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BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW.

WE are told that one of the most severe tasks imposed by the cruel oppressors of old was to compel their workers to make bricks without straw, and, to a certain extent, our position to-day is somewhat akin to that of the ancient toilers, for we find ourselves called upon to provide our regular weekly edifice, with little or nothing in the way of material with which to build it. Freemasonry is, perhaps, at its dullest the first few days of August, and the same may with equal justice be said of many other matters of a public character, for the August Bank Holiday seems to mark the summer vacation of a very large section of the community, and we usually have to wait some weeks after it before business affairs again settle down to their regular form. If this is the case with the labours of the people how much more is it likely to be so with their recreations.

It is true we have had the regular Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter during the week, but anything of a more formal character than this meeting of Wednesday it would be difficult to imagine, even in connection with these usually quiet gatherings. There were two new Charters to grant, a few removals to sanction, a Trustee of the funded property of Grand Chapter to appoint, and a member of the Committee of General Purposes to elect. This, of course, was ample business to render a meeting necessary, but like the workers of old the members of Grand Chapter could not make an imposing show with so few straws available for their use. They made the best of it, but the best was a very quiet affair, and it certainly seems desirable to further consider the proposal made some time back to reduce the number of Grand Chapter gatherings by abolishing the usual summer Convocation.

It is not, however, at this season of the year alone that we are called upon to make bricks without straw. We occasionally hear discontent expressed as to our reports of Lodge meetings, when some particular brother's remarks are not reported in our columns, and although we do not profess to report everything which occurs at a meeting, we generally aim at providing a summary of all that is interesting. It is just as difficult to summarise the remarks of some speakers and produce anything from them of general interest as it used to be to make bricks without straw, and in a large number of cases it is this difficulty that explains the omission to which we refer. The mere mention that Bro. So-and-So responded to a certain toast often conveys all that could be said in regard to his observations, as, unhappily, the art of speech-making is not a natural gift with the general body of Freemasons. The toast of the visitors, for instance, so frequently calls forth absurd displays of fulsome adulation that one hardly knows whether the remarks are intended as genuine,

or as sarcasm in disguise, and to fully report the nonsense one hears on such occasions would be to add to the ridicule which surrounds it at the time it is delivered, and in some cases would give actual offence to the very men it was intended to glorify. In this respect we consider Freemasonry occupies a very peculiar position. It has become the practice among members of the Craft when visiting other Lodges shower praise with such lavish hands, in season and out of season, that it is almost impossible to do anything else, and as a consequence the remarks of the speakers often lose all interest, and are really quite beneath notice. We may go even further, and acknowledge that the remarks of Masonic visitors often prove that it is now possible to make bricks without straw, for it is really marvellous what a mass of bricks of praise some speakers can produce, without even the ghost of a straw or foundation to work upon. In other cases we are compelled to acknowledge the impossibility of making bricks without straw when some popular speaker is concerned whose utterances are but a repetition of many similar speeches he has made before. We acknowledge the difficulty under which they must labour, and the all but impossibility of their making some new point on each occasion, but they must also recognise the position in which we are placed, when we find nothing new in their speeches, and have but to refer to the file of our paper for an exact counterpart of their present utterances. We may repeat ourselves on occasions, but we like to avoid, as far as possible, a repetition of speeches already reported in our columns, and we even go so far as to fancy we are doing a service to the speakers when we refrain from publicly showing their slips in this respect.

Pursuing the subject further, we may find in the words of our heading a reason for the lack of success which attends some of our Masonic Lodges, for even with corporate bodies it is impossible to make bricks without straw. If there are none of the elements of success in a Lodge, that Lodge stands but a poor chance of making a brilliant name for itself, while, on the other hand, a few substantial straws among the other material may provide the possibility for prosperity and fame; hence it is we so often find the influence of even one man asserting itself in a Lodge, and leading that Lodge on to success and good fortune, and this proves how small a supply of straw is absolutely necessary to lead to satisfactory results.

But if we have no straw at hand just now upon which to work we see no reason to fear a long continuation of the scarcity, indeed the outlook seems to present every appearance of an abundant crop for future use. There appear to be numerous important matters looming in the future, which will call for consideration at the hands of the Craft, and we hope

to have the opportunity of attending to them in due time, with, let us hope, results satisfactory alike to ourselves as well as to those for whom we endeavour to cater.

PROVINCE OF AYRSHIRE.

THE quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., in the meeting-place of the St. Marnock Lodge, No. 109. The attendance was not in proportion to the number of Lodges in the Province, but of the four meetings in the year that held in August is proverbially the smallest. The brethren present numbered about 30, and included Bros. the Hon. Thomas Cochrane R.W. Provincial Grand Master, presiding, Hugh R. Wallace D.P.G.M., M. Arthur S.P.G.M., David Snedden P.G. Secretary, M'Cosh P.G. Treasurer, T. Davies Acting P.G.S.W., A. Barr 506 Acting P.G.J.W., J. W. Wallace Prov. G. Jeweller, A. M'Fadden P.G.D. of C., J. M'Glashan P.G. Marshal, A. C. Harrison P.G. Standard Bearer, &c. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held in Ayr on 5th May were approved. The P.G. Secretary then read a very able and exhaustive report of the doings of a Committee appointed to investigate complaints made to Provincial Grand Lodge by Brother M. M'B. Thomson against the Master and members of Lodge St. James, Newton-on-Ayr, No. 125. The report, which exonerated the Lodge, but recommended a closer adherence to Grand Lodge Laws, was approved, and the Committee complimented on the minute manner in which they had conducted the inquiry. The Bye-Laws Committee having reported its approval of the bye-laws of Lodges St. Marnock, No. 109; St. John R.A., Saltcoats and Ardrossan, No. 320; and St. John's Catrine, No. 497, they were sanctioned by the Lodge. The minutes of the proceedings at Ayr on the occasion of the unveiling of the Burns statue by the M.W. Grand Master were also read and confirmed. It was reported by the P.G. Secretary that the Provincial Grand Lodge now possessed a complete set of jewels and clothing, and a complete set of working tools, all of which were in use at the ceremony in Ayr on 8th June. In reply to an inquiry from a brother, the P.G. Treasurer read the names of the Lodges for which the Provincial dues had been paid, and an appeal was made to those Lodges still in arrear to make payment as early as possible. The report of the income and expenditure of the Ayrshire stall at the Grand Masonic Bazaar in Edinburgh was submitted by the P.G. Master. The report bore evidence of being very carefully drawn up, and showed a total income of cash from 18 of the 37 active Lodges in the Province of £302 2s; Lady Gertrude Cochrane and Mrs. Wallace of Cloncaird collected in cash £231 8s 6d; Mrs. Arthur £170 10s 9d; and there was drawn in sales at the bazaar during the five days, £492 12s 11d, besides a revenue from the sale of raffle tickets, &c. The expenses, including £158 spent in the purchase of goods for the stall, amounted to something like £188, and the total sum handed over to the Bazaar Treasurer in Edinburgh amounted to within £4 of £1,100. The total value of the goods contributed from the various Lodges, &c., for the Ayrshire stall was stated at £254; and goods valued at £70 was handed over to the Supplementary Bazaar held in Glasgow. Bro. Davies R.W.M. 549 gave notice that at the next quarterly meeting he would move that this Provincial Grand Lodge recommend the Grand Lodge to raise the minimum initiation fee to £2 2s. Bro. Porteous gave notice of motion, "That the bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge be remitted to Bye-laws Committee for revision." Bro. Davies 549 asked information regarding a sum of money left by Bro. Col. Muir for the good of Masons' sons in Ayrshire over twenty years ago. The P.G. Treasurer informed the Lodge that the money had been lying since that time in the Kilwinning Bank, and he understood it now amounted to over £300. The P.G. Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to inquire into the conditions under which the fund was left, and report at next meeting. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 110 (S.C.)

THE usual instruction meeting of this Chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Inverness, on the 28th ult. Companion Francis

Squair Z. presided, and was supported by John Cameron H., James Austin J., and Companions Falconer and Mackenzie Past Z.'s, and others. A short course of instruction was gone through in the Royal Arch degree. Thereafter Bro. Jacobs, Master Mason of Lodge Wahab, No. 988, and Mark Master of Lodge Wahab, No. 201, Sialkote, East India, was duly admitted to the Chapter, and received the degrees of Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

NO FUN IN MASONRY.

HOW true it is that many join our Order for the sake of the banquets, suppers, &c. The following paragraph bearing upon this subject is going the round of our American Masonic contemporaries:—"Bro. Smirky has been a Mason for two years, but he is now seen so unfrequently at the Lodge, and takes so little interest in the Craft, that we have some doubts as to whether he remembers why he was made a Mason. On asking him this question, however, we find he knows right well, and he feels sore over the knowledge. He shall speak for himself:—

"I joined the Masons, because I imagined they were a lot of 'hail fellows well met,' always ready for a jollification, conferring the degrees more for their own sport than for the edification of the initiated, and never closing a meeting without a banquet. I soon found out, however, how awfully I was mistaken. I never saw a more solemn set of fellows, and would as soon go to a church as to a Lodge. I was made a Mason for fun, and there is no fun in Masonry—to speak of."

