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## REJECTING A CANDIDATE.

ONE of the greatest advantages enjoyed by the Masonic Order, and what at the same time must be regarded as one of the drawbacks of the system, is the means employed for the rejection of a candidate when some of those associated with a Lodge desire to prevent him from becoming a member. The secrecy of the ballot in such a case is at once a benefit and a misfortune, a benefit because it allows of an adverse vote without laying the objector open to disagreeable after consequences, and a misfortune because it may lead to misunderstanding and false accusations being made against many who are in no way answerable for the rejection; but there can be no doubt as to the ballot being the best system possible, and such being the case it behoves members of the Craft to use every effort in their power to prevent its being abused, or unwarrantable charges being made against those who may deem it necessary to call its forces into use. We have so often written on this subject, and the principles of the ballot are so well known that it would seem almost unnecessary to again refer to the matter, but a case has recently been brought prominently under notice which proves that even yet there is need for caution being displayed in connection with the ballot, not only in regard to the Lodge or members specially concerned, but also as regards the Craft as a whole.

We have always argued that the rejection of a candidate on the ballot is, in a manner of speaking, an un-Masonic proceeding, and have urged that some sort of notice should be conveyed to the proposer, either by the objector himself or through the Worshipful Master, so as to prevent the unpleasant consequences which follow a blackballing. No Mason who intends to cast an adverse vote should be ashamed to explain, to the ruler of the Lodge, his reason for doing so, and the Master, if he is worthy of the name, should receive the information and act upon it as he thinks right, without disclosing the names or identifying the objectors. If he studied his own interests and the interests of his Lodge, he would keep the matter as quiet as the ballot box would do, for no Master can witness the rejection of a candidate without knowing it means trouble for him in the future, for an amount of coolness, doubt, and annoyance must result from the exclusion of a regularly proposed candidate, requiring all the tact and ability of a Lodge's officials to counteract, besides which so many false impressions are formed outside a Lodge on the rejection of a candidate as to cause considerable harm to Freemasonry in the immediate neighbourhood, and among those who are acquainted with the parties interested; in fact, it gives the opportunity for attacks being made on the general working of Freemasonry, which it should be the desire of every Mason to prevent. To illustrate the matter, we need only refer to the case we

have already mentioned, where a gentleman was rejected on the ballot, and, as he was present for the purpose of being initiated, he was of course subjected to a personal insult in being sent back with a slur on his character. His sponsors were certainly justified in being annoyed, if they were so inclined, and the Masons who were the cause of the trouble are deserving of the severest censure, even though they acted in accordance with their rights. Might is not always right in a Masonic sense, any more than outside of the Order, and those who cause discord or trouble in a Lodge by the exercise of what they are pleased to term their just rights often act most un-Masonically, inasmuch as they do not exhibit that brotherly love which should teach them to act towards their fellows as they would like others to act towards them. So long as Freemasonry exists we feel there must be occasional rejections of candidates, but we hope the time will come when such rejections will occur only after due notice has been given, so that the proposers of a candidate may be able to withdraw his name if they choose, and thereby save him from insult and themselves from annoyance. It can certainly be no part of the Masonic creed to cause trouble to those outside the ranks of the Order, and such being the case rejections on the ballot should be abolished as far as possible.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe D.G.M. presided, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as D.G.M., and Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. of Middlesex, as P.G.M.

There was a large number of brethren present, who were attracted for the purpose of securing votes for membership of the Board of General Purposes, the election for which is held at this particular Quarterly Communication.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the March Communication and of the Grand Festival were read by the Grand Secretary, and confirmed.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe said his Royal Highness the Grand Master having appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes, he would ask Bro. Fenn to let him have the pleasure of investing him with the collar.

Bro. Thomas Fenn was invested by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, amidst general applause.

Scrutineers of votes for the election of the Board of General Purposes were then appointed and obligated, the balloting cards were collected, and the Scrutineers left the hall.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe stated that as only the requisite number of members of the Colonial Board had been nominated, no election for that Board would take place, and he declared the following candidates duly elected:

Bros. Maj.-Gen. Frederick Gadsden P.M. 434, James Brett P.M.

177, Reginald St. A. Roumieu P.M. 1587, Albert Escott P.M. 1539, Captain Thomas Charles Walls P.M. 141, John Speight Cumberland P.M. 2128, and Lennox Browne P.M. 2108.

Bro. Colonel Clerke said that the Worshipful Master had appointed on that Board Colonel Haldane P.G.Sword Br. H. D. Sandeman, and Francis Bennoch; Major-General Gadsden to be Vice-President.

On the motion of Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T., Bro. John Smith was elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe said that only the required number of members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had been nominated, and he therefore declared those brethren duly elected.

The Grand Secretary said the M.W.G.M. had appointed Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Jabez Hogg, R. Turtle Pigott, J. B. Purchas, R. C. Sudlow, James Brett, and Samuel Valentine, as members of the Committee. The elected brethren were Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough W.M. 2348, Charles Alex. Cottebrune P.M. 733, Hugh Cotter P.M. 554, Charles George Dilley P.M. 1155, Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant P.M. 569, Charles Kempton P.M. 1287, Alfred H. Tattershall P.M. 140, Isaac Dixon P.M. 1567, Robert Griggs P.M. 228, and William Henry Hubbert P.M. 1625.

The report of the Board of Benevolence, as printed by us last week, was adopted, and the recommendations for grants confirmed, with one exception, and that was remitted to the Board of Benevolence, on the motion of a Suffolk Brother, who stated that he did not consider £50 sufficient. The applicant was a most deserving brother, and £50 was not a worthy return for what he had done. The motion was seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk.

Bro Robert Gray President of the Board of Benevolence said all the cases were most thoroughly considered by the Board. The Board only relieved a brother once in twelve months, and the petitioner in question could come again in that time. This case had due consideration in the usual way; it was supported in the usual way before the Board; and this was the first intimation he, as President of the Board, had had that there was any objection to, or dissatisfaction with, the amount recommended.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe read to Grand Lodge the last part of the report referring to Bro. Thomas Fenn:—

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be tendered to the President, V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year.

(Signed) THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President.

Bro. John Albert Farnfield moved, and Bro. Jas. Brett seconded, the following resolution: "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Philbrick brought up the following appeal:—

By a brother against a sentence of suspension, with a fine, passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab for un-Masonic conduct.

Bro. Philbrick explained the case, and said the brother was suspended from all his Masonic privileges for one year, and further suspended until he had made an unconditional apology for the conduct of which he had been guilty to the District Grand Lodge, and to the Lodge of which he was a member; and, further, that the sentence of suspension be continued until he had paid a fine of 200 rupees, equivalent to £15, or thereabouts, according to the rate of exchange. He pointed out that this sentence went too far according to the Book of Constitutions, Law 208, and he advised Grand Lodge to pass the resolution.

"That the appeal from the decision of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab be allowed, and the decision of the District Grand Lodge further be reversed, so far as the infliction of the fine on the appellant, and withholding him from Masonic privileges until the same is paid in consequence, on the ground that the same is *ultra vires* as being contrary to Law 208 of the Book of Constitutions, but that in other respects the said decision be affirmed."

Bro. Thomas Fenn seconded, and the motion was carried. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe announced that the M.W.

Grand Master had appointed the following brethren members of the Board of General Purposes: Bros. Thomas Fenn President, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Sir J. B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, S. Pope, Q.C., Lieut.-Col. Haldane, E. K. Bayley, and Sir George Goldie.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe at a later hour received the report of the Scrutineers.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes: Masters—Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, John Joseph Thomas, George Read, William Shurmur, Ernest Montague Money, Gordon Smith, Edward James Acworth; Past Masters—Samuel Cochran, Ernest Pocock, M.D., George Ward Verry, Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, William Alfred Scurrah, George Edwin Fairchild, and Lennox Browne.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, London. The Marquess of Hertford M.W. Pro Grand Master presided, and was supported by the Earl of Euston Deputy Grand Master. Viscount Dungarvan was in the Grand Senior Warden's chair, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke in the Grand Junior Warden's chair. Bros. Chief Justice Way Grand Master of South Australia, Colonel Lumsden Grand Master East Aberdeenshire, and other visitors were present. Grand Lodge having been opened, the Pro Grand Master was saluted, and the minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed. Scrutineers of votes for the election of members of the General Board were appointed.

By command of the Pro Grand Master, the letter from the Duke of Connaught—which appears in the report of the General Board—was read.

On the motion of Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, President of the General Board, seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Registrar, the report of the General Board, printed by us last week, was taken as read.

The different recommendations were carried, on the motion of Bro. Col. Bott Cook, seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson, and on the motion of Bro. Robert Berridge G.D.C., seconded by the Earl of Euston, the report was adopted.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then declared re-installed as M.W.G.M.M., and proclaimed as such by Bro. Robert Berridge.

The Marquess of Hertford stated that his Royal Highness had again been graciously pleased to appoint him Pro Grand Master.

The Marquis of Hertford then said that H.R.H. had also been again pleased to appoint the Earl of Euston Deputy Grand Master.

The Earl of Euston thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the announcement of his appointment by the M.W.G.M.

