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## THE RIVAL ATTRACTIONS OF THE ARCH AND MARK DEGREES.

IT is not often we hear those high in authority making comparisons as to the rival claims of Masonic degrees, and regretting that "the opposition business over the way" is attracting customers, who might otherwise have been expected to patronise "the old original;" and it is a very happy circumstance that such rivalry is not often apparent, else the whole system on which the Masonic Order is based—that of freedom of action in all matters, especially those of admission into the Order or advanced degrees—would be rudely shaken, and confidence destroyed. We can imagine the members of a Royal Arch Chapter looking with jealous eyes on the rapid growth of a Mark Lodge in their midst, when their Chapter is quietly fading away from lack of new members, but under such conditions the ordinary Mason would say that the Mark Lodge was managed on more popular lines than the Chapter, or offered some special advantages which were also possible in the Chapter, if the members cared to adapt themselves to the requirements of the district. But however jealous the Companions may be, they certainly display a great lack of Masonic spirit when they publicly announce their envious proclivities.

We may be told that an address such as was recently given by the Grand Superintendent of Sussex, at the annual meeting of the Province, was never intended for publication outside the limits of Chapter, but if such was the case, why were the necessary precautions to keep it out of the newspapers not adopted? Reporters on such occasions have only to be told that certain remarks are to be regarded as confidential to ensure their being so treated; indeed, a reporter who publishes Lodge or Chapter proceedings without authority is guilty of a Masonic offence, and the great majority of them are fully alive to this fact, and carefully abstain from any comments in the press which are opposed to the true spirit of the Craft. However this may be, the fact remains, that the address of M.E. Companion Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph was duly reported, and we consider a grave error of judgment was displayed in allowing its appearance.

The Grand Superintendent is reported to have said that when comparing Mark Masonry with Royal Arch Masonry he regretted to see so many brothers flocking to that branch of Masonry—taking a retrograde step—rather than being exalted in the Royal Arch degree, which is a superior advancement in our Craft. There may not have been much harm, perhaps, in this expression of regret, but is it a Masonic way of looking at the matter? We should say, decidedly not. Not content, however, with these expressions, our brother went on to explain the reasons which possibly influence Master Masons to join the Mark degree instead of the Royal Arch:

"the fees for entrance being less and the clothing less expensive." This way of regarding the subject is certainly a novel one, or we hope so, for how can we in future impress our initiates with the idea that they are to be uninfluenced by mercenary motives in all their Masonic dealings when one of the rulers of the Craft tells the public that his following is failing because another degree offers admission at a lower price, and allows of its members being ornamented with less expensive regalia?

The Grand Superintendent of Sussex went on, wishing he could persuade the Grand Scribe E. (who he regretted was not present at the meeting) to use his endeavours to assimilate the fees, holding out equal inducements for brothers to join Royal Arch Chapters. Really if this is the conscientious opinion of the chief of Sussex Royal Arch Masonry the degree must be in a very bad way in that county, and would certainly seem to require early and radical reformation. It is, perhaps, unkind to thus criticise remarks which were probably intended for the ears of his followers alone, but such teachings, even if addressed to Sussex Companions only, are open to the severest condemnation. The chief has, so to speak, set his members at variance with those of the Mark degree in the district, and if trouble ultimately results he should answer for it, rather than the junior members of the district, who allowed themselves to be led away by the utterances of their chief. Happily the Masonic Order in this country is composed of men who are not likely to commence a war among themselves as to the merits or demerits of the higher degrees, but that satisfactory state of affairs must not be regarded as wholly permanent in face of such utterings as were listened to on the occasion of the recent gathering at Brighton. We can hardly believe there is another district in the country which would second the proposal to reduce the Chapter fees in order to bring them on a par with those of Mark Masonry, merely in the hope of attracting some of the candidates of the one into the folds of the other. If the Royal Arch cannot hold its own against the Mark degree, it would be far better even to let it die out than that a struggle should be inaugurated and a ruinous competition started upon between the two degrees.

## THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND ITS CANDIDATES.

WE are so accustomed to very long lists of candidates for the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that no particular surprise need be expressed in regard to the two papers just issued for the election next month, but they give evidence of an amount of misfortune and distress in our midst which every true Mason must regret it is not in the power of the Craft to speedily alleviate. In the case of the Male Branch there are 66 candidates, with only 14 declared vacancies, while

on the Widows' side the numbers are 81 and 12 respectively, giving a total of 147 applicants, for whom only 26 annuities were available at the time the ballot papers were prepared, and even six of that number are for deferred annuities, only payable on the death of one or other of those already on the funds. But it is not only the large number of candidates that must appeal to the benevolent sympathies of the Craft at the present time, there is another consideration, the long period during which some of the candidates have been striving to secure the coveted annuity of the Benevolent Institution. There are two aged widows who were accepted as eligible for the Fund as far back as 1880, and although one of them is in the happy position of having 2782 votes to her credit, even that number is far short of what will be required to give her the much desired pension. The other widow who has been before the subscribers of the Institution for this long period has but 116 votes to her credit, so that her chances of ultimate success may be described as being very remote indeed. Other candidates come forward for the tenth, ninth, eighth, or less times, and when we bear in mind that each successive application means an interval of twelve months, we can form some idea of the weary period of waiting these distressed Craftsmen or their widows have passed through, and yet, with all these considerations, it seems impossible for the Craft to render any further assistance than what is already being done.

Were we not brought face to face with the actual facts of the case, one could hardly believe that so many candidates would be able to comply with the very stringent regulations now in force in connection with this Institution. Considerations of long years of association with the Craft, very old age and actual necessity, are strictly enforced, and yet the list of approved candidates increases year by year beyond the possibilities of the Institution, notwithstanding the handsome amounts annually contributed on its behalf by the members of the Order. Surely no better argument than this can be used in favour of extended support for this most deserving Institution.

### THE BLUE LODGE.

*An Installation Address by the Rev. Bro. Howard Duffield, D.D.*

A RAY of encouragement beams upon me in the discovery that this evening's installation is conducted according to the style of the Blue Lodge. This fact creates a tie of fellowship. I am a presbyterian. The Presbyterian Church in the popular expression of it is a Blue Institution. Blue Lodge Masonry and blue creed theology are surely suggestive of affinity. One whose blazon is the blue banner of Presbytery and he who is invested with the Blue degrees of the Freemason, must find certain points at which they lap shields in their battle with the evil there is in the world, and clasp hands in their coming endeavour to be beloved by their fellow men. I make bold, therefore, to outline a set of ideas not drawn from your ritual, nor derived from any creed, but springing naturally from this bond of contact which may be regarded as characteristic of all who either in the Lodge or in the Church are true blue.

Blue is the colour of the sky. Its majestic dome, over-arching all nature, pictures the universality of our Masonry. The sky knows no geography, no chronology, no binding lines in society. Its starry arch is upreared over every meridian. The lustre of its azure beauty gleams with as bright a radiance upon this soiled and age-worn world as it did upon the groves of Eden in the golden morning hour of time. Its splendours are enrolled with impartial hand before the gaze of prince and pauper. It sheds its dews upon the evil and the good. It rains its sunbeams upon the just and upon the unjust. So universal and so impartial is the spirit of our ministry for the well-being of men. It is a ministry which recognises none as lofty, none as lowly, but all as members of humanity. It is a ministry which estimates none at what they are, which asks of none what they are, or what they may have been, but always looks at what they may become. It is a ministry which marks none as worthless and brands none as outcasts, but perceives the possibilities of good that lie latent in every human breast. It is a ministry that recognises the fire that is hidden in the wood, the statue of loveliness that lurks concealed in the unhewn stone, that

detects the subtle forces stored in the heart of the coal and needing but a friendly warmth for their liberation. A minister upon one occasion while announcing a collection to his congregation remarked, that he wished they would remember that philanthropy was a love of their species, and added that he hoped they would not mistake it and say that philanthropy was a love of their specie. Too many fail to make this distinction. Their philanthropic efforts are of this spurious sort and they make the discovery at the end of life which was recorded in the homely epitaph over one of their brotherhood: "What I kept I lost, and I only have what I gave away." Said one of these self-sufficient persons, "As for me, I live within myself." A friend who overheard the remark observed, "Do I understand you, that you have taken apartments in a flat?" Unfortunately such apartments never lack tenants. The world is overstocked with selfishness; crippled characters abound; those who are without hands, who have never given a sympathetic grasp to one in need; those who are blind to the sight of want; those who are tongue-tied and who have uttered no syllable of friendship and cheer to encourage the lowly and down-trodden; those who are without feet, who have turned no step aside from their own way to assist a fellow-man. "With what, sir, do you mix your colours?" said one to Sir Joshua Reynolds, as he sat before the glowing canvas of the master. "With brains, sir," was the significant reply. When you are asked, "With what do you mix the speech and action of your life?" Let the answer ever be, "With heart, sir." That wizard of the pen, Sir Walter Scott, never wrote a sweeter or truer word than that which he puts into the mouth of Jeanie Deans when she is pleading for her sister's life. Addressing the queen, she says, "Alas! it is not when we sleep soft and wake merrily ourselves that we think on other's sufferings. Our hearts are waxed light within us then, and we are all for righting our own wrongs and fighting our own battles; but when the hour of trouble comes to the mind or to the body, and seldom may it visit your ladyship, and when the hour of death comes that comes to high and low, long and late may it be yours, oh! mighty lady, then it is not what we have done for ourselves, but what we have done for others that we think on most pleasantly."

Blue is the colour of the ocean. The mantle of mystery with which it is enveloped symbolizes the unostentation of our ministry. The sea is nature's hieroglyph of Mystery. No eye can sweep its farthest bounds. No fathom line can sound its uttermost depths. No heart can fully interpret the weird message which its surges are ceaselessly sounding. Its mighty work of purifying and refreshing the world is wrought in silence. Its beneficent vapours steal along the viewless highways of the air and descend in gracious rains to feed spring and fountain upon the far off mountain sides. They pour their gracious waters o'er the earth and cause it to bud and bloom so that flower and leaf, tree and plant are only sea foam transformed wondrously and secretly. All great works court privacy. The alchemy of nature is wrought in secret. There is no sound of the shuttle as she weaves the garments of beauty with which the earth is arrayed. The planet turns upon its axis without a jar. Ships cross the equator with no grating of the keel. The sunbeams sound no trumpet before them. Violets send no herald to proclaim their coming. "The feet of the gods," says the ancient proverb, "are shod with wool and the array of the earth's true helpers march without band or banner." This is a principle that may be fitly emphasized at the present day. This is an age of advertising. The most conspicuous monuments of our day are bill boards. The century has gone statistic crazy. The benevolent spirit that prevails is largely tinctured with the desire to experience what Charles Lamb said was the greatest delight of his life, "to do a good deed by stealth, and have it found out by accident." The accidental discovery of our good deeds, however, is largely of the sort illustrated by Artemus Ward when he hired a band to come and serenade him by surprise. None so willing nowadays to lay a single egg of benevolence without clucking until the whole community has been notified of the event. But the flower that humanity cherishes in its bosom is not the bloom of flaunting but that which itself is unseen, is discovered only by its fragrance. The *Te Deum* is anonymous. The Temple of Solomon arose without sound of axe, hammer or any other tool of iron.

