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RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXTENSION OF LODGES.

FREEMASONRY presents many peculiar features which it must be very difficult for the uninitiated to understand, and one of the principal of these is the way in which our chiefs continually congratulate themselves that so few new Lodges are established. In most societies progress is marked by the growth or extension of subordinate bodies; in Freemasonry there seems to be an opinion that progress is best marked by standing still, and although we are very sorry to have to admit our inability to follow the reasoning of our superiors, we must own we are unable to see things as they do. The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England, presiding this week at his Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, congratulated the brethren on the very excellent report as to the state of the Province. "He thought it was a good thing that only one Lodge had been added to the roll during the year, because he believed there had been rather too rapid an increase in the number of Lodges. He considered "there were plenty of Lodges in the Province, if they were only well supported and kept up." The question which at once strikes us on reading such remarks as these is, whether there should be any restraint imposed by the authorities as to the number of new Lodges, provided an actual need can be proved for the issue of a warrant? If there is any good at all in Freemasonry why keep its benefits for the few? is a query which might reasonably be asked, and one which would be extremely difficult to answer logically. Despite the oft-expressed opinion of those in power, we are of opinion that quality is not improved by prohibition. We go further; we fail to see on what ground the prayer for a new warrant can be refused, provided the proper number of signatures are attached to the petition, and there is no cause for complaint against any of the brethren making application. We have often heard it remarked by those whom we regard as being in a position to express an opinion, that applications for new Lodges were often refused by those in authority, but we must admit we considered such utterances rather as figures of speech than as actually representing the state of the case, and we know that this opinion is shared by many others, who regard the matter in the same light as we do, and fail to see the policy of restrictive measures so long preached by some of our leaders; but it seems we have all along been labouring under a delusion, and what we regarded as mere empty words have had an actual existence in fact; petitions for new Lodges being systematically refused, and worthy Craftsmen being thereby subjected to disappointment, and, in many cases, far worse; for there is no disowning the fact that the refusal to grant the prayer of a petition in such a case is a personal reflection on the brethren who sign it,

and would seem to imply—although it may be no such implication is intended—that they are unfit for the trust they desire to have reposed in them.

We admit it is a very difficult matter to decide whether a new Lodge is actually wanted in a town, or otherwise; but if a number of members of the Craft join together in petitioning for a warrant, then there is *prima facie* evidence of a need existing, and the urgency or otherwise of the need can only be determined by considering local surroundings. But there should be something far beyond mere sentiment on which to base a refusal to grant the prayer of the petitioners. It was recently stated that three petitions had been presented within a few months in one district, the Provincial Grand Master of which did not consider there was any need of extension, and as a consequence the petitions were kept back from Grand Lodge. Of course we must not question the decision of the distinguished Craftsman concerned in these refusals, but has he considered the effects of the feeling he must have created in the minds of the twenty, thirty, or perhaps more members of the Order who, as petitioners for those three warrants, he has personally reproved? They, in good faith, have urged the necessity for an extension of Freemasonry; he, as their superior, has told them they are not in a position to judge for themselves as to what they want, and they are left to make the best shift they can without the Lodges they considered necessary. We do not wish to preach sedition in taking the stand we do on this subject, but we do think the matter is a fair subject for public comment, and we would even go so far as to suggest the necessity for reform.

One of the pet arguments of those who urge restrictive measures in Freemasonry—restrictions both in regard to extension of Lodges and extension of membership—is that greater care is needed in the selection of candidates, for, they urge, men are attracted only in the hope of benefiting from it in the hour of misfortune. Here again we must differ. Our firm conviction is that few, if any, are initiated into English Freemasonry with any idea of reaping pecuniary reward in the hour of adversity. If there are any who do so act, we can only pity them for their ignorance; or if they do not desire pity on that score, then we can sympathise with them in their inability to find a more profitable investment for their money. The financial benefit to be derived from Freemasonry, even in the event of disaster causing the most greivous need, is of so doubtful a character as to be almost unworthy of consideration. What man in his senses would pay the initiation fee and continue his annual subscription to a Lodge merely on the off chance of some day falling into adversity, and having an opportunity of qualifying as an applicant for help, either from the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge, or from one or other of the Funds connected with the Order? We certainly regard such ideas of the advantages of Freemasonry as existing only in the imagination of those who

must find something to talk about when called upon as after dinner speakers, or who regard their fellow creatures as bigger fools than they are justified in doing, and if our idea of the case is anything approaching the correct one, as regards the admission of candidates, the same line of argument can be adduced in regard to the creation of new Lodges, which should not be restricted except on grounds of actual unworthiness of some of those concerned in their proposed formation.

