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## THE ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

WE spoke last week of the candidates eligible for the coming election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and now, turning to the companion charity, we find a list of thirty-seven approved candidates who will take part in the half yearly election of the Boys' School, to take place on Friday, the 9th October. As in the case of the Girls' School, the proportion of vacancies to candidates is most gratifying, for it will be seen that just over one-half of the approved candidates can be admitted to the benefits of the Institution, a state of affairs which, viewed in connection with the experiences of the past, is very satisfactory, and goes far to prove that the Craft is well able to keep pace with the calls made upon its bounty.

Among the candidates for the Boys' School are six last application cases. No. 1, Archibald Wallace Campbell, has taken part in eight previous contests, and now has a total of 347 votes to his credit, a number which will require very considerably increasing to be of any service in the coming struggle; he is one of four children dependent on their mother, who is the widow of a brother initiated under the Scottish Constitution, who subsequently joined St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, Somerset, and Concord, No. 1135, Devon. The father served the office of Master in the latter, and was one of the founders of the former, rising to the office of Senior Deacon therein. No. 4, William Renell Seward, brings forward 81 votes as the result of five applications. He is one of three dependent children left by a brother who was initiated in Prudentia Lodge, No. 1859, Madras, in which district he rose to the dignity of Grand Standard Bearer, passing the chair in his mother Lodge. No. 5, Matthew Golightly, is a fifth application case, with 67 recorded votes in hand. This lad's father was also initiated under the Scottish Constitution, and affiliated with England in the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland; there are three children now dependent on the widowed mother. No. 8, Dudley Ward Ferguson, has made two previous appeals, and has 375 votes to his credit; his father, who is still living, was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, and became a joining member of the Creton, No. 1791, both in London; he is a Past Master of his Lodge, and has filled the office of Treasurer therein; he also has a fine record as a supporter of the Charities, having qualified as Life Subscriber of two of the Institutions, and as Life Governor and Steward of the other. We hope his past efforts to help others may prove of some benefit to him now that he is in need of help for his own family. No. 17, Harry Percival Midgley, is a new case. He is one of eight children dependent on their mother, who is the widow of a brother initiated in the

Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, London. The other last application is No. 32, Henry William Alner Long, who is one of four children left by an old member of Mount Edgecumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London. In regard to these two latter we have no evidence of what their friends can do, but it is evident the support already secured for the first four mentioned is very far from what will be required to ensure their admission to the benefits they seek, and we fear that some of them will be in the unfortunate predicament of having to be removed from the list of candidates in consequence of the action of the age limit law. We sincerely hope a better fate is in store for them, but the outlook is certainly far from encouraging.

Happily there is not a single case on the list of both parents being dead; but, as we have so often pointed out, degrees of eligibility are impossible of determination, and on that account the absence of parentless candidates does not necessarily imply that there are none specially deserving of assistance. We should certainly like to see help given to all who are applicants for the benefits of the Institution, but as that cannot be we can only hope that those most in need of it may, in turn, reap the advantages offered.

London is answerable for fourteen of the candidates. In one case, that of Henry Thomas Youens, No. 14 on the list, the Province of Surrey is also interested, the lad's father having joined the Ewell, No. 1851, after having been initiated in the West Middlesex, No. 1612. Bro. Youens is living, and has a host of friends who are using their best efforts to help him in his time of need, as is evidenced by the fact that his son secured 1508 votes at the April election, when he made his first application. Bro. Youens has well supported the Charities in years gone by, and it is gratifying to see that his efforts on behalf of others are likely to bear fruit in aid of his own family; he is a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Life Subscriber of the other two Institutions, as well as Past Master of No. 1851. No. 27, Charles Joseph Callender, is one of seven children left by a brother initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, who subsequently helped to found the Richmond, No. 2032, so that Middlesex and London stand sponsors for the son, who is one of seven children now dependent on their widowed mother. The father was a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and an occasional Subscriber to the other two.

From the Provinces we have twenty cases, besides the two already referred to in which London is jointly interested, while the remaining three are accredited to Foreign Stations, two of them being from Madras, and one from a Demerara Lodge. It is worthy of note that the larger Provinces are not represented to any great extent on the present list. The name of West Yorkshire is altogether absent, and so is that of West Lancashire, while Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is also among the absentees on this occasion. East Lancashire and Derbyshire are

jointly interested in one case, while Cornwall and Devon have another between them, the latter district and Somerset sharing responsibility in yet another case. Essex, Herefordshire, South Wales East, Sussex and Worcestershire each have a single case on the list. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and North and East Yorkshire each figure for two, while Kent brings up the rear with three.

With the candidates thus widely spread about, and the more important districts apparently free to manipulate their voting power by loaning or exchanging proxies, it seems likely the coming struggle will be more than usually exciting, and it is fair to imagine that any Province which is disposed to pledge its credit, and is in a good position to repay votes, will be able to borrow sufficient for their requirements. On the other hand it is difficult to account for the absence of candidates from some of the larger districts we have referred to. It is idle to imagine there are none eligible, as in most, if not all of these districts, there are local funds in force, with large numbers of benefits at present being distributed, and the rule has generally been to select some one or more of the more deserving of these cases for transference to the Metropolitan Institutions. We do not wish to offer regrets that there are no candidates from these parts; on the contrary, we are delighted to think that the districts can provide for their own needs; but we cannot help wondering whether there is any special reason to account for what must certainly be regarded as a peculiarity. Does it imply that the larger Provinces are beginning to wean themselves from the great Charities. For years past there has been a growing desire in certain quarters to support local Funds rather than the central ones, and if the great centres of Provincial Masonry can point to an absence of candidates for the London Charities there will be an additional incentive to induce subscriptions for local Funds. In view, however, of what the Provinces have recently done on behalf of the Boys' School, when they so nobly supported the Earl of Lathom as Chairman of the Anniversary Festival of the Institution, we must not suppose that separation is aimed at or even thought of. The absence of candidates from the larger Provinces this time must therefore be dismissed, rather as a coincidence than anything else, but it will be curious to watch the effect that will be produced in consequence of the large number of votes which will, so to speak, be available for the "open market."

## ABOUT THE NORMAN HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

UNDER the most pagan of emperors in the soil of Istria was planted the seed for the development of all future Christian architecture. Up to the time of Diocletian, that great constructive feature, the arch, had been masked behind a screen of Greek detail, but in his palace at Spalatro, the architect, departing from the usual and previously accepted formula for a portico, retained no portion of the cornice under the springing of the arch but boldly cut loose from it, placing his archivolt directly upon the capital of the columns. The experiment proved so like a discovery that other builders adopted the example, and hence all future developments of the architecture of the arch in all countries by a process of natural retrogression date from this example.

Local modifications were broad and multifarious, but the influence of Roman art is everywhere apparent. Concurrent yet divergent movements emanating from the same source were operating upon the architecture of Eastern Europe and Asia. Great as were the changes introduced, these changes were the direct result of analysis applied to the elements of the then existing monuments of the empire, and applied with a rationale such as never had been applied

previously. It was found that by cutting loose from the trammels of studied proportions, whilst retaining for the most part the details, the new departure lent itself so perfectly to all conditions, was so pliable and plastic and so capable of individual expression as to find universal favour. By giving the arch a degree of enrichment consonant with its function, great variety was produced, and in the history of art, the style, in view of the various phases of the arch treatment, is known as the "Romanesque;" thus we have the Romanesque of Lombardy, the Romanesque of Venice, the Romanesque of the Rhine, the Romanesque of Provence, the Romanesque of Normandy and England, more familiarly known as the "Norman."

Romanesque architecture then may be described briefly as a style of architecture in which the obsolete elements of the Greek and Roman orders are abandoned as primary features in view of the introduction of arched construction, which is made the *feature* to the exclusion of all other features, and its various changes until its full development into late Gothic were the result of efforts to give artistic expression to the arched construction; whether as round, pointed or vaulted, the effort was to lead up to and concentrate upon the arch, as upon the key of the entire composition, the best efforts of the master. Romanesque architecture succeeded in attaining such an expression in the simpler construction of its arcades and openings in walls; Gothic attained it in the more complex construction of its vaulted spaces and in the span of its traceried windows. Romanesque, as also the Gothic, is the architecture of the equilibrium of forces, as opposed to the inertia of the trabeated architecture of the Greeks.

A cursory glance at the earliest of the Romanesque buildings, taken at random, evidences the perfect freedom of the designer, classically proportioned parts are disregarded, columns and pillars are made to any length required by their position, grouped, clustered or banded together as the case suggests, differentiated in view of the structure it supports, or, if purely decorative, prolonged to an indefinite length, or used as nook shafts to accentuate the angles of wall or pier or to carry down the line of some prominent arch features. The capitals in the early examples imitate very closely classic models; latterly they were more commonly cushion shaped, often ornamented with representations of the grotesque or with Scriptural imagery, and these sometimes, though rarely, harshly contrasted with the devices commonly connected—varying with the country—with some former cult. Nature supplied models for most of the elaboration of parts, whilst the chevron and dog-tooth, so characteristic of the Romanesque of Normandy and England, was made to serve as decoration for the column and arch mouldings.