Of a truth, there is no fun in Masonry! It is a most solemn undertaking! The Lodge is a place where true friendship is cemented—not where members are merely "hail fellows well met," always ready for a jollification, mere boon companions. Those requiring such companions must go to taverns and bar-rooms. A Mason enjoys himself more pleasantly and more profitably. But yet, with all that, we fear there are many Brother Smirkies in our ranks. Better for themselves—far better for us had they never joined us, that they had sought their fun and jollification elsewhere. What were the members of their Lodge doing when they admitted them? What examinations were made into their characters and habits of life when they sought admission? Is it possible, too, that such brethren as these are so callous and hard hearted, that the beautiful and edifying lessons and ceremonials of Masonry made no impression upon them? Alas! alas! that such things should be. How necessary it is for us to guard well our portals lest we bring disgrace upon ourselves and the Craft. Let us take a warning, then, from the above and mend our ways. If, in spite of due care, such an one should be initiated, the other two degrees should be denied him. Degrees in Masonry are not conferred as a right, but as a reward of merit and ability. What evil is there, then, in conferring three degrees in one night without any instruction? What need of a time of probation. In all trades and professions a young man has to undergo such a probation. Why, then, should he be hastily pitchforked into Masonry, when, with more careful preparation and instruction, he might have given promise of turning out a bright and shining light? Again, too, these brother Smirkies, who say, "they would as soon go to a church as a Lodge," would keep aloof from both—the fear of God is not in them. Men such as these are scoffers at holy things. From their ranks come the profane swearers, drunkards, and the like. These are not the material out of which to fashion God-fearing, law-abiding, Masons. Truly, there is no fun in Masonry.—*Scottish Freemason.*

On Tuesday, the 11th of August, the Prov. G.M. has decided that the new Masonic Hall at Paignton shall be consecrated, and the following day (Wednesday) the Grand Superintendent of Devon will consecrate a new Royal Arch Chapter at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to be called the "Unity" Chapter, and attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held at Blackpool, on Wednesday, 28th October next. A very large attendance of Masons is anticipated, and the festivities in connection therewith will probably include a banquet and a ball.

The annual meeting of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Norton. The annual report stated that since August 1878, when the association was formed, it had remitted to the Masonic Institutions £740 5s. A ballot was taken, and resulted in the following Life-Memberships in the Masonic Institutions, viz.:—Brothers J. Barnes, B. Cullnick, J. S. Norton, E. V. Gannell, I. Meredith, T. G. Chance of the Arrow Lodge, Kington.

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TWO IMPERIAL FREEMASONS.

I CANNOT close this review without referring to the death of two illustrious men and Masons on the other side of the Atlantic, great figures in the history of the world, the successive Emperors of Germany—William I. and his son Frederick III.; not because they were emperors, but because, as such, they had the *humanity* to be true and faithful Freemasons. They died so soon after each other, that, in general terms, I may say, nearly a year has elapsed since their death. The world has judged them; history will assign to each his appropriate place; but what concerns us most and is most gratifying to us is, that their deeds and utterances prove that, because they were Masons they were better men and greater rulers. It is well-known that William I. was originally of most arbitrary and despotic, if not cruel, temperament. His accession to the throne was viewed with trepidation and alarm. History knows how just and humane a monarch he became. He clung, indeed, to the belief, in his "divine" right; but he used it not in arrogance, in defiance of his people, but in submission, as a trust confided by God for the people's welfare.

It is my belief, easy to prove from his Masonic record, that the principles of Freemasonry and the fraternal intercourse with his brethren softened the rigour of his natural temper, and made him generous, sympathetic and humane.

Frederick III. was every inch a Freemason. The tenets and philosophy of Freemasonry filled every part of his being. In his life, and by his death, he exhibited its grandest virtues, and illustrated its most beautiful lessons. "In sorrow, fidelity proves itself, and fidelity is the core of honour," he said, at a Masonic gathering, responding to a toast in honour of the dead.

Frederick received the symbolic degrees in the presence of his Royal father, then Grand Protector of the three Grand Lodges of Prussia, who addressed him in the following words: "Be and remain thou a protector of the Order, then will not only your future welfare be assured, but you will carry with you the noble consciousness of having striven to develop around you the beneficent influences of goodness and truth;" to which the Prince responded: "So long as I live I shall be devoted to the Order, provided, that it remains faithful to its fundamental principles."

In 1886, while in Strassburgh, Alsace, he closed a lengthy Masonic address at a banquet, tendered him by the brethren of Erwin Lodge of that city, with these, for the heir to the most powerful throne in Europe, certainly remarkable words: "Two principles, however, above all others, distinguish the field of Masonic work—freedom of conscience and toleration. To these let us cling with all our might. That in these we may become perfect, let us strive for ever? And let us not only praise these virtues but practice them industriously. If we strive toward these ends, it will be well with us and well with Freemasonry. Herein may the Great Architect of the Universe aid us."

To complete the sketch of the *Masonic* side of these two great brethren, I must, even at the risk of devoting more time and space than I ought, cite a portion of the response which M.W. Bro. Frederick III. on the 10th of April 1888, one month after his father's death, himself afflicted with mortal disease, sent to the three Grand Lodges of Berlin in answer to their resolutions and address of condolence. Having expressed regret at his inability to be present at the ceremony arranged by the Lodges, he writes: "As the departed Emperor devoted his soul and all the powers of his mind to every high and noble effort, so in particular, the records of our Order show that he cherished toward it an honourable confidence and a warm interest. His demise, mourned by the whole world, was like his life, that of a Christian and a true Freemason, of a hero who has conquered death to enter to the eternal light. The deep sorrow which pervades all finds its solace in the vision of that other world where no sun adorns his day and no moon illumines his night, because the Lord, alone, is all his light."

"I assume the succession to this sublime Protector of Freemasonry, with the pleasing hope that the memory of his greatness and love, bearing rich blessings, may be continued to remotest time by the component members of the chain of our Brotherhood."

I have not gone out of my way to write this to exalt

these men but to show how they considered themselves exalted by the principles and practice of Masonry. If the record conveys this lesson, I have, while doing justice to their memory, accomplished a useful purpose.

—Grand Master Louisiana.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—The new drama by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Robert Buchanan, "The Trumpet Call," produced here last Saturday, may be designated as a new departure, and from many points of view is a distinct advance on its predecessors, though the old habits of the Adelphi may not exactly coincide with this opinion. As its name denotes, the piece is of military character, and much has been made of episodes in a soldier's life and barrack scenes. Still our old friend the villain is missing, and in his place we find a good young man who is merely an unsuccessful lover. Richard Featherstone is equally as brave and chivalrous as Cuthbert Cuthbertson, and being in love with Constance naturally desires to win her. Unfortunately the young lady prefers Cuthbert, and has run away with him, and we first meet them returning home to ask forgiveness. Cuthbert has however been married before, and unexpectedly meets his first wife, whom he believed dead, at the very moment he thought his happiness secure. Thereupon he leaves Constance, and enrolls in an artillery regiment, where he performs brave deeds, and is rewarded by the Victoria Cross. The denouement is not so novel, as we find that the first wife was married before she wedded Cuthbert, and therefore Constance is his lawful spouse after all. The various incidents that mark the progress of the story are well worked up, and the most hearty applause was bestowed upon the play throughout. Of course the humorous element is not omitted, and in the hands of Mr. Lionel Rignold, Miss Clara Jecks and Mrs. Leigh was sure to be amusing. Mr. Leonard Boyne, like the true artiste that he is, does not assert himself to the detriment of his colleagues, but acts in an easy natural manner that is very taking. He is admirably assisted by Mr. Charles Dalton as Featherstone, Miss Elizabeth Robins, who makes her first appearance here, as Constance, and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who makes a strong point as the dissolute Bertha. Mr. J. D. Beveridge is seen to much greater advantage in the rôle of the Serjeant-Major than in his usual "villainous" characters, and Messrs. James East, R. H. Douglass, another new comer, Howard Russell, A. Leigh, R. Keith, and W. Drew each deserve recognition for the careful manner in which they play their respective parts. As usual, the scenic arrangements are capitally contrived, the sets representing "a doss-house" in the Mint and the Savoy Chapel interior being specially noticeable.

New Olympic.—Pending the production of Mr. G. W. Wills' new play, "A Royal Divorce," Miss Grace Hawthorne has revived Mr. Buchanan's version of Sardou's "Theodora," in which she first appeared at the Princess's Theatre in the early part of last year, and has since played many times in the Provinces. Miss Hawthorne shows a distinct improvement in the character, which demands great care and study, and it may now be considered a powerful performance. Mr. Fuller Mellish as the new Andreas gives a somewhat different reading to that of his predecessor, but meets with the approval of his audience. The cruel Justinian is now impersonated by Mr. Murray Carson, who makes a mark, and his merit was soon recognised. There are some capital lines allotted to Marcellus, officer of the guards, which were well spoken by Mr. Geo. W. Cockburn. Miss Lilian Secombe is lively as the Circus Girl, and Miss Bertie Willis is an agreeable Antonino. Mr. T. W. Percival is good in the small part of Enphratus, and Messrs. T. Alkar, G. H. Binney, H. de Solla, and W. Monckton efficiently represent the remaining characters. No little expense has been incurred in the scenic and stage arrangements, and at the present "popular prices" the play should prove attractive.