FREEMASONRY EXERTS ITS POWERS.

LATELY Freemasonry in France proceeded to a whole list of sentences. It excluded from its membership all those politicians who took part in the agitations which contradicted the political plans of the Lodge. This shows how the sect changes its tactics. Up to the present it hypocritically represented itself as independent of political parties and exclusively as a "philanthropic society," which its own statutes forbade to carry on politics. Of course no reasonable man believed in this hypocrisy, but, in any case, the sect kept up appearances, as viewed from the point of legality. Now Freemasonry throws off the mask, and declares itself openly as a political society. It excludes those who were bound to it, gives orders, and publishes ordinances. Its organs express openly an article of their Constitution as follows:—"Freemasonry must be a State within the State; so much so that the direction of the State be in the hands of Freemasons, and that these carry out the wishes of their brethren." For a long time already the Lodge has the Government in power, or has very great influence upon it. It might, therefore, appear strange why the Freemasons, not content with their present influence, proceed to suppress every other real or apparent political authority at their own cost. This is easily explained by the circumstance that the Lodge feels that people wish gradually to free themselves from its oppressive rule, acquired by craft and contention. Freemasonry sees it can no longer lead the nations astray, for even those who are quite blind cannot fail to see the immense squandering of the self-seeking sect, whereby the State suffers so much injury. Every one must perceive that the irreligion and immorality, which has been raised by the Lodge to a system of government, only leads the state to ruin, both in a moral and economical and material point of view.

Many signs favour the assumption that public opinion is recovering its senses; and the Lodge makes a desperate opposition against the re-action which has begun that it may not become irresistible. What moves the sect still more is the undeniable fact that the Catholic Church everywhere gains in influence. It sees many crises, prepared with great exertion by the Lodges in Germany, Austria, Ireland, Brazil, &c., overcome and thrust aside by the authoritative intervention of the Church. For that reason the Lodge directs its force against this hated Church.

Would that the State would wake up to a better knowledge, and that the nations, through a deep conviction of religion, would oppose a dam to the devastations which is being planned—*Salzburger Katholische Kirchenzeitung*.

DUBLIN FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

THE Centenary of the Masonic Female Orphan School, which will next year be celebrated, thus early promises to be a distinguished success, and to enlarge vastly by its results the scope and efficiency of a great and deserving charity. On the 20th instant was held, in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street, a conference for the purpose of receiving a report from the Executive Committee, and of furthering the arrangements in progress for the fêtes which will occur next May. The announcement was made that the Queen had become a Patron, and the sentiment was expressed that every member of the Body in Ireland would be gratified by the gracious act of the Sovereign. The vast premises of the Royal Dublin Society at Ball's Bridge have been engaged, and they will be fitted in a manner that will completely transform the place. The Main Hall is to have the aspect of a seventeenth century market place, while the South Hall will present a picture of Old Dublin. Such designs are really interesting, and

admit of quaint and picturesque detail. Some of our leading artists have tendered their services, and there can be no doubt that they will create a picture which will please the eye of the citizen, and offer to the stranger a novel and notable attraction. Mr. Bingham M'Guinness, Mr. W. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. Drew, and Mr. R. Orpen have devoted their knowledge to the reconstruction of "Old Dublin," and the mention of their names is sufficient guarantee that the display will be a remarkable one from an archæological and artistic point of view. This, in fact, will be an Irish Exhibition upon a scale of some magnitude, and, quite apart from its special character, will draw many thousands from all parts of Ireland, and from distant places as well. There could be no more signal or healthy sign of the earnestness of the plan than the manifestations of interest in its welfare that were demonstrated, not merely locally but from many quarters outside Ireland. From the statements which are published it must be gathered that the forthcoming fêtes will mark a distinctive event in the season's social round. Objects of the most curious kind will be shown from all parts of the country, and these will be arranged by the Fine Arts Committee, of which Sir Thomas Jones, P.R.H.A., is President, and Mr. Stephen Catterson Smith, R.H.A., Secretary, having associated with him Mr. Richard Moynan. There will come from Cork, exhibited by Mr. Day, an unique collection of antique gold and silver. Out of doors there will be a brilliant show, and in every part of the grounds there will be something fresh to see. There has been formed an Athletic and Cycling Committee, and many a hard contest will be fought out in the big area of the Ball's Bridge premises. A large number of valuable presents have been received, and are acknowledged by the Lodges. In the country, as well as in the town, hearty efforts are already being made to promote the success of the Fair. Members of the Masonic body in places abroad have promptly come forward to help their Irish brethren in their purely charitable enterprise, and there can be no doubt that long before it is brought within measurable distance of completion so much generous assistance will be given as to ensure for the future the solid position of the School, and enable it to meet any emergency which in time to come it may have to face. And apart altogether from the special design of the celebration, we cannot but feel gratification that thus at the start of the season so attractive an Exhibition will be offered to the public, drawing thousands to Dublin, and so helping to encourage a much-needed social stir amongst all classes of the population. This will be but one of the many important incidents of the year to come, during which we earnestly hope tourist traffic in Ireland will be promoted and extended beyond even present expectations. We cannot afford to miss any opportunity, and the public must naturally regard with favour every effort to enlarge our opportunities in such kind. What we have now to note with sincere satisfaction is, the common desire to tempt the stranger to visit us, and there never was a time when efforts in that direction were more thoroughly earnest or practical.—*Irish Times*.