Blue is the colour of the sapphire. The costliness of the jewel betokens the spirit of sacrifice involved in our mystery. All good things cost. The civilization which we enjoy is the fruit of toil and tears. "Every good book," says John Milton, "is the distilled life-blood of some master spirit." The September harvesting means an April seeding and a long summer's tilling. Old Dr. Johnson once said that if a book of his had been issued for a week without being attacked by the critics, it could not be worth the printing. All things of worth invite criticism. Opposition is oftentimes a standard of value. The path of ministry is always marked by self-denial and suffering. Antagonism sometimes measures benefits. Every step of invention, every advance of truth has cost a battle. The helpful life is no summer holiday but a holy sacrifice to be offered upon the stern altars of duty. The way of ministry is oft-times to be trodden with bleeding brow and aching feet. Its crowns are thorny. Its cup is oft-times bitter and its cross heavy to bear, but its spirit is the jewel which bespeaks man's true nobility. That was a splendid exhibition of self sacrifice noted in our daily papers where a hundred Knights in the Chicago Commandery displayed a true chivalry by yielding their flesh to the surgeon's knife in behalf of a stricken brother. They received their accolade of truest Knighthood from the lancet. No jewels of their Order can ever adorn them with the tokens of genuine nobility like that scar of sacrifice.

The name of your Lodge carries with it much interesting suggestion. You are to be congratulated on having the title Oriental, inscribed upon your portal [Oriental Lodge, No. 242, Michigan]. Max Muller says, "We all come from the East ourselves, and all which we possess that is worth the having came from the East too." The statement seems astonishing at first sight. We think of the Orient as a place from which we receive rugs, quaint in design, curious in texture and rich in colour; porcelains of lovely form and rare device; aromatic spices, strange, delicious fruits and costly perfumes; but the slightest thought reminds us that the scholar's statement is true. Columbus sailed to the discovery of America from the regions of the East. In the Middle Ages when a new civilisation and a new literature came streaming over the Alps, it followed the track of the rising sun, bearing from Greece her treasures of thought and from Rome her trophies of power, and enriching all the Europe of the West. The East is the land of mighty buildings, the mountain-like Pyramids and the rock hewn temple, the graceful mosque and the grotesque pagoda. The Orient was the home of Moses, schooled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and of Solomon, the princely pupil in a higher school than that of earth. In the lonely Eastern desert stood the Tabernacle, and like a cordon of giant sentinels rose the frowning crags of the Sinaitic Mountains. Throned upon the Eastern hills was reared the splendid Temple, upon whose superb beauty the stars of the Assyrian sky looked lovingly down. The East is the gateway of the day. Through the golden portals of the Orient, the sun enters upon his triumphal march, and pours his splendid presence on the waiting world, shining upon continent and ocean, upon metropolis and wilderness, on arctic snows and tropic sands, upon the palace and hovel, crowning mightiest mountain with his radiance and nurturing the lowliest plant with his graceful benediction, tireless in his strength, shining on through uncounted ages with no whit of his force abated, mysterious in his power, the mighty furnace of his strength fed, we know not how. As such a munificent source of blessing must the illustrious title, Oriental, stamp the Lodge to which it properly may belong. When, as I am informed, your Master takes his seat in the East, it would seem to me a patent hint that his should be a sunlike nature, diffusing a wide and ceaseless benediction, and that his retinue of brother Officers, like a glittering constellation of starry orbs, should ever diffuse through the sphere of the Lodge in which they shine influence that should illustrate and extend the principles that underlie your august organisation.—*American Tyler.*

### TO BE, OR NOT TO BE.

**M.** W. BRO. G. COPPIN P.G.M. V.C., at the last Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, raised a question on a point of procedure which, in the interests of South Australian brethren, it

would be well to have constitutionally settled once for all. In supporting the nomination of M.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., for re-election as Grand Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Coppin is reported as saying:—"The principal object which he had in rising was to express the hope that at the re-election of the Grand Master he would be installed in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. It had been held in opposition to his views last year that it was enough to proclaim the Grand Master after his re-election. It was considered that at his election he had to be installed, but that after that proclamation was sufficient. This was quite opposed to the Book of Constitutions. The argument was that in England that course was adopted. But the reason in that case was apparent. It was well-known that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales very seldom attended the Grand Lodge. If he did not attend regularly to be installed they would lose him as their Grand Master, and they therefore broke the laws. . . . No matter whether it was a re-election or a first election, the position of Grand Master, in his opinion, should be installed. . . . He thought this a very important question for Grand Lodge to take into its serious consideration, because the Grand Lodge was the model by which the private Lodges worked. He had seen cases where the Master was simply placed in the chair and proclaimed. This was wrong, for the law was more stringent in the case of the Master of a private Lodge than in the case of the Grand Master. He thought that a committee should be appointed to fix a rule for the installation of the Grand Master, and the private Lodges would follow that example." Although we are not at one with the M.W. Brother in his argument favouring this step, his opinion—coming as it does from so old and experienced a Craftsman—is entitled to great respect and consideration. The English, and probably most of our Colonial Constitutions, clearly enough state that the election and installation of the Grand Master shall take place annually, but no reference is made to a re-election, and it is an event not provided for in equally specific terms. Still, reasoning from analagous cases, it is to be supposed that in the case of one continuing in the office the original forms and obligations would still hold good, and need not be repeated. The Governor of a Province, if his term is extended, is not required to take a fresh oath of allegiance, neither is it the case with the Mayor of a municipality, under like conditions; and in no other administrative instance shall we find such a proceeding imperative. So with a Grand Master of Masons, or the Master of a private Masonic Lodge, the one obligation and the one act of installation holds good for an extended tenure of office, should cover the whole and be deemed sufficient. Bro. Coppin will doubtless urge that this is a mere expression of opinion with no authoritative basis, and is only calculated to uphold an infraction of the Constitutions. Well, no, our remarks are not so intended, but if our difference of opinion will have the effect throughout these several jurisdictions of directing attention to what is conspicuously an oversight in the framing of the law appertaining thereto, and lead to an explicit and definite ruling thereon, he (Bro. Coppin) will not have raised his voice in vain or animadverted to no purpose. Speaking for ourselves, we trust that this will be regarded as one of those necessary amendments of our Constitution to be speedily submitted to Grand Lodge for decision. Which ever way it may go, we, and all concerned, will thenceforth cheerfully obey the supreme will. Nothing conduces more effectually to satisfactory and pacific working in the Craft than to have laws clearly defined, leaving nothing to the caprice of the brethren, or in any way debatable. Let nothing mar the good understanding that should prevail, or defeat the object through ambiguity of expression, omissions, or rules capable of misconstruction or evasion.

—*South Australian Freemason.*

Freemasons throughout Cheshire and Lancashire will hear with regret of the death of their esteemed Bro. John Parry Platt. He was one of Liverpool's oldest business men, having been born in Castle-street in 1817, and carried on business there for about 50 years. In Masonry, he was perhaps the oldest in Cheshire, and he gave much time to establishing the Cheshire Educational Institution, which owes its existence to his patient, untiring exertions. He took an active interest in the Masonic Charities. His simple life, kindly disposition and readiness to help the orphan, widow, and friendless commended him to the esteem of all who knew him.



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

AT the regular monthly meeting of this ancient Lodge, held at the "New Falcon" Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday evening, Brother John Simpson was admitted as a joining member; Bro. Joseph Davis was passed to the second degree; and Bros. William Parker and John A. Cave were raised to the degree of M.M. The W.M. Bro. Frank Hitchins performed the former ceremony, and the latter was undertaken by Bro. R. J. Beamish I.P.M., the ritual in both cases being impressively rendered. Among those present were Brothers Solomon S.W., Rev. A. Jackson J.W., J. C. Biggs P.M. Secretary, W. H. Hedges P.M., W. E. Hollingum P.M. Treasurer, Rackstraw, W. H. Loft, Buckle, Fowle, and several visitors, who subsequently adjourned to the pleasures of the fourth degree, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## OLD GLOBE LODGE, No. 200.

THE Centenary gathering of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, took place at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on the 15th inst. After the usual business the centenary warrant was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Woodall P.G. Treasurer, &c., and was suitably acknowledged by the W.M. Bro. Walshaw. A history of the Lodge was read by Bro. Peacock, after which a Masonic anthem was sung, and the proceedings closed. A banquet subsequently took place at the Royal Hotel, a large number of brethren being present, including many invited guests from the North and East Ridings Province, and elsewhere. An excellent repast was provided by Bro. Hartmann, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including that of the Mayor of Scarborough Bro. H. Darley P.M. The evening's proceedings were much enhanced by songs from Bros. Raine, Harland, Catley, Ascough, and Fletcher, Bro. Peacock jun. being musical director.

## STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

ON Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the annual festival of St. John, Bro. Dr. E. W. Taylor P.P.G.O. was installed as W.M. of this Lodge, in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren and brethren of the Lodge. The ceremony was ably performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Frederick Taylor Prov. G.S. The following Lodge Officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M.:—Bros. Frederick Taylor Prov. G.S. I.P.M., W. G. Taylor S.W., Nevitt J.W., Rev. A. H. Talbot P.G.C. Chaplain, Joyce Treasurer, Wormal Secretary, Evans S.D., Marson J.D., Mottram D.C., Hall I.G., Oswald and Harston Stewards, and Tomlinson Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, when the following toasts were duly honoured:—"The Queen and the Craft," proposed by Bro. Dr. Taylor W.M., "The Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Bodenham Prov. G.S.W. and Past A.D.C. England. The next toast, that of "The Prov. Grand Master Col. Foster Gough, the Deputy Prov. G.M. Lieut. Col. Bindley, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past," was proposed by Bro. Joyce and responded to by Bro. Pepper P.P.S.G.W., and Perkins P.P.G.A.D.C. Bro. Bodenham then proposed the health of the newly installed Worshipful Master, wishing him a prosperous year of office, and the W.M. suitably responded. The following toasts were also drunk:—"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Evans and responded to by Bros. Dr. Willmore, (Yelland), King (Lichfield), and Wilson (Wednesbury), "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. Oswald, and responded to by the I.P.M., "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. W. G. Taylor S.W., and responded to by Brother Mousley P.P.G.S., and Batkin Prov. G. Stand. Bearer, "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Nevitt J.W., and acknowledged by Bro. Woolley P.P.G.A.D.C., the Charity Steward, "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Peach, and responded to by the Wardens, and "The Tyler's Toast." Bros. Wilson, Mousley, Wheway, Taylor, Hall, and Peach enlivened the proceedings with songs and recitations, Bro. Dr. Willmore presiding at the pianoforte.

## MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the "Silver Tavern," Burdett Road. The W.M. Brother Somerset W. Timson presided, and was assisted by a full muster of Past Masters. Among the visitors were:—Bros. Berry P.M. P.Z., and Cotter P.M., of 554, Kinipple P.M. 1816, Richards W.M. 813, Finch 1901, Foulds 1259, Hallett 1816, Vallance Temperance-in-the-East, Lewis, Griffiths 1382, and Stevens 2272. Lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The chief business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. Pringle presented Bro. Pasfield to the W.M. for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Pasfield was, according to ancient rite, duly inducted into the chair of K.S. On the return of the brethren to the Lodge the New W.M. was saluted by the brethren in the various degrees. He then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Gooch S.W., Turiff J.W., Daniell P.M. Treasurer, Breden P.M. Secretary, Bull Assistant Secretary, Anderson J.D., Seage I.G., Burge Dir. of Cers., Lancett and Bedrouth Stewards, Ellingford P.M. Tyler. Bro. Pringle P.M. performed the duties of installing Officer with his characteristic precision of manner, and his delivery of the various addresses was marked with clearness and impressiveness. Other business being disposed of, a banquet followed, and the W.M. rose to propose the Loyal toasts, which were received with Masonic fervour. Bro. Timson P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Pasfield, and was sure that in him the Lodge had a W.M. who

would reflect credit on them, and with the list of able Officers he had selected there was little doubt that he would have a good year of office. In reply to the toast of Installing Officer, Bro. Pringle expressed his heartfelt thanks for the way in which his health had been proposed and received. On the W.M. they could rely as a good practical man, like his predecessor; he would follow the same successful course. For the Visitors, Bros. Berry and Cotter, two veterans in Masonic honours, responded, expressing their gratification with the work of the Lodge, and their pleasure in assisting in the honours of the fourth degree. For the Past Masters, Bro. Gaisford replied, referring to the W.M. as one of the youngest he had seen appointed, and one whose hard work in the Lodge of Instruction had fitted him for his elevated position. Bro. Reeves also added a few words. For the Masonic Charities, Bro. Daniel replied. He said their sympathy and support would be especially welcome in the case of aged people. It was painful when those who are in the decline of life were compelled to ask assistance. There were now 146 applications before the Committee, and the funds would only allow for twenty-six. What was to become of those who were disappointed? If all Masons subscribed to these Charities, there would be room for all applicants. For the Officers, Bros. Gooch, Anderson, Seage, and Burges responded. Between the interval some capital musical selections were performed.

## FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 838.

THE brethren held a Lodge of Emergency on the 16th inst., in celebration of the 105th anniversary of the death of Sir John Franklin, after whom the Lodge is named. The Franklin coat-of-arms was unveiled, and Bro. Barratt gave a lecture on the American mode of rendering the ritual.

## HORNSEY LODGE, No. 890.

A LARGE gathering of Master Masons assembled at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, High Street, Lewisham, S.E., on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., for the purpose of hearing the ceremonies of consecration and installation rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. and Secretary R.M.B.I. Amongst those present were the following Officers of the mother Lodge:—Bros. Pickering W.M., Carderlier S.W., Squire J. Pitt J.W., Dr. Kempster P.M. Treasurer, Drew P.M. Secretary, Garrard S.D., Villeneuve J.D., and numerous members. There were also present Bros. James Stevens, Martin, Joyce, Axford, Bonner, Tilling, Fieldson, Catt, Lancaster, and Norris Past Masters, Robin Secretary, and 33 other members of the Lodge of Instruction. Other Lodges represented were Nos. 140, 147, 201, 217, 525, 548, 834, 871, 879, 1076, 1275, 1329, 1423, 1446, 1471, 1539, 1563, 1571, 1572, 1981, 1997, and 2332, by a grand total of 43 visitors, of whom 26 became members before the Lodge was closed. About 100 brethren were seated comfortably, leaving "ample room and verge enough" for all the important and imposing details of the consecration ceremony. How that ceremonial was performed by Bro. Terry it is needless to describe, his great ability and impressive method in connection with this beautiful portion of Masonic work being so generally known throughout the Craft. As with the first portion of the evening's labour, so with that of the installation, Bro. Terry's exposition gave general satisfaction, which at the conclusion of his several addresses was expressed by acclamation. The thanks of the Lodge of Instruction and the customary compliment of honorary membership were voted to Bro. Terry, with one voice, and after the usual routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, Bro. Pickering the W.M. of the mother Lodge, No. 890, presiding. The entire proceedings reflected the greatest credit upon those brethren concerned in providing for the reception, comfort, and entertainment of the members and their visitors, and the Lodge itself has, we imagine, good reason to be satisfied with the success which has attended its first exoteric announcement of its very recent establishment.

## TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

ON the 8th inst., in the presence of a large and representative gathering of the Masonic Brotherhood, Bro. Lett was installed Worshipful Master, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Alexander W.M., supported by Bros. P.M.'s Pye, Kellett Smith P.P.G.R., Alexander, Yelland P.P.G. Stand. Bearer, and Fisher E. Boustead. Bro. Lett, presented by Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith P.P.G.R. and Bro. Boustead P.M., was installed in the chair of Worshipful Master by Bro. Pye P.M. Bro. Alexander, the retiring P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Alexander I.P.M., Sutherland S.W., Day J.W., Jones P.M. Treasurer, Alexander P.M. Secretary, Knowles S.D., Scott J.D., Boustead P.M. Dir. of Cers., Yelland jun. I.G., Alfred Scott Organist, Wylie S.S., Pearson Chambers J.S. Bro. Malcolm was unanimously elected Tyler. The Lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served very creditably by Bro. Casey. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically replied to, and during the proceedings the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a handsome diamond and emerald ring, for Mrs. Alexander. A choice musical programme was given by Bros. Bain, Battey, Hamblett, Ironsides, Neighbour, Wylie, and Bro. Maccan, concertina soloist.

## FRIARS' LODGE, No. 1349.

A LARGE number of brethren and visitors assembled on Monday, at the "Ship and Turtle," Leadenhall-street, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the W.M., and other business. Bro. B. D'Acosta presided, and was assisted by Bros. Musto P.M., Marks P.M., Friedeberg P.M., Pierpont P.M., Oxley P.M., Weston P.M. Roco, Scott, De Casseres S.W., Fox J.W., Jacobs S.D., Eschwege J.D.,

Cohen I.G., Shearman, Nicholls, Warren, Maloney, W. and S. Jacobs, Topping, D'Arcy, Brennan, Tressider, Baker, Airey, Cohen, Corper, Hart, Harris, Isaacs, Solomons, Shuter, Randall, Rosenthal, and Cooper. The Lodge being duly opened, Bro. Davis, after answering the usual questions, was raised to the sublime degree. Bros. Moody, Ayres, Allen, Solomon, and D'Acosta were passed to the second degree. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. Bro. De Casseres having been elected by the brethren as the new W.M., was brought before the Lodge and signified his assent to the customary questions. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. De Casseres was inducted into the chair. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—Fox S.W., Jacobs J.W., Eschwege S.D., Cohen J.D., Shuter I.G., Harris Dir. of Cers., M. D'Acosta and Corper Stewards, Musto P.M. Treasurer, Friedeberg P.M. Secretary, and Young Tyler. The Lodge jewel was voted to Bro. B. D'Acosta on his appointment as I.P.M., and an additional handsome jewel was presented to him by several brethren to mark their recognition of his services as W.M. during the past twelve months. The report of the auditors was received, showing a substantial balance, and a sum of two guineas was voted towards the Building Fund of the new wing of the Royal Free Hospital, of which institution the Earl of Lathom is Chairman. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet-room, where a *recherché* repast was served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being disposed of, Bro. D'Acosta proposed the health of the new W.M., in eulogistic terms, and remarked that the Lodge would be proud of him, as he was a most admirable worker of the ritual. The W.M. in reply said there were certain times in a man's life when he might be pardoned for being proud, and he could not help feeling proud at being placed in the enviable position of Master of the Friars' Lodge. He should rely upon his Officers and the brethren generally to make his year of office a success. He would endeavour to do his duty faithfully, and trusted that when he laid down the gavel at the termination of the twelve months, the brethren would have no fault to find with any action of his. He then proceeded to return the compliment to the I.P.M., saying that there never had been a more popular Master in the Friars' Lodge. He had left the chair in a most prosperous state, with the largest balance ever handed over. With regard to the work, he was a host in himself, and in consequence of his talent was an honorary member of nearly half the London Lodges of Instruction. Bro. D'Acosta in returning thanks hoped to continue to deserve all the good wishes bestowed upon him, and would always be glad to work for the Friars' Lodge. He thanked the brethren for both the jewels, which he should cherish all his life, and leave as heirlooms to his family. Bro. Friedeberg P.M., in a neat speech, proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Oxley, Scott, Cooper, and Cavendish. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Musto, "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast. The harmony of the evening was further promoted by some excellent songs, given by Bros. Maloney, Fox, Woolf, Hart, Hentchel, Marks, and Harris. Bro. Bellman officiating at the piano.

#### TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, on Monday 13th April. Present:—Bros. Kershaw acting W.M., Blears S.W., Morris J.W., Burslem P.M. Treas. acting Secretary, Wilson S.D., Mayberry P.M., Knight, Langshaw, H. S. Johnson, A. R. Johnson, and Hyman. Visitors:—Bros. Lisenden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and Antonio Organist 581. The brethren met at 7:45, to tea, after which the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no ceremonies to perform, the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Burslem P.M. and Treasurer related the traditional history to the Bros. Johnson, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8:20. At the social board the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bros. Antonio, Lisenden, and Langshaw gave a selection of songs, recitations, &c., which were much appreciated.

#### COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE last meeting of the season of this popular Lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Reynolds W.M., Foan S.W., Unwin J.W., Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, G. Reynolds P.M. Secretary, Bullen S.D., Dowling acting as J.D., Stacey P.M. Organist, Bolsham I.G., Mayo Steward, Jacobs P.M., Coleman P.M., Green, Price, Keen, Humphrey, Thrussell, Walker, Cox, Woodward, Faulke, Nathan juv., Hansen, Wise. Visitors—Bigley P.M. 1298, Brown P.M. 733, Dicks J.W. 1237, Ainslie 755. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Cox and Keen having answered the usual questions, Lodge was opened in the 3rd, and the brethren were raised to the degree of M.M. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of the visitors the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Club Room, excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in a hearty and cordial manner, and were enthusiastically received. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Bigley P.M., Brown P.M., Ainslie, and Dicks. The Secretary (Bro. G. Reynolds) was congratulated on once more being in Lodge after his severe accident. The proceedings were diversified by the singing of Bros. Jacobs, Keen and others, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Thrussell.

#### HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Vestry Hall, Hammersmith, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The ceremony was worked by the out-going Master Bros. Mander, and Williams, assisted by P.M.'s Read, Room, Stroud, Tipper, Cockburn, and the Secretary Bro. Barclay P.M. 1767. The W.M. Bro. Williams P.G.D. of Middlesex P.M. &c., then invested his Officers, as follow:—

Bros. Gordon S.W., Barker J.W., Cockburn Treasurer, Barclay Secretary, West I.G., Williams D.C., Dare and Watson Stewards. The ceremony of passing was worked by the retiring W.M., and the third degree by the new Master, after his installation. At the conclusion, he presented Bro. Mander with the P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge, and also handed, with some well-chosen words, the beautiful locket the Lodge had voted to Bro. Room, who was compelled by the pressure of his many Masonic duties to resign the post of Treasurer of the Hammersmith Lodge. Bro. Room thanked the brethren for their handsome present, and said it only confirmed what he had often repeated that Masons were the most grateful of any body of men, in that they magnified any little act of assistance into something worthy of notice, while other people would pass it by, and think nothing of it. He should, he trusted, long remain a member of the Lodge, and would always be ready to assist in any way he could its members. He also felt that the Lodge had done wisely in appointing Bro. Cockburn as his successor. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Brook Green Hotel, where a banquet was provided. Among the Visitors were Bros. Levy P.M. 185, Caiston P.M., Josey P.M. 1828, Sims P.M. 834, Gardner Grand Sword Bearer of Backs, Drew P.P.G.O. Derby, and others.

#### ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 2226.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., the installation ceremony took place, at Rhymney. The W.M. elect Bro. Williams I.P.M. 1098 P.G.S.D. was presented by Bro. Pritchard W.M. to the Installing Master Bro. Captain Homfray D.P.G.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Williams according to ancient form; after which the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow: Bros. Pritchard I.P.M., Marks S.W., Williams J.W., Rev. Theophilus Chaplain, Jones Treasurer, Evans Secretary, Randall S.D., J. Llewellyn J.D., Aoland Dir. of Cers., Edwards I.G., Golding P.M. Organist, Stoborne and Bevan Stewards, and Aish Tyler. At the close of the Lodge the brethren assembled at the Royal Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet had been prepared by Host Williams. Bro. Williams W.M. presided. At the termination of the banquet a very pleasing ceremony took place, that of presenting the Officers and Members of this Lodge with a beautiful organ. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Captain Homfray, in a neat little speech on behalf of Mrs. Williams, of the Royal Hotel, made the presentation, which was received with acclamation. The organ bears the following inscription on a silver plate:—"Presented by Mrs. Fred. O. Williams, of the Royal Hotel, Rhymney, to the Officers and Members of the St. David's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2226, Rhymney, in commemoration of her 21st birthday, and on the occasion of her father-in-law's, Bro. Williams, year of office as Worshipful Master."

#### WIGAN LODGE, No. 2326.

THE first annual festival was celebrated on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan. Bro. Simpson was installed W.M., the officiating Officer being Bro. Captain Murray P.P.G.D.C., assisted by the I.P.M. Bro. Tomlinson P.M. P.P.G.W. The following were appointed Officers for the year:—Bros. Ackerley, J.P., S.W., Taberner J.W., Smith, J.P., Secretary, Betley P.P.G.A.S. S.D., Tomlinson J.D., White, M.D., I.G., Snape P.M. 1335 S.S., Wilkinson J.S., Rev. J. C. Blewett Chaplain, Brown P.M. 1335 Treasurer, Campbell P.P.G.O. Organist, Smalwell Tyler. The installation feast was served in the dining-room, which, together with the hall and staircase, was decorated with a beautiful display of plants and flowers from Longhurst. There were present several distinguished visitors, including the Grand Chaplain of England the Rev. T. B. Spencer, and the rector of Southport the Rev. C. H. Knollys. The bill of fare was a fine specimen of the printer's art, the cover was adorned with a well-executed reproduction of the ancient merchants' seal of the borough of Wigan, which was in use in the early part of the fifteenth century, and the selection of quotations, which accompanied each course, was exceedingly felicitous. The musical portion of the proceedings included some capital quartettes by Bros. C. Grime, J. G. McConnell, W. M. McConnell, and T. Margeson.

#### UNIVERSITIES LODGE, No. 2352.

THE annual festival was held on the 16th inst. in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, for the installation of the W.M. Elect Bro. the Rev. Canon Kynaston, D.D., P.P.G.S.W. Gloucester. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. the Hon. Orde-Powlett D.P.C.M.N. and E. Yorkshire, assisted by Bro. Whytehead Grand Sword Bearer of England. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Rev. Canon Kynaston P.P.G.S.W. W.M., Rev. Tristram, D.D., I.P.M., Luck, M.A., S.W., Rev. Yeld, M.A., J.W., Forster, M.A., Treasurer, Dr. Hill Drury P.M. P.P.G.R. Norfolk Secretary, Dr. Lawrence S.D., Dr. Booth J.D., Dr. Jepson Dir. of Cers., Rev. Shortt, M.A., I.G., Ensor, B.A., and Rev. Lawson, M.A., Stewards, Matthews Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson P.G.M., Hudson P.G. Secretary, Pattinson Prov. G. Assistant Secretary, and others. A banquet was afterwards held at the Rose and Crown hotel.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane. Present—Bros. Hobbs Preceptor, Morris W.M., Lea Smith S.W., Ivey J.W., Fraser Treasurer, Mapleton Secretary, De Paiva S.D., Southwell J.D., Mansell I.G., Diamond, Knight, Williams, Francis, Whaites, Marshall. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Diamond gave the explanation of the record tracing board. A vote of thanks to the W.M. for the manner he had, for the first time, filled the chair in the Lodge was unanimously carried. Bro. Grant was elected a member of the Lodge. It was resolved that the session of the Lodge should end on the last Thursday in April, instead of May. Lodge was then closed.

## SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1380.

ON the 13th inst., the members celebrated their twentieth anniversary, when Bro. Blackburn P.M. was installed W.M. for the second time, Bro. Sword retiring. The Lathom Hall, Seaforth, in which the Lodge meets, was well filled, among those present were Bros. Hughes P.P.D.G.D.C., Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., Ford P.G.J.D., Nicholls P.M. 2042, Hale W.M. 1473, Isaac W.M. 2114, Hunaens 1756, Hargraves 2289, Pendrigh 1713, &c. Bro. Blackburn was presented for installation by Bros. Broadbridge P.G.D.C. and Ford P.G.J.D., and the ceremony was performed in a most impressive and efficient manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. Sword, after which the following Officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Woosay S.W., Parker J.W., Ford P.G.J.D. Treasurer, Darby Secretary, Jones Organist, Arrowsmith S.D., Chesters J.D., Edwards I.G., Bedder and Richardson Stewards, Sword I.P.M. Dir. of Cers. The proceedings were followed by a banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Bedder, during which the W.M. performed the pleasant duty of investing I.P.M. Sword with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Sword responded in a very appropriate manner, after which the brethren were entertained with a delightful musical programme by Bros. Nicholls, Edwards, Hollis, Wright, and Hunaens.

## WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE installation of Bro. Greenwood took place on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, St. Luke Street, Hull. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Mackaill P.M. P.P.G.S.B., and the newly elected W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Redfearn I.P.M., Hickling S.W., Webb J.W., Mackaill L.M., Newton Chaplain, Meanwell Treasurer, Turner Treasurer Box Fund, Keyworth Almoner, Wood Secretary, Cox S.D., Calvert J.D., Harvey D.C., King Organist, Wilkinson I.G., Belt Steward, Hildrid, Westerhoff, Charter, and Heelds Assist. Stewards, Gillett Tyler. During the proceedings, which were largely attended by members and visiting brethren, Bro. Davis P.M. presented Bro. Redfearn the retiring W.M. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and the recipient suitably responded. Bro. Greenwood presided at the banquet which subsequently took place, the Visitors included Bros. Latus S.W., Bradley J.W., Stringer P.P.G.O., Oldroyd, Chapman, Priest, Tesseyman P.P.G.S.W. 57, Wright Mason 1010, Peat W.M., Winter J.W., Taylor S.W., Petch I.G., Ansdell P.M., Greenwood, Cheeseman P.M., Chappell P.M., Peck P.P.G.S.B. Eng., Towler S.W., Bell J.W. 250, Knight, Sharp 294, Adis 1852, Dunn 1040, Scott W.M., and Maw 151 (S.C.) After the repast, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, and Bro. Peck responded for the Grand and Provincial Rulers. Bro. Mackaill submitted "The W.M. of the Wilberforce Lodge, and the newly-appointed Officers," in eulogistic terms. Bro. Greenwood, he said, was an energetic, commercial man, and so far as his labours in the Lodge were concerned, they knew that he did his utmost to carry to a successful end everything that he took in hand. In responding, the newly-elected W.M., who was received with applause, said that that was a red-letter day in his Masonic life. He was initiated in 1883, and at that time he little thought he should ever occupy so distinguished a position. He thanked Bro. Mackaill for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and said that although he was afraid that he would not be able to conduct the duties of the Lodge with the same brilliancy as his predecessors, he would endeavour to hand down the warrant of the Lodge to his successor in the same unsullied state as it had been handed to him. He would leave no stone unturned in trying to do his duty to the Lodge to the best of his ability. Bro. Redfearn I.P.M., in responding to the toast of his health, alluded with satisfaction to the great success he had had during his year of office. The Lodge had increased numerically more than in any year, excepting the first, and the finances were in a splendid condition. The Benevolent Fund, he was pleased to say, had been put upon a firm basis. He thanked the members for the kind feelings entertained towards him during the year, and for the regularity of their attendance at the Lodge, observing that his Officers had admirably attended to their duties. Other toasts followed, and during the evening Bro. Newton, the Chaplain, presented to the Lodge a handsomely-framed painting of the late Bro. Woodall, W.M. 1889, which had been subscribed for by the members. The painting was executed by Mr. Hudson, and is a striking likeness of the deceased brother, who was highly respected. The W.M. appropriately acknowledged the presentation, and a toast to the memory of the departed brother was drunk in solemn silence. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given, Bro. Stringer P.P.G.O. presiding at the piano.

We are authorized to state that Lord Carrington, the Provincial Grand Master designate of Buckinghamshire, will be installed by Lord Suffield, the Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, at a Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at The Guildhall, Aylesbury, on Whit Tuesday, 19th May. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1.30 punctually, and will be followed by a banquet at the Corn Exchange, at 2.30.

It is the intention of the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. Grand Master, to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire at the Masonic Hall, Beverley, on Wednesday, the 13th May next.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to "AN OLD STEWARD," I can only give the analysis of result of Cambridge Examination of last December as published, viz. :—

Second Class: France, Haines (distinction for English); Third Class: Churchill, Foord, Manning, Saville; Satisfied the Examiners: Angier, Brister, D'Oyly, Figgess, Fearon, Gay, Harvey, Higginson, Huggett, Kent, Lewis, Leman, Matthews, Moorcroft, Robey, Shorrook, Williams. Number of Certificates this year 23, last year 12.

I should not have noticed the subject had it not been for the palpable determination to institute a contrast between the present and the past, on every detail, prejudicially to the latter.