A very worthy gentleman passed away, on the 29th ult., in the death of Mr. John Foster, well known in Masonic circles. For several years he was the continental representative of Messrs. Thomas Turton and Sons, Sheaf Works. Latterly he has been foreign correspondent with Messrs. Keyser, Ellison, and Co. An exceptionally good linguist, he was conversant with Spanish and Italian as well as French and German. His friends used to be amused by the way his French verbs were dinned into him. As a youth he slept with an uncle, who was ready the moment his nephew woke to make him go over his French verbs before he left the blankets. He had to do his French verbs fasting, and they stuck to him. Forty-six years ago he was initiated a Freemason in the Britannia Lodge—old 139—was installed Master six years later, and re-elected W.M. in 1889. A man of considerable attainments and literary tastes, he possessed a rich store of information, and, being dowered with a remarkable memory, could recall what he had seen and heard and read with a readiness and vivacity which made his society very pleasant and instructive. Mr. Foster, who was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, died suddenly from heart disease, while in the act of dressing. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Isaac Booth, surveyor, died at his residence, Norfolk Place, Halifax, early on Wednesday morning, from an attack of heart disease. He returned from Norway on Saturday, where he had been on a tour for the benefit of his health, and went about apparently much better. He paid a visit to the Masonic Hall on Monday night, and was not attacked with his fatal illness until his return home. Mr. Booth sat for a short time in the Town Council as the representative for Market Ward. He was a very well-known townsman.

AT REFRESHMENT.

THERE is the very highest authority for the periodicity of Labour and Refreshment. The Grand Architect of the Universe rested after His work was finished. "On the seventh day God ended His work which he had made; and He rested on the seventh day."

The summer months of July and August are the Craft's "seventh day." After ten months of Labour, Craftsmen are entitled to two months of rest and refreshment. It is justified by the example of the Grand Architect, and it is equally justified by His handiwork, our physical bodies and our minds, which require a cessation of ordinary toil, for a period, in order that they may be refreshed.

Everything that has life needs refreshment. Even the plants have their winter's rest, and the more complex the organism, the greater the necessity for recuperation. The man who labours all the time will not labour nature's allotted time. He must have periodical refreshment if he would live a long and healthy life. Sleep is nature's compulsory rest. Some men would do without it, if they could. But overwork often gives them their desire. Insomnia is the penalty paid for overtaking the mental and nervous energies.

No Freemason needs to have enforced upon him an argument for periodical refreshment. Refreshment is a part of the Craft's curriculum. No Lodge meeting is perfect unless it includes both labour and refreshment—both actual. But whether it be actual or not, it must be technical. Wherever Labour in the several degrees is performed, it is interspersed with Refreshment. This seems to have been ordained by the Craft for the very purpose of emphasising the necessity of alternating work and rest. And it accomplishes its purpose. That Lodge is wisest, and acting most in consonance with Masonic principle and the best practice, which refreshes its members after the work of the evening is over. This is good for both body and mind, and is one of the cords of the mystic tie. In the hours of relaxation all the Craftsmen in a Lodge—visitors as well as members—are unmistakably knit together into one society of friends and brethren. Montaigne once said: "Have you known how to take repose? You have done more than he who has taken cities and empires." It is wise to know how to rest and when to rest. Freemasonry does, and it teaches us by sign and symbol, by word and act, that refreshment should succeed labour. During the months of July and August its formal meetings are few, and Freemasons are discreet who are taught by the Fraternity's example, and not only rest from their Masonic labours, but rest in some measure from all their labours. The most labour may be performed by him who takes some rest and refreshment.

Nature, at this season, not only calls, but woos us to refreshment. Often the days are sleepy as well as the nights. Often the weather is so relaxing that our muscles relax whether we will or not. Often a siren appears on the forest hills, or the green carpeted valleys, or the placid lake, or the rippling brook, or the majestic river, and we are drawn to her before we are aware of it.

The "City of Brotherly Love," during the summer season, is surrounded by natural attractions of almost miraculous beauty. The river Schuylkill passes our doors, and upon it, in either steamer or row-boat, we may soon forget the city and all its labours. The romantic Wissahickon is a tributary of the Schuylkill, and along its sequestered walks and drives we may stroll at pleasure, and breathe in air laden with the aroma of the pines. Fairmount Park is a country seat which belongs to every one of us, and we should not fail to visit it often during the summer. The Cape May and Atlantic City, and a host of sea-shore resorts, are but ninety minutes away, while the mountains and lakes of Pennsylvania are all within easy reach, so that no one need lack for refreshment if he would have it. We must have it if we would live long and joyfully. Nature demands that we rest every night, and one day out of seven, and by this she indicates that all through life rest is just as much a normal part of our healthy existence as work. We must play as well as labour, and when we rest our heart must be in it, if we would derive the proper benefit from it.

Brethren, let our summer's refreshment be real and earnest, and then when we meet together, as is our wont, in the autumn again, it will be with reinvigorated bodies

and minds, and with ability to labour with all our might for the prosperity of the best Fraternity ever known among men.—*Keystone*.

THE BUTTERFLY W.M.

THE folly of taking up young members and pitchforking them to the chair has been well exemplified in the case of a Lodge not a hundred miles to the west of Toronto Street. With an aptitude for acquiring, parrot fashion, the lectures or other portions of the ceremonies entrusted to him, a certain young Craftsman was regarded by the side benches as a coming Solomon. Had they cornered him as to the meaning of his utterances and waited for a reply they would probably be waiting yet. Nevertheless, after three or four years in the Craft he was elevated to the East, and as a natural result was spoilt. He managed to get through his year somehow, grasped the forty-dollar jewel that, with well-meant intention, was foolishly presented to him, and because matters did not shape just as desired, he sent in his resignation, and is now an unaffiliated Mason. If that young member had been given an apprenticeship of five or six years on the side benches, and was then advanced steadily, step by step, through the subordinate chairs, he would probably have developed into a useful Craftsman, and by the time he was selected for the East, would have known something of the duties of the position. He had acted hastily because he did not know enough to remember what was required of him. He accepted a jewel, but if he retains it he deals a blow at his manhood. His conduct, reprehensible as it may be, is not so blameworthy as that of the members who foolishly inoculated a youthful brain with notions beyond its years, and inflated a perhaps otherwise modest breast with an ambition that was too much for it.—*Toronto Freemason*.

"The Mallet," in the *Glasgow Evening News*, thus knocks off:—

I find in an old print, for a perusal of which I am indebted to Brother MacNaught Campbell, that in 1745 the Associate Synod at their meeting in Stirling enacted, "That, as there were very strong presumptions that among Masons an oath of secrecy is administered to intrants into their society, even under a capital penalty and before any of these things which they swear to keep secret be revealed to them, the Synod consider the whole affair, and give directions with respect to the admission of persons engaged in that oath to sealing ordinances."

Eleven years later the Synod, meeting in Edinburgh, "when a particular cause about the Masons' oath was before them, did appoint all the sessions under their inspection to require all persons in their respective congregations, who are presumed or are suspected to have been engaged in that oath, to make a plain acknowledgment whether or not they have ever been so," &c., &c., "and that the sessions should proceed to the purging of what scandal they may thus find those persons convicted of."

The Synod further appointed that when persons were found to be involved in Masonry, and professed their sorrow for the same, "the said scandal shall be purged by a sessional rebuke and admonition."

A writer of that period, commenting on these enactments, pertinently remarks that this august assembly seems to hold it a crime to exact an oath of secrecy before the things required to be kept secret are revealed, and he asks,—Can anything be more ridiculous than this objection? The nature of an oath, says the same writer, particularly of a promissory oath, comprehends a solemn invocation of the name of God, the Supreme and Omniscient Being, the Searcher of hearts. The performance of the oath becomes thereby cognisable by the Omniscience of the Divine Tribunal. Can it, then, be imagined that God has left it in the power of man to alter those established rules of His judgment and procedure? Would not this be, as the poet says, to

Snatch from His hand the balance and the rod,
Rejudge His Justice, be the god of God?

The same persecution exemplified in 1745 still goes on and finds support. A New York contemporary reports a meeting of Baptist ministers, held in Boston last month, at which one of their number "strongly denounced Masonry, saying that when a man swears allegiance, it is to a code antagonistic to God. Rev. Mr. Cleveland rose to a point of order, and said he was a Mason and would not listen to the abuse. The appeal being defeated by a heavy vote, Mr. Cleveland asked that his name be stricken from the roll of membership and left the room."