Base mouldings, string courses, cornices and gables, approximate to classic models in the early examples, but in the later structures—except in Provence, the land of the Romance, where the influence of Rome held until very lately permanent sway—more or less of individual freedom is manifested, until the details became unique and had no apparent connection with anything that had gone before,—it had become localized.

In decoration, as applied to Masonry, mosaics, textile fabrics and glass, the models for a long time were obtained from the pagan world; the aureole of Christ was contrasted with the embroidered vestments of a Byzantine Emperor until the inconsistency dawning upon later artists invested Him with the habiliments peculiar to their own time. The colours employed were the primaries and secondaries, with white and black as contrasts, enrichments of great beauty being obtained by the lavish use of precious metals, rare stones and gems. Windows, at first small, then gradually larger, presented an involved mixture of interlacing ornament intertwining through the limbs of saints, martyrs, and mythical monsters, heathen and Christian imagery strangely contrasting. In drawing, the conventional treatment of the human figure was more or less rude; they were flat and in outline, except sometimes the face, upon which alone there was any attempt at modelling; they were nevertheless striking, brilliant colouring being heightened by contrast with gilded mosaic background or of foil applied directly to the wall surfaces. Sculptured human figures and animal life were even more conventional, the drapery of the former being harsh and angular.

The characteristics of style above outlined applies to the Norman Hall of the Masonic Temple, though, properly speaking, the style is Rhenish Romanesque, but the term

"Norman" is indiscriminately used for any example of early round arch architecture.

Norman Hall is an oblong apartment, measuring on plan 41 x 47 ft. The east and west walls are divided into three bays by broad piers with heavy arching; in similar manner the north and south walls are treated; the centre bays of the east, south and west walls having pedimented niches carried on short columns with foliated caps and supported on heavy corbels, thus forming a kind of throne with appropriate symbols over the places of the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. From the face of the piers short columns, also supported on corbels, carry through the intermediate of curved ribs, the heavy beams which, crossing at right angles, divide the ceiling into panels.

Additional force is given to the arching over the piers by the carrying around of strongly marked wooden arches with decorated spandrel panels, the billet moulding and nailhead ornament appropriately marking the junction of walls and ceiling. A plain wainscot with moulded base and cap extends around the room, following the angles formed by the piers. The decoration, though elaborate and rich as gold and colour can make it, is quiet and dignified and in exact harmony with art tradition. Piers are painted deep olive green for the whole height, and the surface embellished with an interlacing ornament of various colours picked out with gold. Panels between piers not occupied by windows contain life-size figures on a gold mosaic background, and interlacing stem work of a Celtic character. The figures, executed in conventional manner, have the draperies outlined and shaded with gold, and each figure is represented as bearing the working tools of the Freemason, viz., the plumb, trowel, square, mallet, rule, and compass. They are enframed by a raised border containing chevron and dog-tooth, richly coloured and gilded, forming the outside border of the picture. The details of the walls are in strict accordance with the designation of the room, and made to produce their full value to the general scheme.

Abundance of light is furnished by sixteen brackets of antique brass, located at the centre of height of each pier.

The panels of the ceiling are painted a deep blue, with those portions outside of the ornament tinted a chocolate brown. The decoration consists of alternating patterns of involved ornament of a style found in ancient Irish or Scandinavian manuscripts; they are effectively rendered in various shades of the primary colours and heightened in parts by silver and gold.

The floor covering has a background of deep greenish-blue, flecked with figures in gold shades and red and black; these are judiciously distributed to relieve the surface, which with a border of a rich interlacing design produces the effect of a large rug.

Furniture, consisting of massive chairs and benches of plain design, has coverings of leather of a dark brown shade.

In Egyptian Hall, Brother Herzog displayed his artistic skill and correctness of decorative art. In Ionic Hall, he displayed his ability to produce exquisite beauty. But in Norman Hall, he has combined artistic art with exquisite beauty. The carpet for Norman Hall was made to order from special designs, and is in keeping with the decorations of the walls and ceiling. This carpet, as well as the carpets in Egyptian and Ionic Halls, was made by the firm of McCallum and Sloan. Even the yarn being specially spun for the purpose, then wove into carpet under the immediate supervision of Bro. William McCallum, at the factory of the firm.

In addition to the decorating and refurnishing of Norman Hall, the tiling of the hall, at the suggestion of Bro. Samuel W. Wray, Chairman of the Temple Committee, was changed from the outer to the inner hallway, thereby making it much more comfortable and convenient for brethren attending meetings in the hall and those using the elevator. The same change was made in regard to Oriental Hall, affording the same comfort and convenience.

—Keystone.

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### ART. 213 AND LODGE LA CÆSAREE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—*"Hard cases make bad law"* is an adage that Bros. Philbrick and Prinsep will be well acquainted with, and the present seems a case in point. To grant a brother's clearance certificate, stating the circumstance under which he left the Lodge—possibly circumstances which the brother would prefer to conceal—to another person, without any proof that the brother had authorised the application, would be a course too lax to be tolerated, "even in these days of general laxity of discipline!"

That an apparently hard case should have induced brethren of such eminence to countenance such a laxity even once, under however exceptional circumstances is a cause for regret; but that the decision is not to be taken as anything more than a decision that in the particular case sufficient authority had been produced to justify the Lodge in granting the certificate is clearly shown by two things.

(a) That the Prov. G.M. ordered the younger Durell's letter to his father to be produced to the Lodge, (and if this had been acted on all would have been well), and

(b) The V.W. Grand Registrar's words that "considering Bro. J. Durell's position, and his long membership of the Lodge, he thought the Lodge was bound to take his word that he was authorised to make the application. Under the circumstances he would move," &c., &c.

With all respect to the Grand Lodge, to the eminent brethren who spoke, and to the *Freemason*, I submit that no certificate should be granted except to the brother himself, or to some brother duly authorised to make the application on his behalf, and that the Lodge is fairly entitled to demand strict proof that the application is duly authorised.

Under the head "Dimit," which is the equivalent of our clearance certificate, Bro. Henry Robertson lays down the common-sense view of the matter so well that I cannot forbear quoting his words. He says: "A dimit must be applied for, either personally by the brother himself in open Lodge, or by a written request signed by the brother and sent to the Lodge . . . the Lodge should be satisfied, before a dimit is granted, that the brother himself wishes it. If one brother asks for a dimit to be granted to an absent brother, he should produce to the Lodge a written authority from the absent brother for making the request, and this authority should be filed with the Secretary as the evidence upon which the dimit was granted."—*Robertson, Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence, 2nd Edit., p 78.*

Surely this is the correct view of what is—as well as should be—the general law, and if an exceptional case is found where a Lodge may be justified in taking less evidence, still it would never do to permit such laxity to become the general rule.

Neither the speakers in Grand Lodge nor the writer of the leader in to-day's *Freemason* seem to have thought of the possibility of the clearance certificate being applied for by an unauthorised, possibly hostile, person in a case where the "circumstances" to be stated in the certificate are unfavourable.

Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

12th September 1891.

The long vacation of metropolitan Freemasonry, which commences with the beginning of July, may now be said to have closed, and the Lodges are now entering upon their working season. Saturday last witnessed the opening of this season by three Lodges which take a high rank in the London list—the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607; the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743; and the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. Each of these Lodges held its annual meeting for the installation of a new Worshipful Master on that day. At the first, Bro. Charles Henry Halford was succeeded by Bro. John Hathersley; in the second, Bro. C. J. Fox made way for Bro. Thomas Lovell, a brother well known at the Loriners, Fanmakers, Framework Knitters, and several other City Companies; and in the third, Bro. Charles H. Cox yielded his seat to Bro. Joseph Bladon. Past Masters' jewels were presented to each of the out-going Masters, and at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge Bro. Cox was, in addition, presented with a handsome and valuable drawing-room clock, a presentation which was probably unique, as it was subscribed for and made by those brethren only whom he had initiated in Freemasonry during his year of office.

Mdme. Blavatsky's steady refusal of late years to work signs before an unbelieving generation was in one instance set aside (asserts the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*). She would absolutely refuse to admit into the class studying occultism under her any who wish to enter it simply to master the marvellous for its own sake. The first condition imposed was the proof given that reverence, not idle curiosity, was the note of the student. On one occasion one came who was deeply interested in Indian philosophies, and had devoted himself to the services of his fellow creatures, but who doubted the power of "wonder-working" in adepts. To her visitor Madame Blavatsky, it is said, did give a sign. In a ray of astral light projected on the centre of the table he saw the sign of the degree he held in Freemasonry. No one, he believed, but a Freemason of his own degree knew that sign, and there before him it appeared in a ray of unearthly splendour. Such, at any rate, is the story.