I have no desire to pose as the champion of the late Head-Master, or the department under his supervision. The Committee of Investigation adopted one view, the Provisional Management Committee formed another. But facts are facts. Attention has already been directed to the patent mistake in the totalled number "394," on page 63, Report for 1888, which should be "294." A molehill of typographical error has been magnified into a mountain of arithmetical blunder. "Denunciation" and "Mesopotamia" are both good words, have the same number of syllables, are equally applicable in commenting on my letter of 7th inst. No further remark is needed.

The last paragraph of the same letter is amply sufficient for my justification, so far as the remonstrance of the "I.P.M. 686" is concerned.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

21st April 1891.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

A TOUCHING letter of condolence and a resolution of sympathy reaches me from a meeting of the inhabitants of the city of Satara in the Bombay Presidency, signed by Rao Bahadur Azte, the President of the meeting, and B. S. Saharabudhe and R. P. Karandikar, secretaries of the Satara Sarvajanic Sabha.

Mr. A. K. Maitra, sends me, on behalf of the Rajshahye Association, Bengal, of which he is the secretary, the only consolation which India has to offer me, "her heartfelt sincere feelings of profound grief."

Freethinking Freemasons will be glad to see by the following that at least one Lodge has remembered my father and his work:

"Lodge L'Amour de la Verité, Orient of  
"Wellington, N.Z.

"17th February 1891.

"DEAR MADAM,—At the regular meeting of our Lodge (which holds its charter of Constitution from the Grand Orient of France), held yesterday evening, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the brethren:

"1. That Lodge L'Amour de la Verité feels profound regret at the death of Bro. Bradlaugh, and expresses its admiration for his pure life and unswerving devotion to the cause of progress, justice, and humanity.

"2. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Hypatia Bradlaugh Bonner, 20 Circus Road, St. John's Wood, London, conveying the Lodge's deepest sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

"In accordance therewith I beg to send you this expression of the Lodge's admiration for the courage and constancy of the brave soldier of liberty who is gone to his rest, and its respectful sympathy with yourself and his friends in the great sorrow which has fallen upon you.

"Believe me, Madam,

"Yours most truly

"W. B. HUDSON, Secretary."

"Box 352, Post Office, Wellington."

Mr. Vishm Morskurar Bhiri, chairman of the Deccan Congress Committee, Poona, sends me from a meeting held for the purpose of discussing a memorial of their city a message of deep sympathy from the people of Poona to me, "whose high privilege it has been to be Mr. Bradlaugh's daughter."

A letter from Port Victoria, Seychelles, signed "Mat Murat," conveys to me his "and the Sultan Abdullah's deepest sympathy in your bereavement."

HYPATIA BRADLAUGH BONNER.

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## BISHOP CRANE AND FREEMASONRY.

A MANIFESTO has been issued by the Past Masters and Officers of the Golden and Corinthian and Zenith Lodges of Freemasonry, Sandhurst, replying to the condemnatory references made to Freemasonry in Bishop Crane's Lenten pastoral read at St. Kilian's pro-Cathedral, Sandhurst, on the 8th February. The Masonic Orders were characterised in the pastoral as being possessed by the spirit of Satan, whose instruments they were, and burning like him with deadly and implacable hatred of Jesus Christ and His work, which they endeavoured by every means to overthrow and fetter. The Bishop further on quoted from the Pope's Encyclical letter, which stated that writers of the highest authority did not hesitate to declare that the end of Masonry is to lay clericalism waste at its very sources of life—namely, in the school and in the family. The manifesto of the Lodges emphatically denies knowledge of such writers, and asserts that, on the contrary, their system teaches the most reverent and simple godliness, strict morality, justice tempered with mercy and a wide embracing charity; and, moreover, that it includes degrees of a specific Christian character, the members of which bind themselves most solemnly to defend Christ and His teaching. If Bishop Crane were cognisant of the fact that the monarch of our own proud and mighty empire is the "Defender of the Faith," and that the heir apparent is the elected head of the Masonic body in England, he would not as a loyal subject suppose his prospective sovereign to be one who would play the two-faced part of "Defender of the Faith" and "Destroyer of it." These facts, however, were persistently ignored by the aggressive church, and had been so for ages for the purposes of wilfully maligning and misrepresenting the Order. When Frederick the Great heard of the fanatical preaching of this type in 1788, he wrote to the Rev. Fathers of the Dominican Monastery at Aix-la-Chapelle, vigorously repudiating the calumnies with which they had asspersed the Order. He asked them would they bring back the times of fanaticism, with its centuries of ignorance and cruelty. He said that a Freemason who returned from his Lodge, where he received nothing but precepts calculated to benefit his fellows, should be a better husband and father. How then could these people be a damned race, who were never tired of disseminating all virtues which make and mould a true citizen? The words of Pope Pius IX. had been replied to by the Earl of Carnarvon, in the Grand Lodge of England, in 1864, when he said that the encyclical letter fell into two great errors, viz., those of confounding all Masonic bodies in common condemnation, and of confounding all those bodies with infidels or "naturalists in religion" and the revolutionists in politics. It imputed all those monstrous charges which are included under the titles of sedition, revolution, socialism, communism and atheism. He held it to be the duty of the Grand Lodge to affirm with all the force and solemnity it could that these charges were founded on a total misapprehension of Freemasonry. Was it conceivable that an Order founded on such lines, governed by such traditions, and ruled by such rulers, could ever be open to the monstrous charges he had just read? If he wished to appeal to evidence he could point to the large number of French Lodges which had been severed from the Grand Lodge, because those Lodges had erased from their title deeds and charters the affirmation of the immortality of the soul and the belief in a supreme God. He then submitted two resolutions to the Grand Lodge, expressing regret and astonishment at the misapprehension which the encyclical letter contained in making the sweeping charge which the law, practices and traditions of the Order, as well as the position of its rulers, prove to be utterly without foundation. These resolutions were carried unanimously. The manifesto goes on to state that notwithstanding many such able defences, the principles of Freemasonry continued to be a cursed thing in the eyes of the rulers of the Roman Catholic Church, the *raison d'être* being found tersely expressed in the bull issued by Pope Pius IX. in 1864, in these words:—*Damnantur clandestine societates*. These words were, of course, meant to refer only to secret societies outside the pale of Roman Catholicism. The Lodges thought it deplorable that in a small community like Sandhurst things should be said by those in authority which had a tendency to engender feelings of animosity in one class towards another. In concluding, the manifesto states that, seeing Freemasonry is not a proselytising body, might not the authorities of St. Kilian's do well to leave them alone and cease hurling their annual anathemas, which can neither raise their cause nor inflict injury upon the Order.—*Melbourne Age*.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren. Before commencing business, Bro. Jas. Brett, Senior Vice-President, said he was sure the brethren would concur with him that they should pass a hearty vote of welcome to the President on his return from abroad. They were all very glad to see him again among them, and hoped that his sojourn in a foreign country had resulted in great benefit to him. They would agree with him in conveying to their President their sincere pleasure at seeing him back again. Bro. Robert Grey sincerely thanked the brethren for their mark of kindly feeling towards him. Whilst he had been away they had been in his thoughts very often. It had been a pleasure to him to remember what good, aided by them, he had been able to do to those who wanted their help, and the discretion with which that help had been distributed by those who had attended the Board. He thanked them once again. The brethren then confirmed recommendations to the Grand

Master for grants at the March meeting, to the extent of £310. There were 39 new cases on the list. Five of these cases were dismissed, and three were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £765. This was composed as follows: Two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, six to the Grand Master of £40 each, five of £30 each, and one of £25. There were nine grants of £20, one of £15, four of £10, and three of £5 each. The Board sat four hours.

DOES MASONRY FOLLOW THE FLAG?—Bro. Walter Hill, of the Lodge L'Amour de la Vérité, Orient of Wellington, New Zealand, has written to the organ of the Freemasons in this country, taking exception to a statement made by it, in reference to the establishment in New Zealand of a French Lodge, that "Masonry follows the flag." Brother Hill holds that this statement is contrary to one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, viz., that it is essentially non-political. The editor holds that under any reasonable interpretation his remarks would not be considered political, for he meant no more than that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom had supreme authority throughout the British dominions, except in Canada and some of the Australasian Colonies, to whom Masonic, as well as political, autonomy had been conceded. The editor argues that the Grand Orient of France is supreme in France and its colonies and possessions, and that it is a violation of the unwritten law of Masonry and of Masonic comity, for the Masonic authority which is supreme in some foreign State to charter a Lodge in British territory. It is not denied that there are English Lodges in Turkey, Egypt, China, and Japan, but it is contended that in all these States there are British and other communities possessing in many respects an isolated position, politically, judicially, and socially, and the parent Lodges do not claim to exercise anything like supreme authority over them; but New Zealand being a British colony, where the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland had hitherto exercised supreme, though conjoint authority, the editor of the *Freemason* explains that the reason why he advocated the expulsion from English Masonry of any English Masons belonging to the French Lodge in Wellington was that the Grand Lodge of England had resolved to admit no French Mason into its Lodges unless he declared his belief in a Supreme Being, whereas the Grand Orient of France had struck out of its Book of Constitutions the law requiring all Masons of its obedience to have some religious faith.—*New Zealand Herald*.

At the late election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, some singular vagaries were found when the state of the poll was declared, much to the advantage of one of the Devonshire candidates. In April last the 17th candidate on the poll failed to get elected though 3,406 votes were given on her behalf, and even the 18th had over 3,000 votes. On the 9th inst., nineteen were elected, the 16th polling 3,008 votes, the 17th only 1,852, and the 19th, also successful, actually getting elected with only 435 votes! As the first on the list polled 5,133 votes, it will be noted what a large difference there was—wholly unparalleled—between the highest and lowest successful, of the 19 elected out of the 25 candidates. The candidate from the Lodge at Hayle was elected with 3,008 votes, and the two for Devon (from Seaton and Dartmouth) secured their places with 435 and 1,719 respectively, so that Devon has returned both girls for much less voting power than one would take save but for this most singular "fluke."—*Western Morning News*.



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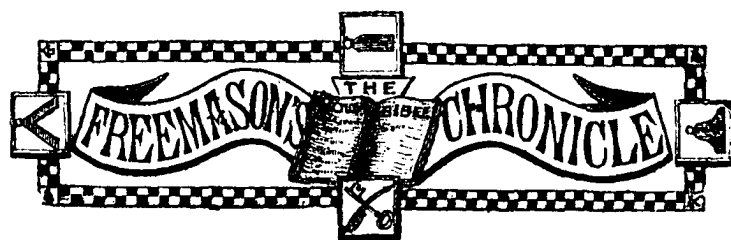
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SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL 1891.

