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WITHIN THE CIRCLE.

THE action of the members present this week at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, in supporting the recommendations of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and voting a sum of money to assist in relieving the distress occasioned by the loss of H.M.S. "Serpent," is in itself reliable evidence that the Masonic Order is not by any means selfish in the dispensation of its bounty. It also proves that Freemasonry is ready to extend the hand of sympathy to those outside the actual limits of the Craft, as well as to those united by the ties of Brotherhood, and who, from their peculiar association with each other, would seem to have a first and special claim, even if not a sole one, upon the resources of Freemasonry. It is not a question of giving to an outside charity what is not wanted by those whose sole scope is Masonic, for it unfortunately happens just now that each of the three Central Institutions of the Craft, as well as the many local ones which have sprung up in various parts of the country, have, one and all, far more calls on their funds than it is possible for them to answer, or even hope to relieve under existing conditions. Yet there is not one true hearted member of the Order who regrets the contribution made by Grand Lodge to the "Serpent" Fund, or who believes that any of our own widows or aged members, or either of our orphans, will be one whit less better off in consequence of this extension of Masonic benevolence to a really outside cause. It is probable that not one of those who will benefit from the grant made on Wednesday comes strictly within the circle of Freemasonry, but in matters of benevolence the circle is so elastic that anything and everything may be included within its scope, provided the Craftsmen find co-operation within the range of possibility. In this case they have proved, by actual demonstration, not only the possibility, but also the sincerity of their desire to render aid, and that too, as we have said, without intrenching on the particular Charity Funds of the Craft, or diverting from the regular channels of Masonic benevolence sums which would otherwise have gone to aid the Masonic Institutions. This is a very gratifying state of affairs, and we hope it may continue for all time, or until such a period as shall find no claims being made on the sympathies of the fortunate by their less favourably circumstanced fellow creatures. The regulations of Grand Lodge are of such a nature that delay in giving the money voted on Wednesday is absolutely imperative, the vote having to be confirmed at the next Quarterly meeting of the ruling body of the Craft, so that, were it not for the timely action of our Grand Treasurer Bro. Augustus Harris, the widows and orphans would have some considerable time to wait ere they received the much-needed One Hundred Guineas. But Bro. Harris came to their assistance, and proved his fitness for the post by

promising to give the amount at once, and recoup himself when the vote was regularly confirmed, as it is almost certain to be, in March. After all, then, we find the Grand Treasurership is not yet quite a sinecure, and we congratulate the present holder of the office on the opportunity that has presented itself for him to prove the appointment an onerous one, in fact as well as in theory.

TWO SIDES OF THE QUESTION.

WE are among those who believe that no harm ever comes from the exercise of a little liberality towards opponents in a controversy, even if by such liberality one has to weaken his own case, or at least put that of the opposition in a better light. On the principle that one tale is very good until the other is told, we think that many men form erroneous opinions on various subjects, simply because they do not make themselves conversant with both sides of a story, and in no small number of cases the lack of information is wilful rather than accidental. To avoid anything like a charge of this character we consider it best to follow the example set by the *Evening News and Post* this week, in its Freemasonry column, in dealing with a phase of the controversy between the Pope of Rome and the Freemasons; and although the adoption of our present plan may prove anything but satisfactory to those who consider the Freemasons wholly right, and the head of the Church of Rome alone wrong, we think it is desirable, in the interests of justice and fair play, to give the other side a hearing.

Our evening contemporary extracts a quotation from the *Universe*, which in turn culls the matter from the programme of the Lodge of the Valley of the Tiber, and remarks that the Church of Rome has good reason to be incensed against the Masonic Order if it is a fair specimen of the stand taken by Italian Lodges. The quotation referred to is as follows:—"The Grand Orient invokes the genius of humanity in order that all the F.F. may contribute to the supreme effort to disperse the stones of the Vatican, to construct with them the temple of emancipated reason." In face of such language, says the *News and Post*, we can excuse the utterances of the Pope; but even these will hardly atone for the fierce onslaught made against the Order in this country.

We have always recognised that wide differences exist between Continental Freemasonry and the Order as practised in this country, but we think the remarks here referred to, as part of the programme of a Masonic Lodge, will come as a surprise to the general body of English Masons, equally with ourselves, for we must admit the utterances are far stronger than we had hitherto believed possible. Of course such language is not Masonic, from

an Englishman's point of view, but we must take things as we find them, and in officially recognising the Grand Orient of Italy we in England are, in a measure, responsible for the action of its subordinates, and we must not feel aggrieved if the Pope and his followers judge of the whole body of Freemasonry from the standpoint of local action.

It has long been a source of regret in this country that the Masonic Order should be under the ban of the Church of Rome, and a very large section of the Craft here would rejoice to see some better understanding arrived at. It is not the policy of English Freemasonry to be at war with any other section of the community, and knowing as we do the absence of any reasonable cause for the Romish opposition to the English Craft we do not hesitate to adopt strong expressions in regard to this most un-Masonic programme of an Italian Lodge, in the hope of our leading up to a better feeling between the now opposing elements. The subject may not be regarded as of sufficient importance to call for official interference, but we are convinced there are many among us who will now take a more lenient view of the Pope's aversion to the Order, and hope for a better state of affairs some day, when English Masons will only get credit for what is carried on under the direction or guidance of their own Grand Lodge.

Opponents of the Church of Rome may gather some crumbs of comfort from a perusal of the Papal Encyclical which Leo XIII. has addressed to the people of Italy. In this the Pope makes no secret of his fears for the safety of his Church. It is not, he declares, any personal offence that saddens him, nor the privations and sacrifices imposed by the present condition of things, nor the outrages and scoffs which an insolent Press has full power to hurl against him every day. The Pope goes on to say that besides the independence and dignity of the Holy See, religion itself and the salvation of the whole nation are concerned. It is the Masonic sects which are arraigned as the uncompromising assailants of the Catholic faith. "Possessed by the spirit of Satan, whose instrument they are," says the Encyclical, "they burn like him with a deadly and implacable hatred of Jesus Christ and of His work; and they endeavour by every means to overthrow and fetter it. This war is at present waged more than elsewhere in Italy, in which the Catholic religion has taken deeper root; and, above all, in Rome, the centre of Catholic unity, and the See of the Universal Pastor and Teacher of the Church. The war began by the overthrow of the civil power of the Popes, the downfall of which, according to the secret intentions of the real leaders, afterwards openly avowed, was, under a political pretext, to be the means of enslaving at least, if not of destroying, the supreme spiritual power of the Roman Pontiffs." It is needless to remark that this is a strong indictment, and the obvious reflection is that Freemasonry in Italy, unless the Pope is misinformed, must be possessed with the spirit of Antichrist to a degree which would horrify members of the Craft in England. Papal invectives against Freemasonry are nothing new. It is not difficult to understand why it should have incurred the ban of Pope Leo's predecessors in the chair of St. Peter. It surrounds itself with an atmosphere of mystery suggestive of hellish incantations for the carrying out of very harmless and common-place formalities. To the spiritual shepherd of a vast flock it is obvious that the dark conventions of Freemasons must inevitably suggest a query similar to that which was addressed to the witches in "Macbeth," but without hope of satisfactory reply. It is equally obvious that the zealous head of a religion in which confession is one of the foremost tenets must put an evil construction upon proceedings, however harmless, which are not permitted to bear the full blaze of day. Under the descriptive heading, "What the Freemasons want," is arrayed a catalogue of aspirations whose realisation would turn society topsy-turvy, and roll back the tide of progress some thousands of years. To quote from the Encyclical itself:—"The action of the sects is at present directed to attain objects, according to the votes and resolutions passed in their most important assemblies—votes and resolutions inspired throughout by a deadly hatred of the Church. The abolition in the schools of every kind of religious instruction, and the founding of institutions in which even girls are to be withdrawn from all clerical influence, whatever it may be; because the State, which ought to be absolutely atheistic, has the inalienable right and duty to form the heart and the spirit of its citizens, and no school should exist apart from its inspiration and control. The rigorous application of all laws now in force which aim at securing the absolute independence of civil society from clerical influence." Verily the Freemasons of Italy have set themselves a Herculean task. It is a melancholy fact that the political and clerical sections of Italian society have long waged bitter warfare, in the course of which the sword of the flesh has more than held its own. This must ever be the inevitable outcome of any attempt to administer secular affairs through an ecclesiastical medium. Let any one imagine for a moment what would be the position of Great Britain twenty years hence if the Archbishop of Canterbury were made supreme and absolute as the administrator of the functions now performed by Parliament, Ministers, and permanent departments. Even Ireland, obedient and submissive as she has generally been to Papal mandates, has recently shown a restiveness and independence

which the Holy See would do well to regard as a token that Nationalists will not take their politics from Rome. Secret societies in Ireland have incurred the uncompromising reprobation of the Pope; and bearing this in mind, it is not surprising that Freemasonry, the most widely ramified and most venerable secret society the world has ever seen, should call down upon it the anathema of the Holy Father.—*Liverpool Post*.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, in the Freemasons' Hall. The Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided, Bro. Colonel Malet De Carteret Provincial G.M. of Jersey acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire as Past Grand Master.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form,

Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke G.S. read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 3rd September, which were put and confirmed.

