a Cross, was a visible sign of the Son of Man in Heaven. And herewithal this inscription, '*Touto Nika*,' that is, 'With this overcome.' And the whole army, which were then upon their march with him, saw the same. And by a second vision

in the night he was commanded to take the said figure for his ensign. Upon which, applying himself with great concern to the Christians for the meaning thereof, they took the occasion to preach Christ crucified and His religion to him so as to confirm him therein." (Grew's Cosmologia Sacra, p 368. London, 1701.)

The historian Gibbon says: "In one of the marches of Constantine, he is reported to have seen with his own eyes the luminous trophy of the Cross placed above the meridian sun, and inscribed with the following words: 'By this conquer.' This amazing object in the sky astonished the whole army, as well as the emperor himself, who was as yet undetermined in the choice of a religion; but his astonishment was converted into faith by the vision of the ensuing night. Christ appeared before his eyes, and displaying the same celestial sign of the Cross, he directed Constantine to frame a similar standard and to march with an assurance of victory against Maxentius and all his enemies." Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," chap. XX.) Gibbon adds (chap XX.) that the sacred monogram glittered on the helmets of the soldiers of Constantine, was engraved on their shields, was interwoven into their banners, and adorned the person of the emperor. And that the principal standard which displayed the triumph of the Cross was styled the *Labarum*, a long pike, intersected by a transversal beam, from which hung a silken veil; the summit of the pike supporting a crown of gold which enclosed the mysterious monogram, at once expressive of the figure of the Cross and the initial letters of the name of Christ. These initial letters are the Greek characters "X" and "P" ("Chi" and "Rho"), and their union forms the mysterious monogram adopted for the name of Christ, and which constitutes the Cross of Constantine. The early Christians adopted this monogram as a symbol of Christ, and its use as such has continued to the present time.

The inscription "*En touto nika*" is the ancient motto of our Order, and it has been appropriated in its Latinized form, "*In hoc signo vinces*," by another Order of Masonic Knighthood.

Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Grand Prior of the Knights Templar of Canada, says: "It is a great mistake to suppose that the motto '*In hoc signo vinces*' was ever that of the Ancient Templar Order, or that the 'Passion Cross' was ever borne on their standards. This motto is taken from the vision of Constantine the Great, and is adopted in the Masonic degree of 'Rome and Constantine.'" (Proceedings Great Priory of Canada 1887, p 327.)

According to Sir Bernard Burke, the insignia of a Knight of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine consists of a Cross containing the initials I. H. S. V. ("*In hoc signo vinces*," the Latinized form of the Greek "*En touto nika*"), while the two Greek letters A (Alpha) and O (Omega) in the centre, together with a Cross resting upon the letter P (Rho), are to represent God and Jesus Christ (Father and Son) the beginning and end of all things. (Burke's "Orders of Knighthood and Decorations of Honour," pp 181, 182.)

The object of Constantine in founding Constantinople was to build a city near the centre of his vast empire, and in which no pagan temple would be permitted. Rome was the stronghold of paganism. Within the walls of that city more than four hundred temples proved the devotion of her people to the ancient faith. The great patrician families, as well as the populace generally, clung to the superstition that for more than ten centuries had been the religion of the State. But the transfer of the empire to the hands of Constantine, and the removal of the capital to Constantinople, shattered the fabric of Paganism. History declares that about sixty years after the death of Constantine, "The decrees of the Senate which proscribed the worship of idols were ratified by the general consent of the Romans, the splendour of the capital was defaced, and the solitary temples were abandoned to ruin and contempt. Rome submitted to the yoke of the Gospel." (Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," chap. XXVIII.)

Constantine proclaimed that the new capital was dedicated to Christ. The dedication took place 11th May in the year 330, and the pillar erected to commemorate the event still stands, after the lapse of more than fifteen centuries. (Walsh's Historical Sketch of Constantinople, p v. London, n.d.)

The Encyclopædia Britannica says of Constantinople:—"No happier selection was ever made. The natural advantages of the site are probably unsurpassed by those of any other capital, either in the Old or in the New World, and its political importance is evidenced by the frequency with which it has been the key to the situation in European diplomacy."