Freemasonry has been subjected to attacks of a like kind in all ages and in all countries, but methought the days were past when such bigotry and wilful ignorance in an assembly of professedly Christian men was possible, but it seems that even in this enlightened age men may be found who can perpetuate errors disproved over and over again.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE annual meeting was held in the Town Hall, Maidenhead, on Thursday the 23rd ult., under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, the brethren of which gave the visitors a very cordial reception. The Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there were also present—Bros Charles Stephens (Deputy Provincial Grand Master), John Tomkins (Mayor of Abingdon, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Junior Grand Deacon), Edward Margrett Past Grand Senior Deacon, Rev. W. A. Hill Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. W. N. Deacon, Rev. Simon J. Gordon Fraser; Kirchoffer Past Grand Overseer, J. T. Morland, Edward Horne, W. Ravenscroft (Provincial Grand Secretary), John Bance, George J. Cosburn, F. H. Lyon, E. Head, Astley, Fowler, C. A. Vardey, H. J. Mount, W. E. Beal, R. Nicholson, H. Arrowsmith, A. C. Hewett, W. Flanagan, W. W. Ridley, J. T. Stransom, Stapley, Jas. Llewellyn, F. Johncock, Colville Smith, E. D. Jackson, E. T. Biggs, G. H. Morland, Ballard, F. Bliss, J. Rutland, C. Batting, W. Bonny, Ernest Gardner, J. F. Stevens, Shepherd, E. Butler, Maurice Wheeler, Sidney Payne, S. E. Challenor, E. M. Belcher, W. Hemmings, G. Norwood, G. F. Stevens, W. Dunning, H. G. W. D'Almaine, W. H. Kidgell, George Milward, S. Campbell, Dyke, W. Knowles, E. Greville, Spindler, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by Lord Valentia in due form, an anthem was sung (Bro. Rutland P.G.O. presiding at the organ), after which the P.G. Master and the Deputy Past Grand Master were respectively saluted with the honours due to their Masonic rank, the usual forms being carried out under the leadership of Brother C. Batting, the Dir. of Cers. The P.G. Secretary then read the roll of Mark Masons' Lodges in the two counties, when it appeared that the whole of them were well represented. The returns given by the P.G. Secretary as to the numerical strength of the Province showed a satisfactory increase in the number of subscribing members. The report was adopted, on the motion of the P.G. Master, seconded by the Deputy P.G. Master.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. Tomkins having been nominated by Lord Valentia for the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the P.G. Master proposed the election of Brother Edward Margrett as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Charles Stephens said he felt great pleasure in seconding the motion, Bro. Margrett having been a very active Mark Mason, and one of the few surviving brethren who founded this Province. It would have been impossible to have found any one more qualified to fill the office than Bro. Margrett.

The motion having been unanimously adopted.

Bro. Margrett assured the brethren it would give him sincere pleasure to attempt to carry out the duties of the Treasurership efficiently, and he would do his best to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and keep a balance on the right side.

The P.G. Secretary then read letters of apology from the Grand Secretary and other distinguished brethren.

The P.G. Master, in feeling terms, then alluded to the decease of Bro. Pulley, who rendered signal service to Mark Masonry, and who officiated for some years as Secretary for this Province. His Lordship added that another event which they must all deeply deplore was the resignation of their valued and much esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, through impaired health. Bro. Stephens was too good a Mason to retain an office to which he felt he could not do ample justice through ill-health, and in retiring, he carried with him the warmest thanks and best wishes of the whole of the brethren for his valuable services during the past ten or eleven years.

Bro. Stephens said he could not retire from the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which it had been his privilege and pleasure to occupy for the past eleven years, without thanking the brethren for the unvarying kindness he had received from the brethren belonging to the various Lodges in the Province. He resigned with feelings of deep regret, but he felt that the state of his health prevented him from visiting the different Lodges in the

two counties, which was a duty that specially appertained to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He was glad to know he would be succeeded in the office by a worthy Mark Mason of large experience who would, he felt sure, worthily fulfil the duties of the exalted position. He parted with the brethren of the Province as their Deputy P.G. Master with much regret, and while thanking them for all the kindness which had been shown him, he felt perfectly confident the same kindness would be heartily and readily extended to his successor.

The P.G. Master then announced, amidst applause, that he had appointed Bro. John Tomkins, of Abingdon, to fill the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Stephens. Bro. Tomkins was a Mark Mason of such good reputation that he would be sure to discharge the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master with ability and to the satisfaction of the brethren generally.

Bro. Stephens thereupon presented Bro. Tomkins to the P.G. Master, and the usual obligation having been taken, Bro. Tomkins received the hearty congratulations of Lord Valentia.

The Deputy P.G. Master, in appropriate terms, thanked the P.G. Master for appointing him to such a distinguished position, and thanked the brethren also for having during six successive years elected him as Provincial Grand Treasurer; he hoped the Province would in no way suffer by his exaltation to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The rest of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

Edward Horne	Senior Warden
C. A. Vardy	Junior Warden
E. Margrett	Treasurer
W. Hedges	M.O.
J. Newberry	S.O.
J. Llewellyn	J.O.
Rev. S. J. G. Fraser	Chaplain
E. M. Challenor	Registrar of Marks
W. Ravenscroft	Secretary
H. Arrowsmith	Senior Deacon
Reginald Maples	Junior Deacon
E. Hewett	Inspector of Works
Ernest Gardner	Dir. of Cers.
W. E. Knowles	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
E. Butler	Sword Bearer
H. R. Stone	Standard Bearer
R. A. S. Paget	Organist
W. C. Long	Assistant Secretary
A. E. Prestou	I.G.
G. T. James	} Stewards
M. Woylands	
W. Rowbottom	} Tylers
F. Johncock	
Geo. Norwood	
W. Hemmings	

Bro. G. J. Cosburn P.M. P.P.G.M.O., on behalf of the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Porchester Lodge, then gave a cordial invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble next year at Newbury, and apologised for the absence of many of the brethren of the Porchester Lodge.

The P.G. Master thanked the Porchester Lodge for the kind invitation, which the P.G. Lodge would accept, with much pleasure.

The P.G. Lodge business was then brought to a conclusion, after which light refreshments were partaken of, and the brethren subsequently enjoyed a river trip in a steam launch, which was succeeded by a banquet at the Quarry Hotel, Bourne End, when the usual Mark Masonic toasts were honoured. The day's arrangements were admirably carried out by the Provincial Grand Secretary and the members of the Jersey Lodge.—*Reading Mercury*.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 164.

THE annual installation meeting of the brethren was held at the Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, on the 29th ult. The visitors included Bros. F. Hill D.C. 33, J. Wood J.O. 426, W. H. Rean 75, H. Dyer Secretary 426, E. Roffey 426, R. Clowes G.O., S. R. Legg P.G.J.W., H. W. G. Abell P.G.S.B., G. Mitchell Registrar of Marks 462, J. Eberall P.M. 336, J. Newbery P.G.S.O., W. N. Roe P.G.O., R. Willard W.M. 426, and J. Adams W.M. 391. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. J. J. Abell P.P.G.A.D.C. as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. C. Buckwell P.M. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follows, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. Lamette S.W., Wickham J.W., W. A. Tooth I.P.M. Chaplain, Beeney M.O., Cully S.O., Chapman J.O., Masters P.M. Treasurer, Alwen Registrar of Marks, Buckwell Secretary, Tabbs

S.D., Ffennell J.D., Stride Dir. of Cers., W. B. Isworth I.G. Bro. Tooth was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. On closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speeches being interspersed with songs, given by Bros. H. Dyer, F. J. Cally, R. Willard, J. Newbery, and a recitation by Bro. Dr. Rean. The pianoforte arrangements were ably rendered by W. N. Roe.

ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 413.

THIS Lodge, which was constituted about this time last year, held its first installation meeting on Thursday, 30th ult., when Bro. Ward Prov. G.A.D.C. East Anglia was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Matier Grand Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The Officers of the year were invested as under:—Bros. R. Clowes G.O. Prov.G.S.W. East Anglia I.P.M., Murray S.W., Helsdon J.W., Vaux M.O., Everard S.O., Gurney J.O., Jones Chaplain, Groom Treasurer, Sanders Secretary, Parker Registrar, Watson S.D., Rant J.D., Pattle Dir. of Cers., Salter Organist, Beaumont I.G., Wilson and Green Stewards, Smith Tyler. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Secretary for his kind attendance, with other Grand Officers. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Clowes, Grand Overseer England, Prov.G.S.W. East Anglia, for the kindness and geniality he had shown as the first Master of the Lodge, and he was presented with an extremely pretty Founder's jewel (designed by the acting I.P.M. Bro. Bailey P.M. 145 P.P.G.R. East Anglia), inscribed as follows:—

Presented to
W. Bro. R. Clowes, Grand Standard Bearer England,
First W.M. St. Nicholas Lodge, by the brethren, as a token
of affection and esteem.

Bro. Clowes, in responding, said that wishing to leave some memento of his Mastership, he had had a banner made for the Lodge, which he asked them to accept at his hands. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, thanked Bro. Clowes for his kind gift. It was also understood that an adverse balance in the accounts, of a little over £5, had been generously paid by Bro. Clowes. Several candidates having been proposed for advancement, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was elegantly served at the Great Eastern Hotel, under the superintendence of Bro. Cooksey, the manager. Among the brethren who attended the meeting besides those already mentioned were Bros. Berridge G.D.C., Miller Grand Treasurer, Rev. E. H. Crato P.G.C., Ralling P.G.D., Lewin G. Standard Bearer, Abell P.G. Standard Bearer, Poppleton W.M. 145 Prov.G.S.O., Sowman P.M. 145 P.P.G.O., Eustace P.M. 145 P.P.G. Sword Bearer, &c. Lord Euston had accepted an invitation to be present, but was prevented attending at the last moment.

AN INTERESTING WORK FOR FREEMASONS.