Bro. Col. Clerke said that with reference to the resolution of Grand Lodge at its last meeting passing a vote of condolence with the Countess of Carnarvon on the lamented death of her husband, the late Earl of Carnarvon Pro G. Master, he had now to report to Grand Lodge that he had received a letter from the Countess of Carnarvon in acknowledgment of the address which the Grand Lodge had voted and had sent to her ladyship, in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge. The letter was as follows:—

Greystone Castle, Penrith.

SIR,—Will you be so good as to convey to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, my most sincere thanks for his consideration in sending me the copy of the resolution passed by Grand Lodge, which I have now received.

I am very grateful to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Brethren of Grand Lodge for the sympathy they have expressed with me in my great sorrow, and I must beg you to assure them that I greatly value the resolution which records their high appreciation of the work to which Lord Carnarvon devoted so much time and thought, and their deep sense of the loss sustained.

I remain, yours sincerely,

E. CARNARVON.

17th November 1890.

The Earl of Lathom moved that the letter of the Countess of Carnarvon be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Col. De Carteret, and agreed to nem con.

The Earl of Lathom now stated that, by command of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., he would move the recommendation that stood on the agenda paper,

That the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on Lieutenant-General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, on the occasion of his recent return from the East Indies, after completion of his term of service there as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

It was needless to mention that this was not done without precedent; in fact, there were several precedents. In 1767, H.R.H. Edward Augustus, Duke of York, brother of George the Third, was made Past Grand Master. On the same day Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, a brother of King George, was made a Past Grand Master. On the same day H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was made a Past Grand Master. In 1805, H.R.H. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, a son of George the Third, was also made a Past Grand Master, and in 1870 H.R.H. the present Grand Master was made a Past Grand Master, after his initiation in Sweden. Therefore, it will be seen we are not acting without precedent, and I hope the recommendation of his Royal Highness will be well received by you all.

Bro. Col. De Carteret seconded the motion. He could only say he hoped his Royal Highness would live many years to enjoy his position, and continue to rule his Province with zeal, ability, and discretion.

The motion was carried unanimously, amidst cheers.

The Earl of Lathom: I will now propose, Brethren, that Grand Lodge do present the clothing of a Past Grand Master to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, in continuation of the resolution you have just passed.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Col. De Carteret, and carried.

The Earl of Lathom now said: Brethren, by command of H.R.H. the Grand Master, I beg to move the second recommendation, viz.:—

That the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge and added to the national subscription now being raised in aid of the families of the crew of Her Majesty's late ship "Serpent," recently lost with all hands, except three, off the coast of Spain.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Augustus Harris Grand Treasurer said that he would send a cheque immediately, and not wait until the motion was confirmed.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., W.M. No. 209: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—I feel very proud to have the opportunity to be thought worthy to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. With great confidence I put this nomination before you as I know it will command the sympathy and attention, not only of every Masonic brother, but of every one associated with our Kingdom and our Craft. In Masonry the desire of men is to do all that is possible to create brotherly love and promote charity, and we all know—we know well—how our efforts are aided by the support our Grand Body has always received from H.R.H. the Grand Master. I beg, therefore, to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the coming year.

Bro. John Glass P.M. No. 453 Past Provincial Grand Supt. of Works Essex: M.W.G.M.,—In order that Grand Lodge may discharge its obligation to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, I beg leave to nominate for that office Bro. George Everett, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177. Bro. George Everett was initiated into Freemasonry on the 19th August 1858. He is a Past Master and the Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, and Founder P.M. and Treasurer of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, a P.M. of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and was for seven years its Treasurer, Founder and P.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2212, Founder and I.P.M. of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345. He is also a P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter, P.Z. of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, and a P.Z., Founder, and Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381, and is a subscribing member to them all. Bro. Everett was a special Steward at the Installation of the M.W.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall, in April 1875. I venture to say, M.W. Grand Master, that this is a record which merits the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge in dealing with the election of Grand Treasurer. It will be observed that in consequence of Bro. Everett restricting his membership to Metropolitan Lodges, he has been excluded from obtaining Provincial Grand honours. Bro. Everett's work in connection with Freemasonry has extended over thirty years. He has been foremost in promoting the practical benefits and extending the active charity of our Order. He has served a number of Stewardships at the Festivals of the three Institutions, of each of which he is a Vice-President. He has promoted several Charity Associations, which have furnished considerable sums of money to the Institutions. I can personally testify to Bro. Everett's good work as a member of the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School. He has proved himself a painstaking and able administrator of the affairs of that Institution, and in matters connected with the amusements and out-door games of the School he has taken a keen interest, and contributed valuable advice and liberal donations. This has tended to promote health and happiness among the boys. I will not delay Grand Lodge by dwelling upon the qualifications that, in my opinion, pre-eminently fit Bro. Everett for the post of Grand Treasurer. At the same time I hold strong convictions that in this appointment Grand Lodge is bound to examine very closely the claims and antecedents of every candidate. Bro. Everett's labours have been continuous, and his work has proved enduring. He may be described as a serious Freemason, and, unlike some meteors, who occasionally illuminate the pathway of Freemasonry and suddenly depart to electrify other spheres with their brilliancy and wonderful vanishing power. I hope I may be forgiven if I for one moment allude to the magnificent Committee who have undertaken to support and, if necessary, to do their utmost to ensure the election of Bro. Everett. This signed list of over 1700 members of Grand Lodge include brethren of all ranks in London and the Provinces, from Provincial Grand Master down to worthy Junior Wardens, who tonight for the first time have the privilege of attending Grand Lodge. In conclusion, I earnestly assure, with profound respect, those brethren who enjoy the honour of sitting around your throne, M.W.G.M., that in Bro. Everett they will find an honourable colleague ready and willing to discharge his duty. I can confidently venture to say to the brethren below the dais that they can trust

Bro. Everett to safeguard their privileges, and never to be ungrateful for the confidence they place in him by electing him to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Earl of Lathom inquired if there was any other nomination, but no response was made.

Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, having been re-appointed by the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Lathom re-invested and congratulated him, amidst cheers.

The Earl of Lathom next declared Bro. James Brett P.G.P. duly elected Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Chas. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

The following brethren were declared duly elected Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence.—Bros. W. P. Brown 90, J. Bunker 1158, G. B. Chapman 27, C. Dairy 141, S. H. Goldschmidt 1329, J. B. Grieve 1351, L. C. Haslip 813, G. R. Langley 183, G. Read 511, E. Shedd 276, R. J. Taylor 144, and A. C. Woodward 1538.

On the motion of Bro. Robert Grey President seconded by Bro. James Brett Senior Vice-President the report of the Board of Benevolence, as given by us last week, was adopted.

Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, brought forward the motion respecting the portrait of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes. He said he had been permitted, by the kindness of several brethren, to ask the Grand Lodge to accept the portrait of a brother who, he ventured to say, had by his courtesy and kindness endeared himself to the heart of every Freemason in England. For a period of twenty-six years Bro. Fenn had been an honoured and respected Officer of Grand Lodge, and he ventured to say that during that time there was no brother in Freemasonry who had done more good service. Bro. Fenn had been first and foremost in everything in Freemasonry, and had watched with a careful eye over the Craft and its relations. There was a matter he should like to lay before the meeting, which was that Bro. Fenn had spread the knowledge of Freemasonry through the Lodge of Emulation. No doubt there were many members of Grand Lodge who knew that grand and glorious Lodge of Instruction—the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. Fenn was looked up to there as a father and a great power. But coming a little nearer home, at the Board of General Purposes, to which he had been attached for years, Bro. Fenn had discharged his duties as President with courtesy, firmness, and impartiality. The portrait which they were now asked to accept had been painted by Bro. Marks, at the desire of several of Bro. Fenn's friends in the Craft, and on their behalf he begged to move that it be accepted. He hoped that Bro. Fenn would live many years to be a guiding star in Freemasonry, and that when he might be summoned to the Grand Lodge above the verdict on him might be, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) G.D.C., in seconding the motion, said he had long known Bro. Fenn, especially in those ceremonials of the Order which they had both conducted for many years. The proposition before the brethren was one which was entertained heart and soul by every member of Grand Lodge. They all wished to accept the portrait of Bro. Fenn in a truly Masonic spirit. Bro. Fenn had always acted well with him; they had worked together without a murmur, without a question. Whatever he suggested Bro. Fenn agreed to, and whatever Bro. Fenn had said he agreed to.

The Earl of Lathom said he had one word to add, to endorse everything that had fallen from the last two speakers. He had had the acquaintance of Bro. Fenn some twenty years or more, and he could say that a more upright man, or a Mason better up to his work he had not met. He thought the Grand Lodge ought to accept the motion with great heartiness and pleasure. The motion was agreed to, and Grand Lodge was closed.

On the afternoon of the 26th ult., the funeral of Bro. J. Patterson, a well-known and prominent member of the Masonic body, took place at Jesmond Old Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of the brethren. The whole of the Lodges in Newcastle were represented, together with those at Jarrow and Walker, the deceased having been I.P.M. of the latter. The deceased, who was 39 years of age, leaves a widow and several children.

"No fees" of any sort or description will be part of the managerial policy of Mr. Norman Forbes, when he assumes the lease of the Globe Theatre. Programmes and cloak-rooms will be free, and the refreshment catering will be in the hands of the Edwardes Menu Co.

OUR JEWISH BRETHEREN.