In the twelfth century, when, as Sir Bernard Burke says, sober history fixes the period of the establishment of the Order of Constantine, "Constantinople was the emporium of everything that was grand and beautiful in the arts, science and literature of the world. The city contained, it is said, two millions of inhabitants, and was adorned with the noblest specimens of statuary and architecture." (Walsh's Historical Sketch of Constantinople, p ix.) It was the great depot for the trade of Eastern Europe, and was filled with the riches of the earth. The historian Hallam, referring to that period (A.D. 1204) speaks of Constantinople as "decked with the accumulated wealth of ages, and resplendent with the monuments of Roman empire and of Grecian art;" adding, "Her populousness is estimated beyond credibility; ten, twenty, thirty-fold that of London or Paris; certainly far beyond the united capitals of all European kingdoms in that age. In magnificence she excelled them more than in numbers. Instead of the thatched roofs, the mud walls, the narrow streets, the pitiful buildings of those cities, she had marble and gilded palaces, churches and monasteries, the works of skilful architects through nine centuries, gradually sliding from the severity of ancient taste into the more various and brilliant combinations of Eastern fancy. In the libraries of Constantinople were collected the remains of Grecian learning; her forum and hippodrome were decorated with those of Grecian sculpture." (Hallam's Middle Ages, Vol. II., pp 126, 127. Boston, 1855.)

In the first decade of the thirteenth century, the Crusaders, on their march to the Holy Land, attracted by the splendour and wealth of Constantinople, seized and plundered the city. It is said that

"the scenes of carnage that followed are revolting to humanity. The Roman Pontiff himself, who had granted a plenary indulgence to all who had engaged in the expedition, was compelled to denounce their brutality. He accused them of 'sparing neither age nor sex, nor religious profession of the allies they came to assist; deeds of darkness were perpetrated in the open day; noble matrons and holy nuns suffered insult in the Catholic camp.' The captors glutted without restraint every passion. They burst into the church of Santa Sofia and other sacred edifices, which they defiled in the most wanton manner. They converted sacred chalices into drinking cups and trampled under foot the most venerable objects of Christian worship. In the Cathedral, the veil of the sanctuary was torn to pieces for the sake of the fringe, and the finest monuments of pious art broken up for their material. It would be too revolting to detail all the particulars of these impious outrages; let one suffice: They placed on the throne of the patriarch a harlot, who sang and danced in the church, to ridicule the hymns and processions of the Oriental Christian worship." * * * "The monuments of ancient art, collected from all parts of the world, were defaced and broken to pieces, not simply from a bigoted rage against any superstition different from their own, but from a crusade of ignorance against whatever bore the stamp of literature and science. * * * Their utter contempt for learning was displayed in various ways. In riding through the streets they clothed themselves and their horses in painted robes and flowing head-dresses of linen, and displayed on them pens, ink and paper, in ridicule of the people who used such worthless things. It was, therefore, no exaggeration when the Greeks called them 'Barbarians, who could neither read nor write, who did not even know the alphabet.'" (Walsh's Historical Sketch of Constantinople, p. x.)

At last, in the middle of the fifteenth century, the great capital of the first Christian empire became the prey of the followers of Mahomet, and the Cross, beneath whose shadow "the civilization of the ancient world had been preserved, amidst universal barbarism," for more than eleven centuries, gave place to the crescent of the Turk.