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, held at the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, on the 2nd inst., Lord Valentia was invested by Col. Shadwell Olerke Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire in succession to the late Bro. Reginald Bird. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. Colville Smith as his Senior, and Bro. S. J. Shipp as his Junior Wardens for the ensuing year. Upwards of 100 brethren from the various Lodges in the Province were present.

Bro. Henry Irving has presented to the Committee of the Literary and Artistic Stall to be held under the auspices of the Masonic members of the University of Dublin, at the approaching Centenary Bazaar, a set of the plays performed at the Lyceum Theatre, including the Shakespearian revivals. The volumes, nine in number, contain some beautiful illustrations, and bear the autograph of the donor on the title page of each. They were forwarded by Mr. Irving to Mr. J. M. Lowry, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the stall, with his best wishes for the success of the undertaking. Mr. Lowry has also received from the Marquis of Lorne a presentation copy of his "Memories of Canada and Scotland," and several other popular authors, including the Marchioness of Dufferin, Mr. Bram Stoker, and Lord Desart, have sent or promised copies of their books.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Shepton Mallet, under the banner of the Science Lodge, No. 128, the R.W. Bro. R. C. Else P.G.M.M., who was supported by Bro. Colonel Long D.P.G.M.M. and Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, presiding. The brethren present included Bros. Holroyd G.S.O., Parker G.J.O., Elworthy Secretary, Rodway Treasurer, Rev. C. J. W. Connell Assist. Chaplain, Dunsford Registrar, Bidgood D.C., Manning, Knight, Phillis, Good, York, J. L. Bewsey, S. Bewsey, Parker, Davie, Smith, Hodges, Perkins, Sincock, Spill, Marver, Budd, Macdonald, Wilson, Watts, Rubie, Lawson, Howes, Barratt, Mercer, Knight, Marshall, Clark, Humphrey, Duckett. The Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Elworthy called the roll of the Lodges, and all in the Province were found to be represented, with one exception only. Bro. Rodway Treasurer read the annual accounts of the Prov. Grand Lodge, showing a balance of £71 3s 2d in hand. The accounts were adopted, and the Treasurer was congratulated on rendering so satisfactory an account.

The following Prov. Grand Lodge Officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—

Colonel Long	D.P.G.M.
J. C. Manning	Senior Warden
W. Bidgood	Dir. of Cers.
J. Knight	M.O.
J. T. Dunsford	S.O.
T. Parker	J.O.
Rev. C. McConnell	Chaplain
C. Radway	Treasurer
S. W. Bewsey	Registrar of Works
F. T. Elworthy	Secretary
G. M. Wilson	Assist. Secretary
A. Barrett	Senior Deacon
R. Knight	Inspector of Works
S. Spill	Dir. of Cer.
J. Phillis	Sword Bearer
J. B. Sincock	Standard Bearer
J. C. Hodges	I.G.
A. J. Mawer	Steward
A. J. Salter	Tyler

On the proposition of Bro. Duckett P.P.G.M.O. it was resolved that a sum of ten guineas be granted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the proposition being seconded by Lord Dungarvan. The customary banquet afterwards took place.

CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th October, in the Board Room of the Corn Exchange, when Brother Sutthery was installed in the chair in succession to Bro. Cramphorn. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. Lewin P.M. Grand Standard Bearer England P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Treasurer. The W.M. afterwards appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Hay S.W., Holland J.W., Pitts M.O., Wick S.O., Pascall Treasurer, Metcalfe Registrar, Maskell Secretary, Howard-Flanders S.D., Snell J.D., Lewin Dir. of Cers., Carter I.G., Hair Tyler. After Lodge, banquet was served to the brethren at the White Hart Hotel, in excellent style. The sudden death of Bro. Lamarque, who was to have been present and to have received office, was made the occasion of an affecting ceremonial when the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was given.