REASONS why Jews should be enthusiastic Masons are obvious to every member of the Fraternity, for upon the traditions, history and religion of their race the Order is founded. To them we are indebted for our idea of one Supreme Being as contradistinguished from the many gods of heathen worship. The Old Testament, in all its grandeur and sublimity, is their conception. Its teachings relative both to our temporal and eternal destinies are the foundation of our religion, as well as of the mysteries of our Craft. The sacred volume, never closed in open Lodge, with all its light and wisdom, the first object the eyes of the Entered Apprentice behold, the rule and guide to our faith through every grade of life, they gave us. To their wise king, Solomon, the first Grand Master of the Order, Lodges were originally dedicated, and to his genius is ascribed much of the moral work of Speculative Masonry. With the erection and adornment of his splendid Temple is associated every rite and ceremony of the Ancient Craft, as now exemplified in our mysteries.

Springing from Palestine, but one-sixth the territorial size of England and scarcely larger in area than the State of Massachusetts, this nation, for centuries without a country, remains numerically small, numbering in all considerably less than six million five hundred thousand souls, whereof between one-third and one-half now inhabit Russia, one-fourth Austria and Hungary, rather more than one-twelfth Germany, somewhat more than sixty thousand each France and England, and considerably less than two hundred and fifty thousand the United States.

The mythical wanderer, known as the Wandering Jew, the insulter of Christ in His humiliation and suffering, whether regarded as Cartaphilus, the door-keeper of Pilate on the occasion of Christ's trial, or as Ahasuerus the scoffing shoemaker of Jerusalem, is but a symbol of the Jewish people. Alleged to have witnessed the crucifixion at the age of thirty, the legend depicts him as doomed to reach the age of one hundred years, then to faint, revive as at thirty, and so on and on, until the day of judgment, always with the Saviour's curse upon him, never resting, not permitted to die or forget, remorseful, hopeless of forgiveness, ever moving, never advancing, such is the moral of the fable.

Solomon having died, the Temple having fallen, the Babylonian captivity began, and the chosen people who had been the victims of Egyptian persecution were again slaves, and still later worse than slaves under the dominion of the Church of Rome, so continuing until the Reformation came to improve their condition. Even then they were little more than tolerated sojourners in strange lands, until the New World offered them their first real home in welcome, on terms of equality with other races, and their disabilities were grudgingly but finally removed in England, after more than a thousand years of restless wandering, interspersed with brief periods of peace and comfort in different countries and under different rulers. True, but a small proportion of their numbers have sought a sanctuary here, a large majority continuing to bear their burden of suffering, in a greater or less degree, in various parts of the Old World, their condition mitigated, now and then, by the efforts and influence of leaders among them, who have been also leaders in the affairs of Europe.

Through all, even in the Dark Ages, they retained their intellectual strength as a race, fostering and transmitting knowledge they could not at once apply. The powers of mind of their educated men, even amidst universal ignorance, were never suffered to decline. Herein they possessed an element of continuing advantage over more warlike and turbulent nations surrounding and engulfing them.

They never excelled as builders. The beauty and grandeur of the Temple were due to the skill of the architects and workmen of Tyre. Nor have they been distinguished in art as sculptors or painters, perhaps owing to the traditional prohibition of Moses against making graven images and likenesses. Originally they were an agricultural and pastoral race, though long being deprived of the ownership of lands in many parts of Europe, they lost this primitive character, and survived as small dealers and money lenders. They early acquired and now have a reputation for shrewdness and sharpness, though it is doubtful whether these qualities are more deserving of

emphasis, as applied to them, than in the case of the genuine Yankee whose wits have been honed on New England granite from generation to generation.

Genial Charles Lamb was hardly in entire sympathy with them, for he says: "I have, in the abstract, no disrespect for Jews. They are a piece of stubborn antiquity compared with which Stonehenge is in its nouage. They date beyond the Pyramids. But I should not care to be in habits of familiar intercourse with any of that nation. Centuries of injury, contempt, and hate on the one side—of cloaked revenge, dissimulation, and hate on the other, between our and their fathers, must and ought to affect the blood of the children. I cannot believe it can run clear and kindly yet; or that a few fine words, such as candour, liberality, the light of the nineteenth century, can close up the breach of so deadly a division."

One of their own blood, Felix Adler, says of and for them: "The Jews have certain peculiarities of disposition; they have Asiatic blood in their veins. Among the high bred members of the race the traces of their Oriental origin are revealed in noble qualities, in versatility of thought, brilliancy of imagination, flashing humour, in what the French call *esprit*; these, too, in powerful lyrical outpourings, in impassioned eloquence, in the power of experiencing and uttering profound emotions. The same tendencies among the uneducated and illiterate give rise to unlovely and unpleasing idiosyncrasies, a certain restlessness, loudness of manner, fondness of display, a lack of dignity, reserve, repose. And since one loud person attracts greater attention than twenty who are modest and refined, it has come about that the whole race is often condemned because of the follies of some of the coarsest and least representative of its members."

It is far more agreeable, and more just, to judge them by the standard of their history, and by what they have withstood and done as a race, than by individual examples of unworthy men among them.

Four centuries before Cromwell's time they had been driven from British soil, through bloodshed and ignominy, to Holland, Poland, and Russia, and wherever they could find rest for their weary feet, and even he, with all his power, could not welcome their return, much as he doubtless wished to do so, and it was not until the Restoration that they ventured back in any considerable number, and but little more than thirty years ago that their legal disabilities were entirely removed there by Act of Parliament, since when the world's chief empire has been governed with dignity and distinguished ability, for many years, by that remarkable parliamentary orator and brainy statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, of Jewish lineage.

In France, too, their experience has been a varied one, now welcomed by Church and State, dwelling in ease and opulence, exerting a powerful influence, undisturbed by prejudice, enriching Paris and Marseilles with their wealth, holding large landed possessions, aiding the progress of trade with their capital, then shorn of their substance, their libraries burned, themselves murdered or driven from the country like the Huguenots, to return in perfect freedom only amidst the horrors of the Revolution. It was at the command of the great Napoleon that there was held in Paris, in 1807, that grand convocation of Jews, the first assembly of the kind which had occurred since the dispersion of the Israelites on the capture of Jerusalem, says Alison, the object being to provide for their reunion and settlement in France, the emperor desiring their support in the struggles in which he was engaged with Prussia and Russia. The historian says: "For seventeen hundred years the children of Israel had sojourned as strangers in foreign realms, reviled, oppressed, persecuted, without a capital, without a government, without a home; far from the tombs of their forefathers, banished from the land of their ancestors; but preserving unimpaired, amidst all their calamities, their traditions, their usages, their faith: exhibiting in every nation of the earth a lasting miracle to attest the verity of the Christian prophecies. On this occasion the great Sanhedrim, or assembly, published the result of their deliberations in a variety of statutes and declarations, calculated to remove from the Israelites a portion of that odium under which they had so long laboured in all the nations of Christendom; and Napoleon, in return, took them under his protection, and, under certain modifications, admitted them to the privileges of his empire." The Third Republic of France has produced no more remarkable man than Leon Gambetta,

a descendant, on his father's side, of the Jews of Genoa. He was distinguished for his intellectual vigour, his patriotism, his oratorical powers, and his statesmanship. His countrymen sustained an irreparable loss when his brilliant career so suddenly terminated less than eight years ago.

Spain was the theatre where the Jews attained the culmination of their splendour and the abasement of unparalleled misfortune. Allied by ties of blood to the Mohammedan race, when the latter predominated in the Peninsula, they became a respected nation and readily established a commercial nobility, rating as the most opulent people in the world; but when the Moors gave way before the power of the Catholic kings, and all Spain fell under the despotic sway of the relentless priests, the Inquisition was founded, and they at once became its favourite victims. Their wealth was confiscated to the Church, their bodies were given to unspeakable tortures, and they fell into utter ruin, from which, so far as that unhappy country is concerned, they have never recovered until quite recently.

In Portugal, where there are now about one thousand Jewish residents, less than sixty years ago the Cortes abolished the Inquisition and opened the way for Jewish settlement, according to members of the race all their ancient privileges.

In Poland, where the Jewish race early encamped in great numbers, but where they were not permitted to own land except for burial purposes, they engrossed every industry and so prospered and multiplied that when they were absorbed by Russia and Austria, more than half of all the living descendants of Abraham occupied the Polish dominions. Their condition since is matter of recent painful remembrance, too vivid to require description.

In Germany they have been disdainfully tolerated, sometimes cruelly treated, though their money kings have their home there.

Holland, the first refuge of the English Puritans, the French Huguenots, and the oppressed of Italy and Poland, has always given the weary, down-hearted Jew a cordial welcome. God bless her!

In Holland, England and the United States, and nowhere else on the face of the earth, to the same extent, the Jew has equal rights with the Christian. See how he repays it! He is a peaceful, law-abiding citizen, filling neither our almshouses nor our penitentiaries. He is always in favour of generous public instruction, free schools and public libraries, strongly on the side of liberality, and opposing sectarianism. He believes in morality, setting a pattern in the matter of domestic virtue. He avoids brawls and intemperance, preaches less than he practices, and his apt to mind his own business. He does his own thinking, and no race is more distinctively progressive than his. I am sure that I do not overdraw the picture.

A single further quotation seems so apt for my purpose that I will make it, and finish with a single other thought. "The lesson of the Jewish story is that education alone can preserve the permanence of races, and that the perpetuation of nations and of institutions rests upon the intellectual cultivation of the people; that the school-house is more potent than fleets and armies, and that the schoolmaster is the modern king."