Constantine was the first Roman emperor who embraced the Christian faith. He was the son of the Roman Emperor Constantius, and was born in England, it is said, 27th February A.D. 274. At the early age of thirty-two he succeeded his father in the sovereignty of the western part of the Roman Empire. Seventeen years later, he became the sole ruler of the Roman world. He died 22nd May A.D. 337. The celebrated Eusebius, one of the most learned writers of Antiquity, and who is styled "The Father of Ecclesiastical History," says of Constantine that "He restored the Roman empire to its ancient state of one united body, extending their peaceful sway around the world, from the rising sun to the opposite regions, to the north and the south, even to the last borders of the declining day." (Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, Book 10, chap. 9). Milner in his "History of the Christian Church," Vol. I., pp. 510, 511, referring to Constantine, says, "An emperor, full of zeal for the propagation of the only divine religion, by edicts restores to the Church everything of which it had been deprived; indemnifies those who have suffered; honours the pastors exceedingly; recommends to Governors of Provinces to promote the Gospel; and though he will neither oblige them nor any others to profess it, yet he forbids them to make use of the sacrifices commonly made by prefects; he erects churches exceedingly sumptuous and ornamental, with distinctions of the parts, corresponding in some measure to those in Solomon's Temple; discovers, with much zeal, the sepulchre of Christ at Jerusalem, real or pretended, and honours it with a most expensive sacred edifice. His mother, Helena, fills the whole Roman world with her magnificent acts in support of religion; and, after erecting churches, and travelling from place to place to evidence her zeal, dies before her son, aged eighty years. Nor is the Christian cause neglected even out of the bounds of the Roman empire. Constantine zealously pleads, in a letter to Sapor, King of Persia, for the Christians of his dominions; he destroys idol temples, prohibits impious Pagan rites; puts an end to the savage fights of gladiators; stands up, with respectful silence, to hear the sermon of Eusebius, Bishop of Cæsarea, the historian; furnishes him with the volumes of Scriptures for the use of the churches; orders the observation of the festivals of martyrs; has prayers and reading of the Scriptures at his court; dedicates churches with great solemnity; makes Christian orations himself, one of which of a considerable length is preserved by the historian, his favourite Bishop; directs the sacred observation of the Lord's Day, to which he adds that on Friday also, the day of Christ's crucifixion; and teaches the soldiers of his army to pray by a short form made for their use."

The historian Gibbon says, "The person, as well as the mind, of Constantine, had been enriched by nature with her choicest endowments. His stature was lofty, his countenance majestic, his deportment graceful; his strength and activity were displayed in every manly exercise; and, from his earliest youth to a very advanced season of life, he preserved the vigour of his constitution by a strict adherence to the domestic virtues of chastity and temperance. He delighted in the social intercourse of familiar conversation; and though he might sometimes indulge his disposition to raillery with less reserve than was required by the severe dignity of his station, the courtesy and liberality of his manners gained the hearts of all who approached him. * * * In the despatch of business, his diligence was indefatigable; and the active powers of his mind were almost continually exercised in reading, writing, or meditating; in giving audience to ambassadors, and in examining the complaints of his subjects. Even those who censured the propriety of his measures were compelled to acknowledge that he possessed magnanimity to conceive and patience to execute the most arduous designs, without being checked either by the prejudices of education, or by the clamours of the multitude. In the field he infused his own intrepid spirit into the troops, whom he conducted with the talents of a consummate general; and to his abilities, rather than to his fortune, we may ascribe the signal victories which he obtained over the foreign

and domestic foes of the republic." Gibbon's "Decline and fall of the Roman Empire," chap. XVIII.)

It is worthy of note that in the year 331 fifty copies of the Bible were made under the care of Eusebius by order of the Emperor Constantine; and it is supposed that the only one preserved from the destroying hand of Time is the MS. known as the Codex Sinaiticus, discovered in the monastery of St. Catherine, on Mount Sinai, by Professor Tischendorf, in 1844, and which was presented, in 1859, to the Emperor of Russia, Alexander II. That MS. contains the Old Testament in the Septuagint Version, and the New Testament, with the addition of the Epistle of Barnabas. (Doré's "Old Bibles," p. 318. London, 1888.)

It is a singular fact that England was the birthplace of Constantine, the first Christian ruler of the Roman Empire; and also, after the lapse of eleven centuries, the burial-place of the family of the last of his successors on the throne. A monument, still to be seen in Llanulph Church, in Cornwall, England, records the fact that there repose the ashes of the family of the last sovereign of the Christian Empire founded by Constantine the Great. Walsh's "Historical Sketch of Constantinople," p. XXXIV.

THE NEW ZEALAND GRAND LODGE.