The following brethren were then invested as Grand Officers for the year:—

The Marquess of Hertford	Pro G.M.
The Earl of Euston	D.G.M.
The Marquess of Carmarthen	Senior Warden
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.	Junior Warden
Robert Grey (Pres. Board of Ben.)	M.O.
Jabez Church	S.O.
Richard Clowes	J.O.
Rev. Canon O. W. S. Sanders, D.D.	} Chaplains
Rev. Joseph Cater, M.A.	
Gordon Miller	Treasurer
Frank Richardson P.G.W.	Registrar
Lieut.-Col. A. Bott Cook P.G.M.O.	Pres. Gen. Board
C. F. Matier P.G.W.	Secretary
John Tomkins (Mayor of Abingdon)	} Senior Deacons
Frederick T. Elworthy	
Chas E. Keyser	} Junior Deacons
John Cates Collier	
Charles H. Driver P.G.M.O.	Inspector of Works
Robert Berridge P.G.W.	Director of Ceremonies
Colonel Chas. Harding	} Assist. Directors of Cera.
George Powell	
Sarg.-Gen. Theobald Ringer, M.D.	Sword Bearer
George Gardner	} Standard Bearers
James P. Lewin	
Alfred King, Mus.D., F.C.O.	Organist
W. H. Cowper	I.G.
John Naysmith	Assist. I.G.

The following is a list of the new Grand Stewards

approved by the M.W.G.M.:—Bros. Alfred F. Church 104, J. H. Gratton 127, A. G. Hayman 155, W. Fisher 181, Mark U. Weyland 247, W. Brown 293, F. H. Miller 294, Major Clifford Probyn 354, Adam Pringle 357, Col. A. H. Bircham 361, Harry Tipper 385, F. Mead 399, J. P. White 410, and Major C. W. Carrell 415.

The Marquis of Hertford announced that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had appointed Bros. Alfred Williams, George Cooper, C. H. Driver, R. Loveland Loveland, James Moon, and J. E. Dawson on the General Board.

The following brethren were elected:—Bros. Church, Clowes, Godson, Carter, and Hayman Cummings.

Some discussion now arose as to a change that had been introduced during the evening in the mode of salutation, but as this matter will be fully discussed by those whom it more immediately concerns, we refrain from making any comments. After some inquiry had been made as to progress in reference to the Portal Organ Fund, Grand Mark Lodge was closed. The banquet took place at the Freemasons' Tavern.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### CONSECRATION OF A CHAPTER AT HALSTED.

THE Colne Valley Chapter, No. 2154, was consecrated at the George Hotel, Halsted, on the 23rd ult., by the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, assisted by Comps. Clowes, the Rev. C. J. Martyn Grand Supt. of Suffolk, Ralling, and Lucking. The Provincial Officers present included Comps. Wilson, Turner, Bailey, Poppleton, Meggy, and Gowers, whilst the visitors included Comps. the Rev. T. S. Raffles, Whaley, and Richardson. The founders of the Chapter, with the offices into which they were installed after the consecration, were Comps. Taylor P.P.G.H. Z., Milner Jutsum H., Kellett P.P.G. Standard Bearer J., Cavill P.P.G. Sword Bearer Treas., Inman S.E., Knight S.N., Copus P.S., Hills 1st A.S., Mark Gentry 2nd A.S. At the conclusion of the ceremony, M.E.Z. Comp. Taylor expressed the thanks of the founders to the Grand Superintendent and to those who had attended, all of whom were made honorary members of the Chapter. An excellent banquet was afterwards served to the Companions.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### GODSON LODGE, No. 330.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster. Bro. G. R. Green was installed W.M. by the Most Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Worcestershire, Bro. Abraham Green. The W.M. appointed the following brethren to the various Offices of the Lodge during the year, and they were afterwards invested by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master:—Bros. Bland I.P.M., Mossop S.W., Lees J.W., Dawes M.O., Dr. Eagar S.O., Cooksey J.O., Jackson Secretary, Walker Registrar of Marks, Herbert A. Jones Dir. of Cers., Bromwich S.D., Chambers J.D., J. Jones I.G., Smith and Parke Stewards, Dagard Tyler.

The Freemasons in the Province of Kent have obtained quite a name throughout Great Britain for their liberality to the Benevolent Institutions attached to their Order, and a short account, giving the amounts contributed by the brethren in the county, will be read with interest. On every occasion of a meeting of the Charity Representatives in London the Kent Lodges always send a large sum towards the funds. Besides the systems of assistance and gifts made by the individual Lodges, it is satisfactory to learn that during the past five years just ended the amount subscribed by Kentish Freemasons to the Institutions was nearly £11,000, the actual sum being £10,932 16s, or equal to an average of about £2200 annually. These amounts have been contributed to the Institutions in the following sums during the five years:—Boys' Institution, £2604 8s; Girls', £3261 8s; Benevolent, £4032 8s 6d; Mark Benevolent, £1034 11s 6d; total, £10,932 16s. The sums collected last year alone were:—For the Boys', £549 16s; Girls', £364 16s 6d; Benevolent, £743 14s; Mark Benevolent, £117 1s—Total, £1,775 7s 6d. Last year's total does not, however, compare well with either of the four years preceding, as in 1886 the total sum was £1815 6s; in 1887, £2678 12s 6d; in 1888, £2,664 13s 6d, and in 1889, £1998 16s 6d. The following shows the number of Kent pupils and annuitants with the average cost of such pupils and the amount received by such annuitants during 1890:—Boys (ten in number), costing £510; girls (15), £521 16s 5d; Benevolent (men—14), £560; (women—12), £384; Mark Benevolent (six), £70 17s—Total, 57 recipients and cost £2046 13s 5d. By the above figures it will be seen that the cost of the Kent pupils and annuitants was more last year than the sum subscribed by the Kentish brethren, although this reached the sum of £1775 7s 6d.—*Dover Telegraph.*

## DEATH.

DAVIS.—On the 30th ult., at the Salmon and Compasses, Penton Street, Pentonville, Rhoda Jane, Wife of W. W. Davis, and eldest daughter of the late John Thorn, Norwood Road. S.E. Funeral took place on Thursday, 4th inst., at Norwood Cemetery

## NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON the 27th ult. some important functions in connection with the Benevolent and Philanthropic Institutions of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons took place at Scarborough, members of the Craft being present from most parts of North and East Yorkshire. In the afternoon the half-yearly meeting of the Charities Association was held in the reading-room at the Masonic Club, St. Nicholas Cliff, the Chairman, Bro. J. W. Woodall Past Grand Treasurer of England presiding, and Bro. Joseph Todd (York) being in the Vice-chair. The business transacted included the reading of the reports as to the health and conduct of the children who are being educated by the Province, and of whom there are nine. These reports, as well as those relating to their educational progress and health, were of a very satisfactory character. The Association adopted four more children, and granted sums of money appropriate to each child, the total number of children receiving the benefits of the Educational Fund being thus raised to 13. A boy was adopted as the candidate of the Province for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London, and a widow was also adopted as the candidate of the Province for admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The brethren present included Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York Past Grand Chaplain of England and Senior Prov. Grand Warden, and Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. In the evening the third Annual Festival in connection with the Educational Fund of the Province took place at the Royal Hotel. The Dean of York presided, and those present included the brethren named and upwards of fifty other members of the Craft. After the banquet a long toast list was gone through, the toasts including the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom M.W.P.G.M. and the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgembe R.W.D.G.M., His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland Grand Master of the M.I. Order of St. Patrick R.W.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire and Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. Eng. R.W.D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, the Educational Fund, the Chairman, the Scarborough Lodges, and the Masonic Charities. Later the regular meeting of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, was held, the W.M. Bro. A. G. Wellburn presiding, many of the brethren from various Lodges in the Province were present.

The bent figure of Sir Patrick Colquhoun, with his unconventional hat and still more unconventional necktie, will be as much missed in the precincts of the Temple as on the umpire's boat at the University Boat Race. The Nestor of English oarsmen will be remembered rather as the founder of the Colquhoun skulls and the discoverer of Henley than as the Aulic Councillor to the King of Saxony, the adviser of the Grand Duke of Oldenburg, or the Chief Justice of the Ionian Islands. He belonged to the generation of carmen which immediately preceded that of Lord Esler and the "Lightning Crew," and down to the very last he took the deepest interest in the annual contests which in a measure owed their origin to his prowess and youthful enthusiasm. Sir Patrick Colquhoun took an important part in the revival of the Masonic Order of Knights Templar, and he certainly possessed more foreign stars and ribbons than any member of the English Bar. His chambers in King's Bench Walk were crammed with souvenirs of his diplomatic missions to the East, and he distinguished his tenure of office as Treasurer of the Middle Temple three years ago by the exercise of much genial hospitality. He has survived his brother, *le plus fidèle habitué* of Cannes, only a few weeks, and when he read the erroneous obituary notices which the demise of the Chevalier gave rise to, he observed sadly that "the newspapers would not have long to wait."—*The World.*

## MASONIC TOUTING.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.

SIR,—Your Correspondent "S." justly complains of the annoyance of being canvassed for votes by four brethren. The case is not an isolated one; on the contrary, it is the practice, wherever elections are to be obtained by votes, and, notably, in the great Metropolitan voting Charities, to pester the governing bodies for their individual patronage. The practice is most in vogue with unmeritorious persons and their friends, and is conducted for their own benefit at the expense of others more deserving than themselves. Unfortunately, it not infrequently happens that those who can spend the most in printing and postage succeed in being elected, and the poor and friendless are left out in the cold.