In Blue Lodge and Chapter, Jews and Christians can and do meet on common ground, joined by mutual vows of holy brotherhood, irrespective of creed or race, worshipping one God, attached to the same general rules of conduct, and following the same lines of duty.—*Voice of Masonry.*

At a recent meeting of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1337, Bro. Chas. Waistell W.M. presiding, Bro. Christopher Palliser P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

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WHICH IS OLDER? THE HUB MS. OR THE STANLEY MS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Bros. Hughan and Speth are of opinion that the Hub MS. was copied from the Stanley MS. Such is their *dictum*; and although they give no reason for their opinion, yet the sagacious editor of the *Keystone*, at Philadelphia, and the equally sagacious editor of the *Masonic Chronicle*, at New York, have both become zealous converts to Bros. Hughan and Speth's belief. I shall, however, prove that in this, as well as in former guesses about the respective ages of Masonic MSS., my respected English brethren have erred. I believe that if either of the said MSS. have been copied from the other, the Stanley MS. was copied from that of the Hub, for the following reasons:—

1st. Bro. Speth himself, who saw both MSS., admits that the Hub MS. looks much older than the Stanley MS. In the former, some of the words have faded away entirely, and others are scarcely legible, while the Stanley MS. looks clean and new.

And 2nd. Out of the 63 Masonic MSS. known, including the Hub MS., I believe that not more than about half a dozen have appended to them what is called "Prentice Charges." These "Prentice Charges" had probably not been invented till after the Hub MS. was written, viz., 1677. Roberts, in his *Ketch-penny* pamphlet, printed in 1722, says, that the "Prentice Charges" were adopted by an assembly held in 1663, at——. But the probability is, that the *vivacious* Roberts knew no more when the assembly was held, than he knew where it was held. But be that as it may, it is certain that the Antiquity MS., written in 1688, the Alnwick MS., of 1701, the Scarborough MS., of 1705, and a MS. owned by Bro. Carson, of a much later date, are all minus the "Prentice Charges," and so is the Hub MS. But the Stanley MS. has appended to it the said "Prentice Charges." Now, had the Hub MS. been copied from the Stanley MS., the "Prentice Charges" would have been in it too; the probability therefore is, that the Stanley MS. was copied from the Hub MS., and the transcriber improved his copy with the addition of the "Prentice Charges."

Again, suppose, say—two dictionaries, by the same author, were placed before me, minus title-pages, or otherwise of dates when they were printed, and suppose one of them had an appendix, and the other had no appendix. This itself would satisfy any one that the one with the appendix was a later edition than the one without the appendix, and the same reasoning may also be applied in judging the priority of age of the respective Masonic MSS.

I hope, therefore, that my friends Bros. Hughan and Speth will take the above hints into consideration, and then (if they find that my reasons are correct) let them endeavour to disabuse the minds of the American Masonic editors, above alluded to, from their imbibed errors.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 21st November 1890.

Members of the Masonic Fraternity, not only in the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall, but throughout England, are under a debt of gratitude to Bro. Fred. J. W. Crowe, of Marsden, near Torquay, for an admirable "Master Mason's Handbook," which he has just written. It is published by Mr. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street, Lincoln-inn Fields, London, and is dedicated to an eminent Freemason, the V.W. Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of England and Deputy Grand Master of Essex. It has the advantage also of containing an interesting preface by W. Bro. William James Hughan, of Torquay P.G.D. of England, another eminent and highly esteemed Mason. The book is full of information which newly initiated brethren will find of the greatest assistance and value to them, and it will, in the words of Brother Hughan, "prove the means of enlightening many a Masonic neophyte in relation to the usages and customs of the English Craft, as well as communicating information respecting the early doings of the Fraternity, often unobtainable by the ordinary reader." The work is designed to answer questions which seem to occur naturally to newly-initiated brethren, and it answers this purpose to the fullest extent. Bro. Crowe, the author of the book, is an active and enthusiastic Freemason, who holds the position at present of Organist and S.D. of the Masonic Lodge at Ashburton. He takes a close interest in all matters appertaining to the Order, and is one of those who help to make the objects and principles of Freemasonry better understood, and, therefore, better appreciated than they otherwise would be. "The Master Mason's Hand Book" deserves, what it will doubtless have, a very large circulation among members of the Masonic Fraternity. It is worthy the consideration of Masonic Lodges whether a copy of this handbook, together with the By-laws and "Constitution" should not be presented to every candidate on his initiation.—*Western Morning News.*

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KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 109.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Monday, 24th ult. There was a large gathering of Mark Masters from the Provinces of Monmouth and South Wales, when Bro. George Hazell was installed as Worshipful Master. The following Officers and brethren of the Keystone Lodge were present:—Bros. S. G. Homfray Prov. G. Master, T. G. Jones, Alfred Taylor, W. Whitley, W. Watkins, S. Davies. Among the numerous visitors were the Master of the Langley Lodge, No. 28, Cardiff, Bro. John Sheridan P.G.S.W., and the following Officers:—N. D. Marks P.M. P.G. Secretary, J. Munday P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. H. Taylor P.P.G. Registrar, W. H. Williams P.G. Supt. Works, Thos. James P.P.G.D.C., A. W. Price 28, and R. Jenkins 28. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—T. G. Jones I.P.M., W. Mitchell S.W., J. Phillips J.W., A. Thornton M.O., J. Shute S.O., F. G. Phillips J.O., Richards Organist, J. Herbert Registrar, C. F. Gooch S.D., and A. Millar J.D. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Westgate Hotel, where an excellent banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the host (Bro. S. Dean) was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The Cardiff brethren returned by special train, after the banquet.

CONSECRATION OF THE COLLIN LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 151.

ON Thursday, the 30th ult, this interesting event took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield Street, Maryport, the ceremony being performed by Worshipful Brothers Colonel F. R. Sewell P.C.N. 3213 D.P.G.M.M.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, and George Dalrymple, P.C.N. 213 P.P.G.S.W. P.G.A.D.C. of England. Previous to the consecration the Lodge was opened by Worshipful Brother Collin P.C.N. 213, and Brother Sewell, assisted by Brother Gardiner, I. 213. The following brethren were elevated to the degree:—Brothers Edward B. Penrice, Joseph Abbott, Thomas Atkinson, Thomas Swainson, Thomas Annison, John Messenger, Robert Brown, John Smith, and Joseph Reed. The consecrating Officer, Worshipful Brother Dalrymple, having taken the chair and appointed his Officers, the ceremony was proceeded with; and an oration having been delivered by Brother the Rev. James Anderson, P.M. P.G.S.W., the Collin Ark Lodge was solemnly consecrated and dedicated with the customary formalities of the Order. Brother P. de E. Collin P.C.W. of 3213, the W.C.N. designate, was next installed as the Commander for the ensuing year. The Treasurer and Tyler were also elected, and the following Officers appointed and invested:—Joseph Nicholson P.C.N., Wor. Bro. Colonel F. R. Sewell T., J. R. Leach S.D., Thomas Mandle S., George Scott J.D., Joseph Gardiner Treasurer, Joseph Abbott D. of C., Joseph G. Scott Scribe, John Smith Organist, T. Swainson Steward, Thomas Atkinson Guard, John Messenger Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the consecrating Officers, the compliment being duly acknowledged. After other business had been transacted the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned, on the invitation of the W.C.N., to the ante-room, where refreshments were provided.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

ON Monday, 24th November, Lord Brooke, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Essex, visited Chingford, and at the Royal Forest Hotel consecrated the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, and bringing up the number of Lodges under his Lordship's rule to thirty-two. The Officers who assisted his Lordship were Bros. Richard Clowes P.P.S.G.W. as S.W. (acting in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. J. J. C. Turner Grand Senior Warden of the year), J. M. Scarlett Prov. G.J.W. as J.W., Rev. William Quennell, Vicar of Tring, P.P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Thomas J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. Eng. Prov. G. Sec. as Sec., Albert Lucking P.G.P. Eng. Prov. Grand Dir. of Cer. D.C., and W. B. Heagerty Prov. G. Reg. as I.G. The ceremony of installing the W.M. Bro. William Shurmur was to have been performed by the V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. (Recorder of Colchester), but in his unavoidable absence the duty was ably fulfilled by Bro. Albert Lucking. At the conclusion of the business, a vote of thanks was passed to Lord Brooke and the other Provincial Grand Officers, for the part they had taken in the ceremony; they were severally elected Honorary Members, and each presented with a handsome Founder's jewel. There was one of the largest assemblies of Freemasons ever witnessed at a gathering of the kind in the county, some 400 being at the Lodge, and about 300 sitting down to the dinner which followed.

Cornish Freemasons will hear with regret of the death of Bro. William Lean, of Chacewater, which occurred on Saturday, 22nd ult., after a short illness. Bro. Lean was 80 years of age, and was for 33 years Tyler of Boscawen Lodge (699), Chacewater. At the funeral, which took place in the churchyard at Chacewater, there was a large attendance of friends and acquaintances. The members of the deceased's Lodge walked in procession with the W.M. Bro. W. Hall, and some of them acted as bearers. The burial service was very impressively read by Bro. the Rev. Frazer-Frizell, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

DID FREEMASONRY ORIGINATE AMONG THE DRUSES?