THERE were about 250 brethren at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons at Wellington, on Monday, the 28th July. A considerable amount of general business was transacted. A lengthy report by the Board of General Purposes was adopted. The recent opening of a Lodge in Wellington by the Grand Orient of France was mentioned, and a resolution carried unanimously protesting against the invasion of New Zealand by foreign Masonic power, and strongly condemning those brethren who had joined the new Lodge. A resolution was also passed declaring the French Orient Lodge irregular and unworthy of recognition, and that one month's grace be given either to retire or be struck off the roll of Lodges holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The Treasurer's statement was considered satisfactory. Several nominations were received in the room, and votes passed expressing regret at the death of Earl Carnarvon Pro Grand Master of England, and at the serious illness of Bro. E. T. Gillon Past Deputy Grand Master. Great enthusiasm was displayed by those present in the proceedings, which wound up with a banquet.

The following letter has been received from M.W. Bro. Harman Tarrant, Provincial Grand Master New South Wales Grand Lodge of Freemasons, addressed to the Grand Secretary of the New Zealand Grand Lodge:—"Dear Brother Ronaldson,—It affords me much pleasure to inform you that at a Special Communication of our Grand Lodge, it was unanimously decided that fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales be extended to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and I trust our action will help your cause. I think we have the honour of being the first Australian Grand Lodge to extend you recognition, and will you kindly convey my very deep sympathy to your Grand Master. I sincerely trust he is by this time recovered from his severe illness. I have requested the Grand Secretary to send you a copy of our earlier Proceedings before the United Grand Lodge was established. Wishing your Grand Lodge every success, &c." The following is a copy of the resolution:—"That the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales recognises the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as legally constituted, and the supreme and sovereign Masonic authority in that territory, and invites to the usual interchange of representatives."

A meeting of Master Masons of Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held, on 19th July, at the Freemasons Hall, Princes-street. There was a good attendance of about 50 or 60 present, and a great deal of interest was taken in the proceedings, which were of a very important character. Bro. A. S. Russell R.W. D.G.M. presided, and explained the business of the meeting, which was the discussion of the advisability of establishing a District Grand Lodge of New Zealand Constitution in Auckland Province. The speakers recognised the fact that there were now a large number of Lodges in this Province holding under the New Zealand Constitution, and that there was a necessity for a Provincial Grand Lodge. Finally, Bro. M. Nicoll Grand Superintendent moved, "That the Grand Lodge Officers, and the W.M.'s of Lodges Ara, United Service, St. Andrews, Albion, and Franklin be constituted a committee to communicate with all the Lodges in the Provincial District holding under the New Zealand Constitution, for the purpose of ascertaining their views, and obtaining, if possible, their unanimous consent to the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge. This motion was unanimously agreed to. A brother brought up the subject of a Lodge having been established under the Grand Orient of France, but as such a Lodge could not be recognised by the New Zealand Grand Lodge it was not deemed necessary to move any resolution on the subject. Great satisfaction was expressed at the recognition of the New Zealand Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, this being the first foreign recognition of the newly-formed Constitution, and it was hoped that a similar recognition would shortly be accorded by the other Grand Lodges of the Australian Colonies.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Lodge Eden, E.C., was held in the Masonic Hall, Karangahape Road, on the 29th July, for the installation of Officers. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present were the D.G.M. Bro. G. S. Graham and his Officers, and visiting brethren from sister Lodges. The following brethren were installed in office:—Bros. J. C. Dickenson W.M., H. Robinson S.W., W. S. Williams J.W., G. P. Cox Treasurer (re-elected), M. S. Laurie Secretary, W. J. Wright S.D., P. Crowe J.D., T. Philpot D.C., W. Johnston I.G., J. Bouskill S.S., C. A. Fawcett J.S., J. Moor Tylor. At the close of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the supper-room, where ample refreshments had been provided.

Lodge St. Andrew held a meeting on 29th July, in the Freemasons' Hall, for the installation of Officers and other important business.