DE TABLEY LODGE, No. 396.

THIS Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Masonic Rooms, Commercial Hotel, Frodsham, on Wednesday, 24th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren. During the evening Bro. Digges was installed Worshipful Mark Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bros. Ramsden and Edwards Installing Masters, assisted by Bros. Ashton I.P.M. and Heywood P.M. The W.M.M. afterwards invested the following Officers with their collars and jewels of office, &c., viz.:—Brothers Ashton I.P.M., Harrison S.W., White J.W., Marston M.O., Holland S.O., Abernethy J.O., Western Treasurer, Tauranac Secretary, Davies S.D., Crouchley J.D., Smith I.G., and Roberts Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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THE "OLD MASONIANS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me, through the medium of your influential paper, to call the attention of the Masonic Body to this Association.

The Old Masonians are ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and consist at present of 150 members.

The objects and aims of the Association are to mutually assist all ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys who may, from time to time, be enrolled members of the Association: to further generally the interests of all old scholars of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and to encourage friendship between them.

The President is Bro. Major Lambert P.G.S.B., the Past Presidents being Bro. Frederick Binckes 1886-7, 1887-8 P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and late Secretary of Institution, A. F. Godson, M.P., 1888-9 P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, Patron of Institution, Rev. C. J. Martyn 1888-90 Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, Patron of Institution, and James Terry 1890-91 P.Prov.S.W. Northampton P.G.S.B.; and the Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Jas. Terry, Miss Terry, Bros. Asher Barfield P.G. Treasurer, Patron of Institution, D. P. Cams P.G.T., Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Middlesex, Patron of Institution, B. Cundick P.M. 1421, G. Everett Grand Treasurer, Sir Augustus Harris P.G. Treasurer, Sheriff of London, F. W. Imbert-Terry P.M. 214 P.G.S.W. Essex, Jas. Morrison McLeod P.Prov. G. Standard Bearer Derbyshire and Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, John Mason P.Prov.G.S.D. Middlesex, A. R. Motion Chigwell Lodge 453, James Motion Chigwell Lodge 453, J. Newton P.M. 174, W. Paas Vice-President of the Institution, Geo. Read P.M. 511.

Through the munificence of the great Masonic Body, a collegiate education has been given to the orphan sons of Freemasons, but on leaving school no provision has been made to keep the old boys in touch either with their Alma Mater or with the Craft that has so generously provided the means that fit them to fight the battle of life.

At the termination of school life the boys return to their homes, and, with the exception of gratitude, their connection with Freemasonry is practically severed.

As it was through the Brotherhood of our fathers that we obtained the advantages of a liberal education we, as sons, wish to form a similar Brotherhood, so that we may give a helping hand to any of our schoolfellows who may be in need of assistance.

The Association is composed of young men who, although willing to give time and energy to the work, are quite unable to assist financially.

It is therefore necessary if the Association is to be useful that it should possess a fund, the nucleus of which has already been founded, and so enable them to carry out the objects for which the Association was established.

May we therefore as the "Boys" of Freemasonry ask those who have been so generous in our boyhood to continue this generosity in that most important part of a lad's life—his entrance into the great world.

Gentlemen taking an interest may greatly assist the objects of the Association by becoming Vice-Presidents.

It has been proposed that if the permission of the authorities can be obtained, a day should be set apart yearly at the School to be called "Old Boys' Day," so that a fellowship may exist between Past and Present.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

R. S. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.

Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

P.S.—To keep the members in union a certain number of concerts are given at Anderton's Hotel during the winter months, in which the vocal and instrumental talent is provided by the members themselves.

These and other entertainments given are self-supporting, and do not interfere with the benevolent working of the Association.

We make no apology for reminding our readers that Bro. James Stevens will pay a second visit to Norwich, as the guest of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, on Friday next, the 6th November, when he will continue his discourse on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry. We congratulate Bro. Stevens on the attention which the Lodges are paying to these lectures. As we have said before, Bro. Stevens should be heard by all who take interest in Craft Working. We may add that he has been engaged to lecture at Nottingham, on the 27th November, under the banner of the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435.

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

A NEW MASONIC HISTORY.*

Continued from p 261.