A FEW months ago I had occasion to enter into a business contract with one of my Druse farmers. When we were about to draw up the agreement, the Druse suggested that, as he could neither read nor write, we should ratify the bargain in the manner customary among his people. This consists of a solemn grasping of hands together in the presence of two or three other Druses as witnesses, whilst the agreement is recited by both parties. Being always on the *qui vive* to gain a practical insight into the manners and customs of the Druses, I readily consented to this form of contract, hoping thereby to learn something more of their methods of procedure. Accordingly the farmer brought three of his neighbours to me; and the terms of our contract having been made known to them, one of them took the right hand of each of us and joined them together, whilst he dictated to us what to say after him. To my great astonishment, the Druse who was grasping my hand gave me the grip of Master Mason! I immediately returned it, to his equal surprise. He asked me how and where I had learnt their secret sign; and this set me on the track of further inquiries, the result of which has been to rouse what was before a very strong belief on my part an absolute conviction. I now feel morally certain that my theory is correct; and, speaking as a Freemason, and as one who has also searched somewhat fully into the mystic tenets of the Druses, I can assert that, in many particulars, the esoteric teaching of both systems is more or less identical. Owing to the extreme secrecy and exclusiveness of the Druse character, it is most difficult to gain an insight into their inner rights and tenets; and it requires many years of intercourse with them, and the firm establishment of relations of mutual confidence and trust, before one can be in a position to learn anything concerning them. But, speaking from experience, I can only say that if those who are qualified to pursue the subject further, will investigate carefully for themselves this most interesting matter, they will be more and more convinced of the truth of my statement, and cannot fail to be persuaded that the origin of Freemasonry is to be traced to the ancestors of the Druses, and that these ancestors were the Phœnician mountaineers of the Lebanon, who were the subjects of Hiram, King of Tyre. As might have been expected under these circumstances, the Druses are essentially a mountaineering race; there not being a single Druse village situated upon a plain, either in the Lebanon district, across the Haurân, or in the Holy Land proper.—From "The Druses of the Holy Land," by Haskett Smith, in *Blackwood's Magazine* for December 1890.

CONCERT BY THE "OLD MASONIANS."

THIS interesting event for the "Old Boys" took place, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Friday, 28th ult. W. Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., President of the Association, took the chair, and was supported by Bro. J. M. McLeod Secretary of R.M.I.B. and others. Although the weather was most inclement, a full attendance was obtained. The concert went off without a hitch, and was most successful. During the evening the Hon. Sec. Mr. R. S. Chandler, in a few words, offered the congratulations of the "Old Masonians" to Bro. McLeod on his election to the office of Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He also drew attention to the fact that several old pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were present, and he trusted it was a sign of their eventually including the "Old Girls" in their Association and its benefits. He further said he desired that the "Old Masonians" should always be known for their adherence to the three great principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Charity. Mr. C. H. Uwins proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. Bro. Terry, in replying, said he wished the Old Masonians every success, and would do his best to forward their interests. We append the programme, which was most successfully rendered throughout.

PART I.—Song, "Marching," Trotère, A. H. Stephenson; Song, "She wandered Down The Mountain Side," Clay, Miss E. Bloomfield; Song, "Hush! the Bogie Man," Lonnem, G. Brooks; Violin Solo, "Berceuse," I. I. Aarman, A. Balcombe; Song, "Beauty's Eyes," Tosti, F. Isaac; Song, "Lémore," Trotère, Miss Uwins; Song, "English as she is spoke," French, C. H. Uwins; Recitation, "The Dandy Fifth," Gassoway, F. Dyer; Song, "Why are you wandering here?" Tosti, Miss Stephenson; Song, "Love's old sweet song," Molloy, W. J. Packer; Song (Humorous), "Up to Date," Bignell, A. B. Whiteley.

PART II.—Song, "The Diver," E. J. Loder, W. J. Packer; Song, "Dear Heart," Tito Mattei, Miss Uwins; Pianoforte Solo, "Wellenspiel and Ballade," Hoffman, Miss Gough; Song (Humorous), "The Polka and the Choir Boy," C. Grain, C. H. Uwins; Song, "My mother bids me bind my hair," Haydn, Miss Stephenson; Song, "Maid of Athens," Allen, F. Isaac; Song (Humorous), "My First Cigar," C. Grain, A. B. Whiteley; Song, "The Quaker," S. Adams, A. H. Stephenson; Song, "Orpheus with his Lute," Sullivan, Miss E. Bloomfield; Violin Solo, "Romanesco," G. St. George, A. Balcombe; Song (Humorous), "A fine old Irish Gentleman," Chambers, G. Brooks. NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Following up the announcement we made that the annual festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educational Association will be held at Southampton on 8th Dec., we may state that several of the Lodges in the Town have appointed a representative Steward on the occasion, and made a grant to the funds. The average cost per annum of the children under the care of the Institution is only £12. The Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., speaking at Portsmouth on the 20th ult., said there never was a time when Freemasonry exercised so powerful an influence for good throughout the civilised world, and so far from there being any indication that that influence was on the wane, the signs were all the other way, and pointed to a progressive period of usefulness in the cause of charity, benevolence, and loving brotherhood.—*Hampshire Independent*.

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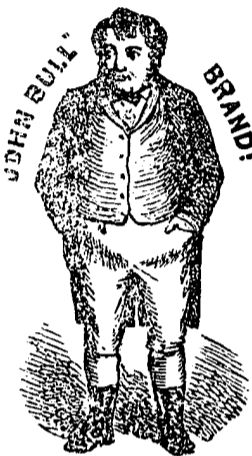
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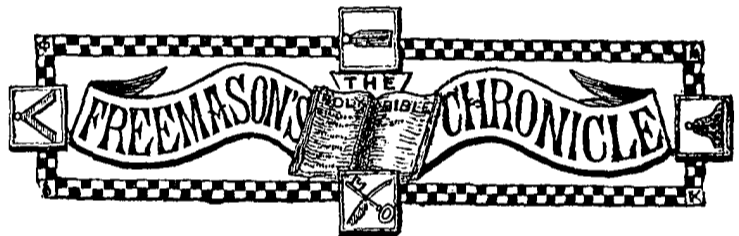
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SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER 1890.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AT SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter for the Province of Essex was held on Wednesday, 26th November, at Southend-on-Sea, the Grand Superintendent (Ex-Comp. F. A. Philbrick G. Reg.) presiding. There were also present Ex-Comps. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane Prov. G.H., G. H. Finch Prov. G.J., T. J. Ralling P.G. Sword Bearer Eng. Prov. G.S.E., G. R. Dawson Prov. G. 1st Asst., Robt. J. Warren Prov. G. 2nd Asst., Andrew Durrant Prov. Grand Treasurer, A. Lucking 1st Asst. G.D.C. Prov. Grand Dir. of Cer., Robt. Jennings Prov. G. Organist, Fred. Wood P.P.G.S.N., J. P. Lewin P.P.G.S.N., W. Bridgeland P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Richard Clowes P.P.G. Reg., William Shurmur Z. 2256, J. Wilson Acting I.P.Z. 2256, J. T. Bailey Z. 51, F. H. Meggy A.S. 276, N. Fortescue 2256, G. J. Glasscock, W. Cock Z. 2005, J. Speller 2254, G. W. Knight N. 2256, J. H. Clare N. 1365, D. Legg H. 1365, S. Walker, Thos. Humphreys H. 1437, &c.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting (held at Romford) had been confirmed, the Provincial Grand Scribe E. read a statement showing that at the present time there were 185 contributing members, as against 166 last year; while the report of the Auditors showed a very satisfactory condition of finances.

The Grand Superintendent, in his address to the Companions, remarked that it was a matter for congratulation that the Chapters under his rule had held their own during the past year; while the recent accession of the Warner

Chapter (constituted on 8th Nov.) had brought into their midst a number of Companions who, he felt sure, would be a source of strength to the Province of Essex. Their position was also likely soon to be further strengthened by the addition of the Colne Valley Chapter, at Halstead, the warrant for which had quite recently been granted by Grand Chapter; while there were whispers in the air that another warrant would shortly be applied for, to the promoters of which he was sure they should all give their hearty good wishes. After paying a warm tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Barrett, a member of the Southend Chapter, recently deceased, and to that of Lord Carnarvon Pro Grand Z., the Grand Supt. concluded by congratulating the Companions upon the manner in which R.A. Masonry was conducted by the various Principals of the Chapters, and said he felt that they might look back on the past with thankfulness and forward with full encouragement for the future.

Ex-Comp. the Rev. Thomas Cochraue proposed, and Ex-Comp. R. Clowes seconded, the re-election of Ex-Comp. Durrant as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was unani- mously carried.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

R. Clowes	H.
Fred. Wood	J.
Thomas J. Ralling... ..	Scribe E.
Dr. Cook	Scribe N.
J. T. Bailey	Reg.
Wm. Shurmur	Sojourner
Thomas Humphreys	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. Wilson	2nd Assistant Sojourner
R. D. Poppleton	Sword Bearer
F. H. Meggy	Standard Bearer
Albert Lucking	Director of Ceremonies
A. W. Martin	Janitor

Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the members of the Priory Chapter for the excellent arrange- ments they had made, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The Companions afterwards dined together at the Mid- dleton Hotel, under the genial presidency of the Grand Superintendent.