The attendance was large, over eighty members of the Craft being present, including twenty-five Past Masters. Bro. G. S. Graham and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge E.C. were present. Bro. Rev. F. Gould was installed Right Worshipful Master, William McCullough D.M., A. Dewar S.M., T. W. Briggs Senior Warden, W. Laird J.W., George Robinson S.D., W. McLaughlan J.D., and Thos. Cantly Secretary. The installation service was conducted by Bro. Wm. McCullough, assisted by Past Masters Clark, Anderson, Wright, Windsor, and Auger. Four brethren were nominated for affiliation, including Bro. G. S. Graham District Grand Master. The musical portion of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Major Pirie, and the Masonic choir was well represented.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Criterion.—Mr. Brouson Howard's amusing comedy "Truth," which was originally produced at this theatre about eleven years ago, is one of the few pieces by American dramatists that have achieved popularity on the English stage. Its revival by Mr. Wyndham was therefore a happy thought at the present time, and its reception has proved the wisdom of that astute manager. It will be remembered that the fun of the comedy consists of the escapade of a "very proper" sort of husband and three companions at a fancy dress ball, and the subsequent fibbing and provarication to conceal their indiscretion. Their "fabricated narratives" are quickly dissolved by a regular stage mother-in-law, of the most ferocious type, and the moral is pointed that it is better always to tell the truth. The model husband is now capably played by Mr. T. G. Warren, who is admirably assisted by Mr. W. Blakeley as Sir Partridge Compton, by Mr. A. Boucicault as Frederick Fry, and by Mr. George Giddens, whose impersonation of John Penryn is as fine a piece of comedy as anything this clever actor has given. The female Nemesis, in the person of Miss Maria Daly, causes roars of laughter, as she shatters, one by one, the carefully concocted stories of the delinquents, while the four wives or sweethearts are represented by Mesdames H. Forsyth, F. Francis, E. Terriss, and M. Hardinge. A new comer, Miss Emily S. Fitzroy, received a cordial welcome, and showed considerable talent as Mrs. McNamara. Miss E. Vining, the only member of the original company, resumes her droll character of Jumps, and evoked considerable amusement with her pert replies. The stage arrangements, for which Mr. Edward Hastings is responsible, are most elegant, and are altogether worthy of the theatre. The comedy will make an excellent stop gap until Mr. Wyndham returns from his holiday with his winter novelty.

Alhambra.—Considerable consternation was caused in the artistic world by the report this week that the Alhambra had been destroyed by fire. The fears of the profession were allayed, however, when it was ascertained that it was the beautiful but far off palace in Spain, and not the gorgeous structure in Leicester Square. Having already undergone that lamentable experience, it is to be hoped that our Alhambra will not again fall a prey to the flames. Constant novelties are introduced into the programme by the veteran manager, Mr. Charles Morton, and we are glad to notice that they are of an elevating tendency and are well received. The engagement of Miss Ada Lincoln, of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, is a distinct advantage, and such singing has rarely been heard of late years in this popular theatre. We would, however, suggest that Miss Lincoln might give us some newer songs than "Home, Sweet Home," or "Coming thro' the Rye." A novelty well up to date is a "military scena," entitled "Ordered Abroad," written by Frederick Bowyer, with the incidental music by Messrs. Le Brunn and Baker. The scena deals with the exiled Guardsmen at Bermuda, and the character is sustained by Mr. F. H. Colli, who gives forcible expression to the dialogue, and sings the two songs in an artistic manner. The little piece was loudly applauded and met with well deserved success.

FREEMASONRY IN GERMANY.—The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the English Freemasons, sent Dr. Wendt, of London, to Berlin to attend the celebration of the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Grand Prussian National Mother Lodge by Frederick the Great. This Lodge, which began with twenty-four members, now numbers sixty-four Lodges, scattered all over Prussia. The present Emperor, though the first Prussian Sovereign since Frederick who has not belonged to it, has written a letter of thanks to the Grand Master for the renewed expression on the part of the members of their loyal sentiments, and the assurance of his good will at all times. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg also sent his congratulations.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS BAIRD.—Mr. Thomas Baird, of the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*, died suddenly on the morning of Friday, the 12th inst., while engaged in the discharge of his duties in the office of the newspaper to which he has been attached for many years—indeed, from its establishment. A practical journalist of conspicuous ability, Mr. Baird's friendship and counsel were highly valued not only by his immediate colleagues, but by the members of his profession generally, and the regret which the announcement of his demise creates is as widely spread as it is profound.