To be canvassed by four brethren appears to be regarded as an annoyance by your common-sense Correspondent, but assuming that there are about twenty Charity elections in May, and an average of twenty candidates for each, it may possibly happen that all the well-known philanthropists are solicited by four hundred touters, many of whom accompany their earnest entreaties for votes with applications for pecuniary assistance. Of the merits of the individual cases nothing is personally known, and any attempts to discriminate can only lead to utter bewilderment.

There is a growing practice on the part of those who have studied the subject to commit all applications for votes to the waste-paper basket, and to send their proxies to the Committees of the Charities for administration, since the latter are the only persons who are in a position to judge of the relative merits of the applicants. If this plan were generally carried out, much annoyance to the public would be avoided, and great expense saved to the candidates; the fittest would win in the struggle, and the only sufferers would be the printer and the Postmaster General.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

J. A. Dow.

30 Charing-cross, S.W., 28th May.

## MASONRY AND ITS USE.

*An Oration by Rev. Bro. James G. Dougherty, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Kansas, 17th February 1891.*

IT is our fortune to live in an age and in a nation where all Fraternities must offer some justification of their character, and give a reason for their existence. Persons insolent or persons curious may question Masonry as to its character and utility. The insolent are left to guess their answers in the mocking echoes of their foolish questions. The curious may be entertained by the recital of imaginative doings sufficiently mysterious to satisfy their curiosity. Such persons as denounce Masonry on the ground that it is a secret society need not be answered by Masons. If it seems best to say anything to check the torrent of their abuse, a gentle hint that they try their powers on the Grand Army of the Republic or on the Farmers' Alliance, may be sufficient to suggest that Masons are not alone in their belief that men may rightfully form a society for certain objects which are not the concern of all; and may within that organisation have special, peculiar, secret ties binding them to each other, separating and distinguishing them from those who are outside.

To such as make pretended revelations of the secrets of Masonry, either in books, or in lectures, or in public exhibitions of alleged initiatory rites, no Mason need ever make answer. Every moral and intelligent person who reads, hears or sees their "revelations," perceives at once that either they have been misled, and so are mistaken in their assertions, or else that they are retailing the assertions of perjurers, if they be not perjurers themselves.

Passing in silence the insolent, and the foolish or perjured, there remain those, not Masons, who have no objection to keeping certain matters private, in their families or in a wider yet restricted fellowship; those who ask, What is the character of Masonry, and of what use is it? These two questions, asked by reasonable men, deserve from Masons a serious and reasonable answer. Indeed, every Mason needs to have a very clear view, both of the essential character and of the use of Masonry, for his own usefulness, both as a Mason and a citizen. To defend Masonry is unnecessary. The person who makes the attack is allowed to take as much exercise in that form as he may choose; no resistance is offered to him. No Mason either asks him to become a Mason or to approve of Masonry. If he offers us a serpent we do not receive it, since we ask nothing and take nothing, either good or ill, from him. Every Mason rests in the undoubting assurance that Masonry has nothing to apprehend from attacks from without; that only a Mason false to his principles can ever hurt Masonry. So, not for needless defence of our Order, but simply for clearness of apprehension of our own privileges and duties, we may now consider first, What is Masonry? and second, What is its use?

In answering the question, What is Masonry? there are several points to be noticed:

*First.*—Masonry is an ancient and honourable Institution. Anything of which it can be said, "It is ancient," has this in its favour—it has stood the test of time. Of course, there are old delusions, old iniquities. Yet even delusions and iniquities that have age in their favour have, by that mark, a greater admixture of truth and of right than delusions and iniquities so transparently false and wrong that they cannot persist through a generation. But Masonry is honourable as well as ancient. In our own land Benjamin Franklin and George Washington are at the head of a long list of distinguished men whose names have illumined its rolls of membership, and whose deeds have added glory to its history. In Europe, kings, princes, and honourable counsellors have united in its work, or directed its assemblies.

*Second.*—Masonry is beneficent. Every local Lodge cares tenderly for its sick members, buries its dead, provides for widows and orphans. Its beneficence is also seen in homes for aged Masons, such as that recently dedicated in Michigan; in hospitals and schools and orphanages, such as those founded and sustained by the Masons of London, England.

*Third.*—Masonry is religious. It is not true that Masonry is Christian or that Masonry is Jewish. Just as little is it true that Masonry is infidel or agnostic.

Prayer, an open Bible, reverence for the God of the Bible, for His name and for His word, are a part of the necessities of Masonry—those things in the absence of which Masonry ceases to exist. In this broad sense Masonry is religious.

*Fourth.*—Masonry is a fellowship. It is not a church. It invites none. It selects from those who offer themselves unsolicited, and unites them in fellowship. It has no propaganda and can have none. It rejects from its fellowship all women and children and several classes of men. Unlike the church, which invites all, of all classes, ages and conditions, Masonry calls no one, and has no room for many who ask for fellowship. It receives some men who are members of churches, but not because they are members of churches. It receives some men who are not members of churches, but does not offer to stand to them in place of the church. To those whom Masonry receives it offers a fellowship peculiarly intimate, but never competes or attempts to compete with a church of any name. Its fellowship is religious because Masonry is religious, but the fellowship is between men whose particular religious views are most diverse.

*Fifth.*—Masonry is cosmopolitan. This characteristic is secured by having a fellowship that is not universal. Some men of clear and positive views on matters social, political, religious, can fellowship other men of equally positive but diverse views. Such men can be Masons. Some men can learn to respect the sincere convictions of other men, when these convictions are diametrically opposed to their own; other men can regard only as a knave or a fool the person whose views of life conflict with their own. The latter class are not at home among Masons. The tolerance which is joined with personal convictions too deep, too well founded, to be shaken by the differing belief of a brother; the openness of mind which is ready to accept gratefully from a brother the correction of false views, even when long sincerely cherished, this is that cosmopolitanism which unites men of various social positions, of various religious beliefs, of differing political parties, even of different race, language and nations, in the strong bonds of Masonry.

*Sixth.*—Masonry is conservative. It does not love change. It is inclined to identify the good way with the old paths. It bows down to what is ancient. It asks many questions of every new thing before it consents to recognise it as a worthy thing. Reform movements, affecting church or state, never will arise in a Masonic Lodge. Masonry is not inclined to disturb what is. The members of every Lodge have various other relationships. Their being is not absorbed in their life as Masons. The man who attempts to be *only* a Mason is not fit to be a Mason, and is a failure as a Mason just to the extent that he pursues his foolish undertaking. Among Masons are men who shake church and state as heralds of many-voiced reform; and also their opponents, men of most opposite convictions, whose opposition is as intense and persistent as is the advocacy of the others. These reformers and opponents of reform may be members of the same Lodge. Whatever either may be outside the Lodge-room, both within the Lodge ask after the old paths; both as Masons, are conservative.

*Seventh.*—Masonry is radical. It is only when one or the other is false that radicalism and conservatism are set in opposition. Masonry sets itself against that false radicalism that despises the lessons of history, that radical barbarism that seeks to begin each day as if there had never been a day before; that, under the cry of reform, would repeat in ceaseless experiment old failures. Masonry refuses to accept the word "old" as the synonym of "false," or the word "new" as the synonym of "true." This is genuine radicalism, the holding on to truths tested by long experience, and using these long tested truths as a guide to and a test of all other truths. That which roots itself quickly may have no depth of earth, because on shallow ground, and so endure only for a time. That which roots itself permanently requires time, and so genuine radicalism is patient, that is conservative, holding on to the good things that are while waiting for better things to grow.

This seventh point in the character of Masonry is illustrated in the other six. Ancient and honourable—the former of little worth without the latter—beneficent, religious, a fellowship, cosmopolitan, conservative, Masonry stands for those good things which are the roots of all good things for mankind. Radical is only another way of



saying that which is concerned with roots. Combining in a wide-embracing, though restricted fellowship, through a long and honourable history, men of religious spirit, of beneficent activities, although of widely different experiences and creeds, political and religious, Masonry illustrates true radicalism. As the philologist finds a few common roots at the base of all languages, and so discovers the point of union and fellowship between diverse peoples, so Masonry aims to conserve the root ideas that control the lives of men, and by their union give a ground for more generous fellowship—a communion in which what is best will prove itself by its evident superiority to what is worse.

This answer to the first question, What is Masonry? makes evident what must be the answer to the second question, Of what use is Masonry? A few months ago a saying went the rounds of the newspapers that a certain unknown Mason had pronounced Masonry at once the most harmless and useless thing in existence. If any Mason ever said so he must have had a fit of despondency, brought on by contemplating actual Masonry in the presence of its exalted ideals. The saying, wherever or however it originated, is false. A horticulturist, talking of apple orchards, may commend a particular kind of apple as of fine flavour, a good bearer and a good keeper. A farmer present may shake his head and offer to take the speaker to his orchard and show him that he is wholly wrong. That farmer can point to trees of that vaunted variety which bear only shrivelled, gnarly fruit, in small quantities, fruit that decays before it ripens. The horticulturist has only one answer: "Nothing that is good grows to its best without appropriate treatment." The value of Masonry is to be measured, as is the value of all products, by its best, not by its worst condition.