It is understood that the meeting next year will be held at Chingford.

AIRE AND CALDER CHAPTER, No. 458.

THE annual meeting was recently held, at Goole, E. Companion J. A. Bray Z. opening the proceedings as First Principal. Amongst those present were representatives of Wakefield and Hull Chapters, including Comps. M. C. Peck P.Z. P.P.G.O. England P.G. Scribe E. North and E. Yorks, D. J. O'Donoghue P.Z. 57, G. Wilson P.Z. 57 P.P.S.N. North and East Yorks, E. Corris P.Z. 57 P.P.S.N. North and East Yorks, R. Beevers P.Z. 57 P.P.G.P.S. North and East Yorks, S. Slaok P.S. 495 P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks, &c. Comp. O'Donoghue very ably installed the Prin- cipals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. W. Brook P.H. (of Hull, formerly of Goole) as Z., E. Gooderidge P.Z. as H., and R. Dayson as J. The following Officers were then invested:—Comps. Amos Gooderidge Scribe E., T. Coulson Scribe N., C. Grant P.S., Jos. Robinson Janitor. The proceedings closed with a meat tea, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 732.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 27th ult., Comp. T. Billing was installed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. E. Histed. The following Officers were invested:—Comps. C. C. Cook H., W. Botting J., S. R. Hogg Scribe E., R. Willard Scribe N., Lockwood Hawken P.S., S. Denman 1st A.S., and Field 2nd A.S. The Chapter was honoured by the attendance of M.E. Grand Superintendent Comp. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph, and several other Provincial Grand Officers.

We have before us the electoral programme issued by the Masonic Lodge of the Valley of the Tiber on the 10th of October, from which we copy some instructive passages. The first to which we call attention roundly states that they (the Freemasons) have applied the scapel to the last refuge of superstition, and that "the fidelity of F 33 (whatever that may mean) is guarantee that the Vatican will fall under our vivifying hammer." The latter phrase is distinctly precious. Later on it is avowed that the object of Freemasonry is to consummate the liberation of humanity, but that it will have to meet the greatest obstacles on the part of "the chief priest and his abject slaves." The final sentence of this circular is delicious: The G.O. invokes the Genius of humanity in order that all the F.F. may contribute to the supreme effort to disperse the stones of the Vatican to construct with them the temple of emancipated reason"

—The Universe.

SCOTLAND.

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GLASGOW PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

THE annual meeting, for the purpose of installing the Officers elect, was held on the 25th ult., in St. James's Hall, Buchanan Street, Glasgow. The attendance of brethren of the Province was very large. Bro. John Graham of Broadstone R.W. Provincial Grand Master presided, and amongst the other Officers present were Bros. Richard Barnwell D.P. Grand Master, James Boyd S.P. Grand Master, James Taylor jun. R.W.M. 3 bis acting P.G.S.W., Colin Galletly P.G.J.W., G. C. H. M'Naught Secretary, and others. The Auditors' report showed an income for the Benevolent Fund during the last twelve months of £268 15s 2d (including £214 15s from 859 entrants), and an expenditure of £199 12s in relief. The remain- ing £87 3s 2d being added to cash on hand, &c., leaves a total balance of £1,841 19s 2d. The ordinary income of the P.G. Lodge, including £81 13s 4d in bank, amounted to £152 12s 7d, and the expenditure to £64 13s 9d, leaving a balance of £87 18s 10d. The R.W. Pro- vincial Grand Master, in the absence of Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, who was expected in the capacity of Installing Master, installed the following brethren in their respective offices:—A. M. Smith Treas- urer, Wm. Phillips S. Deacon, J. Macnaught Campbell J. Deacon, Wm. O'Brien Architect, William Barclay Jeweller, James O. Struthers B.B., James Pettigrew Dir. of Cer., J. Kelso Hunter Dir. of Music, Emile Berger Organist, David Gill Marshall, James Currier Inner Guard, Thomas Halket Treasurer B. Fund, Robert Macdonald Pres. of Stewards, Robert Gardiner Tyler. A "petition regarding alleged irregularities in the St. Vincent Lodge, No. 533," was read by the P.G. Secretary. A Committee was appointed to consider the petition, and report at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The members of the St. David's (Manchline) Lodge, No. 133, Burns's mother Lodge, met on Saturday, the 22nd ult. Bro. Smith R.W.M. presiding. There was a good attendance of Officers and members, besides visitors, amongst whom were Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D. (G.L. of England), Macbean (E.C.) 2076-439, Walker J.D., and Hunter I.G. 772, Blair, Cameron, and Dickie 3 bis, Marshall 4303, Gilchrist 27, Morton 51, Hunter 91, Campbell and Laidlaw 331, and Grierson 360. Candidates were received by initiation, and the distinction of honorary affiliation conferred on Bro. Gould, which he gracefully acknowledged, and highly appre- ciated, at the hands of Bro. Dr. John Foulds P.M., then presiding. Several members were also advanced by him to the Mark degree. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, as evidenced by the fact that seven members are to be raised to the sublime degree at the next Lodge session. During the evening the Lodge was addressed by Bro. Gould, distinguished as the historian of the Craft, his remarks being valuable and interesting.

"Grand Masonic Bazaar Greenock Souvenir" is the not very attractive, but certainly expressive, title of a well-bound, well-printed, and well-edited little book, "and yet, not little, though thou little be," as is quoted in the preface by the Rev. Bro. Barclay. Its face is its fortune, he says, but its winsomeness is not confined to its exterior—by no means. It contains several finely-executed illustra- tions and fifteen poems, two-thirds of the latter being from the pen of the fair editor, Mrs. Dagald M'Innes, who writes under cover of the letters "E. B. E." Mrs. M'Innes (wife of Treasurer M'Innes R.W.M. 175) gives in her writings in verse some beautiful and touching glimpses of domestic life, such as in "Auld Stockens," "Our Charlie," and in "The Widow of Nain" we have the expression of a kindly sympathy for the sorrows of others. In the "Kyles of Bute" and "Auchmountain Glen" Mrs. M'Innes proves her ability to appreciate scenes of nature's grandeur. All are written to point a moral—for instance—

Just dae yer duty, that's the whole,
'Twill help ye mony ills to thole,
Although ye only mend a hole
In an auld stocken'.

Or,

'Twould be a tiresome world, one thinks,
If 'twere not for those heaven-sent links
Who charm us by their merry jinks,
Like Charlie.

Rae-Brown, A. P. Paton, and Rev. John Barclay are the other con- tributors to a book which reflects credit alike on the editress and publisher—published, as the title indicates, for sale at the Kenfrow- shire Stall in the Grand Bazaar in Edinburgh. The book is dedicated, by permission, to Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and Lady Octavia.—Glasgow Evening News.

A meeting of the committee entrusted with the arrangements in connection with the annual Masonic Ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute, at the Town Hall, on the 13th January, was held, on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Clarke P.P.G.R. the Vice Chairman of the Committee. Bro. Latham, the Honorary Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and reported favour- ably as to the prospects of the annual social Masonic gathering. A large number of additional Stewards was proposed and elected, and several details with regard to the arrangements for the ball, for the purpose of securing the comfort and enjoyment of visitors were discussed.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE,
No. 56.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Arundel when there was a good attendance of brethren. Bro. E. E. Street P.M. the retiring W.M. performed the ceremony of installing Bro. H. T. Holmes in a very impressive manner, the charges being delivered by Bros. Longman, Paxton, and Lloyd. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. E. E. Street I.P.M., Joseph Dixon S.W., Rev. J. A. Rivington P.P.G. Pursuivant (Oxford) J.W., E. Collings P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, J. H. Longman P.M. Secretary, E. Yorke S.D., Lewis Duke J.D., A. Lloyd P.M. P.G. Dir. of Cers. D.C., Ealing Pitt I.G., Pulman Organist, A. Shelly and C. Barnell P.M. P. Prov. A. G. Purs. Stewards, Goacher Tyler. Bro. E. E. Street was presented with a collar and jewel and gold bar, in appreciation of the way in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. After Lodge the members sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Barkshire, at the Norfolk Hotel, where they were joined by several visitors.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 95.