## A NEW MASONIC HISTORY.\*

WE have delayed our notice of this valuable addition to Masonic literature in order that full justice might be done to the Board of Editors, as well individually as collectively, for their able and successful endeavours to set before the Craft generally, and more especially that section thereof whose members take a deep interest in the origin and progress of the several Orders connected with Speculative Freemasonry, a comprehensive account of all obtainable information, from the earliest date from which can be gathered evidences, more or less reliable, of the early history of the Fraternity. The volume itself is the result of the conjoint labours and researches of a large number of eminent American and English authorities on the several subjects of which they treat, headed by Henry Leonard Stillson, of Bennington, Vermont, U.S.A., as Editor in Chief, and William John Hughan, of Torquay, England, as European Editor. The "Board" consists of nineteen other well known Freemasons, with each of whose respective contributions to the work we propose to deal, and yet other fifty-nine students of Masonic archæology are represented by their writings on a variety of subjects connected with the Masonic Orders. It may well be supposed, therefore, that this *History* does not lack the advantages to be gained by a concentration of numerous ideas and opinions tending to assure, as far as assurance can be given, a perfect knowledge of antecedent facts, and to impress the mind of the reader with a firm conviction that, if not the whole verity of Masonic Record a large modicum thereof is placed within his grasp. Commencing with a dedication page, to the memory of "the long line of noble brethren in the Grand Lodge above who handed down unimpaired the tenets of the Fraternity, and to the living Craftsmen who are emulating their noble example;" a Preface which sets forth the need for a popular work which should strictly adhere to the well-known axiom: "In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty; in all things, charity;" a table of contents is spread before the eager searcher after knowledge which is in itself a compendium of no mean merit. By this table we learn the scheme of the work itself, its division into five parts, with sub-divisions to the number of twenty-one, the parts treating respectively of Ancient Masonry, Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, Concordant Orders, the Scottish Rite and Royal Order of Scotland, and Miscellaneous Rites and Orders. A list of forty-nine illustrations, of which ten are by Doré, arranged expressly for this work, and to some of which we shall have occasion, when adverting to the several sub-divisions, to refer, is followed by an Introduction bearing the signature of the well-known and much-esteemed Brother William James Hughan, and fully meriting the opinion of our contemporary the *Freemason*, that it "will rank with his best efforts, and is quite a Masonic History in brief."

To a consideration of this important addition to Masonic literature we shall first apply ourselves, and proceed in due course to notice the various sub-divisions of the entire work. Brother Hughan, after preliminary reference to want of information on the part of many members of the Craft respecting its eventful past, whatever may in some instances be their proficiency in the ritualistic portion of its ceremonies, expresses his opinion that it should be "impossible for any one, free from prejudice, and possessing the necessary intelligence, to rise from the study of this volume without becoming desirous to still further investigate the history of this wonderful Society, which has been so loved and cherished by millions of the human race, and which increases in vitality and usefulness, as the years come and go, throughout the civilized world;" and we presume that such opinion will be shared by all who desire to be considered "bright" Masons in the true sense and meaning generally applied to that word. Some amount of knowledge of past occurrences is at all events necessary to those who would thoroughly understand the theories and practices of the present day. A mass of evidence has been accumulated, demonstrating the continuity of the Fraternity, *Speculative as well as Operative*, throughout the centuries immediately antecedent to the so-called "revival" or reconstruction

period of A.D. 1717, the actual minutes of Lodges, beginning as early as 1599, presenting an unbroken series of records overlapping that date and extending therefrom to this year of grace 1891. Bro. Hughan considers that Freemasonry has undoubtedly adopted and absorbed many of the usages and customs of antiquity, and many have *erroneously* looked upon the Ancient Mysteries and Freemasonry as continuous developments of one and the same Society, but the Ancient Mysteries are so far removed *in point of time* from all that is known of Freemasonry that "it is simply impossible to construct a bridge of history or theory that can unite the two." He tells us that those important documents the "Old Charges" range as regards date over some five centuries; and are peculiar to the Fraternity. Over fifty are known. The oldest, fourteenth century, version, exhibits points of resemblance with a roll used by a Lodge one hundred and fifty years ago, and thereby demonstrates their common origin and purpose. The Old Charges were used during the ceremony of initiation, and, with a certain amount of esoteric information constituted *then* the whole ceremony of reception. All known copies are of English origin, and of a markedly Christian type. Their influence remained as moral standards after they had full effect as current laws and regulations. Surely information of such a character as that contained in the immediately foregoing sentences, condensed from Brother Hughan's more extended and ably expressed remarks, should be known to every intelligent member of our Order; and the want of such and such like knowledge should be considered evidence of carelessness and indifference towards its best interests and progress. Enjoined as its neophytes undoubtedly are to "make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge," we yet feel too well assured that most consider it a quite useless task to acquaint themselves with aught beyond what they may see or hear within the four walls of a Mason's Lodge. To such we commend the "Introduction" now before us for especial study. Referring to some portions of the esoteric working in our Lodges, Brother Hughan doubts as to the employment of "signs, tokens and words" in ancient times, and says "it is only as we come down to more modern times that it can be positively affirmed that esoteric privileges and customs were connected with Masonic initiation wholly distinct from that of all other trades." He considers that it is abundantly confirmed that "speculative" Freemasonry existed as far back as the oldest "Charges;" there are, however, unfortunately, no records extant of actual Lodge meetings prior to 1599. It will interest many of our readers to learn that preparatory to promotion in Operative Masonry in former days "trials of skill" on the part of the candidate was necessary. The counterparts of those essays in the speculative Masonry of the present day are the examinations in open Lodge between the respective degrees in some of our Lodges considered, as should be, of high importance, in others thought of no consequence so long as the "prompting" is passable. It may be interesting also to note that in the Operative Lodges Apprentices were members, and exercised their privileges as such just as Craftsmen and Masters, which tends to prove that but one ceremonial of initiation and membership was then in vogue.

Some very interesting detail in relation to the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, "first and principal," Mother Lodge Kilwinning, No. 0, "the second as respects seniority," and their respective offshoots cannot fail to concern the general body of the Craft, and more particularly the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The precedence of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, is declared to have been based on evidence "*Notourlie* (notoriously) *manifest in our awld antient writers*." Other Old Lodges in Scotland, all of pre-Grand Lodge origin, are also noted, and in reference to the old Lodge of Aberdeen, No. 34, Mark Master Masons of the present day will have opportunity for observing the connection of that degree with ordinary Craft working, and the fidelity with which members "had their marks regularly registered" in those days. In the present, the desirability of handing down to future Masonic historians such useful records as the "Mark Book" provides appears not to be so well or so generally understood, or if understood, remains frequently unpractised. Referring for a moment to present day ritual, Bro. Hughan states that in none of the preserved records of the ancient Lodge at Melrose, dating from January 1670, are there to be found any references to *three degrees*, the only secret ceremony

\* The History of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and Concordant Orders. Boston and New York, U.S.A.: The Fraternity Publishing Company. London, England: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, European Publisher. 1891.

having been, until very recent times, at the initiation of a member. The Lodge was chiefly, if not exclusively, Operative, and its records are mainly concerned with the entering of Apprentices, and "*Receiving Free to the Tread*" all eligible members accepted by the brethren. England is far behind Scotland as respects minutes of old Lodges; Ireland possesses none before the last century. England is, however, very rich in its collection of "Old Charges." We have information relating to Lodge meetings as far back as 1646, in which year Elias Ashmole was made a Freemason, at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Colonel Henry Mainwaring of Karnicham, in Cheshire. Brother W. H. Rylands declares that, so far as he is able to judge, "there is not a scrap of evidence that there was on that occasion a single Operative Mason present," but there does not appear to be any absolutely confirmatory evidence in support of that opinion. To whom we owe our modern Freemasonry of three degrees and their additions, such as the *Royal Arch*, is practically unknown, but Bro. Hughan is inclined to credit Bros. Desaguliers and Anderson with the honour of the first trio, whilst Bro. Gould is not, and certainly evidence on this point is lacking. "It appears that the transactions at the inauguration of the premier Grand Lodge of the World, at London, in 1717, were not, unfortunately, duly recorded at the time;" so writes our author. Whilst receiving his statement with every confidence in its correctness it cannot be other than a matter of considerable surprise, as well to our readers as to ourselves, that so important an occasion should have had no special record. However that may be, the result is that the "book of constitutions" A.D. 1723 (six years later), and the earliest minutes of the Grand Lodge of that year, with Anderson's account of the meeting in the second edition of 1738, are practically all we have to guide us. *Four Old Lodges* for certain, and *probably more*, took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717. From that body a Lodge at York and another at Alnwick held aloof, and preferred independence; afterwards, in 1725, forming the Grand Lodge of All England, which existed for some twenty years, then fell into abeyance, was revived in 1792, and shortly afterwards collapsed. In referring to the spread of *speculative* Freemasonry throughout the "wide, wide world," Bro. Hughan acknowledges the great value of the "Military Lodges" of the last century. In relation to the "higher degrees," which may be summarised as those in which the element of Christianity is more pronounced, both as regards individual selection and forms of ritual, than in the "pure Ancient Masonry consisting of three degrees and no more, and including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch," Bro. Hughan says that, "the cosmopolitan basis of the Society inaugurated in 1817 does not appear to have wholly satisfied the Brotherhood. Initiation and membership, without regard to *creed, order, or clime* was an extraordinary departure from the previous Christian foundation of the Society. Even at the present time some Grand Lodges select all their members from professing Christians only, though no such condition was laid down on their origin." Bro. Hughan's introduction of this new work, extending over twenty pages, and from which we have necessarily largely, but—having regard to the instructive character of his remarks—not too sufficiently quoted, is a most able review of the succeeding seven hundred and sixty-four pages, to which we purpose to devote attention in subsequent issues. It is brief in proportion to the volume itself, but sufficient to create a great interest in the several divisions of the work. No finer language could have concluded so admirable an exposition than the following:—

"Three questions naturally fall to be answered by inquirers anxious to know somewhat of our great beneficent society. 1. Whence came Freemasonry? 2. What is it? 3. What is it doing? This splendid volume furnishes replies to the first and second of these queries, but the third *must be lived* to be effective. Theories prevail, more or less, as to the first two, but in relation to the last of the trio right or wrong conduct is involved; and, according to the one or the other, the world will judge as to what Freemasonry is, and care much or little as to its origin. If the votaries of the Craft seek to become living, loving, and loyal embodiments of the humanly perfect ideal set before them, and each individual member acts as if the honour of the Fraternity was specially entrusted to his keeping, the continued

prosperity of our Brotherhood is assured, and wide-spread and popular as are its influence and philanthropic work of to-day, we are as yet far from reaching the limits of the organisation, either as respects numbers or usefulness."