Indeed, could it be shown to be true that the ideals of Masonry are nowhere realised, that would only be a reason for new exertions, never a reason for abandoning the ideals. But Masons may, with due modesty, claim that the practical utility of Masonry is apparent to any one who cares to give attention to it; that its ideals are in part realised; that there is some good, fairly ripe fruit. Three particulars may be noted:

*First*—Masonry forms a bond of union between men of different classes in society. Its dictum, "We meet upon the level," abolishes all distinctions between members as members. Prince and peasant, ruler and ruled, capitalist and borrower, employer and employed, the well-paid and the ill-paid, the rich and the poor, meet together and recognise that "the Lord is the maker of them all."

A person must be very ignorant or else the victim of a blinding prejudice who, in these days of social strife, sees no use in such a blotting out of ordinary distinctions. While no man as a Mason is required, or even permitted to be false to his own social views, every man who is a Mason has peculiar opportunities for modifying his social views and perceiving at least a modicum of worth in the views of a man at some other point in the social scale. It needs not that a Masonic Lodge should act directly on disturbing social questions. It is essential not only to the principles of Masonry, but to its utility as well, that it should never discuss the burning social questions; in order that it may be able to furnish a common ground where devotees of most diverse social theories may meet, not as combatants, but as friends, so not for victory but for instruction—that kind of instruction which is received without resistance, because not directly intended on either side; that instruction which enlarges the view of all parties, inclining them to discuss their theories without personalities. The brethren of the mystic tie, divided most widely in their views as to the right relation between capital and labour, have been able to contend for their respective theories with greater fairness and kindness outside of the Masonic Lodge, because no contention was ever permitted inside the lodge-room, because *there* all brethren dwell together in peace and unity, meeting on the level and parting on the square.

*Second*.—Masonry unites men of different political views. It unites the men not their views. It has nothing to do with their views, nothing to say about them. A Masonic Lodge never can be of any political party. Its members may at will be members of any political party or of none. Whatever narrow-minded party leaders may aver, no thoughtful citizen of any party ever believes that the partizan is the patriot. Our country has felt the shock of war and is still suffering from its results because party spirit took the place of patriotism, sectionalism was sub-

stituted for nationalism. Masonry is of use in bringing together some partisans and compelling them for a time to see each other simply as men, thus introducing something more generous into their thoughts and feelings than ever could come from party spirit. Masonry is a political agent only as it gives opportunity for politicians to maintain fraternal association with political opponents, and so modifies the bitterness of political contests, and sometimes modifies the result by suggesting something better than either party leader would alone have planned. In the political campaigns, as in the campaigns of our civil war, those whose convictions place them on opposite sides are not less loyal to their convictions, but are more manly in their conflict with the foe, to whom, in the intervals of strife, they have extended the hand of human fellowship, from whom they have received the sign of Masonic brotherhood. He who can see no reason for the existence of a fraternity which modifies the hatreds and enmities of life is a good deal less than Christian, if indeed he does not deserve to be classed with the savage whose insatiable hatred he prefers.

*Third*.—Masonry unites men of various religious views. This would be folly if the object were an association to propagate a religion. There are many religions in the world. Masonry discriminates between them, pronouncing in favour of a biblical religion. Yet Masonry does not attempt to define either what the BIBLE is, or what religion may fairly be said to be founded upon it. What Masonry might be or do in a land where there was no BIBLE is hardly worth discussing. The Christian church goes everywhere with the BIBLE, reduces to writing spoken languages and translates the BIBLE into the languages created for it. Thus among any people of earth where Masonry could go, the light could be none other than that which here shines for Gentile and Jew as they stand together on the tessellated pavement.

But there remains diversity when Masonry has shut out from her fellowship all heathen religions, as well as atheism and infidelity. The Roman Catholic church may pronounce its ban against Masonry, but no Lodge is closed against a man for the reason that he is a Roman Catholic. Some Protestant churches have seen fit to forbid their ministers or members to unite with Masonic Lodges, yet no Lodge shuts its doors against any one of these in retaliation for the acts of his church. Protestants of all sects, Roman Catholics and Jews, may all meet on one common level as Masons. Where else can they, this side the grave? With these may meet men of less formal religious views; some with strange religious hobbies, incongruously shaped from joinings of conflicting texts of Scripture; others with fragmentary views, held in some sort of unity by a philosophy of the crudest form; many with traditional views inherited with their blood and bones—some curious mixture of ancient paganism and modern Christianity.

They look from a false standpoint who criticise this fraternity of men of various religious views, all—in some sense, more or less clear—founded on the BIBLE. If the object were the propagation of Christianity, such a fraternity would not be of first importance. There is no pretence on the part of any who know what Masonry is that it is fitted to propagate either Christianity or any other specific form of religion. For this very reason it furnishes a common standing ground on which all men who accept the Bible as the word of God, and the rule of life, can meet.

The use here is similar to that which we have seen in social and in political matters. Prejudices that exist between Jews and Christians, between Roman Catholics and Protestants, between different families of Protestants, have their ground in a want of personal acquaintance between persons holding these faiths. Prejudice is often in the way of mutual help. Masonry tends to break down the prejudice. So it affords an opportunity for helpful religious work, to any who are so disposed. Pious men are often densely ignorant of the real lives of men who are not pious, but only in a vague sense religious. Paganism is quite as possible under forms of Christianity, as under the old religions of Greece or Rome. Whatever may be thought the proper method to reach the modern pagan, our next door neighbour, one thing is very plain, he must know us as his friends, his fellows, before we ever can know the man we desire to reach. I am revealing no secret of Masonry when I say that every Lodge room contains at least one specimen of the modern pagan, perhaps many. So this association affords opportunity

for what is best in religion to prove its strength just as it affords a similar opportunity to social and political theories to assert their power.

Now, brethren of the mystic tie, if any of you think that Masonry has not shown a due appreciation of its uses, I fully agree with you. Its ancient honour, its honourable antiquity, will avail little to future generations or to our own, unless we Masons of to-day live lives that are honourable—being conspicuous in our communities as men just and true, men of sterling integrity, men upright in all relationships of life, faithful in our families, true to our neighbours, loyal to the State. The beneficence of Masonry passes from ideal to actual only when we open our purses to meet the need of a worthy brother, his widow, or his children. A charity, learned by practice in the narrower bounds of Masonry, will surely spread abroad. Virtue is contagious as well as vice.

The religious character of our Fraternity needs larger practical illustration. Profanity is a violation of Masonic pledges. He whose language is debased with oaths in common speech is a disgrace to Masonry. So, too, no one can applaud the views of an infidel without in the very act repudiating Masonry. It were well if our Lodges imitated the good custom of some English Lodges, which donate to churches, altars or pulpits, and then go to kneel at the altars, to be instructed from the pulpits. Nothing is more in harmony with the spirit of Masonry than such gifts. They ought to be common among the needy churches of our young State. The Lodge that placed in each church in its town, that would receive the gift, some token of its interest, would surely experience the truth of that divine saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

It is not unfitting to suggest, also, that Masons who are members of churches ought to be conspicuous for their devotion to the work of the church, since he is no true Mason who is not a better man in all his relations because of his being a Mason.

This fellowship among a cosmopolitan membership of conservative radicals is a thing to be maintained, as all good things, only at a cost of time, thought and effort. Yet the fraternity is worth to us and to the community far more than it costs. Masonry needs no defence. It does need larger illustration of its true character and use. Let us, brother Masons, seek to illustrate in our lives its worthy teachings; then we may leave to those not Masons, and to the coming time, to pronounce on its utility.—*Voice of Masonry.*

#### FREEMASONRY AT BILBAO.

THE British members of the ancient Craft at Bilbao, feeling the want of fraternal fellowship with each other, have lately affiliated themselves to one of the Spanish Lodges in the place. This Lodge, which is designated Esperanza VII., No. 235, was, up to a short time ago, located in Portugalette, and was at a very low ebb, but thanks to the energetic exertions of Bros. J. A. Morley, G. E. D. Woolf, and one or two others it has been entirely resuscitated, and placed on a new footing altogether. With the consent of the Grand National Orient of Spain, under the auspices of whom it is now working, the Lodge has been translated from Portugalette to Desierto, a more central position, and liberty has also been given to work in either English or Spanish, as circumstances necessitate. The large augmentation to the British population caused by the new works of Messrs. Martinez Rivas-Palmer has also added considerably to the membership, and enabled the Lodge to refit and furnish its rooms in a handsome manner. The opening took place on 2nd inst., and the principal business was the installation of the Officers for the ensuing year. This ceremony was performed by Bro. Wilson P.M., general manager Astilleros del Nervion. The names of the Officers are as follow:—Bros. Morley W.M., McArdle D.M., Middleton S.W., Smart J.W., Woolf Secretary, Habbick S.F.T., Lindsay S.D., Cousins J.D., Caldwell D.C., McMurchie Chaplain, Manuel Sanchez I.G., Brough Steward, Parkes Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. Pantoja M.W.G.M., from the Grand Oriente Nacional de Espana, Grano R.W.P.G.M., from the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bryer, King, Robson, McAlpine, Baker, Parkis, Brown, Craig, McMillan, Kirkland, Taylor, Bruce, Christie, Ginzari, Cochran, Capt. Mellan, McNeil, Purdie, Rae, Sancho, &c. After the installation the Lodge adjourned to the Fontes del Resero, Las Arenas, where a banquet was prepared for the members and their friends. When the cloth was removed Bro. Wilson took the chair, and the evening was spent in song and sentiment.