IN the near commencement of the foregoing review of the "New History" we find certain questions propounded by Brother Hughan which, notwithstanding the admirable essays of the several authorities in various departments of Masonic research, remain, to our mind, unanswered. They are:—1. Whence came Freemasonry? 2. What is it? 3. What is it doing? We will turn our attention to these in regular order, and endeavour to gather from our own *précis*, or abstract of the larger volume, the information afforded in support of theories, or substantiation by facts. And first, Whence came Freemasonry? Of theories we have many, but all of an unreliable character; of facts none which can convince. If the question were, Whence came Masonry? we could satisfy ourselves, most probably, as to the period at which the art of building was first known and recognised, the country of its rise and progress, and its subsequent introduction to other nations. The birth of Operative Masonry in distant ages can be traced by the history of its material productions, and herein the researches of the antiquarian are of considerable moment. But not so with Freemasonry, which appears to have had its first introduction to the world in or about A.D. 1691, when men of rank, professional men, and tradesmen were admitted into the "mystery" at costs proportionate to their social position, and the term "free and accepted Masonry" is first recorded. The "mystery" was doubtless that of the Operative Stone-mason; teaching him the useful rules of Architecture, and interesting him in the handiwork pertaining to the respective positions of Apprentice, Journeyman and Master:—to hew, square and mould stones, and to carry on the various operations in building which require practical dexterity, and skill in geometry and mechanics. It may be reasonably assumed that the purely operative character of the then existing guilds—more properly "gilds"—of Masons—composed of Workers in stone, wood, iron and other building material,—ceased, and a system of morality under the title of speculative Masonry was founded upon the former customs and ceremonials of the workman, by those, probably better educated, and as to social position more elevated, persons at that period introduced under the title of "Free and Accepted" to distinguish them from their labouring companions. This, as a statement of fact, not, however, reproduced in this History,—if so, we have overlooked it,—was promulgated in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and for more than a hundred years has not been contradicted. "Authorities" in those days were not so common as in the present, and consequently there does not appear to have been any of that controversy and contradiction which characterises the Freemasonry of the present day. Brother Hughan speaks of "actual minutes of Lodges beginning as early as A.D. 1599," and that may well be, as the records of Operative Masonry, and of the "former customs and ceremonies of the workmen." It is shewn that at that period the reading of the "Old Charges,"—which were in themselves lessons of morality, and of a purely Christian character—with a certain amount of esoteric information constituted the whole ceremony of reception. There is no proof whatever that the system of symbolism which now illustrates Freemasonry was known or understood. We are told in this "History" that "Degrees" formed no part of the "former ceremonial of the workmen," and it is admitted that without degrees there could be no "signs, tokens, words," or symbolic explanations of "working tools," as we are now instructed. Too much reliance need not, perhaps, be placed on the statement that so late as 1787 there was no distinction of Lodges as E.A., F.C., and M.M. Although three degrees are mentioned, however, there appears to have been even so recently but one O.B. to cover all the work. But no evidence whatever that Speculative Freemasonry, with signs and symbols, degrees and ritual existed prior to the latter end of the seventeenth century has been produced, nor do we believe it can be. We are aware that this opinion will not be readily accepted by those amongst us

who are not content with reasonable conjectures as to the ancient character of the Institution as a science of morality, entirely apart from its former operative association, but would rather ante-date its origin beyond the limit of any possible assurance. These are far too enthusiastic to be accepted as perfectly trustworthy authorities on the subject, and their arguments want more circumstantial evidence before they can be taken as other than surmises. The persistence with which some of our body endeavour to foster a belief in the minds of uninstructed members that Freemasonry ante-dates the flood, and was practised as a science even at the building of Solomon's Temple, would be ludicrous, if it were not also disastrous to the dignity and respect of the Order. That the principles which form the base of the system are coeval with the very beginning of human society, and are eternal, no one of us could possibly with reason, or would desire to, deny; but the scheme or plan by which these principles are inculcated for our observance is of very modern creation, and no attempt to dispute that fact should be made without strong presumptive evidence. Our answer to Brother Hughan's first inquiry, based upon the History before us, is that Freemasonry was founded in England at or about the year 1691, and was the outcome of a connection of men of social position and intellectual acquirements with the thitherto existing "gilds" of operative Masons. If anything can be advanced which can reasonably be presumed to confute this opinion we shall be, for the sake of truth, glad to know of it; but if no such confutation can be made let it be admitted, and, once and for all, placed on the records of the Institution as an undeniable fact. We have said "it would be a comfort to Modern Freemasons if the date of the change (from Operative to Speculative) could be ascertained and placed beyond controversy." Let it be so ascertained and placed now, and henceforth our ritualism, symbolism, and method of instruction will have a purpose and a meaning very different and far more useful than they at present enjoy.