WE have received a most valuable work on Freemasonry, entitled "History and records of the Harmonic Lodge, Liverpool, and the Sacred Delta R.A. Chapter," by Joseph Hawkins, P.M., &c. The work, which contains 119 pages, is full of interesting matter, and has been compiled very carefully by Bro. Hawkins, the esteemed Chairman of the Hulton-with-Roby Local Board, who has spent much time and labour in the collation of all the facts and figures the book contains. The writer, before proceeding to the immediate object of the history, briefly glances at the state of Masonry in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, and the dispute between the two Grand Lodges in existence at the time the Harmonic Lodge was constituted. These two Grand Lodges, he says, took the names of "Ancients" and "Moderns." He goes on to say "These two bodies cast lots for priority of numbers, and the 'Ancients' having obtained it, proceeded to amalgamate the two lists, the 'Ancients' thus gaining precedence in the new numbers over the Lodges of the 'Moderns' according to date. As instance of the effect of this in our own Province, I may mention that Lodge 32, St. George's, chartered 1786, takes precedence of 86, Loyalty, though the latter was chartered in 1753." It has been pointed out to us that the date of the warrant of No. 32, instead of being 1786, should have been 17th October 1753, or a little more than two months before the date of the warrant of 26. The writer further on says, "On the 3rd May 1786, a portion of its members had conferred upon them in Grand Lodge, No. 25 (a charter granted to Bristol, 17th October 1753, re-granted to Liverpool 27th December 1764, which lapsed a second time previous to 1782), which took the name of the Ancient and Amicable Lodge in 1786, and St. Georges in 1814, No. 38, and now No. 32." This shows really that although No. 32 takes precedence of No. 86, it has not had a continued existence dating back before the year 1786, and does not possess its original warrant. The work contains the rules for the Committee of Charity, established for the relief of poor distressed, free, and accepted ancient Masons, of rules and orders 1787, and a fund of other information.—*St. Helens Reporter.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AT BRIDGEND.

IN fine summer weather, on Tuesday, 28th ult., some important Masonic functions were carried out at Bridgend, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Eastern Division, met in that town to hold their annual gathering. About 150 of the brethren assembled on the occasion, and the meeting was held in the Wesleyan Sunday School Room, under the presidency of Bro. Tennant D.P.G.M., who was supported by an influential number of the brethren. The minutes were confirmed, the accounts passed, and the following sums were voted to the Charities:—To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund £56 15s, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £42, Provincial Educational Fund £15 15s, Victoria Widows' Fund £15 15s. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Kemys-Tynte. Other business having been transacted, the following were appointed Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Davies P.M. 1573 S.W., Munday P.M. 960 J.W., the Rev. T. Walters, D.D., P.M. 1573 Chaplain, the Rev. W. Williams P.M. 1827 Chaplain, Jones P.M. 364 Treasurer, Miles W.M. 1992 Registrar, Whittington P.M. 364 Secretary, Boucher P.M. 1752 S.D., Prothero W.M. 237 J.D., Lewis W.M. 1573 Sup. Works, Dovey W.M. 960 D.C., Roberts W.M. 1754 A.D.C., Leaver P.M. 1323 Sword Bearer, Clarke P.M. 833 Standard Bearer, Perrott P.M. 1578 Standard Bearer, Coleman W.M. 36 Organist, Jones W.M. 110 Assistant Secretary, Jones W.M. 672 G. Purst., Conlthard P.M. 1827 Assistant Purst., Bullerwell Tyler. Stewards were also appointed. The brethren then formed in procession, and, headed by the Tondy Brass Band, repaired to the site of the new Masonic Hall in Adare Street, where the foundation stone was laid by Bro. M. Tennant in the absence of Bro. Sir George Elliot Prov. G.M. The ceremony attracted much public attention, and the proceedings passed off with great eclat. The building is in the Elizabethan style, and will prove an attractive feature in the locality. It is specially designed for its purpose, and on the basement there will be three suites of offices. The architect is Mr. Lambert, of Bridgend, and the contractor Mr. Francis, builder. The ceremony over, the brethren reformed in procession, and returned to the Wesleyan School-room, where Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. Subsequently the installation meeting of the Ogmore Lodge was held in the same building, when Bro. David was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in an able manner by Bro. Boucher P.M., and the Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. F. J. C. Boles I.P.M., McLellan S.W., Scale J.W., Herdman Treasurer, Francis Secretary, Forrester S.D., Perry J.D., Conibear I.G., Pritchard D.C., Jones Organist, Harris Sen. Steward, Griffiths Jun. Steward, Webber Tyler. At the close of the Lodge a large number of the brethren dined together at the Town Hall, the banquet being well served by Mr. and Mrs. Hislop, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Among the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. Tennant D.P.G.M. of the Province, Walters and Williams Chaplains, Jones Treasurer, Lloyd Registrar, Whittington Secretary, Abraham Organist, Hemming P.P.G. Registrar, Sandbrook Pursuivant, Jenkins P.P.G.P., Colman W.M. 36, Harris P.M. St. David's, Peace P.P.G.S.W., Williams P.P.G.A.P., Jones P.P.G.J.W., Simons P.P.G.W., Munday P.P.G. Registrar, Davies P.P.G.J.W., Rosser P.P.G.S., Hughes P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Roberts P.P.G.A.P., Protheroe P.P.G.J.D., Parry P.P.G.J.D., Dawson P.P.G.A.P., and Bullerwell Tyler. There were also the following distinguished visitors:—Bros Stradling D.P.G.M. Western Division (South Wales), McLeod P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Roberts P.P.G.R. Western Division, and a number of brethren of the Ogmore Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AND LODGE 513, LIGONIEL.

THE members of this Lodge, with their lady friends, numbering about sixty, held their annual excursion on Wednesday, 29th ult., the place selected being the Glens of Antrim, now remarkable for their historical associations, as well as for the beauty and grandeur of their scenery. Seated in the comfortable carriages provided by the Northern Counties Railway Company, the party soon found themselves, after passing through a very beautiful country, landed at Ballymena. Proceeding from that by the narrow-gauge, they arrived at Parkmore. From Parkmore the journey was continued on well-appointed brakes—and nothing could excel the beauty and grandeur of the hills that surround the valleys and glens—until Cushendall is reached. Here they had breakfast, and after having visited all the interesting places in the vicinity they returned to the hotel and had dinner. Mounting the brakes once more, the party proceeded along the coast road, perhaps one of the finest drives in Ireland, passing through Garron Point, Carnlough, and Glenarm, and arriving in Larne, where they had a good tea, supplied by Mr. McNeill. Leaving Larne, and proceeding to Belfast by train, brought to a close one of the many pleasant days spent with the Royal Arch Chapter and Lodge 513, the general opinion being that a most enjoyable day had been spent.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

ON Thursday, 30th ult., the brethren with friends held their annual picnic at the Grapes Hotel, Freshfield. Starting from Edgemoor in waggons at 10 a.m., after a pleasant drive through Sefton and Ince Blundell Woods, Freshfield was reached about 1 o'clock, when the company sat down to a substantial dinner. An enjoyable afternoon

was spent in the beautiful gardens and grounds adjoining the hotel, and after tea music was indulged in, being ably supplied by Bro. Jones P.M. D.C., accompanied by Bro. Round jun. Songs were also given by Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. Eves, and others. Dancing was afterwards continued with great zest, Bro. Higgin acting as Director of Ceremonies. After a very pleasant day the brethren started for home at 7.30, driving through Crosby and Seaforth, and arriving at Edgehill at 11 p.m. Owing to the exertions of Bros. Ramsay W.M., Jones Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge, the picnic was a success.

THE NEW HOSPITAL FOR DUNDEE SICK POOR.

A MEETING of the office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, along with Masters, Wardens, and Members of Lodges in the Province, was held in the hall of Lodge Ancient, Dundee, on the 21st ult. Bro. James Berry Provincial Grand Master presided, and all the Lodges in Dundee and neighbourhood were largely represented. The Right Worshipful Grand Master explained the object of the meeting, which was, he said, to make arrangements for the forthcoming ceremony in connection with the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Hospital for the sick Poor in Dundee. He remarked that, as it would most likely be the last official act by Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, a post which he had held with so much acceptance to the Craft in Scotland for seven years, he hoped that in honour of the event, and of the distinguished services rendered by Sir Archibald to Scottish Masonry, there would be, on this his third visit to Dundee while he (the Provincial Grand Master) had had official connection with the Province, a large and enthusiastic gathering of the brethren. Bro. Berry then submitted the following circular which he had instructed Bro. Anderson, Arbroath, Prov Grand Secretary, to send to the various Lodges:—

Arbroath, 22nd July 1891.

Sir and Brother,—I have the honour to intimate to you, and through you to the Wardens, Office-Bearers, and members of your Lodge, that on the invitation of the Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire and the Chairman and members of the Parochial Combination Board of Dundee, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., LL.D., M.P., of Blythswood, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, will, on Saturday, the 12th day of September next, lay with full Masonic honours the foundation-stone of the new Parochial Sick Hospital of the city of Dundee, on which occasion a very numerous attendance from your Lodge to support the M.W.G.M. is respectfully requested. The Provincial Grand Master (Right Worshipful Brother James Berry, Dundee) will open Prov. Grand Lodge that day at 2 p.m., within the City Assembly Rooms, Shore Terrace, Dundee, and immediately thereafter the Grand Master and deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be received. After the ceremony has been duly completed, Provincial Grand Lodge will return, in reverse order, to the City Assembly Rooms, where Provincial Grand Lodge will be duly closed. A programme of the whole proceedings of the day, route, &c., will be sent you early in August. Meantime I am desired by the Provincial Grand Master that you will place this circular before the first meeting of your Lodge, and favour me with your early acceptance and number of deputation from your Lodge.