These are "golden words," worthy of the serious attention of every thinking man and earnest Freemason, and with this final "quote" we terminate the first portion of our general review of the New History.

## NEW ZEALAND.

THE annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, on the 6th July, and was an unqualified success. The attendance was very large, there being fully 200 brethren present, representing Lodges in all parts of the colony. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the roll of Lodges was called, and the election of Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing term was proceeded with. Bro. Gillon here assumed the chair, and referred in suitable terms to the progress of the New Zealand Constitution under Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Thomson. On the motion of Bro. Niccol Grand Superintendent of Auckland, seconded by Bro. Robertson Past Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomson was re-elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by acclamation. Most Worshipful Bro. Thomson, after having been duly installed, feelingly responded, and thanked the brethren for the very great honour conferred on him.

The following brethren were then appointed as Officers for the next twelve months, viz.:—Bros. Macarthur, M.H.R., Deputy Grand Master, Niccol G.S. Auckland, Williams G.S. Wellington, Burton G.S. Otago, Hall G.S. Southland, Powley G.S.W., Price G.J.W., Revs. W. E. Mulgan, Porritt, Murray, and Ven. Archdeacon Stocker Grand Chaplains, Kaye Grand Treasurer, Joyce, M.H.R., Grand Registrar, Hawkins Assistant Grand Registrar, Rev. W. Ronaldson Grand Secretary, Fenerty P.B. of G.P., Macnab P.B. of Ben., Lyttelton, Murray and Robinson Grand Deacons, Sawyer and Young Junior Grand Deacons, Titchener Grand Supt. Works, Logan Grand Dir. of Cers., Patterson Grand Deputy Dir. of Cers., Mackenzie Grand Assist. Dir. of Cers., Primrose sen. Grand Bible Bearer, Clark Grand Stand. Bearer, Kirby Grand Assist. Stand. Bearer, Henderson Grand Sword Bearer, Thompson Assist. Grand Sword Bearer, Barth Grand Organist, Walker Assist. Grand Organist, Forrest Grand Pursuivant, Hannay Deputy Grand Pursuivant, Gatland, Bruford, Symon, Masters, Jack, Walkley, Gibbons, Fisher M.H.R., Francis, May, Hardy, J. M. Murray, White, Cook, Brown, Hargood, Lane, Brec, Creswell, Gillespie, Wundram, Earnshaw M.H.R., Tippler, Booth and Allen G. Stewards.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes, which was a very lengthy one, was then read, and it stated that the funds were in a very healthy condition, several Lodges and brethren having made substantial donations to the Fund of Benevolence. It was announced that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had been recognised by the following Grand Lodges:—New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, Spain, Montara, Kansas, Nevada, Switzerland, Nebraska, and the Grand Orient of Italy and Belgium. A large amount of business was then transacted, and several resolutions of importance to the New Zealand Constitution were then proposed and carried unanimously. Among the latter, the following resolution, proposed by Bro. Robertson, and seconded by Bro. Niccol was received with tremendous applause, "That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand expresses its hearty appreciation of the energy and zeal displayed by its Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Thomson, to whose activity may be largely attributed the successful progress of the New Zealand Constitution since the formation of the Grand Lodge. Resolutions were also passed expressing regret at the illness and unavoidable absence of R.W. Bros. Pyke and Macarthur D.G.M., and with the family of the late Bro. Pierce, of Auckland, in their recent bereavement. The rank of Past Grand Warden was conferred on Bro. Cooper, of Auckland, in recognition of his many services. Hearty good wishes were then tendered by the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at ten p.m. A banquet was afterwards held, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.—*Wellington Times*.

A well-attended and good representative meeting of Masonic brethren was held on 9th July in the Freemasons' Hall in response to an advertisement and circular to consider whether it would be desirable to have a central room or rooms in which Masters of Lodges, Officers, members, or visiting brethren could assemble to discuss Masonic matters, peruse Masonic newspapers, address correspondence from, or transact any business connected with the Craft. There were thirty brethren present, representing not only the New Zealand Constitution but other Constitutions as well. Bro. Niccol Grand Superintendent New Zealand Constitution was called on to preside. Some discussion took place as to the name which it was proposed to adopt for the new Institution. Some were in favour of calling it a Masonic Club, some of calling it a Masonic Library, but finally, on the motion of Bro. Page, seconded by Bro. Hughes, it was unanimously agreed to name it the Masonic Institute. On the motion of Bro. Bengt, seconded by Bro. Fawcus, it was agreed that the Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomson be the First Principal. On the motion of Bro. Tewsley, seconded by Bro. Hughes, the following Vice-Principals, representing as nearly as possible the various Lodges, were elected, namely:—Bros. Russell, Niccol, Craig, Ellison, Lyell, Tewsley, Kidd, Gray, Hardy, Chapman, Powley, Cooper, Allen,

Logan, Murray, Hewson, Dr. Walker, Hanna and Kitt. The following brethren were elected a Committee of Management:—Bros. Thomas, Hughes, Erickson, Robinson, Fowlds, Fawcus, Page, Bengé, Boskill, and Towsley, five to form a quorum. Bro. Basley was unanimously elected Secretary, and Bro. Ellison Treasurer. It was decided that the Committee should meet to frame rules and draw up a programme to be submitted to a general meeting as early as possible.

There was an interesting Masonic gathering at the Masonic Hall, Karangahape Road, on 23rd June, on the occasion of the transference of the allegiance of the Eden Lodge, No. 1530 E.C., to the control of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. There was a brilliant attendance, including representatives of Lodges, and the capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the dispensation from the Grand Master was read by the Assistant Grand Secretary Bro. Cooper, and on the invitation of Bro. Niccol the time-honoured "Old Hundredth" was sung as appropriate to the occasion. Addresses were delivered by Bros. Russell and Niccol, after which congratulations of the most fraternal character were addressed to the Lodge from all the representative visitors, and Bro. Cooper gave a brief address, showing the remarkable progress which had been made by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand since its establishment.

The annual meeting of Lodge Ara was held at Freemasons' Hall, on 30th June, for the installation of Officers, and there was a large gathering of members and visitors, numbering in all 78, including 20 Installed Masters, and nearly every Lodge under the Constitution, as well as several of the other Constitutions, were represented. Bro. Chapman W.M. elect was installed into the chair of K.S., and the Officers invested were as follow:—Bros. Boskill S.W., Dexter J.W., Russell (re-elected) Treasurer, Powley (re-elected) Secretary, Bartlett S.D., Webbe Organist, Hughes I.G., Posseneskie Senior Steward, Cousens Junior Steward, Tonge Tyler. Bro. Kidd Dir. of Cers., and Bro. Cook J.D., being unavoidably absent, their investiture had to be deferred. A presentation then took place of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. P.M. Hanna, who briefly acknowledged the gift. The jewel, which was a beautiful specimen of the jeweller's art, was expressly manufactured by Bro. Bartlett, and is unique in its way. The brethren then adjourned to the lower hall, where light refreshments were admirably laid by Bro. Robson, the caterer. The toast list was a brief one, and a smoke concert followed.

The annual meeting of the United Service Lodge, holden under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, on the 24th June. There was a fair attendance of members and a large attendance of visitors. The W.M. elect Bro. Ellison P.M. was duly installed, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Ellison S.W., Erickson J.W., Neumegen Treasurer, Allen P.M. Secretary, T. W. Allen Dir. of Cers., Keesing S.D., McGuire J.D., Larsen I.G., Reid Organist, Carter Senior Steward, Hutchins Junior Steward, Tonge Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the lower hall, where a very palatable spread of viands and fruit was served up. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and a very enjoyable hour was passed after the close of the Lodge proceedings.