#### FREEMASONRY AND POLITICS.

THE "Star" has been hoaxed by some one signing himself "P.M." with regard to the recent Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset. This correspondent declares that the Lodges of Bath have become purely political, that telegrams of Conservative interest were read at the meeting, and that renegades, presumably from the Liberal party, were rewarded with office, and thereupon is based a gibe at the society which claims to forward the knowledge of nature and science and to work for the benefit of humanity. Freemasonry being a secret society is peculiarly at the mercy of attacks made in this spirit, because its members cannot explain its proceedings fully to the outside world, while its assaults are under no kind of restraint. They, in fact, attack men whose mouths are practically sealed. Under these circumstances the less that is published in the newspapers with regard to its proceedings, the better in our judgment. If the appointment of its Officers is to be scrutinised in this way there will be no alternative but to withhold them also, as is done, in fact, in the Province of Bristol. Criticism of the lists on political grounds is, we submit, as unwarrantable as to charge members of the Front Opposition Bench with disloyalty to their principles, because they meet those who are their opponents in the House of Commons at social gatherings in London, or even invite them to their own dinner tables. Masonic Lodges enjoy a legal right to meet in secret, which they would deservedly forfeit if they became party organisations, but whatever may be said against them it is impossible to establish such a charge as this. The accusations made in relation to the Bath meeting are a tissue of fables from beginning to end. The Bath Lodges by no means deserve the stigma cast upon them, but beyond that they only form a small proportion of the Province of Somerset, and the appointments made were not their selection in any form or shape. The offices were bestowed by Lord Dungarvan, upon the advice of a gentleman who lives at Bridgwater. Lord Dungarvan is presumably a Liberal, his father, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, being certainly a supporter of Mr. Gladstone, and to-day Lord Carrington is to be installed in a similar office, which he certainly could not hold if none but Tories need apply. If any telegrams were read on Thursday, at Bath they would simply be apologies for absence from prominent Masons, and if these gentlemen happen in political life to be Tories, the fact no more gives a political tone to the proceedings than would similar messages from the same gentlemen read at a wedding or a civic dinner or a missionary meeting. The appointments made were based upon strictly Masonic services, and followed rules which every one present fully understood. That honour thus came to one gentleman whom "The Star" would class as a renegade may be true, but he had earned it by his work in the Craft, and there was also upon the list at least one ardent Liberal. But as the appointments are not made upon political grounds it would be futile to analyse the list in this fashion. The charge of partisanship published in "The Star" is, we think, sufficiently answered. Touching the final gibe of this very doubtful P.M., we may point out that nearly £9,000 was obtained last Tuesday by voluntary effort for the support of the Royal Masonic School for Girls. The sum for the Boys' School will be very much larger, and the contributions to the Benevolent Institution will have to be added before the total contributions of the Order during the year to its national Charities can be ascertained; and these are quite apart from all that is done locally throughout the kingdom.—*The Bristol Mercury.*

["P.M." did not hoax *the Star*, because *the Star* did not adopt his opinions or his facts. Our Bristol contemporary at least should know this.]—*The Star.*

#### ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

THE 27th Annual Meeting of the governors of St. John's Hospital for diseases of the skin, Leicester Square, W.C. was held on Saturday, 30th May, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, under the presidency of Lord Alfred Churchill. The report, which was adopted, stated that the income of the past year had been £2969; an increase of £922 over that of the previous year. The number of beds had been doubled—now being 32. The number of applicants admitted during the year was 4813 (170 in and 4667 out patients) as against 4345 (99 in and 4246 out patients) in 1889. In consequence of the heavy expenditure the Hospital had had to meet during the past year, the Board had been unable to appreciably reduce the old debts of the Institution, which still amount to £804.

The opponents of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand have lately circulated a story to the effect that the executive of the Grand Lodge, despairing of their obtaining recognition from England, Ireland, and Scotland, had made overtures to the District and Provincial Grand Lodges for a settlement, on the basis that the New Zealand Grand Lodge was to accept the position of a fourth and junior constitution. The Officers of the Grand Lodge resident in Auckland simply laughed at the fabrication as being too puerile to require denial; but as the story continued current, with various embellishments, authority to deny it was asked for, and the reply from Christchurch is most emphatic and conclusive. There never was the slightest foundation for the statement; and under no circumstances would the Grand Lodge accept a position inferior to the supreme authorities of England, Ireland, and Scotland in their respective home jurisdictions. The District and Provincial Lodges now existing may be tolerated, but must and will always be kept in the subordinate position they occupy in relation to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which claims and exercises supreme authority in the colony.

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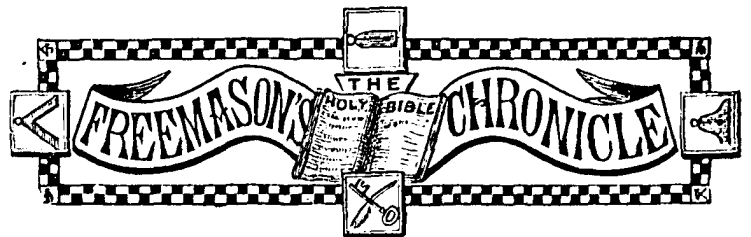
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SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE 1891.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

VIRTUE LODGE, No. 152 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held on Friday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. Present—Bros. Gillebrand W.M., Batt S.W., Cantrell J.W., Rev. Watson P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain Chaplain, Crompton Secretary, Mellington S.D., Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., Yates Organist, P.M.'s Pritchard, Conway, and Daniel; Bros. Ingram, Kelly, Constantine, Ireland, Saunders, and Kay. The Lodge was opened in due form at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. James Saunders was passed to the second degree by the W.M., and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

A MEETING of this Lodge, a large number of whose members reside in Kensington, was held on the 20th ult., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, Bro. Swann W.M. presiding. After the formal business, the brethren proceeded to elect Messrs. Brown, Dyer, Irwin Alexander. Bro. Morrish was admitted a joining member. Bro. Kew was duly raised. After the reading of the bye-laws, it was announced that Bro. Davis was the W.M. elect, and that Bro. Betts had been selected as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Audit Committee was duly appointed, and the company adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided.



## WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

ON the 25th ult. the installation meeting was held, at the Masonic Hall, North Bridge Street, Monkwearmouth. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Remigius Blake, the chair was occupied by Bro. G. W. Bain P.P.G.R. The W.M. elected was Bro. L. R. Davies S.W. The acting W.M. was supported by Bros. George Porteous P.M., A. T. Munro P.M., J. G. Kirtley P.M., A. Gray P.M. 949, J. H. Penney W.M. 1970, T. Coulson P.M. 1970, J. R. Cutter P.M. 97, C. M. Wake P.M. 97, J. R. Smart P.M. 94, Dr. P. A. Pearce W.M. 80, E. G. Watson W.M. 97, F. S. Cowper W.M. 2039, T. Gibbons S.W. 80, Jos. Lee S.D. 2039, W. Watson I.G. 94, R. Farmer S.S. 1970. Bro. L. R. Davies, was presented in due form by Bro. George Porteous, to Bro. G. W. Bain, who, with the assistance of Bro. A. T. Munro, performed the installation ceremony in a very able manner, and Bro. Davies was saluted according to ancient custom. The appointment of Officers was as follows:—Brothers R. Blake I.P.M., L. R. Simpson S.W., A. Logan J.W., J. G. Kirtley P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Bain P.M. Secretary, C. Gibson S.D., Hy. Rodgers J.D., F. W. Ingram I.G., A. T. Munro P.M. D. of C., D. Grieve P.M. Tyler, Bolobo Smeiohan, W. G. Hodgson, E. Lauterback, and W. Charlton Stewards. At the annual festival in the evening the W.M. presided, and received the congratulations of his worship the Mayor, Bro. R. Shadforth P.M. P.P.G.D. The banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Bridge Street, where a splendid menu was served. In the course of the evening the toast of the P.G.M. Bro. Sir. Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was proposed by the W.M., who read a letter from the Provincial Grand Master, in which Sir Hedworth regretted that he was unable to emphasise by his presence the good choice the brethren had made. The Mayor (Brother R. Shadforth) proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M. (Bro. L. R. Davies), and hoped his year of office would be happy and prosperous, and that he would have the attendance and support of his Officers. Bro. Davies had shown himself a worthy brother, and one who would endeavour to do his best in the interests of the Williamson Lodge. He had the good wishes of all the brethren in the town, as well as of his Lodge, and of those out of the town by whom he was known. Bro. Davies W.M. responded, and other toasts followed.

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

THE bi-monthly Convocation was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Present:—Comps. Biggs Z., Maybury H., Rathbone J., Jones P.Z. S.N., Thomason P.S., Burslem P.Z. Treasurer, Land, Morrison, and Knight. Visitors:—Outram P.Z. 993 P.P.G.T., Shorrook 204, Eldershaw Z. 204, and Lisenden (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). According to custom the Companions met at six o'clock for tea, after which the Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous Convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Renshaw, of the Trafford Lodge, and was declared favourable. The candidate, however, was not present to be exalted, being away from home. The three lectures were delivered in a highly creditable manner, the Historical by Comp. Rathbone, the Symbolical by Comp. Maybury, and the Mystical by Comp. Burslem. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony at 8:15.