ON the 28th ult. Bro. T. H. Dunn P.M. was installed as Worshipful Master. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, and was performed by Bro. J. Knaggs P.M. Bro. G. Chambers was invested S.W. and Bro. Harland J.W. The installation dinner was held afterwards, at the Talbot Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, 27th ult., when Bro. Edwin Brooks was installed as Worshipful Master for the year. The Lodge was regularly opened, and the report of the Audit Committee was submitted. After having been balloted for and duly elected, Mr. Edward George Townsend was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and then the ceremony of the day was proceeded with, the new Master being placed in the chair by Bro. Heath P.M., in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Brooks appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge for the year, and they were invested:—Bros. H. Heck S.W., J. F. Haden J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, Dr. J. Pickett S.D., R. C. Wilson J.D., M. Woolf I.G., F. O. Heath D.C., W. Pierson A.D.C., E. Kidman P.M. and A. E. Samuel Stewards. The ceremony of installation was completed, and matters of general business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the new Worshipful Master. The regular Loyal toasts were honoured, the name of Bro. Garrod being associated with that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Garrod referred to the many previous occasions he had spoken to this toast in the William Preston Lodge, but remarked he was none the less pleased to do so then on that account. The loss of the Earl of Carnarvon had not yet been forgotten, nor would it ever be so long as those with whom the late Earl had worked were among us. Bro. F. G. Barns Immediate Past Master gave the health of the new ruler of the Lodge, for whom he wished, in the name of all the brethren, long life, health and happiness. He felt Bro. Brooks was capable of discharging the duties of the chair, and that he would do all that lay in his power to make his term of office a success in the Lodge. In reply, the Master expressed the gratification he felt in being so kindly received in his new position. He recognised he was not nearly so capable as his predecessor had endeavoured to make out, and he should hardly like to be so good as Bro. Barns had described, for it was well known that all the good people died young, and he did not wish to be included in that category. He felt the responsibility of his high office, and could only hope he might be able to leave the Lodge at the end of his term of office in a better condition than that it occupied that day, and at the same time win the good opinion of the members. The next toast was that of the retiring Master, who had secured for the members some very pleasant gatherings during the past year. Not the least enjoyable for the Lodge was when the members met to help celebrate Bro. Barns's jubilee. The Master hoped the jewel he was about to present to his predecessor would not only call to mind that auspicious event, but would also remind their Immediate Past Master of the whole period of his association with the Lodge, and convince him of the appreciation felt by the members at the close of his year of office. Brother Barns having been invested with the Past Master's jewel, tendered his thanks. He felt bound to say he did not regard his efforts as worthy of the kind reception they had met with in the Lodge. He particularly had to thank the Past Masters and Officers for the assistance they had rendered him, and assured the members generally that he should regard their handsome present as a pleasing souvenir of his association with the Lodge, which had now extended over a period of sixteen years. He wished to ask the Worshipful Master to accept, on behalf of the Lodge, a little present, in the form of a charity box, which he had provided for their future use. The gift of the Immediate Past Master was cordially accepted, and at once started on its mission, in accord with the general desire of the company present. On the return of the box from its travels the contents were put up to auction, as is usual at this Lodge, and ultimately knocked down for £6, which handsome sum it was agreed should be devoted to relieving the necessities of a widow who has long been cared for by the Lodge whenever opportunity presented itself. As a result of a little outside speculation, an additional eight shillings found its way into the box, and was an agreeable addition to the amount

received for the case referred to. The toast of the initiate was then honoured the Master hoping that in due course their newly admitted Brother might rise to the highest dignity in their midst. Bro. Townsend made a pleasing reply, and concluded with the hope that the members would never have occasion to regret his admission into the Lodge. The Visitors were next on the list, and met a cordial reception, several of the guests replying to the good wishes of the Lodge. Then followed the toast of the Past Masters, of whom eight were present: Bros. Miller, Worrell, Kidmar, Collens, Heath, Edwards, Le Grand and Smart. Bro. Heath replied, after which the Master gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Miller and Worrell tendering their acknowledgments. The Officers of the Lodge were not forgotten, but were heartily toasted and the best of good wishes tendered them for their future success.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting, on Monday, at Saltash. Bro. T. Shaddock, the W.M. elect, was installed, Bros. W. T. Nancarrow (the retiring W.M.), Dr. R. C. Revell, W. R. Rawling, being the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters included:—Bros. R. Pearce, James Pearce, E. Herring, E. C. Vosper, T. D. Deeble, Major M. Tracy, R.A., Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G. Chap., J. R. Lord, E. Aitken-Davies, R. Pike, J. Niness, F. R. Thomas, B. S. Johns, J. Wallis, W. L. Lavers, W. H. Crimp, J. Bray, J. G. C. Elliott, J. T. Rook, W. H. Williams, J. Gidley. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. T. Nancarrow I.P.M., J. Lander S.W., T. D. Netting J.W., E. R. Doney Chap., James Pearce Treasurer, T. D. Deeble Secretary, R. T. Meadows S.D., F. A. Rawling J.D., Jos. Brooking Dir. of Cer., N. Prout I.G., J. Braund, J. T. Brooking Stewards, J. Deeble Tyler.

GREY FRIARS' LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Wednesday, the 12th ult., the installation of the newly-elected Worshipful Master (Bro. Greenaway) took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. William Hickie, who, during the past year, had filled the office of W.M. Bros. Arthur Welch and W. Ravenscroft also took part in the ceremony. Subsequently the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. William Hickie I.P.M., Henry George Sherwin S.W., Thomas Perkins Stewart J.W., John Thomas Strausom Treasurer, Ernest William Ridley Secretary, Samuel Biggs S.D., Robert Eli Hodder J.D., Charles Slaughter P.M. Dir. of Cer., William Byron Biddles Organist, William Colebrook Long I.G., Robert Francis Hart, William Bilkey Reed, and James Dymore Brown jun. Stewards, William Hemmings Tyler, Richard Dowsett P.M. Almoner. At the conclusion of this ceremony the W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Hickie, in recognition of the eminent services which he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Hickie made a suitable acknowledgment of the gift. In the evening there was a banquet at the Great Western Hotel. It was provided in excellent style by Bro. Flanagan. The W.M. presided, and between sixty and seventy brethren were present. After dinner the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales), the Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Lathom), and the other Grand Officers. The next toast was the Provincial Grand Master Designate of Berks (the Duke of Clarence and Avondale), the Acting Provincial Grand Master (the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg), and the Grand Officers. Bro. E. Margrett Provincial G.S.W. responded, and stated that although they seemed now to be in a state of suspended animation they looked forward to the time when Berkshire would constitute a compact and prosperous Province. Bro. J. W. Martin, the Acting Provincial Grand Secretary, spoke feelingly of the services of the late Bro. Bradley, and of his attachment to Masonry, an attachment which he showed to the very last. Bro. Martin announced that the installation of the Duke of Clarence would take place ere long, and he appealed to the brethren to make the occasion a pleasant and successful one. He announced that Bro. J. T. Morland, of Abingdon, would, in all probability, be appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire. The next toast given was that of the Worshipful Master, which was well received, followed by that of the Masonic Institutions. In an interesting speech, Bro. Ravenscroft referred to the noble work that was done by means of the charitable gifts of Freemasons. Bro. C. Slaughter, who has been very liberal and zealous in the cause of the Charities, replied. Bro. Arthur Welch proposed the Visitors, and in doing so, alluded to the presence of Bro. Thomas, a native of Lagos, in West Africa. Bro. Thomas, who was accorded a most hearty reception, said that Freemasons did not care whether a brother's skin was white or black; they treated him as a brother and with every kindness. Bro. Thomas said that he had had the honour of returning thanks for the toast on an occasion on which the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales) was present. On this, as on all other occasions, he (Brother Thomas) had received the utmost kindness and consideration from his English brethren. Bros. Fenton and Atter also responded. The next toast was the Immediate Past Master and the other Past Masters of Grey Friars' Lodge. The W.M. spoke in very high terms of the accomplished manner in which the I.P.M. Bro. Hickie had done the work of the Lodge, and of the zeal he had shown in furthering its prosperity. Bro. Hickie, who was received with much applause, said that although the past year had been one of considerable labour and anxiety, it was one which, thanks to the efficiency of his Officers and the kindness of the brethren, he should look back upon with unfeigned pleasure. The next toast was the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union and of the Kendrick Lodge. The Masters of the two Lodges, Bros. J. T. Dodd and G. H. Stubington, returned thanks, and both of them referred to the harmony and excellent feeling which prevailed amongst the members of the three Lodges in the town. The other toasts were the Wardens and Officers of the Grey Friars' Lodge, which was proposed by Bro. W. Ferguson, and responded to by the Junior Warden Brother

Stewart. The Musical Brethren was next proposed, and Bro. Biddles, who was warmly thanked for his services as Organist, replied, and expressed his gratification at being able in any way to add to the success of their meetings. The Tyler's toast was given, and the company then separated. In the course of the evening there was some capital singing by three professional vocalists, Bros. Collins, Taylor, and Horscroft. Bros. R. E. Hodder and H. E. Cottrell also gave great pleasure by their singing, and Bro. the Rev. D. Amos gave a recitation with admirable effect. The gathering was altogether very cheery and successful.

RYBURN LODGE, No. 1283.

ON Wednesday, 26th ult., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge. Bro. Wm. Henry Thorpe was installed W.M., the Installing Officer being Bro. Gledhill Hallas I.P.M., assisted by Bro. R. D. Kendall P.M. P.P.G.P. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. James Haigh S.W., Alfred Briggs J.W., John Sutcliffe P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Cooker Secretary, J. C. Bell S.D., W. B. Richards J.D., John Smith jun. I.G., R. D. Kendall P.M. D. of C., Robert Wood P.M. and Charles Collingwood Stewards, J. Greenwood Tyler. Bro. William Haigh was appointed to represent the Lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and Bro. John Smith sen. was re-elected Almoner. The newly-installed W.M. presented to the Lodge a beautiful lectern for use at the meetings. On the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Bull's Head Hotel, where a superb banquet was provided.