On Thursday night, 25th June, the Officers of the Beta Lodge, Hamilton, were duly installed, several members of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and others arriving from Auckland that day to take part in the ceremony. Amongst these were Bros. Niccol, Mayo P.M. (Papakura), Fowlds P.M. (Ponsonby), and McCorky. After the installation the installing members, the members of Lodge Beta, and a large number of visiting brethren from various parts of the district, sat down to a really excellent banquet at the Hamilton Hotel, in the preparation of which Mrs. Gwynne, if possible, had surpassed herself. The following were the Officers installed for the current year of office:—Bros. Primrose W.M., Rathbone P.M. I.P.M., Vane S.W., Murch J.W., Edgecumbe Treasurer and Secretary, Gwynne S.D., Prince J.D., Slade I.G., Hope Org., Dey P.M. Dir. of Cers.

**MASONIC FUNERALS.**—"A brother of a Masonic Lodge died, leaving a request to be buried with Masonic honours. The widow of said brother requested the attendance of a non-Mason as pall-bearer. Has the Master a legal Masonic right to allow such proceedings, and if allowed, would it be a Masonic funeral?" A Masonic funeral does not contemplate the exclusion of a personal friend of the deceased to act as pall-bearer; no more does it debar other friends than Masons in paying the last tribute of respect. A Masonic funeral consists in the performance of the rites of Masonry over the remains agreeably with the ritual. The following of Masons in procession or otherwise to the grave is merely an incident and mark of fraternal affection.—*N. Y. Sunday Times.*

In Maryland and Washington, D.C., the Masonic Order, as a rule, will not attend a funeral when any other organisation is present to perform any ceremony, or allow any pall-bearers except the members of the Lodge. In consequence of this, nearly all of the beneficial orders refuse to allow any funeral benefits if they are deprived of performing their service. The question was taken to court, and it was decided that the Lodges had a right to make such laws. This action, we regret to say, has deprived many widows and orphans of money that would have been of great service to them in their hour of need.—*Baltimore Telegram.*

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- "This and that." Song. Words by Nemo; music by Henty Pontet.
- "Her Lad at Sea." Song. Words by Arthur Chapman; music by J. M. Capel.
- "Visions and Voices." Song. Words by H. L. D'Arcy Jaxone; music by Oliver King.
- "If Ever." Song. Words and music by Gerald Lane.
- "Silver Shadows." Song. Words by John Muir; music by Thomas Hutchinson, Mus. Bac. Oxon.
- "Carnavalesque for Piano." By P. de Vetski.
- "Down by the Sea." Waltz. By Gerald Lane.
- "For Thee." Waltz. By Jasper Vale-Lane.
- "Morley's Pianoforte Tutor."

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Now that winter is fast approaching, it behoves us to look around for something to help us to make the long evenings enjoyable. No doubt our readers will be glad to hear of some good music, for what more enjoyable pastimes can be found than playing the piano and singing. We have recently received a parcel of new works from Messrs. Morley and Co., and after examination can heartily recommend the different songs, waltzes, &c. First in order we may take the lively little song "This and that;" Nemo has written light and attractive words, while Henry Pontet has just struck the right vein in the music. A pathetic song is "Her Lad at Sea," words by Arthur Chapman and music by J. M. Capel. Both author and composer have done good work; the music is arranged in a solemn strain so as to suit the words; this it does to perfection. Both these songs will command congenial interpreters. H. L. D'Arcy Jaxone and Oliver King are responsible for "Visions and Voices," a tuneful and melodious song, which will be heard frequently during the forthcoming winter. A love song, "If Ever," by Gerald Lane, is thoroughly cheerful, and attractive in tone and spirit; while "Silver Shadows," by John Muir and Thomas Hutchinson, is a song that has pretty words and tuneful music, the seriousness of which is relieved by a lively refrain. "Carnavalesque for Piano," by P. de Vetski, is certainly deserving of commendation, since that composer has, while keeping simplicity in view, written strains that will sound very well in the small drawing-room. Messrs. Morley and Co. have not forgotten the lovers of the dance; we have before us two capital waltzes, which are at once bound to jump into favour. The first of these is composed by Gerald Lane, and is called "Down by the Sea," while the second, entitled "For Thee," is by Jasper Vale-Lane. Both these waltzes have very agreeable points, and we think compilers of ball programmes may go further and fare worse. We have left last the mention of Messrs. Morley's "Pianoforte Tutor," which we may at once pronounce perfect. It contains the rudiments of music, short exercises, scales and studies in different keys, with favourite modern tunes (sacred and secular), duet for teacher and pupil, major and minor scales (melodic and harmonic form), musical terms, &c., so that it will be seen at once that everything is there wherewith to instruct the young. In recommending this "Tutor" to the notice of our readers, we feel assured we are drawing their attention to a work that will prove very instructive to beginners at the pianoforte. In conclusion we may add that Messrs. Morley and Co. are always careful in the way they produce their music, and the present parcel is no exception to the rule, each piece being clearly and neatly printed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire will meet at Tavistock on 23rd inst. The Masons in the Province number 3,152, an increase in the year of 172. Of those 1,423 belong to the sixteen Lodges held in Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse. The three Lodges held in Exeter return 186 members. The largest Lodge out of these districts is at Exmouth, with 94 members.

On the 9th inst. the brethren of the Whitworth Lodge celebrated their ninth annual anniversary and the feast of St. John. Bro. Thomas Morgan was installed Master for the ensuing year, after which an adjournment was made to the North Eastern Hotel, when over 50 sat down to a substantial banquet. The evening was spent in a convivial manner.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Duckworth W.M., Normanton S.W., Roberts P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treas., Cliffe Sec., W. G. Bagnall S.D., Eldershaw P.M. Dir. of Cir., Watson I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Wm. Bagnall, Thomas, Guthrie, Shorrook, Mullock, Sawyer, and Hill; Bros. Thornhill, Sugden, Williams, Parker, Hinchliffe, Orrall, Guest, Gregory, and Gordon; Visitors—Bros. Bromley P.M. Secretary 1375, Fryer S.W. 1375, Rudman 2156, and Sallon P.M. 633. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Gordon was raised to the third degree by Bro. Martin Thomas P.M. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30.

## JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. The W.M. (Bro. John Taylor) presided, and ably performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. Lane P.M. P.P.G. Registrar, Dodge P.M. P.P.G.T., and Wills I.P.M. Jordan Lodge, Beckett W.M., Wakeham P.M. P.P.G.St.B., Goss P.M. St. John's, 328, Clarke P.M. 353 Royal Sussex P.P.G.S.W. (Derbyshire), Warner P.M. 1348 Ebury. The W.M. elect, Bro. Wills J.W., having received the usual honours on his installation, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Taylor I.P.M. and Secretary, Hersey S.W., Winget J.W., Hex P.M. Chaplain, Wills P.M. Treasurer, West S.D., Risdon J.D., Dodge P.M. P.P.G.T. D.C., Beer I.G., Hill and Pickard Stewards, Newton Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. Taylor, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by Bro. Dodge on behalf of the Lodge in recognition of his Masonic zeal during his year of office. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Taylor, F.C.S., P.M., as a mark of their appreciation and esteem by the brethren of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1462, Torquay, 8th September 1891." The Treasurer's account, which was adopted, showed the handsome balance of £61 in hand. The installation banquet followed in the banqueting hall, a handsome repast being provided by Bro. W. J. Neworthy.

## ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

SATURDAY afternoon last was delightfully fine for the large gathering of Freemasons who assembled at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, to witness the ceremony of installation of the newly-elected Worshipful Master. The brethren present included the following: Shapland W.M., Davy S.W., Thebridge Treasurer, Thomas P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Secretary, Billing S.D., Tonkin J.D., Appleton P.M. D.C., Harvey Steward, Dixon-Bramald Steward, Glaspole P.M. P.G. Std., Dando P.M., Weatherley, M.D., P.M., Minns P.M. P.P.G.P., Rice P.M., Southwood, Stafford, Turner, Maby P.G. Organist, Simpkins Tyler, and Hall Organist. Among the visiting brethren were the Worshipful D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. Elze P.G.D. of England, Symes J.D. 1953, Grubb P.M. 68 P.P.G.P., Smith P.M. 1388 P.G.A.D.C., Makepeace 1388, Hill 103, Coombe 814, Powell 1205 P.P.G.P., Fulford 686, Webley W.M. 68, Carrington J.D. 686, Britt I.P.M. 1388, Lewis 68, Reece 1199 P.G.D.C., Powell 103, Galpin P.M. 68, Machon Secretary 68, Pfeiffer W.M. 1388, Habgood 68, Gard P.M. 68 P.S.G.W., Will 1750, Clark P.M. 1750, Heal 1388, and others. After some formal business of the Lodge had been arranged, Bro. Davey was regularly installed into the chair of the Worshipful Master by Bro. Elze D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England. Bro. Davey at once proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Brothers Shapland I.P.M., Carey Senior Warden, Billing Junior Warden, Thebridge Past Master, Treasurer re-elected, Thomas P.M. Sec. re-appointed, Tonkin S.D., Hazell J.D., Harvey I.G., Stafford and Jeffreys Stewards, Simpkins Tyler re-elected. Bro. Rice was chosen as delegate to serve on the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, and it was a pleasing act on the part of the Lodge to vote the contests of the alms bag for this day to some local Charitable Schools of which Bro. Rice is one of the Pillars. An excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Boulter, widow of the late respected Bro. Boulter.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—At Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, on the 14th inst., there were present Bros. Horst W.M., Briginshaw P.G.S. S.W., Bestow J.W., Westfield Acting Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Trickett S.D., Ives P.M. J.D., Short I.G.; Bros. Allen Secretary, Bateman Steward, Bird Organist, Dunbar, Oakden, Fuller, Dickinson, Stacey, Brown, Peck, Mann, Jeremy, Clark. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Oakden candidate. The Lodge was opened in second, and Bro. Oakden answered questions leading to degree of M.M. Bro. Briginshaw was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until Monday, 21st, at 8 p.m.