The circular was unanimously approved of, and the meeting appointed a Sub-Committee to carry out the Masonic arrangements.

MOSS-BACKS.—Everybody has seen the "Old Moss Back" in the Lodge-room. He is the avowed enemy of every innovation, and denounces every change in the most unmeasurable terms. His constant argument is: "They did not do things that way when I was young. He is the personification of conservatism, and disbelieving in all things that are not consecrated by the hand of time. Endowed with the most exalted notion of his own wisdom, he is oblivious to the fact that he is as green as the moss upon his back, and that that is of as vivid a hue as the mould upon the

Old oaken bucket that hung to the well.

But he is such a dear, kind old brother, with a heart so abounding in the milk of human kindness, that we willingly forgive him for his antiquated and non-progressive ideas. "Old Moss Back" always loves his Lodge, and is a regular attendant, and the best thing an initiate sees after entering an Order, is the gentle countenance of this old stand-by, beaming out its kindly welcome to him. How it cheers his heart to feel his warm grasp of friendship, and hear his words of fraternal affection. Brothers, when "Old Moss Back" kicks, don't get angry with him, for his mind is but reverting to the halcyon days of his youth, than whose customs he can see nothing better. Dear, good, kicking, fraternal, loquacious, non-progressive "Old Moss Back!" Long may you continue in the land of the living, and long may the Lodge-room contain your kindly presence! Though many of your ideas belong to another age, though you are a back number in the magazine of civilization, we recognise in you the spirit that checks the recklessness of the present, and stands a watch dog at the treasury.—*Society Lodge Secret.*

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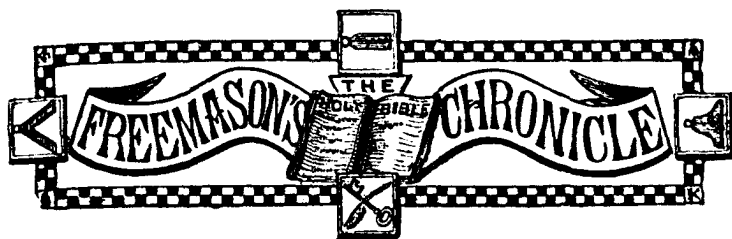
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SATURDAY, 8TH AUGUST 1891.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Supt. Oxon acted as M.E.G.Z.; Comp. Thomas Fenn as M.E.G.H.; and Comp. Col. J. Elliott P.G. Sojourner as M.E.G.J.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. E. Letchworth, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th April 1891, to the 14th July 1891 both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	394	9	7	Disbursements during the quarter	320	7	9
Unappropriated Account	181	17	1	Balance	496	19	2
Subsequent Receipts	431	18	1	„ Unappropriated Account	190	17	10
	£1008	4	9		£1008	4	9

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions William John A. Baldwin as Z., William Whiteside as H., Richard Townley as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398, Dalton in Furness, to be called "The Baldwin Chapter," and to meet in the Masonic Rooms, Castle Hotel, Dalton in Furness, Lancashire (Western Division).

2nd. From Companions Idris Bey Raghib as Z., Hason Hosny as H., Emilius Anselm as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Star of the East Lodge, No. 1355, Cairo, to be called "The Star of the East Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Esbekiah, Cairo, Egypt.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Prince of Wales' Chapter, No. 259, from the Criterion, Piccadilly, to the Hotel Métropole, Northumberland Avenue, London.

The Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, from the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, to Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, Regent-street, London.

The Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, from the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, to the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, Surrey.

The Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, from the Surrey Masonic Hall Camberwell, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 157, from Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of the above named Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have also to recommend that, in consequence of a vacancy in the number of Trustees, caused by the death of M.E. Companion the Earl of Carnarvon, the M.E. Companion the Earl of Mount-Edencombe, Grand H., be appointed a Trustee of the Funded Property of Grand Chapter; the surviving Trustees being the Earl of Lathom and Companion Robert Grey.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

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15th July 1891.

Election of a Member of the Committee of General Purposes to complete the number of the Committee, one of the Companions elected at last Grand Chapter not being found qualified.

The recommendations of the Committee were, on the motion of Comp. E. Letchworth, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, carried unanimously.

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E. said he had to report to Grand Chapter that at the last meeting, by inadvertence, a Companion was proposed and elected as a member of the Committee of General Purposes who was afterwards found not to be eligible. That Companion was not aware that he was going to be proposed, or that he was proposed. On writing to ask him what Chapters he had served as M.E.Z., the Companion replied that he had not served a Chapter as Z., and that he was not aware that he had been proposed. Another Companion would, therefore, now have to be elected.

Comp. Capt. Walls proposed Comp. Capt. Thomas Richardson, Comp. Clowes proposed Comp. Henry Garrod, and Comp. Dickey proposed Comp. J. S. Cumberland. Comp. Henry Garrod was elected.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

The "Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1891, with the days and months of meetings of Lodges and Chapters, and names of Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, can be had at the Office of the Grand Scribe E., price 2s. Postage 1d.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary immediate notice of any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters.—Vide Book of Constitutions, Articles 169, 170, and Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 86.

ROSE CROIX (H.R.D.M.)

A MEETING of the Ivor Hael Chapter of the Antient and Accepted Right of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix (H.R.D.M.) was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Wednesday, 29th ult., when the members of the Supreme Council held a meeting in the 30th degree. The members present were:—Illustrious Bros. Sandeman (33rd degree) Grand Secretary General, Col. S. H. Clerke Grand Chancellor, F. Richardson Grand Treasurer General, Col. S. Burney Grand Marshal, together with Illustrious Bro. J. H. Matthews (33rd degree) Grand Director of Ceremonies and Inspector-General of the S.E. District. These brethren conferred the degree upon the following brethren:—Bros. A. Taylor, C. Callum, W. G. Flanders, J. H. Taylor, L. W. Paynter, R. Lock, J. James, J. M. M'Leod, J. M. Gerhold, F. R. T. Pratt, and A. H. Roberts. The ceremony was performed by Illustrious Bro. H. D. Sandeman in an impressive manner. There were also present at the meeting:—Bros. T. G. Jones, G. H. Llewellyn, Captain S. G. Homfray (32nd), W. H. Richards, F. E. Renfry, the Rev. W. L. Stradling, D. Rees (30th) M.W.S. Perseverance, 58th Mayor of East London, South Africa, R. Price, W. Anstice, A. P. Fabian, and several others.

Later in the afternoon a meeting of the Ivor Hael Chapter was opened by Illustrious Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Past W.M.S., assisted by Illustrious Bro. Sandeman (33rd degree) as Prelate, Illustrious Bro. Captain Homfray as Marshal and Raphael, and Illustrious Bro. Colonel Perkins (32nd degree). The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Taylor (30th), Jones (30th), Llewellyn (30th), Flanders (30th), Callum (30th), Roberts (30th), Paynter (30th), Price (30th), Anstice (30th), Fabian (30th), Oliver (30th), Powell, Williams, Munday, Hazell, Whitley, Green, Miller, Kerman, Phillips, Thornton, together with the following visitors:—Bros. M'Leod, Tidd Pratt, James, Lock, Richards, Renfry, Taylor, the Rev. W. L. Stradling, and William Watkins (Baldwin, Time Immemorial). The minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for several candidates. Bros. Gardner, Jones, Williams, Churchill, Roberts, Freke, Peach, and Evans, being in attendance, were passed through the intermediate degree by Illustrious Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke 33rd degree, who conferred upon them the 18th degree in a most effective manner. M.W.S.-elect (Bro. Jones 30th degree) was then presented by Illustrious Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, and duly installed by Colonel Shadwell Clerke in a very able and impressive manner. The following Officers were appointed:—Illustrious Bros. Llewellyn (30th) as Prelate, Hazell as First General, Illustrious Bro. Gerhold (30th) as Second General, Illustrious Bro. Homfray (32nd) as Treasurer, Phillips Grand Marshal, Thornton Raphael, Illustrious Bro. Flanders (30th) as D.C., Munday Herald, Miller Captain of Guard, Illustrious Bro. Oliver (30th) as Organist, Shackell as Almoner, and Fletcher and Richards as Outer Guards. The M.W.S. Bro. T. G. Jones, then handed to Bro. Sandeman the orders and fees of the 32nd degree on behalf of the Lodges of the Province, to invest Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray on his preferment by the Supreme Council to the 32nd degree. Brother Capt. Homfray returned thanks for the great kindness shown him by the brethren of the Lodges of the Province, and assured them that he would continue to use every effort in the interest of the Province, and hoped that he would be spared many years to assist in that great work of charity. Illustrious Bro. Colonel Thrale Perkins, 32nd degree, then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Supreme Council for their presence, and named especially Col. Shadwell Clerke, 33rd degree, for his past services as first M.W.S. of the Chapter; also for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies, in perfecting the candidates, and installing the M.W.S. Illustrious Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke then suitably replied, and the Chapter was closed. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, at the Westgate Hotel, presided over by Illustrious Bro. Major T. G. Jones, 30th degree.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

An Address by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, 4th February 1891.