## AVON LODGE, No. 1633 (MANCHESTER.)

A REGULAR meeting took place on Wednesday, 27th May, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel. Amongst those present were Brothers Farrington W.M., Kenworthy S.W., Battersby J.W., Craven P.M. Treasurer, Brown P.M. Secretary, Willis S.D., Jacobson J.D., Driver acting I.G., P.M.'s Allett, Swinn, Macfarlane, and Bostock. Visitors—Bros. Dottie and Hodges. The following business was done:—Mr. Henry Vaughan initiated by the W.M., Bro. Heath; passed to the second degree by the I.P.M. Bro. Swinn; Bro. Bundy received a similar honour at the hands of Bro. P.M. Allitt; and Bro. Unsworth was passed by the W.M. After the Lodge was closed the brethren assembled at the social board, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## PRUDENCE AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 1953.

THE members held their annual gathering, at the Masonic Hall, George Hotel, Yeovil, on the 27th ult., when Bro. Pepper Indge P.M. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by V.W. Bro. Else D.P.G.M. P.G.D. England. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Mitchell I.P.M., Hockey W.M. 1197 S.W., Norrington J.W., Rev. H. K. Law Chaplain, Jarman P.M. Treasurer, Derrick P.M. Secretary, Gawler S.D., Symes J.D., Plank D.C., Bauston Organist, Symes I.G., Denning and Hill Stewards, White Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Room, where a most recherché banquet was served by Bro. House, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction, and reflected much credit on the manageress of the Hotel, Miss Potter. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

## MONTGOMERIE LODGE, No. 1741.

A LARGE and representative body of Masons assembled at the King's Head Hotel, Diss, on the 25th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Harry Chase Green as W.M. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. H. O. Lyus P.M., the chair of S.W. being filled by Bro. Panks, and that of J.W. by Bro. Tyrrell. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Simpson I.P.M., Panks S.W., Tyrrell J.W., Slack Treasurer, Flatman Secretary, Rash S.D., Arnold Bobby J.D., Madgett I.G., Cracknell Organist, Evans P.M., Rice P.M. Stewards, Staff Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to a comfortably-served banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Green.

## WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 28th May, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, when there were nearly 200 brethren present, including 30 Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. This Lodge now comprises 169 members, viz., 70 Founders, 8 Honorary Members, 51 Initiates and 40 Joining Members. Numerous propositions were received for initiation and joining. The grants of 100 guineas to Boys' School, and 10 guineas to Boys' School Pension Indemnity Fund, were unanimously confirmed. At the banquet table the sum of £9 4s 6d was collected for the Boys' School Athletic Sports Prize Fund.

## MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387.

THE first meeting since the consecration was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Owing to attending a meeting of Provincial Managers in London, the W.M. Bro. Birch was unavoidably absent, as was the S.W. Bro. Ramsay, through an attack of the prevailing epidemic, which has confined him to his room for the past three weeks. As the business to be got through was simply of a formal character, the attendance was not large, the following brethren being present:—Bros. E. G. Simpson as W.M., Swinn as S.W., Straus J.W., Barlow Treasurer, J. M. Simpson Secretary, Cavanah S.D. Visitors:—Bros. Simpson 44, and Martyn 1387. The following gentlemen were balloted and elected to become members of the Lodge:—P. Paulsen, F. Billington (Savoy Theatre), Captain S. L. Mandelberg, and J. H. Core (Acting Manager Theatre Royal). The following brethren were balloted for and elected joining members of the Lodge:—Bros. Pitt Hardacre 1868, Macbeth 1387, Captain Rose 2231, Abramoff 1609, Crompton 2368, and Emerson 1633. The four first-named gentlemen will be initiated on Monday next at a Lodge of emergency. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form.

## MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387.

AN emergency meeting was held last Monday, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. Present—Bros. Birch W.M., Swinn acting S.W., Straus J.W., Barlow Treasurer, J. M. Simpson Secretary, Cavanah J.D. and acting I.G. Visitors—Bro. Clark of the Mikado Company, and Jolland of Benson's Company. Bro. Ramsay S.W. was still absent through illness, and a vote of sympathy was passed for him, the Secretary being requested to forward a letter to that effect, together with the sincere wish of all present for his speedy recovery. Messrs. Billington and Core were the only candidates present for initiation, and the W.M. subsequently performed that ceremony, and initiated both gentlemen into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. C. Swinn delivered the E.A. Charge. Prior to the Lodge being closed several joining members were proposed for election at the next meeting. At the social Board the health of the initiates was proposed and heartily drunk, both brethren responding. Bro. Jolland responded on behalf of the visitors, shortly after which the small company broke up, Bro. Billington having to catch 5:15 train to Sheffield, to fulfil his engagement with the Mikado Company.

## BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THE members of this Lodge, from various reasons, having deemed it incumbent on them to seek a more central position for holding their meetings, placed themselves in communication with the proprietors of the Café Monico, with result that the last meeting they held took place at their new Headquarters in the Piccadilly Circus, on Thursday, 21st ult. There was a numerous attendance. The Rooms, which have been specially arranged for Masonic purposes, are admirably adapted. The members present included Bros. Acworth P.M. 133 1612 2077 W.M., Honey S.W., I. B. Joel J.W., J. Joel Treasurer, De Leeuw Secretary, Levy S.D., Gluckstein J.D., Warner D. of C., Bash A.D.C., Wright Prov. Grand Organist Middlesex Organist, Vandyk I.G., Hyman and Whiteway Stewards, Hogard P.G. St. B. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, Jessop P.M. 1260 I.P.M., Mather P.A.G.D.C., Barnato, Abrahams, Brook, Somers, Tannenbaum, Warner, and Koel. Visitors:—Bros. George Everett G. Treasurer, Col. Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras, Terry P. G. Treasurer, McLeod Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, Radcliffe Past Grand Steward, Fettergill 206, Corble P.P.J.G.W. Essex, Myers P.M. 185, Genese 188, Seton W.M. 1965, Gardner P.G.S.B. Bucks, Dr. Zacharie, Beard P.M. 101, M. de Fren 205, Lazarus W.M. 188, Cane 1710, Hempsted 180, St. Clair I.P.M. 2060, Spitzel, Captain Simpson 1477, Rivers, and Lee S.W. 2381. Lodge was opened, and a communication from the M.W. Grand Master, authorising change of abode of the Lodge, was read. Mr. de Gorter was duly initiated into Freemasonry, and Bro. White, late 205, was elected a joining member. Bros. Somers and Brook were impressively raised to the degree of Master Mason. The elections then took place, and resulted as follows: Bro. de Leeuw W.M., J. Joel (re-elected) Treas., and Walkley Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Jessop, a P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M. as a slight token of appreciation for his services. The W.M. being a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 10 Guineas was voted to his list, on the motion of Bro. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer. The report of the Ball Committee was read; it announced a great success, a balance of £21 15s 8d being handed over to the Benevolent Fund. Propositions were received, and Lodge closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Egyptian Room, where an excellent banquet was served, and the usual toasts were afterwards heartily given and received. Bro. Geo. Everett Grand Treasurer, responding for the Grand Officers, said it afforded him great pleasure to pay his second visit to the Lodge, and to have the honour of responding for so important a toast. His elevation was of such recent date that he might be excused from making many remarks regarding their services. He would, however, observe that Lord Lathom as Deputy Grand Master had for a number of years rendered excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry, and