A meeting of the 3rd Walthamstow Charity Association was formed, Bro. Dr. Danbar occupying the chair. Several Life Subscriberships were balloted for.

## BURNS AND CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE

SIR,—The paragraph in reference to this subject, which appeared under the "Mems. for Freemasons" in last Tuesday's "News," is of great interest, not merely to Freemasons, but to all who honour the memory of Burns, and to every student of history in general. From what Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the R.W. Grand Secretary, says, it would appear that a downright imposition has been palmed off upon the public as a veritable historical fact. This picture of the pretended installation or "inauguration" of Burns as "Poet Laureate" of No. 2 Lodge it now appears is purely mythical. And the laurel crown never existed until depicted upon the canvas long after the poet was dead. Instead, therefore of Burns being shown as in the act of receiving a crown, he ought to have been depicted in the act of receiving the right hand of fellowship from the master of the Lodge in accordance with the minute of his "assumption" on the 1st February 1787. This "assumption," or being "assumed a member," was probably equivalent to what we would now designate as being made an honorary member. Bro. Lyon asserts that the first Poet Laureate of No. 2 was Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, and he was not made such till 1835. It is very curious how so many societies, with great pretensions to morality, yet for the sake of a little self-glorification condescend to tamper with the truth. In a history of No. 2 Lodge, recently published by Bro. Mackenzie, it is stated on page 110 that:—"In course of the evening, the R.W. Master, Alexander Fergusson of Craigdorroch, advocate, hero of the 'Song of the Whistle,' conferred upon him (Burns) the title of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge, and the minute is signed by the Master," &c. Now, as in the copy of this minute of 1st March 1787, no mention whatever is made of Burns, and the minute itself states that no business except giving certain degrees was done, we may well ask Bro. Mackenzie why he did not publish this minute of 1st March 1787 as it stands in the old minute book in place of, or in addition to, what is said on pages 110 and 111 of his "History?" In conclusion I may observe that in the July issue of the "Scottish Masonic Record" the Glasgow Saints John Lodge still holds forth the ridiculous pretension that it was "Constituted by King Malcolm III., 1057." It might as well assert that it was chartered by Noah, and that the first meeting of the Lodge was held in the Ark, B.C. 2349. Historical impostures when they once get a start are hard to kill. Like the cats, they have nine lives.

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HISTORICUS.

31st August 1891.

At a Lodge meeting the other evening, a brother hailing from the American constitution made reference to the extracts I published recently from a letter sent home from the States by a member of 553. The brother, says our American visitor, is wrong in his estimation, and with some force refers to the charitable institutions connected with Masonry in America in proof that their system is not all show and glitter. No one with the least knowledge of Masonry in America can do other than admire the great works accomplished by the brethren there, but while there can be only one opinion in these results, there is room for many opinions in the mode of Lodge work pure and simple, and it was to these, more than to the wider principle of the Craft, that the brother of 553 referred.

A propos, Puck, New York, is at present devoting space to a series of sketches on the "Cranks of the Day," and the third of the series is illustrative of the "Secret Society Crank," and, though no doubt exaggerated, there is, even after making allowance, abundant evidence that there is a desire for display among a certain class of our American cousins. The central figure in the sketch is so resplendent in the uniform of a member of the "Noble Hidaigos of the Rising Sun" that some sable passers-by are in the act of worshipping him as a god. How far this is carried into Masonry of course I cannot say, but in defence of our brother recently of Glasgow I would recommend to any who may feel aggrieved at his remarks Burns's receipt for "folish notions"—"See themself's as others see them."—The Mallet.

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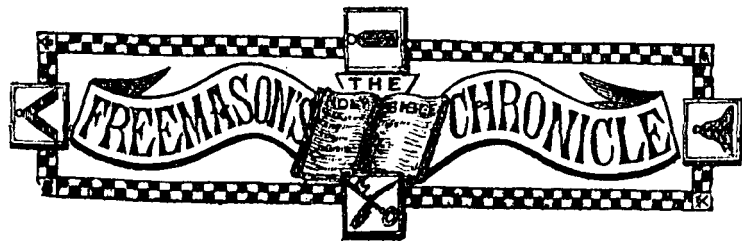
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### THE LORD MAYOR AT KENDAL.

ONCE again has the little town of Kendal, nestling so cosily amongst the breezy Westmoreland hills, entertained in right royal fashion a Lord Mayor of London, and once again has it honoured the metropolis by conferring upon its Chief Magistrate the honorary freedom of its ancient burgh. When, in January 1889, the then Lord Mayor (Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart.) visited this, the town in which the earlier years of his life had been spent, he met with a semi-regal reception, and when, a few months later, he again visited the borough—this time for the purpose of being enrolled as its first honorary freeman—his reception was none the less cordial. Very similar was the reception extended to Lord Mayor Savory on the 10th inst., when his Lordship, who, with the Lady Mayoress, had journeyed to Kendal some days previously, went in procession through the town to the Town Hall, there to place his signature next that of Sir James Whitehead's on Kendal's Roll of

Fame, and to receive at the hands of the Mayor a greatly-prized parchment conveying to him the freedom of the borough. The Lord Mayor's visit, which was made in state, served a twofold purpose, for, in addition to being made a freeman of the borough, his Lordship, at the invitation of the Corporation, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the local Arts, Crafts, and Loan Exhibition, opened by H.R.H. Princess Louise a fortnight previously. The streets were even more profusely decorated than on the occasion of Sir James Whitehead's visit two years since. At that time the decorations had been left to the townspeople, but this year the Corporation had taken the matter in hand, and their efforts had been supplemented by the people of Kendal on a very liberal scale.

The morning broke beautifully, and fine weather prevailed throughout the day. At noon the members of the Corporation held a formal meeting in the Council Chamber, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. G. J. McKay), at which a resolution granting the honorary freedom to the Lord Mayor was formally and unanimously agreed to. In moving the resolution the Mayor mentioned that some months ago the Corporation decided to offer the freedom of the borough to the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor returned a ready and favourable response to the proposal and the distribution of the prizes at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition that afternoon had afforded favourable opportunity of combining two very interesting functions. Describing the Lord Mayor's connexion with Kendal, he mentioned that his Lordship was related to Mrs. Braithwaite, of Hawesmead, and the late Mr. G. F. Braithwaite. Proceeding, he said that their roll of honorary freemen was not a long one, but viewed as a municipal record it was most honourable. That Kendal should have the honour of a close connection with two distinguished Lord Mayors of the City of London was as remarkable as it was gratifying, and as it gave them pleasure to confer the freedom on Sir James Whitehead in 1889, so he felt sure they would now give their hearty vote that the honour should be conferred upon the present Lord Mayor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alderman Wilson, supported by the ex-Mayor (Mr. Councillor Hargreaves), and unanimously agreed to.

On the table in front of the Mayor was a beautifully carved oak casket, which contained the parchment conveying the freedom of the borough. The casket was lined inside with red silk. The document enshrined in the casket bore the common seal of the borough, and the following inscription:—

#### BOROUGH OF KENDAL.

Whereas, by the Honorary Freedom of Borough's Act, 1885, the Council are empowered to admit persons of distinction to be honorary Freemen of the Borough. Resolved unanimously that the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Joseph Savory, be and he is hereby accordingly admitted to be an Honorary Freeman of this Borough. Given under our Corporate Seal at the Town Hall this 10th day of September 1891.

G. J. MCKAY, Mayor.

JOHN BOLTON, Town Clerk.

The meeting over, the Mayor and other members of the Corporation, together with the High Sheriff of the County, proceeded in landaus to the borough boundary on Lake Road, there to meet the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, who since their arrival had been the guests of Mr. J. Cropper, of Elergreen. At this point an arch had been erected, on which was displayed the word "Welcome." It was shortly after one o'clock when the Lord Mayor's carriage, followed by that of Mr. J. Cropper, appeared in sight. At the borough boundary the carriages were stopped and the Mayor formally introduced the Mayoress, the Ex-Mayor, and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. Bolton), to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. A procession of carriages was then formed, headed by that of the High Sheriff, and followed by those of the members of the Corporation, the Lord Mayor's coach, and some private carriages. These were joined by the state carriages of Sheriff Sir William Farmer and Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris, about half-a-mile or so farther along the line of route. Sheriff Sir William Farmer, who was accompanied by Miss Farmer, had, since his arrival on the previous evening, been the guest of Mr. W. D. Crewdson, J.P. Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris had only arrived an hour or so previously from Newcastle-on-Tyne. As the procession passed through the streets on its way to the Town Hall cheer after cheer went up for the civic visitors, and handkerchiefs were waved from the windows of most of the houses along the line of route. On arrival at the Town Hall, the Mayor formally received his guests, and the party then proceeded into the magistrate's room, the Lady Mayoress being escorted by the Mayor, and the Mayoress of Kendal by the Lord Mayor. Here the Lady Mayoress was presented with a very handsome bouquet by a tiny girl, the daughter of the Rev. J. H. Paterson, and this was followed by the introduction of guests to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs wore their robes and chains of office, and the Mayor of Kendal also wore his official robes and gold chain.