IT is an old truth that principle embodied in the living person is more potent than principle set forth in the form of law, or in the dignity of command. And one of the greatest characteristics of that Word which is the guide of Masonry is its power to impress on the mind the individuality of its heroes and prophets, its seers and holy men. The living figures pass before the eye in solemn procession, and their life is seen, shadowed by human frailties, or shining in the brilliance of victory in goodness or greatness. The conscious, breathing form speaks to the world from the faithful canvas, touched into supreme likeness by the hand of the inspired painter. But there is more than a picture, there is the moving shape, with every feature true to the original, and every line chiselled into completeness by the sacred artist, until it walks abroad, the thinking, acting man, visible as a history of his motives and purposes, or an example for every century of time. He is not an ideal issuing into splendid manhood from some prophetic imagination, but the actual man set to do some special work in the world, and to be in that finished work an influence and superb force for all workers for humanity.

Those men who brought out God's plans, were real men. They were moved by those feelings which move men in every age, and which by their largeness and intensity, touch the depths of all mankind. The inner labours, toils, sufferings, anxieties, the thoughts which coloured and gave meaning to their actions, come out and reveal them for what they were, and for what they lived, as the great earth, with its towns and cities, its waters and hills, its fruits and flowers, comes out from the darkness and reveals itself for what it is in the unshadowed light of the morning.

And this is true of St. John. The Divine Word has given to the world the man in his life, his achievements, his power to impress humanity by his moral grandeur and the superlative position he took as the herald of the Life and Light of men. It was fitting, therefore, that such a character should appear amid the activities and moral revolutions of history in a way commensurate with the work he had to do. Accordingly he was the subject of angelic vision, and came into the world clothed in the marvellous vesture of sign and prophecy. His father a priest in the long course of priesthood framed in an earlier and restored in a later age, his mother descended in priestly line from Aaron, lived in the ordinances and commandments of the Lord, blameless. Pass back in thought to a historic scene on Mount Zion. The divine record bears us into the Temple. The hour of sacrifice had approached and the preparations had been made. There was the golden altar and the kindling coal laid thereon, awaiting the fragrant incense; the lot had been cast, and as if by divine appointment it had fallen on Zacharias as the first step in the proclamation of the coming Truth. He was to perform the sacred rite on which history has shown such large issues depended. This was the special duty around which the hopes and desires of every ministering priest, in the Temple service, always centred. And as the custom was, the priests had retired from the holy place, leaving the offerer of incense unattended, in the reverential work of his office.

Zacharias, vested in priestly garments, with the curtains that folded the mysteries of the holiest place from view, before him, and under the shining flame of the golden lamps, as the incense kindled into clouds of sweetness, borne up with them the prayers of a nation to the unseen Jehovah, was the honoured receiver of an angel's visit. That incense was the richest portion of the sacrifice of Israel; more lustrous in its beauty than the offering of any victim on the brazen altar, and lifted above it in meaning as the ruby royal in its shining is above the dark, uncarved jewel from the mine. And no incense burned in the earlier history of the Temple, and none burned after, carried with it such a burden and prophecy of grander things to come. It seemed to be the breathing forth of some supreme and enduring act. Though the priest was alone, and must be alone in such sacred rite, yet he was not alone. To his opened eye there was a vision, and by his side stood a

bright and glorious shape from God's angel hosts. He was in the presence of a power beyond man; and on his ear and heart were the accents of a message from the throne of God. And in such a presence it was natural, it was necessary as a part of his humanity, that he should fear and grow faint before the greatness and dignity which had come upon him. But he was told to fear not, for his son should be the prophet of the Highest. And in that announcement the Temple worship and Temple service were made new. The seed sown and nourished by the hopes of years sprung up into immortal harvests. The types were no longer the alphabet of the learner, but the written history of the reader. Prophecy was no longer a voice, but a burden transformed into the Person of the Word of God. The flames of the sevenfold lamp merged into the divine flame of Him who was the Light of the world. The law of Sinai, with its grand morality kindled into the gentler and more spiritual rule of the Prince of Peace. The shadows that girt about the promise of the good things to come were smitten into glory by the risen beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The altar of Sacrifice rose into the Altar Cross of the Redeeming One. The hopes folded in the buds of repeated offerings broke into beautiful flower under the touch of the offering made once for all by the Prophet of Galilee. A Divine power smote the Temple and its chiselled stones became in all lands temples of the living God. The stream of the Almighty's purpose broadened into a river whose waters were for the healing of the nations. Divine peace, law, prophecy, sacrifice, ceremony, incense, grander rites, all were taken up and found their completion and their meaning in the coming Person of the highest, and grew lustrous in the splendour that fell upon them from the face of the Salvation of Israel and of man.

And if this was the meaning of that angelic vision, and if this was to be the grand and final result of the advent of the Promised One, must it not have been a most potent influence on the child of that honoured priest? Such results must have wrought on the moral and spiritual nature of the coming prophet and enlarged it into those profound and majestic ideas of Him of Whom he was to be the forerunner and herald. His character must have gained sacred and commanding impulses, breathing the atmosphere of such holy thought, and the knowledge that he was living in the light of a revelation from Heaven and moving along the divinely marked way of God's plans, and to be the unfold of a purpose to affect the ages, must have given to his character that purity and strength which have made him a moral impress until the end of time. His own purposes for life, his convictions of this great end for which he came, inspired, urged on him, shone round about him in its revealing brightness, and held him steadfast in the after education in the desert, until he brought his mission into supreme fulfilment.

And all this marked the life he passed in the wilderness of Judea. He lived among its rocks or wandered by the strange waters of that sea of death, dwelt in communion with the Everlasting Presence whose power was felt in all nature and made it obedient to his will. Prophets and lawgivers came before him with their burden of divine revelation; The holy men of Israel peopled for him the deserts of Idumea. Elijah, his own "forerunner," walked again on the Heights of Carmel, and the prophets of Baal were stricken with utter defeat by the fire from Heaven. The mighty works of the past are unrolled before him; the sea divides itself, and Israel marches onward with a song of triumph on its lips. The pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud lighten or shadow the desert and lead and protect the people to the Land of Promise. Sinai flames anew, and the Creator speaks the Law in the thunder of His power. The Singer of Bethlehem chants again his divine songs, the choral burst of victory, or the plaintive melody of the human heart. Enoch walks with God, and Adam hears His voice in the cool of the day. The past of Israel and of Jehovah's dealings with men are unfolded to the lonely dweller in the desert, and His divinely written word sounds in his ear and in his heart. Israel's present history, with its struggles and sufferings, its chivalric conflicts and victory, its glory and its desolation were his meditation; but, like lines of light on the dark clouds, God's purpose of mercy shone out and kindled his soul into ardour and devotion, until his mission was a call to redeem the land from its moral degeneracy and its spiritual degradation. Not the resorts of men, not the schools of

philosophy, but the wilderness educated him. Nature was his teacher; God in His revelation was his instructor.

In patience and waiting that great spirit grew in strength and fitness for his work. Thirty years pass, while his body is framed by discipline and his mind enlarged by contemplation and thought. And then from the silence of the desert, from close communication with the God of his fathers, he comes forth with his mission his divine charge in his hand, and from that hour writes a moral history of mankind.

Among the symbols of Masonry, and holding the great truths of the Order as in some consecrated sanctuary, is the symbol of a point within a circle. By some this has been taken to mean God as the centre of the world. But while God is the centre of all things, He cannot be symbolised and cannot be confined to any point in the universe He has created. "Behold the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have builded." It is doubtless intended to represent man as the centre of God's providences on the earth. The circle of divine guardianship is about him; the parallel lines on the right hand and on the left support the Prophet and the Evangelist, while above him in opened page is the Holy Word, to draw him to its study; to cast a light on his moral and spiritual nature, and to be the guide to his life, the lamp to his feet. Passing by the second figure, who was a pupil of the first, we come at once into the presence of that character whom we have partially considered, and whose morality and lofty sense of justice are the abiding features of Freemasonry.

Early tradition has given Saint John the Baptist a special position in the Order as a Burning and Shining Light. Later tradition has connected him with Masonry through the crusades. In the Wars of the Cross it is said that twenty-four thousand Scottish Masons were engaged side by side with the Crusaders. They were inspired by the grand idea that the Temple would again be built on Mount Zion. After severe struggles and deeds of valour among the bravest in history, they were admitted to the Order of the Templars. In return for this favour, the Knights of the Temple were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and thus have been joined in the bonds of enduring brotherhood, the Royal Order of the Temple Workers, and the Royal Order of the Cross. Amid the many battles which took place with Turk and Saracen was one on Saint John's Day, and it proved to be a victory in answer to earnest prayer on the part of the Crusaders. From that victory the Baptist has been regarded as connected with Masonry and has been one of the patrons to whom the Lodges of Masonry are dedicated. He was in a high sense the incarnation of those principles which give life and power to Masonry and make it among the Institutions of man's formation the most beautiful and the most enduring. And it is the glory of the Order that whether he was connected with it through the form of the Essenes, that pure society of the desert, or with it in a more modern form, he is more than a memory it celebrates. He comes into it by his splendid victories of morality and righteousness. For, like all Institutions which claim an interest in humanity, it has its prophets and seers, who proclaim its right to live and abide. And Saint John takes his place in it among the rulers and benefactors, the exalted ones who have adorned it by their teaching and work. Standing against that circle with its parallel lines, he is a pillar of strength in the Temple whose inspiration is the brotherhood of man, and whose chiselled walls are the men of all nations.