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MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—A numerous and influential representative gathering of the Benevolence and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held, on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie. Petitions for grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the widows and distressed brethren were considered, and it was resolved to recommend to the Prov. Grand Lodge that sums amounting to £70 should be voted. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire, which is expected to be of a very important nature, takes place at Preston on Wednesday, the 1st of October.

On the 12th instant the remains of Bro. George Mitchell P.M. and Treasurer of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, and P.M. of the Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294, were interred at the Smithdown-road Cemetery. The Prince of Wales Lodge was represented by Bros. R. Bulmer W.M., N. Donkin P.M., G. Forrester I.P.M., J. Trustall P.M. P.P.G.P., W. Addison P.M., C. Birchall P.M., Z. Davies I.G., J. Rouse, R. Spence, J. Pealing, George Pealing, and James Edwards. There were also present at the graveside Bros. E. Brooks W.M. 2294, G. Scott J.W. 2294, Lamby Boyd, Wilkinson, Doran, Hartley, and J. M. Smythe P.M. 2042. The coffin was covered with wreaths, sent by the Prince of Wales Lodge, Wavertree Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Holme, Broadgreen, the employes of Mr. G. Holme, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smythe, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pearson.

We would remind our readers that Mr. Willard's magnificent rendering of Judah Llewellyn is drawing to a close, the final performance being fixed for 26th inst., as Mr. Willard leaves for New York in October, and has promised to visit Birmingham and Liverpool *en route*. "Judah" is certainly the most powerful play that has been produced this year.

There was an old Masonic custom which, more the pity, has died out in all but a few Lodges, of passing the charity-box around the social board as a part of the honour due to the Tyler's toast. Cannot this very laudable custom be revived? No legislation is required for the purpose. It is the Officers of the Lodge, and especially the Master, who should impress upon the members the necessity of practically exemplifying that great Masonic virtue—Relief. Once a month in Lodge and at the social table we meet our brethren in friendly intercourse, and it is fitting that then we should especially think of those who by ill-health or misfortune are prevented from mingling with us, and, in honouring the Tyler's toast, according to old custom, give some practical expression to our sympathy for them. There is nothing to be said against the old custom, and if it were re-established in one Lodge in Adelaide it soon would be in all.
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 20th September.

- 1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1767 Kensington, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
- 2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- 1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
- 1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
- 2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill
- R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
- R.A. 2048 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
- M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

Monday, 22nd September.

- 1828 Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk Rd. W.
- 48 Industry, 31 Denmark Street, Gateshead
- 61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
- 264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
- 408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
- 433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
- 467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
- 613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
- 999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1177 Teuby, Tenby, Pembroke
- 1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
- 1575 Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
- R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Atrincham
- M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

Tuesday, 23rd September.

- 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
- 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- R.A. 518 Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford.
- 169 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
- 253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
- 624 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent
- 87 Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, Lancashire
- 996 Hosketh, Grapes Inn, Craston
- 1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1214 Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
- 1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Boosing
- 1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
- R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
- R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 24th September.

- 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W
- 898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
- 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich
- 32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
- 117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury
- 125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
- 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
- 163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
- 258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- 277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
- 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
- 439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
- 580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
- 387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
- 67 United, George Hotel, Colchester
- 778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court
- 996 Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
- 1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
- 1083 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester
- 1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
- 1218 Priace Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
- 1219 Stragoways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
- 1283 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
- 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
- 1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
- 1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset
- 1967 Beacon Court, Chuzzle Fort Hot, New Brompton
- R.A. 225 St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich
- R.A. 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
- R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
- R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
- M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
- M.M. Northumberland & Bewick, M.H., Newcastle
- M.M. 19 Powke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
- M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Thursday, 25th September.