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. had rewarded those services by promoting him to the position of Pro Grand Master. That appointment was richly deserved, and was received by the Craft with unanimous approval. The Earl of Mount Edgcombe was the Grand Master of a large Province, and his fitness for the position of Deputy Grand Master to which he had been appointed, was amply shown by the ability with which he presided at the last Grand Festival. He thanked the Lodge for its magnificent hospitality, and wished them every success in their new quarters. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, also replied. He said the Grand Treasurer had referred in terms of the most befitting kind to the services rendered by Lord Lathom as Deputy Grand Master, and his popular promotion. The new Deputy Grand Master required only to be as well known amongst the brethren as he is in his own Province to earn for himself a popularity such as that attaching to Lord Lathom. With regard to the other Grand Officers, he would only mention one who was entitled to their good wishes and opinions. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to the part he had taken in the consecration of their Lodge, but the Consecrating Officer was Bro. Col. Shudwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and if that distinguished brother had been able to attend that evening, he would have rejoiced to see the success of the venture he then launched. On the part of the Grand Officers he (Bro. Philbrick) tendered thanks for the reception given them, and to the W.M. for his thoroughly Masonic remarks. They were extremely glad to see the success and prosperity of the Lodge, and on their part he sincerely offered best wishes for its extension and continuance. Bro. Jessop I.P.M. said they saw the W.M. presiding as such for the last time, and they all wished him God-speed, and that he would be as successful all his life as he had been in that Lodge. Bro. Acworth had done good suit and service for Freemasonry, and still was not satisfied, but was doing his best to place himself in more than one position where he could do further service. Bro. Acworth, in reply, said he should be wanting in respect if he did not in the first place thank the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, which he heartily appreciated, but which he hardly deserved. He knew they had good wishes towards him, and he had striven to satisfy them, and if he had failed it was not for the want of energy. There was allusion made as to his having been Master of three Lodges, and that a great deal would be expected of him. He hoped they had not been disappointed. If an earnest desire to meet their approbation would suffice, then indeed he was satisfied. He hoped that would be a red-letter day in the Lodge, for its importance had been shown by the visitors coming in in large numbers to share their hospitality. As the Immediate Past Master had alluded to one or two offices for which he was an aspirant, he would say a word on that subject. With respect to the Board of General Purposes, if the brethren felt they could really help him, he should be glad to be enrolled as a member of that Board. He had on two occasions been asked to contest the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer of Essex, and on the first occasion was defeated by a single vote. He was a P.M. of an Essex Lodge, and he hoped his services would be recognised in that Province. He hoped that in the future the Barnato Lodge would prosper, and every Master make it a continued success, so that it would be second to none in London. Bro. Col. Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras, replying for the Visitors, expressed his gratitude for their reception. He rejoiced to find the Lodge increasing in strength, and the members anxious to maintain its high reputation. Bro. Terry P.G. Treasurer said he was afflicted with a sense of modesty that was very painful, and rendered it difficult to adequately respond to the toast. It was, in fact, a difficulty to respond to any Masonic toast, because he always felt he appeared in a kind of dual capacity. As a comedian he was expected to be funny, and as a P.G. Treasurer he was expected to be dignified, so that it was anticipated he would represent those two qualities of Sir Edward Landseer's great picture, "Dignity and Impudence." He had the great pleasure of being present at the consecration of the Lodge, and also at their successful ball. He hoped to be present for many years to come, and congratulate future Masters on the prosperity of the Lodge. Bros. Corble P.P.G.J.W. Essex, Lazarus W.M. 188, and St. Clair I.P.M. 2060, also responded. Bro. de Leeuw, in response to the toast of the W.M. Elect, said he hoped to see all their pleasant faces around him during his year of office. He would do his best for the Lodge, and hoped the members and those who visited them would say he was trying to maintain its high reputation. Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, acknowledging the toast of the Masonic Charities, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. He knew the toast always commended itself to them, and that many of the members were always ready to respond to the cause of Charity, and especially the Masonic Charities. Their W.M. was seeking many laurels, and he hoped he would be successful in every point, and that he would become Prov. Grand Treasurer of Essex, and a member of the Board of General Purposes, which he was so well fitted to adorn. He was sure they did not want that evening a history of the Charities, but he was grateful to know the members had that night accorded the W.M. the support of the Lodge by a grant from their funds for his list as Steward for the R.M.I. for Boys. He was also grateful to know they had subscribed their names most liberally for the forthcoming Festival, and he hoped they would do all they could to help on that work which was dear to all their hearts. The W. Master's list was then handed round, and resulted in 36 guineas being subscribed. Bro. Jessop I.P.M. replied for the Past Masters, and Bro. Honey S.W. for the Officers, after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. During the evening a numerous array of artistes culled the proceedings with musical selections, Bro. W. Wright P.G. Organist Middlesex presiding at the pianoforte.

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### GORDON LODGE, No. 2149.

THE annual festival was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, when over forty brethren attended. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Ashwell P.P.G.S.W., who was the retiring W.M., he was assisted by Bros. Taylor, Piercy, and Mountford. After the ceremony of installation, the newly-installed W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Rev. E. D. Bootham S.W., Lodge J.W., Rev. E. D. Bootham Chaplain, Lowe Treasurer, Jones Secretary, Heath S.D., Clare J.D., Piercy D.C., Mountford Organist, Phillips I.G., Goodwin and Chadwick Stewards, Woods Tyler. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Munro, was served in the Council Chamber. The W.M. presided, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured Bro. Piercy proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire P.P.G. Sword Bearer England. Brother Piercy said their Provincial Grand Master was well known in this part of the Province, and he had promoted the interests of the Craft to a very great degree. He might say that during the last twelve months the Provincial Grand Master had made no less than fifty-two visits to the various Lodges in the Province. Bro. Ramsdall proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley, and the rest of the P.G. Officers of Staffordshire, Past and Present, to which Bro. Mountford replied. Bro. Ashwell next submitted the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. Bro. G. W. Bradford, and at the outset of his remarks congratulated Bro. Bradford on his restoration to health. He proceeded to speak of the many excellent qualities possessed by the W.M., and said he had worked his way up through all the various offices in the Lodge, and they had every confidence that his work would be done efficiently and well and to the honour and glory of the Gordon Lodge. Bro. Taylor made some supplementary observations in also speaking to the toast. In suitably responding, the W.W. said he was doubly proud of his position that night, because he was the first Worshipful Master who was an initiate of the Lodge. He then gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Ashwell), and spoke of the excellence of the work this brother had done during his year of office. Bro. Ashwell having acknowledged the toast, Bro. Bromley submitted the Masonic Charities, and referred to the fact that owing to recent agitation and inquiry the Boys' Charity would be placed in a position it had formerly occupied. This was the outcome of the commendable action of two local brethren (Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliffe). The latter replied, and pointed out that £10,000 was contributed annually by Masons in England. The remaining toasts included the Visitors, the Officers of the Gordon Lodge, and the Tyler's toast.

**Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present:—Bros. Fonn W.M. Harnell S.W., Rowe J.W., Greenway Preceptor, Reynolds Secretary, Warwick Senior Deacon, Hambly Inner Guard, Mulvey, Witham, Kerswell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wise offered himself a candidate to be raised, and was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was resumed, when the following brethren were unanimously elected members. Bros. Hambly 201, Witham 73, and Korwell 710 and 1313. Bro. Harnell was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.**—On the 25th ult., at the Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, there were present Bros. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. W.M., Smith S.W., Taylor J.W., Shurmur Prov. G. Treasurer Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Allan Secretary, Bostick S.D., Briginshaw J.D., Cook I.G., Spurgeon Organist, Collett Steward, Hirst, Baker, Lloyd, Clarke, Herbert, Jeremy, Stacey, Maynard, Bestow, Trickett, Ives, Howe, Wilson, Bateman, Eastace, Casey, Pinder, Body, Francis, King, Long, and others. After preliminaries, Bros. Lloyd and Clark answered the questions leading to the second degree and were entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the brethren already named were passed. Bros. Lloyd, Body and Clark answered questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Ives candidate. Bro. Smith was elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting and appointed Officers in rotation. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Special facilities are offered by the London and North Western Railway Company in connection with the Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at Brighton, on the 24th June. The Company will issue to Freemasons, travelling in parties of not less than six first class, or ten second or third class, tickets to London and back at a single fare and a quarter for the double journey, and tickets will be available from 23rd to 26th June inclusive.

Bro. J. Tickle, C.C., has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, which meets at Great Stanmore. Bro. Tickle was one of the Founders, and first W.M. The consecration of the Lodge took place in 1877.

### CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT MINEHEAD.

ON the 26th ult., at the Public Hall, Minehead, the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan Prov. Grand Master of Somerset performed his first Masonic function in the position to which he has been recently appointed by the Prince of Wales, by consecrating a new Lodge at Minehead, to be called the Exmoor Lodge, No. 2390 in the Grand Registry of England. The Lodge has been founded by brethren of 261, Taunton, and it is intended that its meetings shall be held during the summer months, when the Taunton Lodge will be in vacation. The founders are Bros. Elworthy P.M. 261 and 1966 P.P.G.S.W., May P.M. 261 P.P.G.D., Saunders P.M. 261 P.G.J.W., Hole 261, Rev. Hume 261, Cox 261, Hammett 261, Roberts 261, Kite 261, Goodman 261, Read 261, and Haddon 261 P.M. 1966. The day's proceedings commenced with a short service in St. Andrew's Church, when a brief address was given on the principles of Freemasonry by the Rev. H. S. Hume, of Staple Fitzpaine, S.W. of Taunton Lodge, Grand Chaplain of England, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Somerset. Subsequently the brethren proceeded to the Town Hall, and walked in Masonic order to the Lodge-room, where the ceremony of consecration was duly performed by the Viscount Dungarvan. The consecrating elements were borne by Bros. Meyler (Taunton), Board (Highbridge), and Watts (Bath), and the Lodge was duly constituted. The musical arrangements, which were of a complete character, were carried out by a choir from the Taunton Lodge, under the direction of Bro. Read Organist, and included three anthems and a hymn, for which the music was composed by Bro. Rev. Bailey P.P.G.R. of Taunton, and the usual incidental responses. After the ceremony of consecration, Bro. Elworthy P.M. 261 and 1966, W.M. designate, was duly installed into the chair. He afterwards appointed as Officers Bro. Saunders P.M. 261 P.G.J.W. of Somerset, Mayor of Taunton, as Senior Warden, and Bro. Hole 261 Junior Warden. Other Officers were also appointed. Afterwards a banquet took place at the Public Hall, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, and the usual Masonic toast list was gone through. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province, and Provincial Grand Lodge was well represented. The following were the other Officers invested:—Bros. Rev. Hume Chaplain, Cox Treasurer, Hammett Secretary, Roberts S.D., Kite J.D., Clatworthy Dir. of Cers., Goodman I.G., Read Organist. The I.P.M. is Bro. May, one of the oldest Masons in the Province.