At two o'clock luncheon was served in the large assembly-room above. This hall, which contains life-size portraits of local worthies, was profusely decorated with flags and flowers. The Mayor presided, and in addition to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the guests, numbering upwards of 160, included Lord H. Bentineck, M.P., the Countess of Rectivo, Lady Olivia Teylour, Sheriff Sir William Farmer and Miss Farmer, Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris, the Ven. Archdeacon Cooper and Miss Cooper, Miss Wakefield, Mr. Cropper and Miss Cropper, Captain Bagot and Mrs. Bagot, Mr. C. J. Cropper and the Hon. Mrs. Cropper, the Mayor of Lancaster, the Mayor of Preston, Mrs. G. F. Braithwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crewdson, Mr. Harold Braithwaite, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Braithwaite jun., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Braithwaite, the Mayor of Appleby, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Bolton, and the members of the Kendal Corporation, with their Ladies.

The loyal toasts having been honoured,

The Mayor rose to propose the toast of the afternoon, The Health of the Lord Mayor. Prefacing his remarks with the statement that the people of Kendal felt greatly honoured by the presence of the

Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, he said the fact of the Lord Mayor having consented to distribute the prizes at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, as well as to address a festive gathering of over 600 employes and friends of the company of Braithwaite and Co. (Limited)—of which his Lordship was a director—proved that he took a lively interest in the welfare of Kendal. Kendalians were proud of the Lord Mayor's association with the town where his relatives and ancestors had lived for many years. His revered and respected uncle, the late Mr. G. F. Braithwaite, was Mayor of the borough no less than six times, and had he been living he (the Mayor) could imagine the profound pleasure it would have given him to receive the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress on that occasion. But Providence had ordained it otherwise. His picture now adorned the walls, and although he was absent, he still lived, and that picture, although a poor one, served to remind them of the lively interest he took in the Corporation and whatever concerned the welfare and prosperity of his native town, but especially that of the poor. Alluding to some of the public functions of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, he pointed to the reception which his Lordship had given to the Emperor and Empress of Germany and to the Prince of Naples. The Lord Mayor, he said, not only entertained Royalty, but took an active part in the amelioration of the sufferings of the human race in connection with the agitation in favour of the Russian Jews. Then he gave splendid receptions to various societies, amongst which he mentioned the Society of French Masters, the Ancient Order of Foresters and the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography. In all these, the sacred work of charity had a conspicuous place in his heart, and it was noteworthy that the Hospital Sunday Fund was the largest that was ever raised. He was not revealing any secret in this assembly of the Lord Mayor's kinsmen and kinswomen, when he stated that he was of Huguenot and Quaker descent. Speaking of the Lady Mayoress, he said he only re-echoed the feelings of every lady and gentleman present when he said they were delighted that the Lord Mayor was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. It must have been a great comfort during his mayoralty that the Lady Mayoress was always at his right hand, to help and support him in his work. The Lady Mayoress was the daughter of a distinguished colonel in her Majesty's service. She had no less than four brothers of high rank in the army, one of whom wore the Victoria Cross and another the distinguished service order. This toast was no mere empty formality. With all sincerity of heart did they wish both the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress long life to enjoy the honour which had been conferred upon them by their Sovereign, and might every blessing attend them in their private relationship, and in the lofty and responsible position they occupied.

The Town Clerk here read the resolution which had been passed at the meeting of the Corporation, conferring the freedom of the borough upon the Lord Mayor, and at his invitation the Lord Mayor proceeded, amid cheers, to sign the roll of honorary freemen.

The Mayor of Kendal then presented the casket to the Lord Mayor, and in doing so asked his Lordship to graciously accept the highest honour which it was in the power of the Corporation to bestow upon any one—the freedom of the borough. There, he said, was not a lengthy roll: it began and ended with the name of Lord Mayor Whitehead, and if his Lordship also accepted the freedom, it gave promise to become a unique list of Lord Mayors and Baronets. He mentioned, in conclusion, that the casket was manufactured from old English oak, obtained from the parish church where the Lord Mayor's ancestors had worshipped for many years.

The Lord Mayor, in responding to the toast, said he rose with a heart full of gratitude and devotion to reply to the kind words which the Mayor had just uttered. He thanked the Mayor most heartily for the extremely eloquent and touching language which he had been good enough to use in proposing the toast, and the company for the cordial reception they had given to it. It had oftentimes fallen to his lot during his year of office to respond to the toast of the Corporation of London, but this occasion was one of unique and exceptional interest—unique in its surroundings, unique in its circumstances. He had oftentimes, in company with his wife and his colleagues the Sheriffs, received a cordial and enthusiastic welcome in various parts of the United Kingdom, and they had only just returned from a short tour in Scotland, wherein they had received from the municipal authorities every possible courtesy and hospitality, but ties with Kendal possessed a peculiar and close interest. He felt that in Kendal he was, as it were, in his own town. It would be fifty years next month since his father and mother were married in the parish church of the town. That occasion was one, he believed, of great interest in Kendal, and he had been often told that the old people of the town, when recalling any particular date, had placed it either so many years before, or so many years after, the marriage of Caroline Braithwaite. But what would his parents' feelings have been if they could possibly have imagined that fifty years afterwards their son would, as Lord Mayor of London, be received at a magnificent banquet in the Town Hall of Kendal, and receive at the hands of its Mayor the freedom of that ancient borough? Time would fail him to recall all the interesting thoughts that crowded upon him at the present time—reminiscences of happy days spent in his grandfather's house in Highgate; pleasant intercourse with friends, some of whom had now passed from this busy scene; and many delightful excursions, both on horseback and on foot, through the delightful scenery that surrounded the town. It was sometimes good for them to look back upon the scenes that were past; it was often good for them to look forward with happy anticipation to the future, but they could never forget that they lived also to be useful in the present day. The ancient Corporation of the City of London, of which he had the proud privilege at this moment to be the head could look back upon many long years of usefulness and benefit, and he confidently believed that it could also look forward to many such years to come. But they did not forget that in the present day, besides the

daily work that devolved upon them, the municipal government of the greatest City in the world had oftentimes national work—work of world-wide importance—to perform. The Mayor had gracefully alluded to the visit of the German Emperor to the City, and he might remind them that the Prime Minister himself, when speaking of that visit, told the large assemblage he was addressing that that visit was fraught with the happiest auspices to the welfare of the world at large. The Mayor had also alluded to the visit of the Crown Prince of Italy. This had been, indeed, an eventful mayoralty, full of interest and events which the people would oftentimes look back upon with feelings of great interest. He thanked them for the reception given him that day, and for the cordial hospitality they had extended to his wife and to himself. He should never forget that he was the son of one of Westmoreland's daughters. Kendal's welfare would always retain a very warm interest in his heart. The box which had been handed to him that day would be treasured in his family as one of their most precious heirlooms, and the charter which the Corporation had voted to him so unanimously, conveying to him the freedom of the borough, would be to his mind one of the brightest records, as endorsing not only the public usefulness of the Corporation of the City of London, but, if he might also say so, his own endeavour to do his duty in the path he trod. If words failed him adequately to express to them all that his heart felt, he hoped they would take the wish for the deed, and that they would believe him, when he said that the day would be engraven on his mind as one of the brightest, the happiest, and most memorable of his mayoralty.

The Lord Mayor, again rising, gave "The Mayor and Corporation of Kendal." Every one present, he said, felt that they owed gratitude to those who were their bountiful hosts on that occasion. The Corporation of Kendal was an ancient one. The town received its first charter in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and that charter was afterwards renewed in the reign of James I. Kendal had been spoken of for many a century as a very well regulated and prosperous town. He believed that so far back as the reign of Henry IV. the manufacturers of Kendal were well known and much esteemed. But if Kendal was prosperous in the past, if its manufactures had been renowned, he believed it was equally so in the present day. And he believed that at no period in its history did it have a mayor and corporation who had been more devoted to the interests of the town than at the present day. He believed that in their present mayor the people of Kendal had one who had the best interests of the community closely at heart.

The Mayor of Kendal, in response, warmly thanked the Lord Mayor, in his own name and that of the Mayoress, for his kind remarks. That day fourteen days ago, and that day itself, would indeed be memorable ones in the history of their ancient borough, and he thanked the ladies and gentlemen present for their co-operation on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Louise, and for their presence there that day to do honour to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the first city in the world. Without egotism he ventured to say it did not fall to the lot of many mayors to receive Royalty and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London within fourteen days of each other. He assured them that he was proud of their ancient borough, the town of his adoption, and most respectfully and heartily did he thank the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for coming there that day, and for the kind expressions of his Lordship in reference to the Corporation of Kendal, and for the future prosperity of the town at large.