- General Committee (Gir.'s School, F.M.H., 1
- 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
- 766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
- 1121 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
- 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
- 1563 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
- 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1816 Victoria Park, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park Rd.
- 2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
- 2242 Clough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- M.M. 118 Northumberland, Masons' Hall, E.C.
- 78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
- 111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.
- 116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
- 208 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury
- 275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
- 276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford
- 283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslington
- 286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
- 337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppernill, Saddleworth

- 341 Wellington, Cinquo Ports Hotel, Rye
- 344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 345 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
- 348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Broadshawgate
- 369 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
- 456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
- 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
- 659 Bladon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
- 807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
- 904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
- 935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
- 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
- 1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend
- 1164 Elliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall
- 1183 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southampton
- 1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
- 1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
- 1505 Emma's Inn, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1576 Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
- 1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheate
- 1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Eilemsere
- R.A. 67 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
- R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
- R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
- R.A. 447 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
- R.A. 1245 Phoenix of S. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
- M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- K.T. 8 Phais of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burney
- K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

Friday, 26th September.

- 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
- 401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
- 460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 566 St. German, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
- 652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmforth
- 810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
- 1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
- 1385 Gladwin, Red Lion, Baret
- 1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
- 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
- 1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
- 1821 Ailingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
- R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
- R.A. 945 Abbey, Abbey Council Chamb. Abington
- R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
- K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 27th September.

- 1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1679 Henry Muggaridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
- 1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
- 119 Peace, Private Rooms, Melham
- 308 Prince George, Rooms, Beaumont, Eastwood
- 410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
- 1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
- 1541 Chiselmere, Bull's Head Hotel, Capestrope
- 1965 Eastes, Turkish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
- 2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
- R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell

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Saturday, 20th September.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
- 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
- 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
- 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pinlick, 7
- 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 730
- R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 22nd September.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
- 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
- 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropermaker 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
- 382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
- 545 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
- 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
- 933 Doré, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
- 975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
- 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
- 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
- 1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
- 1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
- 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
- 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
- 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
- 1603 Kilburn, 26 South Mole St, N., 8
- 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
- 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
- 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
- 1743 Perseverance, Dean's Tavern, Wallbrook, 7
- 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dalwich Hotel, East Dalwich, 8
- 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 23rd September.

- 25 Robert Burns, 5 Tottenham Court Road, 8
- 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
- 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.,

- 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
- 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Albersgate Street, 8
- 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Can ten Town, 8
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8.
- 551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
- 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
- 753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 820
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
- 869 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
- 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
- 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
- 1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
- 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
- 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, 730
- 1416 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
- 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730
- 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
- 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
- 1510 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
- 1634 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
- 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
- 1919 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
- 2146 S. Britton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
- R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
- R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
- R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 24th September.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
- 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730
- 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
- 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
- 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
- 193 Confidence, Horeules Tavern, Loadenhall 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, Batham Hotel, Batham, 7
- 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 730
- 829 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, 830
- 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
- 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
- 1356 Toxteth, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 730
- 1475 Peckham, 510 Old Kent Road, 8
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
- 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
- 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 730
- 1662 Beaconsfield, Choquers, Walthamstow, 730
- 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
- 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
- 1791 Creation, Wheat Sheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
- 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
- 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 730
- 2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoag Street, Walthamstow
- 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
- R.A. 177 Domatic, S. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gander, E.C., 7
- R.A. 433 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 730
- M.M. Grand Masters, St. Red Lion Square, 7
- M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 25th September.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 730
- 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
- 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
- 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
- 704 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
- 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
- 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
- 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
- 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 730
- 1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
- 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
- 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 730
- 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 630
- 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, 745
- 1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
- 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
- 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 730
- 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
- 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 730
- 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
- R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
- R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
- M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Havlock, Dalston, 8

Friday, 26th September.

- Fantulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
- General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
- 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
- 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ho, Station Rd., Loughton, 730
- 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
- 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jernyn Street, W., 8
- 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
- 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
- 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
- 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
- 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
- 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 730
- 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
- 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury.
- 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 730
- 1384 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
- 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
- 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
- 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 730

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, Cumberwell, 8
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7'30

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GLEANINGS.