As we briefly noted a week or two since, the cause of Masonic charity is coming to the fore in Somerset. The imposing function just performed at Bath, when Viscount Dungarvan was installed Prov. Grand Master of Somerset Freemasons, in succession to the Earl of Carnarvon, will give a considerable impetus to the Craft in this district. The noble lord comes to his work with the best credentials, and although he is young in years as well as young in Masonry, he will receive the loyal support of every brother in the Province. Many Masons consider that it is not at all improbable that his career as a "Ruler in the Craft" will be inaugurated by an important benevolent and educational scheme for the promotion locally of a Masonic charity. A committee of leading Freemasons has been for some time engaged upon the subject, and it is proposed to bring forward a scheme, founded somewhat on the lines of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, without interfering with the Provincial support of the valuable charities and educational agencies, shall be located in the Province, and be under the special care and management of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Such a scheme has been adopted in the Province of Devon, and the Somerset scheme embraces the relief of aged Freemasons and Freemasons' widows, together with the promotion of scholarships for Freemasons' children, the main feature being that the children shall be educated locally in most cases without taking them from their homes, while the sums proposed to be spent in each case being much lower than those which are spent by the large central Institutions, the promoters of the scheme feel that a much more widely extended benefit can thereby be disseminated. Special effort is doubtless very much needed at the present moment, as by the death of many distinguished and wealthy brethren lately, the voting strength of the Province in connection with the Royal Institutions has been diminished to the extent of several hundred votes. The matter will be brought forward at the next gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge, after having been thoroughly considered by the various Lodges in the Province. There is, however, a very strong feeling among all grades of Masons that however commendable such a scheme may be, there is little probability of it being successfully worked, except as in the case of the Devon local charities, viz., at the expense of the central Institutions. The scheme which the late Bro. Perrott formulated has been under the consideration of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province and of the Lodges, but the fact that the Masons of Somerset have hitherto really got more than their pound of flesh from the existing Institutions, has in very many cases led to the scheme being very coolly received—in fact the Taunton Lodge, the largest in the Province, has just finally rejected it, and it has shared the same fate at the hands of some other Lodges.—*Taunton Courier.*

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### THE THEATRES, &c.

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**The Cyclorama of Jerusalem.**—All members of the Craft will be interested in the grand picture now on exhibition at the Niagara Hall, Westminster, which has been designed and painted by Herr Karl Frosch, an Austrian artist of repute, assisted by many other brethren of the brush. The scene represents the city at the time of Herod the Tetrarch, and the occasion is the solemn and awful moment of the Crucifixion. The painter has satisfactorily endeavoured to portray the events recounted by the Apostles in the Volume of the Sacred Law, the time being the dawn just after the ninth hour, corresponding with three o'clock in the afternoon of our time. It will be remembered that "there was a darkness over all the earth between the sixth and ninth hours, and the sun was darkened," Luke xxiii. 45 and 46. The scene of Mount Calvary is reverentially yet graphically depicted, and the various groupings are shown as narrated in the Scriptures. Careful study has evidently been made of the works of Josephus and the Talmudic writers in presenting the picture of the city at that period, which, of course, differs considerably from that of the present time. Some feeling of disappointment will be experienced by Masons that only a small portion or back view of the Temple is shown, but it must be remembered that this was not the grand building erected by our Grand Master King Solomon, but that rebuilt by Herod. In the lower hall are models of both buildings, which merit close attention, as they will afford much instruction. A short but carefully prepared lecture is given at intervals by Mr. T. Hunter Boyd, who points out all the principal places of interest, and will gladly answer questions and afford further information when desired by visitors.

**Alhambra Theatre.**—Mr. G. M. Edwards, the new manager of this popular place of resort, is evidently determined to be up to date in presenting novelties to his patrons; and as various kinds of athletic performances are now in favour with the public, he has induced Mr. G. W. Rowdon, "the Champion Jumper of the World," to give several specimens of his skill. Unaided by any spring-board he clears a bar at various distances from the ground till it reaches the height of six feet six inches, an unparalleled performance; and afterwards, using a man's back as a step, clears the bar at nine feet high. He also jumps over six men seated in chairs, and over three men standing up. The performance is neatly and cleverly accomplished, and receives the applause it so well deserves. The beautiful spectacle of "The Sleeping Beauty" will shortly be withdrawn in favour of "Oriella," an elaborate ballet, designed and arranged by Signor Carlo Coppi, which is announced for production on the 15th inst.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 6th June.

- General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
- R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
- 1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
- 1458 Truth, Wheatshaf Hotel, Manchester
- 1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fotherham
- 1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
- 2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
- 2205 Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
- 2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet
- R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew

Monday, 8th June.

- 1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
- 1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
- 1922 Earl of Lathom, Greyhound, Streatham
- R.A. 22 Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- R.A. 1368 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
- M.M. 104 Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.
- M.M. 239 Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- K.T. 140 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
- 151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
- 292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
- 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
- 665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelli
- 797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
- 949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
- 1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- 1350 Former Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1592 J. Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
- 1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
- 1691 Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1906 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- R.A. 156 Harmony, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
- R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster
- M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
- K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- K.T. 52 Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms, Dudley
- K.T. 56 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn

Tuesday, 9th June.

- 107 St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
- 1834 Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
- 1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
- R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- 131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
- 184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
- 284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
- 473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
- 503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
- 603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Clockheaton
- 696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wottonbury
- 728 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
- 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport
- 1260 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankoy, Warrington
- 1414 Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
- 3465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
- 1509 Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
- 1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon
- 1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton
- 2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
- 2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
- R.A. 43 Fortitude, Great Western, Birmingham
- R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth
- R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
- R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- R.A. 324 Reason, Wellington Inn, Staleybridge
- R.A. 540 Stuart, Bedford
- R.A. 991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland
- M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
- M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover
- R.C. 19 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 10th June.

- Committee R.M.B.L., Freemasons' Hall, 3
- 13 Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich
- 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood
- 1610 Northern Bar, Hebburn Viaduct Hotel
- 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square W.
- 51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
- 146 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Broadshaygate, Bolton
- 191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

- 225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
- 281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lancs.
- 284 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- 483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
- 666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town
- 708 Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
- 854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
- 1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
- 1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
- 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1209 Lowises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- 1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
- 1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
- 1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1592 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
- 1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
- 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 2008 Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
- 2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton
- R.A. 88 Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
- R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple
- R.A. 350 Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonecote
- R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
- R.A. 709 Invieta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
- R.A. 193 Saye and Sele, Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
- M.M. 192 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

Thursday, 11th June.

- 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- 2033 University of London, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.C. 42 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.
- R.C. 97 Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
- 97 Pulatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
- 139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
- 333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
- 477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
- 546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
- 739 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
- 784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
- 786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool
- 945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
- 991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
- 1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
- 1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester
- 1093 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar
- 1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Acerington
- 1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204 Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern
- 1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
- 1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
- 1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 1593 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
- 1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
- 1782 Machon, Swan, Coloshill
- 1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, W
- R.A. 213 Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- R.A. 286 Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
- M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport

Friday, 12th June.

- 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
- R.A. 6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- R.A. 10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.
- 526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
- 682 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
- 815 Blair, Town Hall, Helms
- 1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland.
- R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H., St. John's Place, Halifax

Saturday, 13th June.

- 176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
- 1695 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1828 Gallery, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
- 1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1637 Unity, Harrow
- 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
- R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 6th June.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
- 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
- 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
- 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Denton Chaseway, S.E. 7
- 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
- 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
- 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
- 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Finsbury, 7
- 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
- R.A. 5001 Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 8th June.

- 22 Longborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
- 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8

- 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
- 171 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
- 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
- 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
- 382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
- 548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
- 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 Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
- 1445 Prince Leopold, 2/2 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
- 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
- 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
- 1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
- 1698 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
- 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
- 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
- 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
- 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
- 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
- 2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 9th June.

- 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, Mather Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
- 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
- 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
- 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
- 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
- 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
- 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
- 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
- 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
- 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
- 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
- 1473 Bootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
- 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
- 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N., 8
- 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
- 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
- 2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
- R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
- R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
- R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 10th June.

- 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, Londenhall St.,
- 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
- 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, (St. Portland St., 8
- 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
- 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
- 720 Paumure, Balkam Hotel, Balham, 7
- 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
- 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
- 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
- 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
- 972 St. Augustino, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
- 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
- 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
- 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
- 1475 Peckham, 516 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, Choquers, Walthamstow, 7:30
- 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
- 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
- 1701 Creator, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
- 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
- 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
- 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
- R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- R.A. 729 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
- R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
- M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 11th June.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
- 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
- 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
- 754 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
- 1153 Southsea, Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
- 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
- 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bathnal Green Road, 7
- 1396 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
- 1959 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
- 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
- R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
- R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Cannonbury, 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, Ealing Dean, 7-15  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate,  
 Clerkenwell, 9

## Friday, 12th June.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 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

765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 790 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canbury,  
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7-30  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, E-sex, 7-30  
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The  
 Criterion, W., 8  
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7-30

R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

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 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.,  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith  
 R.A. Sinai Union Tavern Air Street, W, 8



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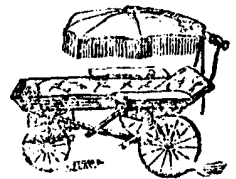
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