Mr. W. B. Crewdson, in proposing the next toast, that of "The Sheriffs of London," referred with gratification to the fact that the Sheriffs had recently received the honour of knighthood, remarking that the most important event with which those honours were connected would have the effect of joining together still more closely the links of sentiment and friendship which unite the great Teutonic nations of Europe.

Mr. Sheriff Farmer, in response, said the toast was always a difficult one to respond to, and the difficulty did not diminish, he found, in the repetition. Having thanked the company for their hearty reception of the toast, he said the present Shrievalty of London had been one of more than usual interest. In the first place, he, as Sheriff, had been fortunate in accepting the hospitality of no less than ten municipal boroughs in the United Kingdom. Their first visit was to the very ancient borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, the second to Manchester—and there they were entertained right royally by the Mayor and Corporation, and they had an opportunity of inspecting that modern work, the Manchester Ship Canal, under circumstances of exceptional interest—then they went to Croydon, Worcester, Hull, Brigg, Glasgow, Stirling, and last, but not least, to the ancient town of Kendal.

The remaining toasts included the County and Borough Magistrates, proposed by the Archdeacon of Westmoreland, acknowledged by Mr. W. Wakefield, the chairman of Quarter Sessions; the High Sheriff of Westmoreland, proposed by the Ex-Mayor, and suitably acknowledged; the Westmoreland County Council, proposed by Mr. H. Swinglehurst, and responded to by Mr. James Cropper, the chairman; the Arts, Crafts, and Loan Exhibition, proposed by Mr. Alderman Baron, and responded to by Captain Bagot; and the Ladies, proposed by Mr. J. W. Weston, and responded to by Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris, who, in an amusing speech, held that ladies were better employed at home looking after the comfort of their husbands and children than in public work.

Before the company separated the Mayor read a telegram just received by the Lord Mayor from Alderman Sir James Whitehead, congratulating him upon the honour which had been conferred upon him.

The luncheon was supplied by Mr. T. Lancaster, of the Commercial Hotel, Kendal.

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**Covent Garden.**—The re-opening of the promenade concerts reminds us that our fleeting summer has past and the autumn is with us once more; and no better form of entertainment for the lengthening evenings can be desired than the excellent music played by competent artistes in the roomy theatre at Covent Garden. The arrangements are now under the direction of Sir Augustus Harris, who is evidently determined to make these popular concerts more enjoyable than ever. To this end he has engaged a capital orchestra with Mr. Carrodus as leader, Signor Arditì as conductor, and Mr. Wilhelm Ganz as accompanist. Several well known singers are announced to appear, together with many new and old performers on various instruments, while the fine band of the Coldstream Guards and other military musicians occasionally supplement the orchestra during the evening. The prices of admission have been reduced, that for the amphitheatre being but sixpence, so that it will not be the manager's fault if his motto, "Music for the Million" is not appreciated. The principal orchestral items in the opening programme were several grand overtures, and the ever popular British Army Quadrilles; the singers were Miss Agnes Janson, Mdle. Daria Farani, Messrs. Durward Lely, Charles Manners, Dôme, Signor Abramoff and Guetary, and the instrumentalists were the two young sisters Cerasoli, Signor Zito Mattei and Mr. Howard Reynolds. The usual vocal waltz was not omitted, and is this season furnished by Mr. Edward St. Quintin, and is entitled "Old England." This is sung by Stedman's choir of boys and girls dressed in naval costumes, and was well received. Altogether the season has commenced very auspiciously and Sir Augustus Harris may be congratulated on the success of his new venture.

**Avenue.**—It was only natural to suppose that the remarkable success achieved by the "musical play without words" at the Prince of Wales' theatre, would result in numerous imitations, and hence we have had several sketches of the pantomimic order at the musical halls which have proved popular with the public. M. Michel Carré, the author of "L'Enfant Prodigue," has now produced another wordless play at this house bearing the title of "Yvette," though it cannot be conceded that it is as good as his former piece. The heroine is a pretty country girl, whose lover Pierrot goes to Paris to seek his fortune, but led away by the glamour of town life he stands a fair chance of being ruined instead, when he is saved by a timely vision, and returns home to his sweetheart just as she is on the point of taking the veil. The incidental music by M. André Gedalge is pretty and appropriate, but the piece is too much spun out for four acts; and in spite of the clever acting of Mdle. Dathenes as Pierrot, Mdle. Avorot as Yvette, and M. Chantard, who impersonates an old woodcutter, we fear that the new venture will hardly prove profitable.

The rehearsals for Mr. Pinero's new play, to be produced at Terry's Theatre early next month, commenced on Monday last. It will be in four acts and called "The Times." The following ladies and gentlemen will be in the cast:—Mesdames Fauny Brough, Helena Dacre, Annie Hill, Alexes Leighton, Florence Tanner, M. Talbot, Messrs. Edward Terry, W. G. Elliott, H. V. Esmond, W. T. Lovell, A. Sims and Fred Thorne.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. of Evelyn, Catford, who has laboured for many years in the effort to bring about greater uniformity of working and ritual, and has been recently lecturing on the divergencies and debatable points, has been invited to visit Australia and New Zealand in the interests of the Craft. Brother Stevens is disposed to accept the invitation, and if arrangements of a satisfactory character can be made will start shortly.—*Kentish Mercury.*

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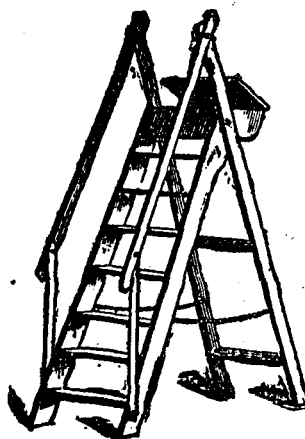
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**Saturday, 19th September.**

1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 251 Tenderden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
140 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon  
1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines  
R.A. 2048 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hotel, Todmorden

**Monday, 21st September.**

720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1910 Shadwell Clarke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.  
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
236 York, Masonic Hall, York  
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham  
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge  
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro  
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton  
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome  
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury  
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.  
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth  
R.A. 557 Valletort, M.H., Callington, Cornwall  
R.A. 731 Lonsborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, T.H., Asby-de-la-Zouch  
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton  
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury

**Tuesday, 22nd September.**

141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel  
443 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1809 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

**Wednesday, 23rd September.**

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6  
753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.  
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich  
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, London  
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch  
290 Huddersfield Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
363 Keysone, New Inn, Whitworth  
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Clockheaton  
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1255 Dundas, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton  
R.A. 225 St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich  
R.A. 320 Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram  
R.A. 606 Segoniam, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon  
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle  
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

**Thursday, 24th September.**

65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark  
760 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1839 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1659 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1421 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
1816 Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Rd.  
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 118 Northumberland Masons' Hall, E.C.  
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
236 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bury  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingdon  
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate  
432 Abney, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nauncaton  
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
935 Ha money, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek

971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley  
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton  
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley  
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoburyness  
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere  
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth  
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
R.A. 441 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland  
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
K.T. 8 Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
K.T. 31 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

**Friday, 25th September.**

R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield  
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
1821 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
R.A. 897 Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens

**Saturday, 26th September.**

1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
R.A. 176 Cavendish, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
1463 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1865 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley  
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

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**Saturday, 19th September.**

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1361 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, Finsley, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

**Monday, 21st September.**

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  
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 8  
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho., Putney  
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1633 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow 8

**Tuesday, 22nd September.**

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  
148 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, 8  
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tavern, Maid's Hill, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 7:30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
850 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dutton, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1041 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 Edgemoor, Three Sages, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bottle, 115 Berry Street, Bottle, 6  
1540 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Browrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, N., 8  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7

1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2148 Surbiton, 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. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

**Wednesday, 23rd September.**

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., 8  
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
539 La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Portland St., 8  
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.  
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 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
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1603 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
1681 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1693 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
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M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

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144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington,  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7:30  
1998 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  
1559 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 Road, Clerkenwell, 9

**Friday, 25th September.**

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
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, Grayhound, Richmond,  
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
831 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, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8  
1331 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
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R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

**Saturday, 26th September.**

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
1298 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
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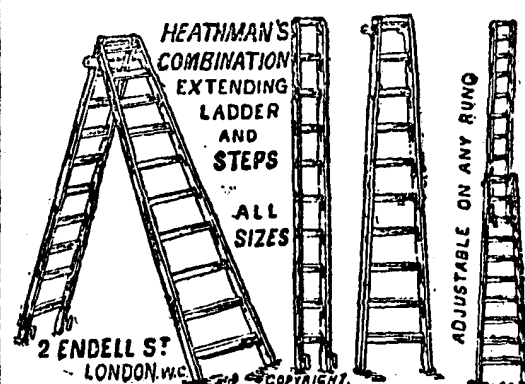


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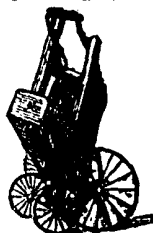
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