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Missouri has no less than seven Grand Chaplains.

In Michigan a Mason does not become a member of the Lodge until he receives the third degree.

The Grand Lodge of California forbids Lodges to use any portion of their funds for social purposes.

In 1889 there were 48 Grand Lodges, 10,088 Lodges, and 609,463 affiliated Masons in the United States.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan has voted a sum of 3,000 dollars (£600) as a donation to the Michigan Masonic Home.

The oldest fraternal beneficial society in the world is the Count de Winton Society, organised in 1178, and it is still in existence.

There are Masonic Halls in the cities of Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Guanajuato, Guadalajara, Orizaba, San Luis Potosi, Morella, Monterey, and Santillo.

At a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, held on 15th May, a sum of £105 was voted to the fund for the relief of sufferers from the floods in the Darling River.

The brethren of New York propose to start a kind of caravansary, where refreshment, lodging, and hospital accommodation, free, gratis, for nothing, may be obtained by those who need them.

The foundation-stone of the New Masonic Hall at Nowrah (N.S.W.) bears the inscription A.D. 1890, A.L. 5894. Our good brethren at Nowrah are rather out. The present year is A.L. 5890. The faulty inscription should be at once altered.

A Lodge in Michigan, which had 95 life members on its roll and only 55 contributing members, recently found itself forced to apply to Grand Lodge to annul the life membership. Quite right, too. It would be absurd to give a Lodge power to compound annual contributions by a lump payment. The practice would open the door for many abuses.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, many of the members had travelled for four or five days across mountains and deserts to be present, and "mileage" and "per diem" is not paid in Arizona. The meeting was held at Tucson, to avoid danger of attack by Indians. Verily there are enthusiastic Masons in Arizona.

Bro. J. G. Howard, of Toronto, Canada, offered to the Masonic Fraternity in that city, some years ago, twenty acres of High Park, overlooking the Lake, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Asylum and Home. The only condition was that the building should be begun and the land fenced in within a year. The offer was not availed of, and the property now could not be purchased for £60,000 sterling.

On the subject of Masonic Schools of Instruction, the Grand Master of Michigan says:—"I desire to congratulate our Grand Lecturer on the success of his labours, and to commend these Schools of Instruction to the Grand Lodge and the Craft. To those of us who have been familiar with Lodge work for the past fifteen years, the result of the present methods of Instruction has been obvious. In no other jurisdiction is the standard work so closely adhered to, or is the work of the Lodges so uniform. The effect is a degree of interest in Lodge meetings and a spirit of emulation never before experienced in this jurisdiction."

An affecting incident comes to us from Italy. Bro. Kenneth Campbell, while visiting Capri, hearing of a brother Freemason—a medical man—being at the point of death at a neighbouring fishing village on the Bay of Naples, crossed over in an open boat to tend him in his last moments. The sufferer, who had caught a chill when crossing over the mountains to attend a poor peasant, had but one relative near him at the time, and succumbed four days after Bro. Campbell's arrival on the scene. The day following the demise, he superintended the removal of the body to Capri for interment. The crossing was accomplished in a violent storm, which threatened destruction to the boat and its crew, and at times the hurricane was so fierce that Bro. Campbell had to shelter himself by creeping under the tarpaulin which covered the coffin. When, on the following day, the funeral took place, in the non-Catholic portion of the cemetery at Capri, the brother, for the comfort of the surviving relatives, read the burial service of the Church of England over the grave. "This is another side of the ties which pure Freemasonry forms and maintains."

The usual meeting of United Service Lodge, New Zealand Constitution, was held on 31st July, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, Bro. G. H. Leaning W.M. presiding. One candidate was initiated and two brethren affiliated. Five candidates were also proposed for initiation, and several for affiliation. There was a good attendance, numerous visiting brethren from sister Lodges being present, and the proceedings were of a very interesting character.

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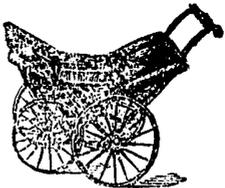
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