## PROV. G. LODGE OF W. YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge, holden in the Masonic Hall, St. John's Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 15th April 1891, at 2.15 p.m., under the banner of Lodge Huddersfield, No. 290, Huddersfield, there were present:—Bros. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past G.D. of England Prov. G. Master, Henry Smith Past G.D. of England Deputy Prov. G. Master, Thos. Bateman Fox, J.P., S.W., Thomas Crossley J.W., Rev. C. A. Lambert, M.A., as Chaplain, Rev. Benj. Mayou, M.A., Chaplain, Thomas Harrison Treasurer, Harold Thomas Registrar, Herbert G. E. Green Secretary, J. B. Wostinholm and Henry Jessop Senior Deacons, R. V. Allison Past as Junior Deacon, W. Ridgard Massie Junior Deacon, William Watson Past as Supt. of Works, Henry T. E. Holmes Dir. of Cers., W. F. Tomlinson Deputy Dir. of Cers., Thomas Lang Assist. Dir. of Cers., John James Rutherford Past as Sword Bearer, Thomas Riley and John Throup Standard Bearers, George Carbert Organist, Joseph Matthewman Assist. Secretary, R. H. Armitage Pursuivant, John Shoosmith Assist. Pursuivant, John Hunt, Joseph T. Walker, Capt. Arthur Tupman, Fred Rand, Robert Thompson, and Joseph Wilson Stewards, Samuel Barrand Tyler, Thomas Leighton Assist. Tyler. Also representatives from the Lodges of the Province. Letters and telegrams of apology for unavoidable absence were received from four Prov. Grand Officers and fifty-eight brethren. The visitors present were:—Bros. H. W. Smith P.M. 343 and Ernest Flower 1383. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., the D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, and the Prov. Grand Officers entered at half-past two o'clock. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, solemn prayer was offered and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Prov. Grand Chaplains. The Prov. Grand Master and the D.P.G.M. were saluted according to ancient custom, as were also the Mayors of Wakefield and Dewsbury, Bros. J. Haslegrave P.M. 1019 and James Walmsley P.M. 827. The roll of Lodges was called, and it was found that 73 out of 75 were represented. The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was called; only two were absent, and they sent substitutes. The minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge, holden at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 15th October 1890, were presented. On the motion of Bro. W. Gaukroger P.M. 61, seconded by



Bro. W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, it was resolved, "That the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed." The Prov. Grand Master then delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—By the cordial invitation of the W.M. and brethren of Lodge, No. 290, Huddersfield, we are assembled here to-day, and I am gratified to know that no pains have been spared to provide for our comfort and convenience.

The original Warrant of this Lodge bore the date of 1793.

This is the 202nd meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge, the 40th time it has assembled in this Town, and the 5th under the Banner of Lodge No. 290.

I desire to express the obligations of myself and Deputy for the salutations accorded to us and to the Officers of the Province this afternoon, as well as for the £100 subscribed to the Boys' School and Annuitants' Funds.

It is our most anxious desire to encourage the prosperity of the Craft in the 42 Towns in which the 75 Lodges are located under our administration, and to render these meetings attractive and popular, in order that all may feel the desirability of attending them, and may have individually an interest in the affairs of the Craft. The Masonic Charities and their administration grow more important every year, and we are most desirous to maintain both our present pleasant relations with other Provinces, as well as our influence in the Grand Lodge of England.

The annual returns of the Lodges to the 31st December last show considerable variations. There have been 300 initiations and joinings, 113 resignations, 69 deaths, 36 exclusions, 161 brethren in arrears. The total number of active members on the roll is 3,611, showing an increase of 71 members.

The fees and contributions have come to £417 9s, being an increase of £5. In 1890 you were generous enough to contribute £643 4s to the Annuitants, £393 19s to the Girls', and £778 6s to the Boys' Schools, making a total of £1815 5s. This is exclusive of grants made to various necessitous persons, a state of things which we may consider satisfactory.

A conference of influential brethren of the Northern Provinces was held at Leeds, in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, on the 6th February, to discuss the New Laws relating to the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the equitable distribution of representation on that Board. It also considered the desirability of giving substantial support to Lord Lathom's Presidency, at the Annual Festival of this Institution, to take place on the 24th June next.

Nine Provinces, containing 440 Lodges, were represented at this meeting, and the brethren agreed to support the proposal that the fifteen Northern Provinces, with 560 Lodges, should claim to occupy six seats upon the Board. The Northern Provinces have cordially co-operated with us in this matter, and without this concerted action it would have been impossible to secure that representation to which we are entitled. The Charity Report says the Provinces, for the first time, have equal representation with the London brethren on the Board, there being 15 Provincial and 15 London Masons elected.

The Boys' School has been completely reorganised, and from the report recently issued by the Provisional Management Committee, we may conclude that it is now in a very much improved and more satisfactory condition. The Balance Sheet issued by this Committee has been somewhat severely criticised by writers in the Masonic Journals, but their strictures appear to have arisen through lack of discrimination between a Balance Sheet on the one hand and an Income and Expenditure Account on the other.

We, in West Yorkshire, are supporting Lord Lathom most heartily. The amount already subscribed to the Festival is over £1600, and we are not without hope that it will eventually reach the handsome sum of £2000.

Your P.G.M. was invited to preside at the Girls' Festival this year, but having committed ourselves to the Boys, it was considered better to defer it for the present. Sir John Monckton hopes, however, that your P.G.M. will take this position in 1892, and the conference at Leeds expressed their willingness to support us on this occasion. With your generous assistance, brethren, I should be glad to accede to this request. We hope that the 15 Northern Provinces will assemble next year in Leeds or elsewhere, as we are convinced that such conferences will be productive of great advantage, whilst I and my Deputy cannot help feeling regretful that the lapse of time has brought about a change in the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee. Bro. Smithson, Grand Deacon of Eng., who has been a member of it for the past fifteen years, the last five of which were as Chairman, has retired, and Bro. T. Bateman Fox, on the 21st March last, was elected in his place, whilst Bro. W. C. Lupton succeeded Bro. Fox as Vice-Chairman. I hope there may be recorded on our Minutes to-day a resolution of thanks to Bro. Smithson for the noble exertions he has made for the success of our Charities. May he be long spared to give to this Committee the advantages of his experience, his tact, and his great business capacity.

On the lamented death of our esteemed Brother, Edward Tozer, the collar of Prov. Grand Warden became vacant. This I bestowed upon our worthy Chairman of the Charity Committee Bro. T. Bateman Fox.

As considerable misunderstanding exists as to the status of Honorary Members of Lodges, I have obtained the ruling of Grand Lodge on this question, which our Registrar shall shortly read to you. This will also be placed upon the Minutes, so that every member of this Prov. Grand Lodge will receive a copy.

As to the initiation of minors, which question has recently arisen, we are advised that in London it is never permitted, and unless under very exceptional circumstances, it should not be allowed in the Provinces.

I want Past Masters and Worshipful Masters to use their influence to prevent the discussion in public of matters relating to the affairs of their Lodge. It is destructive of administrative harmony to allow unauthorised persons to listen to such discussions. Since we last met much mischief has been caused by the meddlesome inter-

ference of those who, not being members of a Lodge, have yet endeavoured to influence its proceedings, and such conduct cannot be too strongly deprecated.

During the year 1890 Grand Lodge issued 7848 certificates to new members. If more discrimination were exercised in the selection of candidates, and objectionable persons prevented joining us, I am convinced it would be to the advantage of the Craft, and would materially lessen the friction which from time to time has arisen in our Lodges.

The Wakefield Masonic Literary Society, under the guidance of Bros. Matthewman and Childe, has quietly continued its useful career. Amongst the recent lecturers it has numbered Bros. R. F. Gould, Edward Macbeane, and other distinguished Masons.

Our Librarian has worked hard to obtain some choice works for the Masonic Library. He has succeeded in securing an unique copy of the 1687 MS., which Bro. Hughan has called "the W. Watson MS.," a copy of which has been sent to every Lodge. A brother in Egypt has forwarded to me a humorous tale of Old Egypt, of the year 1315. I want the Grand Masters to inculcate a desire in brethren to avail themselves of the Library and Lectures, and make our Masonry something more than a Charity Club or a "Restaurant" Society.

To my Deputy and Officers I owe many thanks. They have attended various functions in London, amongst which the inauguration of the Centenary Hall and new buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls stand out prominently, on which occasion T.R.H. the Prince and Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters were present.

On the 7th April, we dedicated the New Masonic Hall, at Batley, built by the Brethren of Trafalgar Lodge, No. 971. The Warrant of this Lodge is now safely housed in most commodious Lodge premises, the building of which reflects great credit on the members of this Lodge. We offer hearty congratulations on the construction of this New Temple to Masonry in Batley.

In the appointment of Officers I am surrounded with difficulties, so many Past Masters and so few collars to bestow, I have done my best in selection. I shall distribute these collars as widely as possible, and I beg of all the Lodges to accept my impartial efforts as the best I can do with 1064 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters on the roll, to recognise merit with so few honours at my disposal under the powers I possess by the Book of Constitutions.

I thank you for your attention in listening to this annual address.

The D.P.G.M. Bro. Henry Smith, after thanking the numerous brethren assembled for their hearty greeting, called the attention of Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Lodges to several small matters of discipline and detail. Amongst these were the occasional neglect of Prov. Grand Lodge Bye-Law 46, and the omissions of names and ages of candidates on Lodge summonses. He also impressed upon them the duty of promptly communicating with the Prov. Grand Secretary in the case of the death of any member of their Lodges. The following ruling of Grand Lodge in respect to honorary members was then read by the Prov. Grand Registrar Bro. Harold Thomas:—

1. By accepting the position of honorary member a brother, *ipso facto*, removes his name from the Lodge as a subscribing member. He therefore ceases to belong to it at all; he cannot speak therein; his name cannot appear in the Annual Returns; and if he is not a subscribing member to some other Lodge he comes under Art. 152, Book of Constitutions, and can only be present *once*.

He can only be re-instated in his former position of subscribing member by proposal, ballot, election, and paying joining fee exactly like any other joining member.

2. A Lodge has no power whatever to remit arrears of subscription. The Bye-Laws of all Lodges distinctly order each member to pay a certain sum annually, and to declare that he need not do so is to deliberately violate those Bye-Laws.

3. A Past Master, who is a Past Provincial Grand Officer, does not lose his Provincial rank by non-subscription for twelve months; he retains it under Art. 96, Book of Constitutions. What he does lose is his seat in Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge, under Articles 9 and 81.

4. Grand Lodge, not recognising honorary members, of course lays down no laws as to their election.

Some Lodges provide for this in their Bye-Laws, but in the absence of any such Rule the majority present can elect at any meeting, without previous notice, it being a matter outside the Laws of the Craft.

5. It would clearly be impossible to include in the Book of Constitutions regulations on a subject not recognised by it. Those Constitutions legislate entirely for subscribing members, whereas honorary members are actually not members at all.