We gather the following facts in respect of Modern Masonry, which really means the inculcation of the principles of morality and virtue by analogy of ideas, and by symbolizing material objects, from various portions of the entire work:—In 1717 Modern Masonry was derived from the first Grand Lodge holding jurisdiction in London and Westminster. Between this date and 1723 the distinctively Christian character of Freemasonry was abolished, and the doctrine of universality substituted. Up to the latter date the F.C. or M.M. degree was conferred only in Grand Lodge or by dispensation. In 1723 the first Book of Constitutions was published. In 1725 the restriction as to the "raising" of brethren was removed and Masters of Lodges then conferred that grade, but we do not find that any such ceremony as we now practise was in vogue. Indeed in that period of Masonic evolution but few brethren became Master Masons, and it is not until 1738 and in the second Book of Constitutions (Anderson's) that the three degrees are mentioned by their separate titles. Up to this date Masters of Lodges were generally elected every six months. The "Royal Arch" as an organized body is first mentioned in or about 1744, and the first practice of the ceremony of Installation of W.M.'s dates from only 1809. The Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England, with the articles of the Act of Union, and the declaration that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, including the supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, is as recent as 1813. Here we have an epitome of the condensed information relating to the evolution of Freemasonry 1717-1813, which permeates the pages of the "History" before us, but which has not now been given to the Masonic World for the first time. It has all been put before English Craftsmen by their own compatriot and Masonic historian, Robert Freke Gould, whose grand work on the same subject, published in 1883, ought to be in the library of every earnest Freemason. It will still hold its own even in comparison with the compendious volume we have just reviewed. To be candid, there is in this new History but little in connection with "pure and simple Freemasonry" which, in so far as it relates to English and not especially to American Freemasonry, cannot be found in the several works of Bros. Gould and Hughan. Its great merit is that the ideal of a handy, condensed history of the Society is fully realised, and all that any wishful Masonic student could reasonably desire in one volume,—covering the whole period of Masonic activity,—is amply, clearly, and accurately set forth in its pages.

* 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.

As to Bro. Hughan's second proposition, "What is Freemasonry? it would be difficult to find, either in the pages of this new history or in those of any other work, a more perfect and practical reply than the "pure and simple" ritual itself supplies, "*A system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.*" That men should be "good and true" in all their relations as social beings

the burden of its appeal, and the refrain reverberates now, as it has ever done, throughout all the pillars of its work. It inculcates and leads up to a greater appreciation of moral law and philosophy, and makes more perfect the natural sense of right and wrong. What more can be said of the "system" that could be further explanatory, or more exhaustive? Its allegories and symbolic illustrations render its ritual a work of art,—a poem which appeals to the humblest mind, and a lesson that it can understand,—and, whether connected with the "Old Charges" or ceremonial work of Operative Masonry during the "period of some six centuries," over which, as Bro. Hughan considers "the actual history of the Craft extends," or with the ritual alone of Speculative Freemasonry adopted in 1813, they should be conserved in their absolute integrity. This, to our mind, is the paramount duty of present-day Freemasons,—the preservation of the old principles, the old usages, the old landmarks, the old traditions, as they have been transmitted to our forefathers, and are expressed in the forms and language of that ritual; and which they are morally and Masonically bound to transmit to their posterity pure and unsullied as then received. That carelessness and indifference are now but too effectually impeding that duty and permitting, without interference, the emasculation and, if continued, the ultimate destruction of the true meaning and common sense of the grand old ritual, we view with sorrow and alarm. But so it is; and the question most pertinent to the Freemasonry of the present day is not, "What is it?" but What will it become?

To Bro. Hughan's third question, "What is Freemasonry doing?" no better answer can be given than his own. "*It must be lived to be effective.*" Whether or not the two former questions are answered in the pages of this new history—and we cannot determine that they are—there can be no doubt as to the correctness and value of the reply to this last. We leave it, for reflection, to the minds of those who desire above all things in connection with the Order that the morality its votaries profess should, by the practical performance of its tenets, "show to the world at large the beneficial effects of our Ancient Institution."