Saint John occupied a unique position in history, one peculiarly his own. He appears at the close of one dispensation and at the opening of another. He laid his left hand on the older covenant of God's way of dealing with man, and his right hand on a new covenant to be written in the laws of a kingdom for time and for eternity. And for this he needed the special discipline of the wilderness, and did not, therefore, pass his days amid the heaving and tossing sea of human activities. But the desert was fashioning his life purpose into distinctive form and giving it the shape to labour and endure. It was not the hermit life; it was not the silence of inactivity, of indifference and forgetfulness, but the silence that prepares the heart for moral duties and the mind for work to be done. It was the silence that at length blossoms into the richest fruitage of greatness and goodness achieved. It was power, and the sphere of the working of power. Out of its discipline came manliness; out of its patience came strength; out

of its waiting came knowledge; out of its hours of thinking came august conceptions of man's destiny, and out of its seeming waste of opportunity came definite design and righteous purpose. It was the silence travelling with great forces; the silence that guides the river to the seas; propels the forest to full verdure; the ocean to flow with numberless tides; the night to glitter with star dusts which are worlds, and the heaven to move under the march of the planets or tremble under the swing of the constellations.

Saint John was epoch man—one of those unseen powers which come forth from time to time to work revolutions in thought and morals. He was one of those powers in human affairs, which make the age stand out distinct from other ages as a temple or a pyramid. The moral impulse he awoke in many hearts attests the largeness and the supremacy of his power. Years had brought with them knowledge of men; increasing desire to awaken their conscience; to take away the evil which was paralyzing their moral powers and undermining their national life. This placed him by acknowledged authority among those who in all ages have asserted a claim to a people's remembrance. Like them, he worked to one sublime end, and under the inspiring force of some great truth for God or man. All the powers of their being were marshalled into one disciplined host, and by concentration of action they gained victories. But, unlike many great workers in human affairs, he was not surrounded by large armies, he was not the leader of hosts educated to conquer empires; he was a solitary prophet of the Highest, a single soldier valiant for truth, and yet he ushered in a revolution which has stirred and quickened mankind, and which goes on silently as the light in the heavens to give life and power to men; to enfold as the air in its sweep and freedom the nations of the world, whether grand in their moral and intellectual being or barbaric in the lowliness and poverty of their achievement.

Saint John was a man consecrated to his work. He had a profound moral sense of that which he had to do. He was sent to be a voice calling men to a purer life. To this end he was the fulfilled burden of prophecy. To overturn the old, to bring in a new life, with every power set in action, was the conviction that animated and kindled his purpose into the white flame of a pure passion. Lifted above the temptations that might draw him from his purpose, overcoming the desire to form a system or philosophy, casting aside all honours to be won only by the bartering of conscience; indifferent to personal safety, he was grandly loyal to duty. His soul was open to the call of duty and felt its touch as fully as the leaf on the pine tree feels the touch of the summer wind. He was clothed not alone with camel's hair, or girt about with a leathern girdle, but clad with faith and girt with majestic earnestness. He believed that man was sent into the world to work and to achieve a destiny. That made him heroic, as the sense of duty has made men heroic in all times and places. No shining point in human life is ever reached without the example and uplifting force of those heroes of duty. Their consecration to work has made the world better and nobler and like the sun to give light; they have given heat also to quicken into deeds of morality and power. It was belief in that which held the prophet steadfast to his duty, as the anchor holds the ship amid the fiercest beatings of the seas. And faith in duty gives dignity to every calling, and is the grand motive power to achievement, the secret law of success in life.

—Voice of Masonry.

(To be continued.)

UNITED KINGDOM TRUSTEES' AND EXECUTORS' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Tuesday, for the purpose of establishing an Association for the guidance, co-operation and mutual benefit of Trustees and Executors. Mr. Stanley A. Latham presided, and resolutions forming the Association were adopted. Particulars of the movement can be obtained of Bro. T. Bowden Green, 1 Finsbury Circus, E.C.

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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, 8th August.

2685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
R.A. 1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

Monday, 10th August.

1789 Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1922 Earl of Lathom, Greyhound, Streatham
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
849 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 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1592 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
1968 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

Tuesday, 11th August.

1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
698 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Staff
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport
1260 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Warrington
1414 Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Horne Bay
2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
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
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 162 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 12th August.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
146 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lances
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Price Town
852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tainworth
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209 Lewises, 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
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006 Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
R.A. 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun, Chatham
R.A. 280 St. Wulstans, M.H., 95 High St., Worcester
R.A. 298 Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333 Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350 Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Thursday, 13th August.

1801 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
130 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
233 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingden
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye

341 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Stafford
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blighdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Elyth
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
1053 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester
1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Trodegar
1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1164 Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
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.
1583 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, W
R.A. 51 Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton,
K.T. 21 Salamanca, Masonic Hall,

Friday, 14th August.

526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
1121 Wear Valley, Maonic Hall, Bishop Auckland.
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 81 Royal York, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 406 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
K.T. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
1614 Hopton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 251 Teutonic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

Saturday, 15th August.

308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkcubbin
2228 Dene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks
2309 George Gardner, Village Hall, Datchet, Bucks
M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 8th August.

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' Tiv., Southgate Rd., N.8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent, St. W. 8

Monday, 10th August.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W. 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E. 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W.8
1445 Prince Leopold, 222 Whitechapel Road, E. 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C. 7:30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W. 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C. 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 11th August.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maid's Hill,
829 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dulston, 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 Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.,
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8

1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N. 8
1939 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C. 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2116 S. arbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
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. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 12th August.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C. 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Parmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Bardett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Tottent, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 515 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Crenon, Whentsheaf, Shophord's Bush, 8
1923 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hondon, Welsh Harp, Hondon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W. 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C. 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 13th August.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W. 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1273 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8
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, 7:45
1614 Coven: Garden, Criterion, W. 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E. 7:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9

Friday, 14th August.

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
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1195 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1341 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 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
930 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8,

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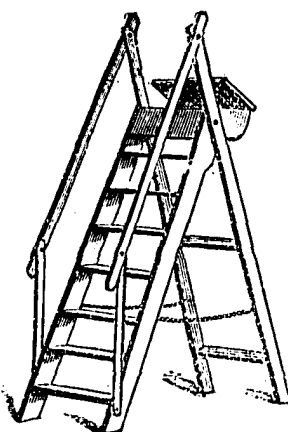
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SPECIAL.—List of Rare Works offered for Sale by W. W. MORGAN,
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501 The Constitutions of the Freemasons. Containing the 10 10 0
History, Charges, Regulations, &c., of that Most Ancient
and Right Worshipful Fraternity. For the use of the
Lodges. London: Printed by William Hunter, for John
Senex at the Globe, and John Hooke, at the Flower-de-Luce
over-against St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet-street, in the
year of Masonry, 5723. Anno Domini, 1723.

This was the first Edition of the Constitutions published. It
is now very difficult to procure a copy; in fact, we know
of no other in the market. As much as £20 has recently been
paid for this edition.

502 Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and 3 3 0
Accepted Masons. Part the Second, containing the
Charges, Regulations, &c. &c. Published by the Authority
of the United Grand Lodge, by William Williams, Esq.,
Provincial Grand Master for the County of Dorset. Very
fine Copy, 4to. London 1815-19.

The above work represents the first issue after the Union of
December 27th, 1813. The laws were considered at Grand Lodges
held February 1st, May 31st, and August 23rd, when they were
ordered to "be in force for three years, from the 1st November,
1815," and then to be subject to revision. The Prov. Grand Master
of Dorset (Wm. Williams) kindly offered to have the work printed,
with the copyright secured, any profits to belong to the Grand
Lodge. This explains the signature of that zealous brother being
appended to all copies, which were sold at £1 each. Subscribers
were requested not to have their books bound until after the
expiration of three years. The "Second Part," curious to state,
only was printed, the first portion, containing the historical
introduction, being promised as soon as possible, but was never
published. Apparently it was being produced, as a number of
sheets are preserved in Grand Lodge—as also a fine emblematical
frontispiece—which were intended for the purpose. The plate,
however, is all that was really worthy of circulation. No loss has
accrued from the absence of Part I.—BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

503 Reprint of The Old Constitutions [1722] belonging 0 15 0
to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and
Accepted Masons. Taken from a manuscript wrote above
five hundred years since. London, 1870. †

504 The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and 0 10 0
Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of Eng-
land and Ireland. Edited by the Rev. John Edmund Cox,
D.D., F.S.A. London, 1871. †

505 Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons. 1873. † 0 2 6

506 Hughan's Old Charges of British Freemasons. 1872. † 0 12 6

507 A List of Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand 0 10 0
Lodge of England, A.D. 1814. Compiled and Arranged
from Official Calendars and Documents. By Wm. Jas.
Hughan. Truro, 1875. †

508 Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Free- 0 5 0
masonry, from a non-Masonic Standpoint. By W. J.
Hughan. 1887. †

509 Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry. By W. J. 0 5 0
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510 The Engraved List of Regular Lodges for A.D. 1734. 0 5 0
In Facsimile. With an introduction and Explanatory Notes
by William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of
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S.G.W. and P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, &c., &c. London,
1889.

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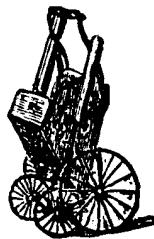
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