Bro. T. B. Fox, J.P., P.M. 208, P.G.S.W., and Chairman, presented and read the Report of the Charity Committee. He moved its adoption. This was seconded by Bro. W. C. Lupton P.M. 974, P.P.G.D., and carried. The Prov. Grand Treasurer next presented his Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1891. This, which showed a balance in Messrs. Beckett & Co.'s Bank of £914 14s 3d, on the motion of Bro. H. Thomas, seconded by Bro. John Hey 387, was received and adopted. The Past Prov. Grand Sup. of Works, Bro. Watson P.M., acting in the absence of Bro. W. Greaves, presented an Inventory of the Property and Regalia of Prov. Grand Lodge, with a Report thereon. The meeting adopted the Report. Bro. Watson the Hon. Librarian reported upon the number of books which had been added to the collection during the year, briefly called attention to our

valuable MS. which had been purchased and presented by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and concluded by moving, according to previous notice—"That a grant of £20 be made to the Library Fund." This was seconded by Bro. Jos. Binney P.M. and carried. Bro. T. Harrison P.M. 296 Prov. Grand Treasurer then proposed that Bro. Wm. Pepper P.M. 1042 be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Benj. Broughton seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Pepper, who was received with cheers, was then invested with the collar of his office, and after returning thanks took his place on the dais. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as the Prov. Grand Officers for the year:—

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Rev. Thomas J. McNulty	} Chaplains
Rev. Claud A. Lambert	
William Pepper	Treasurer
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John Hunt	} Junior Deacons
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Joseph Matthewman	Assist. Secretary
Joseph Thos. Walker	Pursuivant
George Blackburn	Assist. Pursuivant
Albert Walker	} Stewards
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John Hey	
Caleb England	
William Ramsden	
John Symonds	} Tyler
Samuel Brand	
Thomas Leighton	

Bye-Law 27 having been suspended, on the recommendation of the Charity Committee, £20 each was voted to two distressed brethren. Bro. T. B. Fox P.M. then proposed, "That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Bro. W. F. Smithson P.M. Prov. S.G.W. for his devoted and constant labour as a member of the Provisional Management Committee in the reorganisation of the Boys' School, and that a sum of £25 be and hereby is voted to him towards the travelling expenses which he must have incurred in the fulfilment of his onerous duties." This was seconded by Bro. W. Gankroger P.M., supported warmly by several brethren, and carried with acclamation. Bro. Smithson thanked the brethren for the kindness and sympathy which they had always shown to him, assured them that his work had been a labour of love, that there was every reason to believe that the Boys' School was now on the way to success, and that in his capacity as a member of the new Board of Management the interests of that Institution should continue to receive his careful attention. He also thanked them for the help they had given him during the time he was Chairman of the Charity Committee, and incidentally mentioned that during those five years £13,000 had, through the munificence of his brethren, been subscribed to the Masonic Charities by this Province, and that, in the election of their candidates, West Yorkshire, thanks to its excellent organisation, had not had a single failure. The Mayors of Wakefield and Dewsbury having acknowledged the salutations and welcome of the brethren, invitations to hold the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge were given by Bro. Hallas, 1283, Sowerby Bridge, and by Bro. Fred Rand, 242, Doncaster, on the part of their respective Lodges. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer, at 4.30 p.m. Dinner was served at the George Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master occupying the chair.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—The Great Need.—The blood is the life, and on its purity our health as well as our existence depends. These Pills thoroughly cleanse the vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that means strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over excited action, and establish the circulation and secretions throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills exercises marvellous power in giving tone to debilitated and nervous constitutions. These Pills remove all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are on that account much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak or have from some cause become so.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### AFFABILITY CHAPTER, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

THE bi-monthly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present:—Comps. Garside M.E.Z., Akerman H., Tymm J., Vultchhoff S.N., Staton P.S., Walmsley Treas., Dawson P.Z. P.P.G.S., Cunliffe P.Z. P.G.S.N., Hardcastle P.Z., Fletcher, Kay, Spencer, Marsh, Garside, Read, Chesworth. Visitors: Bromley P.Z. 1375 P.P.G.S. W.L. and Lisenden late 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Holland 317 and 1375, and Quail 317, and announced favourable. The brethren here adjourned to tea, and on re-assembling Bros. Holland and Quail were exalted to the Holy R.A. degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by the other two Principals and the Officers. The work was well done, as it always is in this Chapter, notably that of the P.S. Comp. Staton, who has an easy, natural manner that is very taking and impressive. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony shortly before 9 o'clock. At the social board, after the preliminary toasts, the health of Comps. Quail and Holland were proposed and heartily drank, after which Comp. Holland responded for himself and Comp. Quail, who had left, feeling indisposed. A special toast was proposed by Comp. J. Dawson, viz., the health of Comp. Cunliffe P.Z. P.G.S.N., on his recent appointment. Comp. Dawson, in the course of his remarks, said no man had done more for the Masonic Charities and Freemasonry generally during the limited term he had been connected with the Order than Comp. Cunliffe. His interest and zeal for Freemasonry never seemed to flag, and he had clearly proved this by taking the various degrees up to the 30th, consequently no brother more deserved the honour conferred upon him and he (Comp. Dawson) sincerely hoped Comp. Cunliffe would live to a happy old age and continue a shining light amongst Affability members for years to come. Comp. Cunliffe said he felt rather confused by the kind expressions that had fallen from Comp. Dawson, and the hearty manner in which the Companions had received the toast. As most of them were aware he had been absent from their meetings, owing to certain lamentable circumstances, for a considerable time, and thought at one period the prospects of his reappearing amongst them were rather remote; but gradually he had renewed his interest in Freemasonry, and the welfare of both Lodge and Chapter, and trusted nothing would interfere in future with his affection for both. Respecting the honour that had been bestowed upon him, he thought it was not so much for what he himself had done, as the reputation the Chapter held for good working. It was an honour he considered conferred upon the Affability Chapter, through which he was the fortunate recipient. It was a pleasure to work amongst its members and very fascinating. The brotherly love and unanimity that always prevailed had attracted him from his temporary retirement, and he felt assured he should be as interested in the welfare of the Chapter as ever. Other toasts, including the M.E.Z., the Present and Past Principals of the Chapter, the Visitors, Officers, &c., were proposed and responded to, a pleasant evening being spent.

### EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 1642.

THE Companions met at Ladbroke Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Wetherill, of Lodge 1681, was exalted, and the election of Principals and Officers duly carried out, after which a dinner was served in the Lodge-room, and the usual toasts observed amongst Royal Arch Masons duly honoured, the proceedings being interspersed with songs and recitations, which were given in the usual excellent manner characteristic of the Companions of this Chapter. The following were present:—Comps. Wood M.E.Z., Rogers H., Monson J., Marlis Treasurer, Parkhouse Scribe E., Hatton Scribe N., Wadham P.S., Monson jun. 1st Asst. Sojourner, Woodmason P.Z., Chandler, Mackay, Schloding, Wetherill, Gardner, Broom, Frye, Rider, Cassell, Wakeham, Holmes, Green. Visitor—Day, Sphinx Chapter, 1329 Organist.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AT TORQUAY.

THE annual meeting of the Royal Sussex Preceptory of Knights Templars was held in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the Eminent Preceptor Sir Knight Chapman 18 deg. P.P.G. Registrar presiding. Sir Knight Taylor 18 deg. was installed the Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year; he appointed his Officers, as follow:—E. Sir Knight Chapman 18 deg. P.P.G. Registrar I.P.E.P., Sir Knight Hill Constable, Sir Knight Wills Marshal, Sir E. Knight Clemens 18 deg. P.E.P. P.P.G.M. Chaplain, E. Sir Knight Taylor 18 deg. P.E.P. P.G.T. Treasurer, E. Sir Knight Bennett-Maye 18 deg. P.E.P. P.P.G.M. Registrar, E. Sir Knight Frost P.E.P. Sub-Marshal, Sir Knight Blackler Captain of the Guard, Knight Haywood Guard. Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from the V.F. Provincial Prior, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., 31 deg., Sir Knight Adams Dawson 18 deg., and E. Sir Knight Lane 18 deg. P.E.P. P.P.G. Registrar. The Preceptory directed a letter of sympathy to be sent to Frater Lane, regretting to hear of his severe illness, and expressing the hope of his speedy recovery. A Priory of Malta was afterwards formed, and E. Sir J. Taylor installed as the Eminent Prior for the ensuing year. Frater Taylor then invited the fratres to the banquet-room, where an ample repast was provided and a pleasant social evening enjoyed. Frater Chapman related some interesting reminiscences of his connection with the Order, his zeal and ability being shown by the fact that during his year of office just closed as Eminent Preceptor the Royal Sussex Preceptory was marked as one of success. Fraters Bennett-Maye, Frost and Clemens also contributed to the evening's profitable enjoyment.

## MARK MASONRY.

## TEMPLE MARK LODGE, No. 173.

At the installation meeting of this Lodge, held at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on Monday, 20th inst., Bro. Wm. Hawes was duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. G. Ward Verry P.G. Sword Bearer. One brother was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. The usual banquet followed, and the brethren enjoyed a thoroughly happy meeting.

## HIGH CROSS MARK LODGE, No. 284.

This prosperous Lodge held its regular meeting at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The W.M. Captain C. J. Knightley Provincial Grand Overseer worked the ceremony of advancement in a most satisfactory manner. Announcement was made that the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master would honour the Lodge with a visit on the 22nd May. Work being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

**Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction.**—The annual festival was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday in last week. The chair was taken by Bro. Vincent, whose work in this degree is the standard set up by Grand Mark Lodge for all other Lodges to follow. It is needless, therefore, to say how carefully the work was done. The whole of the music of this degree (which is essentially a musical one) was ably rendered on the organ by Bro. F. Osmond Carr, of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, who for his services on this occasion was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The interesting and instructive lecture in the degree was given by the S.W. Ten new members were elected, who nearly all hailed from the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355. The usual banquet followed, presided over by Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes and Past Grand Warden. About fifty brethren sat down to the banquet, which was a very enjoyable one.

**Kintore Lodge of Instruction.**—At the usual fortnightly meeting, on Tuesday last, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, a very good attendance of brethren enabled the W.M. Bro. Marshall to work the ceremony of advancement throughout. Bro. Voysey, of the Southwark Mark Lodge, No. 22, is the Preceptor, and all Mark Masons living in the southern suburbs of London will always derive benefit from visiting this Lodge of Instruction, on the first and third Tuesdays in each month.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

*The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1891.* Compiled by Bro. B. A. SMITH, M.A., LL.M., P.M. 523, Past Prov. Grand Junior Warden.

For the nineteenth year the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland has issued its Masonic Calendar, which will meet all the requirements of the brethren. Now demands on the available space have again necessitated a change in the Calendar. In order to admit of the insertion of fresh matter, of local interest, without rendering the book too bulky for the pocket, it has been desirable to eliminate all that does not directly concern the district. The roll of Lodges, &c., in the adjoining Provinces has been omitted; in the space thus provided will be found a list of Provincial Grand Officers from 1886, in continuation of the list contained in the last edition; of the bye-laws of the Province, and a list of the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge held since that date. The table of the days of meeting of Lodges, &c., which was dropped last year, has been restored. Bro. Smith, the compiler, acknowledges with grateful thanks the assistance he has received from Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., Past Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the many brethren who have supplied information for the work. A capital portrait of the late Bro. Lt.-Col. W. Millican, J.P., F.R.I.B.A., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Leicestershire and Rutland, forms the frontispiece. The Calendar is carefully printed and is neatly got up.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, has fixed Tuesday, in Whitsun week for the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in the Town Hall, at Dursley.