With regard to American Craft Masonry we can add but little to the remarks already made on the several essays which chronicle its history. We are distinctly told that American Freemasonry properly dates from the Revolution, in the last quarter of the Eighteenth Century, prior to which the Lodges owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England; and there is nothing stated which can in any way afford ground for the belief that the ethics of Speculative Freemasonry were known through any other source. It has been suggested that the finding of a presumed gravestone at Goat Island, in Annapolis, bearing a Masonic device, and the date A.D. 1606, as narrated by Brother Nickerson in his monograph (Division VIII., Chapter VI.) is conclusive *proof* that Speculative Freemasonry was practised in America at that time; but against that presumption must be set the fact that the configuration of the Square and Compasses was a well known Operative Masons' Mark found in buildings of far more ancient date, as for example, in the twelfth century, in the Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, Fountains Abbey Chapter House, and Tervaulx Abbey; and later in many ecclesiastical and other buildings of importance. A careful inspection of the reproduction of Masons' Marks, the compilation of Brother Hughan (page 570 of the "History") and a perusal of Bro. Robinson's description of the seven divisions or eras of the Craft History in Upper Canada, under the heading of "British America," may help to satisfy the doubting mind that the suggested "proof" above referred to cannot be relied upon.

In reference to the Mark Master Masons' degree the only addition we can make to our previous remarks is an expression of regret that the particular labours of a brother to whom the present organization of the degree is mainly due, have not been referred to in any manner in the contribution of Bro. Chapman to the 13th Division of the "History." Whilst fully recognising the inestimable services rendered by the then Grand Master of the Order,

the late Rev. Canon Portal, and his associates in the organization of the present "Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales," A.D. 1856, it should never be forgotten that to the indefatigable endeavours of Bro. Frederick Binckes, its first Secretary, and at that time also Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is due the present flourishing condition of Mark Masonry as an independent branch of the Masonic system more closely allied than any other to the symbolic and universal scheme of Freemasonry. He is, happily, still amongst us, and it is certainly no other than just that his connection with Mark Masonry should be remembered when its history is written. To him is also mainly due the introduction of the Cryptic Degrees into England, in 1871, which degrees, as we have already remarked, form the principal rite in what is now known as the Allied Degrees. These capitular degrees are doubtless peculiarly attractive, and are of the "universal" character. They are instructive in many respects, and their ethical elements are many and deserve commendation. But they are not at all necessary corollaries to pure and simple Freemasonry, and on that account are not so zealously practised in England as they have been, and we believe still are in America.

We have, in the foregoing pages, said all we think necessary regarding Knight Templary and other Concordant Orders, and must now hasten to a conclusion of the task we have undertaken. It has been written elsewhere that "no man can give an account of the Order of Freemasonry, of its origin, of its history, of its object, nor any explanation of its mysteries and symbols, which does not leave the mind in total uncertainty on all these points." Whoever wrote this is not far wrong, and substituting "doubt" for "total uncertainty," the pronouncement appears still to hold good; for we cannot find in this History any of the points finally settled. There is a near approach to the truth as to origin and object, but no finality. Brother Hughan's questions are, in a sense, unanswered. The work is undeniably an earnest attempt to set before the Masonic Craft a true and faithful account of all that can possibly be ascertained in relation to the Institution of Masonry, whether in its operative character, teaching the useful rules of Architecture, for an indefinite period antecedent to a change in purpose and effect, or its subsequent Free and Accepted or Speculative and universal system of symbolic instruction in morality and good fellowship. It is certainly the comprehensive account it professes to be; and is free, as far as we can judge, from bias. It is possible that "all the stories have been told" before now, and that there may not be a large proportion of the work but has seen the light of publication in some shape or other. Nevertheless, the ingathering of hitherto detached fragments of Masonic information, supplemented by recently expressed opinions of many who have given Masonic history a special study, has resulted in a thoroughly reliable historical narrative of past events with which acquaintance should be made by all members of the Order. Unfortunately, whatever may be thought to the contrary, the world is not run now-a-days on Masonic lines, or the exhortation to make "a daily advancement in scientific knowledge," which has been delivered to each one of its members, would bear better fruit than it does.