LODGE OF ST. MARY, No. 1312.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place at the White Hart Hotel, Bocking, on Monday, 24th November, when Bro. James Bradbury was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. G. Kellett I.P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. E. Letch S.W., William Johnstone J.W., W. N. Tufnell Treasurer, Thomas Malyn Secretary, A. Piggin S.D., R. W. Munday J.D., I. Claydon and A. Piggin Stewards, James Fuller Dir. of Cer., I. Claydon I.G., J. Pendle Tyler. After the business a sumptuous repast was served by the host, Mr. Bradford.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

ON Wednesday, 19th ult., the installation meeting was held, at the Criterion, Piccadilly. There was an exceptionally large body of visitors, the list including Bros. F. Larner, Brindley, C. H. Dancocks, T. H. Hobbs, C. C. Piper, John Hare, A. G. Thomson, &c. The Past Masters of the Lodge were represented by Bros. Flattley, C. Taylor, Jones, Powell, Coulthard, Bottle, and Ray. The retiring Master Bro. E. Grant Hooper eclipsed all previous efforts in the installation of his successor, Bro. William Weston, and afforded an example which might be remembered by future aspirants for the chair. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. A. J. Bignold, J. Grist, F. Arnold, W. S. Sands, G. Messenger, E. P. Delevante, C. Taylor, H. Giddings, J. Dotterill, R. F. Roberts, J. Jones, and Shepherd. Bros. Beckham and Isaacs, Secretary and Treasurer, were re-invested, their popularity apparently gaining as the years roll on. The W.M. having initiated Mr. Arthur G. Duerre, and other duties completed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at the conclusion of which the Loyal toasts were given. The health of the W.M. was given by Bro. Grant Hooper, who gracefully put it that, although dethroned, it was a privilege the outgoing Master had to ask the brethren to honour his successor in office. On rising in turn to have attached to his breast the Past Master's jewel of the Eccleston Lodge, Brother Grant Hooper received an ovation, which must to him have been very gratifying. These personal toasts, he said, were always more difficult to respond to than others, for what could a man say about himself? In and out of the Lodge, thanks to the members, everything had gone smoothly, and there had occurred nothing to mar the good feeling which should always exist. Nor could they feel that that great Masonic virtue of Charity had been neglected. Nearly £500 had been paid over in hard cash to the three great Masonic Charities. At the same time they had been able at the first attempt to place in one of the great Institutions a child of one of their old Past Masters, now deceased. He was proud to be associated with these works. In conclusion, he thanked them for the jewel, which he would wear as long as he lived, and which would ever be a reminder of the kindness with which the members of the Eccleston looked on his efforts to do his duty. Other toasts included the Initiate, the Visitors, the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by a selection of vocal music, the artistes being Miss Lizzie Jones, Miss Agnes Matz, Bros. Bartlett and Stanley Smith, while Bro. Delevante presided at the pianoforte.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Town Hall, Maidstone, Brother William Burne Stonham was installed in the chair. Nearly every Maidstone Past Master attended, and those who were unable to do so sent letters of apology and good wishes. Past Masters and brethren from Malling Abbey and Ashford Lodges also favoured the Robinson by their presence. Bros. John Smith Lovett P.M. 709 G.J.W., and C. S. Abbott Atkinson P.M. 709 G.R., filled the Wardens' chairs. The Installing Master was Bro. F. W. Wright P.M. D.C. W.M. 1725. He performed the duty in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Bro. T. I. Barden, the outgoing Master, was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The meeting was most successful and interesting. The banquet was postponed till January next.

SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

THE November meeting was held, on the 27th ult., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. John

Whitehead, of J. Whitehead and Sons, the Granite Works, Aberdeen, Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The Lodge on the same occasion celebrated the festival of St. Andrew. Among a goodly list of visitors was Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C. Illness unfortunately prevented several Officers as well as lay members of the Lodge being present. The banquet, which followed the working of the ceremonies, was served in the true Scottish fashion, and consisted of the usual Scottish delicacies. The menu, which was a marvel of uniqueness, and was adorned with bountiful quotations from Burns, Scott, and other Scotch authors, was the work of the Secretary, Bro. James Thompson. Brothers Stewart and Home, who were that evening passed to the second degree, being about to sail for Australia, the brethren made a point of wishing them God-speed and a safe return next year. In reply to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Scottish Charities, Dr. Forbes made a strong appeal on behalf of the Scottish Charities in London, giving a full account of the benefits conferred on Scotch men and Scotch women and their children by the Scottish Corporation and the Caledonian Asylum.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342.

ON Thursday evening, Lord Brooke, M.P., R.W. P.G.M., paid a visit to this young and flourishing Lodge, at Kelvedon. His Lordship reached the Lodge-room shortly after the commencement of the business, and was received with the honours due to his rank. He was accompanied by the High Sheriff of the County, Bro. R. B. Colvin, S.D. of the Lodge, whose guest his Lordship had been, at Felix Hall. When the ceremony of the evening had been concluded, the Worshipful Master (Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.P.G. Chap. Staffs) proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had done them by his attendance that evening. It was at the time a matter of great regret to them all that, owing to ill-health, his Lordship was unable to be present at the consecration; but they were all gratified that he was now amongst them. They were fortunate in Essex in having a Provincial Grand Master who was second to none in the Kingdom, who took such a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft, or was held in such affectionate esteem in the hearts of those under his rule. With regard to their own Lodge his Lordship would, he was sure, be glad to know that the Easterford Lodge, though only nine months old, was in a very flourishing condition, they numbered, he believed, 30 or 40 members, all hard-working earnest brethren, who would be a source of strength to the Province. The Senior Warden (Bro. Dr. Salter) seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation. Lord Brooke, M.P., in rising to respond, was heartily applauded. His Lordship said that it gave him great pleasure, as the Principal Masonic Officer of this Province, to find that the confidence he had reposed in the founders of the Lodge, when he recommended H.R.H. the Grand Master to grant them a warrant, had been so amply justified. It was a pleasure to him also, as it must be a source of gratification to them, to see a Master in the chair who was so well able to discharge the ceremonial duties thereof as Bro. the Rev. Thos. Lloyd had done that evening. The ceremonies of Masonry were most impressive, and he felt sure that the candidate who had been completed that night must have been profoundly impressed by what he had gone through. As R.W. P.G.M. he felt it his duty to visit the several Lodges as much as possible, but in a large Province like Essex it was impossible he could do so as often as he could wish. Thirteen new Lodges had been added to this Province since he was called to preside over it, and the Shurmer Lodge, consecrated on Monday last, gave them thirty-two Lodges on the roll. He was most pleased to find that Masonry was so prosperous in his Province, and in conclusion he paid a high tribute to the great assistance he received in his work as P.G.M. from Bro. Philbrick D.P.G.M., Bro. Ralling P.G. Secretary, and the other P.G. Officers. After the meeting between thirty and forty brethren dined together, a capital repast being well served by Messrs. Wright and Son, of Colchester.

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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, 6th December.

General Committee Boys' School, M.H., 4
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
1466 Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew

Monday, 8th December.

59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
222 St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria Street
557 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington
2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
R.A. 1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53 Holy Sanctuary, 31 Golden Square, W.

40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411 Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberality, M.H., Redruth
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelli
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1502 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Savourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
1656 Wo'sey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington Somerset
R.A. 166 Harmony, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn
R.C. 22 Victoria, Ipswich

Tuesday, 9th December.

96 Burlington, Albion Tavern Aldersgate Street
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City
235 Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
518 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
834 Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1196 Urbra, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.

93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff.
802 Royal Edward, Royal C. k Hotel, Leamaster
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport
1120 St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sanker, Warrington
1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509 Maec, Queen's Hotel, Portsmouth
1545 Baidon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baidou
1678 Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute Walton
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
R.A. 3 Fortitude, Great Western, Birmingham
R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 321 Reason, Wellington Inn, Stratford
R.A. 349 Stuart, Bedford

R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover
R.C. 19 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 10th December.

R.M.B.L., Freemasons' Hall, 4
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13 Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, Woolwich
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot, E.C.
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood
1610 Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea
1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1900 Montagu Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square, W.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
146 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lan. s.
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town
851—Worthing Friendship, Steyno H. Worthing
852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1060 Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
1061 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342 Warrior, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
1393 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Canook
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1582 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2046 Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton
R.A. 62 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 88 Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 350 Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
R.A. 290 Prosperity, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Astoria
R.A. 1973 Saye and Selo, Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192 St. Guthbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

Thursday, 11th December.

10 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657 Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate Street
880 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
879 South Ark, Southwark Park Tavern
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Hotel, Camberwell
1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road, Paddington
1708 Plucknot, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1987 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 86 Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall Avenue
K.T. 117 New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
469 Hersey of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Spalding
477 Morsey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
781 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
786 Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Chesham, Manchester
1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar
1141 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.

1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1533 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 286 Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
M.M. St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport

Friday, 12th December.

131 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 589 Fitzroy, Headquarters H.A.C., City Road
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot, Wolverhampton
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
815 Blair, Town Hall, Helme
916 Hartington, Hartington Hotel, Eastbourne
1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
R.A. 195 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 13th December.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928 Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 6th December.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottonham 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, Fimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 8th December.

22 Loughborough, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
549 Wollington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 272 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1480 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney,
1609 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 9th December.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottonham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, S.W.
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maiden Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, Best Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 10th December.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
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, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerauce, Portland Hot, St. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Foxtath, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 514 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
1662 Benchesfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Bathon, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8

1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 11th December.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, 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
1159 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1420 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8

1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tretogar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9

M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:3

Friday, 12th December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
740 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn 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
1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30

1331 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland St., W.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Dalston, 8

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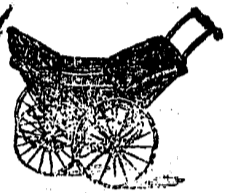


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