Bro. Alfred Spencer, P.M. of the Abbey Mallory Lodge, has again been selected to preside over it for the ensuing year. Bro. Spencer is the Provincial Grand Secretary of Kent, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of England. He is a most ardent Mason, and the appointment will be a very popular one.

## BRO. HENRY BERKOWITZ.

The *Jewish Chronicle* of the 10th inst. has the following in reference to this well-known brother:—

The Rev. Bro. Henry Berkowitz was born in Warsaw, and came to London when he was about twenty-five years of age. Attracting the attention of the late Dr. Adler soon after his arrival, Bro. Berkowitz became a member of the Rav's household, and assisted in teaching some of the younger children. Although filling a somewhat humble position, he gained the friendship of Dr. Adler, which he retained until it was dissolved by death. Ambitious to give fair and full play to his talents, Bro. Berkowitz started a school at Gravesend, and by his indomitable energy and zeal gradually obtained for it an established position and a world-wide reputation. Surrounded almost entirely by non-Jews, he won the esteem and affection of his neighbours by his high character as a thoroughly tolerant man of abounding charity, and a consistent and steadfastly-observant Jew. Over thirty years he maintained the only synagogue of the district entirely at his own expense. The neatly fitted-up synagogue attached to Tivoli House was consecrated by Dr. Adler, and every worshipper, whether poor or rich, was cordially welcomed. His energy was resistless, and he overcame difficulties under which men of less persistence would have succumbed, never to rise again. Steadily winning favour and goodwill, he made friends among all classes and creeds in Gravesend. Local honour was paid to him in abundance, until the climax was reached in November 1887, when with unusually unanimous approval he was elected Mayor of Gravesend. The town was gaily decorated, the church bells rang merry peals, and many friendly mottoes were displayed, the most pleasing being that displayed at the Literary Institute: "God bless our Jewish Mayor, whose noble acts and good deeds all Christians might well strive to imitate." A characteristic incident attracted much kindly feeling at the inaugural banquet. By special desire of the newly-installed Mayor, and by the courtesy of the Aldermen, the place of honour was given to Mr. Sydney Poland, the Mayor's first pupil, and his confident and staunch friend for forty years. In proposing the health of the Mayor on that occasion, Sir William Fletcher said, among other kindly observations, that, "whilst it was well known that all the poor of his own religion who passed through that town were relieved and assisted solely by him, and they could not during the long period of forty years trace a single instance of any Jew having sought relief from their parish—of few men could such continuous and unostentatious charity be told as that—but whilst the reverend gentleman looked after the spiritual and temporal welfare of his own people, he took equal care of his Christian brethren. The Church, the Chapel, the Sunday School, the Waterside Mission, had all largely benefited by his kindly hand. The soup-kitchens were entirely of his creation. The old people in the almshouses, the hospitals, the dispensary, the poor in the workhouse—in fact, every kind of suffering humanity, were largely indebted to him." The discharge of local public duties, combined with increasing years, caused Bro. Berkowitz to resign, during the last few years, much of the active duties of the School to his eldest son and three of his daughters. His wife, predeceased him in 1885, and he leaves a large family.

At the funeral on Wednesday there were general manifestations of mourning throughout the town. Flags were half-masted on all the public buildings, blinds were drawn in all the houses along the route to the railway station, a military guard of honour surrounding the bier. All the public bodies and institutions were represented, the Mayor wearing his chain of office, and preceded by the Mace-Bearer, Aldermen, Town Councillors, Superintendents of Police, with a detachment of the men, Representatives of the Local Freemasons, Foresters, Odd Fellows, all the local charities and literary institutions, the Working Men's Club, a detachment of the Boys' Home, &c. The various religious denominations were also represented, the Protestants by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, the Rev. F. Tomkins, and the Catholics by the Rev. Father Wyatt. Many floral offerings were sent to be placed on the coffin; one bore the touching inscription, "To our revered and dearly-beloved Principal, from his broken-hearted pupils." Special arrangements were made by the South-Eastern Railway Company for the conveyance of the body to London; a portion of the station being reserved for the concourse of mourners. On arriving at Cannon Street Station, the body was conveyed to West Ham Cemetery, where the burial service was read by the Rev. M. Hlast, First Reader of the Great Synagogue.

On Monday morning the Mayor of Gravesend on taking his seat at the Police Court, referred in sympathetic words to the loss the town had sustained by the death of Bro. Berkowitz, whose kindness of manner, largeness of heart, and general philanthropy, the Mayor said, had endeared him to all classes. At local meetings during the week reference was made to the death, and votes of sympathy and condolence with the family were passed.

The funeral of Bro. Benjamin Brokenshar, C.E., in his eighty-second year, who died at Lostwithiel, on 4th April, took place on the 9th inst. The deceased was respected and beloved by every one with whom he came in contact, especially of the Masonic Fraternity. He was one of the oldest Masons in the Province, having been initiated into the Peace and Harmony Lodge, of St. Austell, on the 3rd July 1844, and filled the W.M.'s chair in that Lodge for three years, and was principal agent in resuscitating the Lodge when it was at a very low ebb. He also filled the office of Secretary and Treasurer in the same Lodge for several years, and was presented with a P.M.'s jewel for his very efficient services. He also obtained the P.G.S.D. collar in 1862. On his removing to Lostwithiel he became a member of Lodge St. Matthew, now Lodge Restormel.

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



## 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.

## Saturday, 25th April.

1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

2149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
1410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
1293 Bardett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court  
1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hotel, Todmorden  
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

## Monday, 27th April.

4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
1128 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1616 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.  
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gt. Heath  
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge  
1827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury  
9999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1894 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
R.A. 310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
R.A. 321 Faith, Crowe Arms Hotel, Crowe  
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
R.A. 1205 Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare  
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

## Tuesday, 28th April.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
92 Molra, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
146 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
166 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel  
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
269 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.  
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly  
R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.  
R.A. 1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
M.M. 3 Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Lendenhall St.  
R.C. 67 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
210 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
449 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen  
788 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland  
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover  
R.A. 418 Staffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Hanley  
M.M. 168 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

## Wednesday, 29th April.

898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch  
280 Huddersfield Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth  
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton  
906 Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1083 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219 Strangers, Masonic Rooms, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset  
R.A. 98 Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott  
R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncombe Street, York  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms Rochester

## Thursday, 30th April.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4  
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton  
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley  
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley  
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness  
R.A. 67 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
R.A. 116 Cann, Swan Hotel, Colne

R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
R.A. 266 Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Heywood  
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

## Friday, 1st May.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich  
1815 Pease, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2233 Old Westminster, 68 Regent Street, W.  
R.A. 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
11 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woolbridge, Suffolk  
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Totmorden  
212 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster  
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, K. Isall Street, Lee Is  
412 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
571 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Newbury  
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
1096 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick  
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall  
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham  
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe  
1618 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth  
1725 Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone  
R.A. 214 Hope & Unity, White Hart, Romford  
R.A. 271 Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 359 Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

## Saturday, 2nd May.

General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 3  
142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead  
1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester  
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent  
2205 Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent  
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet

## INSTRUCTION.

## Saturday, 25th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, 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, 9  
1621 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8  
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

## Monday, 27th April.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7  
382 Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge  
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Cleveland Gdns., 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hall, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1535 Royal Commemorative, Railway Ho., Putney  
1608 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. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

## Tuesday, 28th April.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8  
534 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
860 Dalmasie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Fria, 4 Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
1416 Mount Edgecombe, 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  
1500 Brewer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1925 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N., 8

1439 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 S.ribton, Maple Hall, S.ribton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 29th April.

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, Lendenhall St., 8  
224 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Gt. 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 Tavern, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Texteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 513 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Horsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
1662 Beaconsfield, 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 Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
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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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7  
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

## Thursday, 30th April.

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  
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1159 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1192 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
1278 Bardett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, 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  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
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General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8  
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker St., 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1036 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
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  
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R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

## Saturday, 2nd May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 7  
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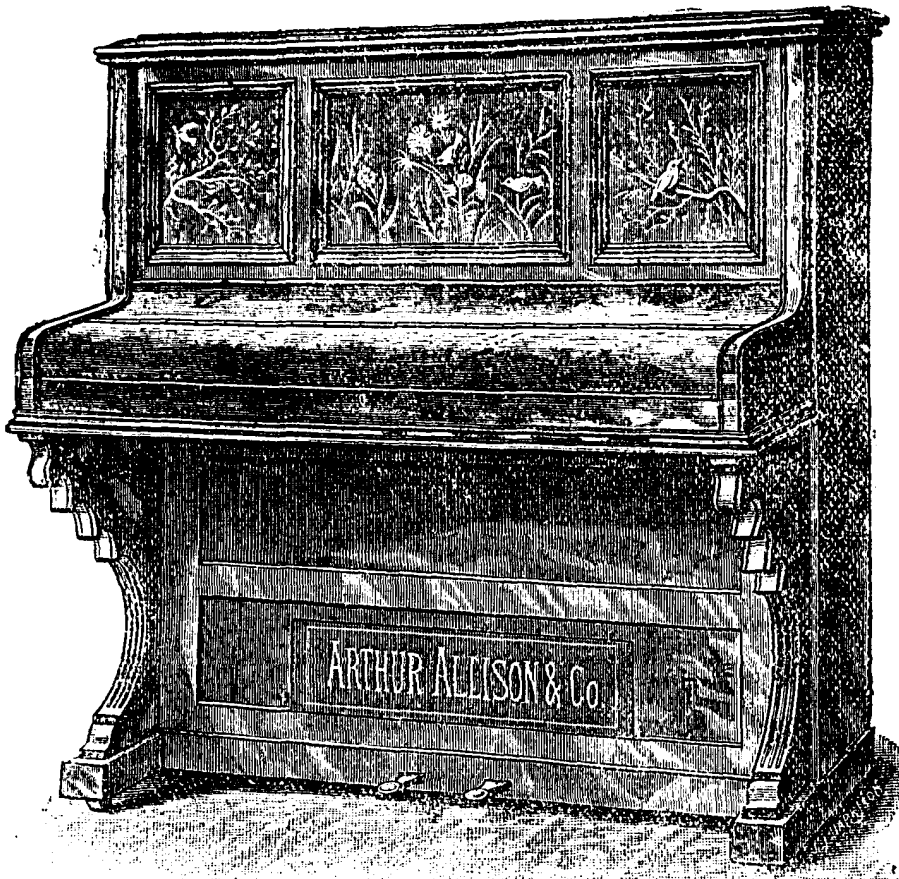
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