AN INTERESTING SHAKESPEARIAN RELIC.—Shakespeare's Will.—Any person desirous of inspecting the actual last Will and Testament of the immortal bard of Avon can do so by visiting Somerset House and paying a shilling. The visitor is conducted to a dimly-lighted room in which this precious relic is preserved, and is not a little astonished to find it securely fixed in a series of frames protected by glass. The Will remained for many years without any attempt being made to preserve it from the wear to which it was subjected. Indeed, the reference to the Will during the period at which it was unprotected has slightly worn away the writing at the folds of the paper. It is a remarkable fact that for every Englishman who visits Somerset House to inspect it, there are at least two Americans. The Will has been reproduced in fac-simile at distant intervals. In 1864 a fac-simile (now out of print) was published at six shillings, and so scarce were the copies for a period that as much as a sovereign was paid for good impressions. Messrs. Cassell and Company have recently reproduced the Will, and are issuing a copy with the First Part of their "Royal Shakespeare," published on the 26th inst., the price of the Part, including the Will, being but 7d. The fac-simile of the Will is printed on paper of antique style, and in ink similar in colour to that of the original document. The "Royal Shakespeare" is illustrated with Steel Plates from Original Drawings by Frank Dicksee, R.A., C. Green, R.L., C. Gregory, R.W.S., and other artists, and includes Dr. Furnivall's Introduction and Life of Shakespeare.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

ON Thursday, 22nd October, the annual festival took place at Colchester, much *clat* being given to the proceedings by the presence of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Brooke, M.P.), who was accompanied by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester). The principal business of the evening was the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year—Bro. F. C. H. Jones—which ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Charles Osmund P.M. P.P.G.O. The Officers for the year were invested as under:—Bros. Ablitt I.P.M., Francis S.W., Egerton-Green J.W., the Rev. Morgan Jones Chaplain, Turner Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, Wright S.D., Becker J.D., Haward Dir. of Cers., Osmund Organist, Ernest Ralling I.G., Munson Tyler, Wright Assistant Tyler. Bro. Joseph Grimes P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, thanked Lord Brooke and Bro. F. A. Philbrick for kindly attending the meeting. If either of those distinguished brethren had come they should have felt it a great distinction, but they were particularly fortunate in having both with them that day, and their presence would make the day a memorable one, even in the annals of an old Lodge like the Angel. Lord Brooke thanked the brethren for their kind greeting. He had been particularly pleased to be able to come to the meeting, and was most gratified at the admirable way in which the ceremony had been conducted. He always had a grateful recollection of the way in which his own installation was arranged some nine years ago by the Colchester Lodges, and trusted that they would always be as prosperous as they were at this time. Bro. Philbrick also expressed his thanks. Claiming, as he did, the honour of being a member of this venerable Lodge—he felt that no thanks were due to him—he rather felt regret that he had been unable to come oftener. He had been delighted at the kind words that had fallen from their R.W. P.G.M. No Lodge could have had more encouraging words. At the same time he felt that the Lodge had worked so well that the praise had been fairly earned. The excellent way in which the ceremony had been done by a P.M. of the Lodge, showed that the traditions of Freemasonry were fully recognised within the Lodge, and as long as that was so it must prosper. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and 51 brethren afterwards dined at the Cups Hotel, a splendid dinner being well served by the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the R.W. Prov. G.M. and V.W. D.Prov. G.M. being very heartily drunk. Both, in responding, again expressed their pleasure in seeing the Lodge in so flourishing a condition, and wished the new W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Philbrick, alluding to the recent elections for the Masonic Schools, congratulated the Province generally upon the success that had attended their efforts in the election of both their candidates. The Worshipful the Mayor of Colchester (Bro. L. J. Watts) was amongst those present at both meeting and banquet.

FAITH LODGE, No. 581 (OPENSHAW).

A MEETING was held at Bro. Pollitt's, Church Hotel, on Wednesday, 21st inst. Present—Bros. Wainwright W.M., Whittaker S.W., Barnes J.W., J. Brown Treasurer, Frost Secretary, Aspinall S.D., Brown J.D., Tyars D. of C., Ashworth I.G.; P.M.'s Richardson P.P.G.D., Rathbone, Kay, Greenup and Painter; Bros. Chadderton, Hebden, Taylor, Hartley, Fortune, Adshead and Jackson. Visitors—Bros. Wilkinson 2185, Rawlinson 1322, Taylor 336, Fielding Secretary 336, Lawrich 2359 and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317. The brethren met, as is customary, to tea at 6.15, after which the Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a gentleman, who was declared elected, and subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who also delivered the E.A. charge to the candidate. Bro. Barnes presented and explained the working tools. Bro. Chadderton being ready to take the second degree was interrogated as to his proficiency in the first, and having replied, withdrew. He was afterwards passed to the second degree by the W.M., who performed his work with a care and correctness highly creditable. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30. At the social board the health of the Initiate and newly-passed brother were proposed and responded to, also the Visitors, the W.M., &c.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THERE was a very large and influential gathering of Craftsmen at Harwich, on Tuesday, 13th inst., the occasion being the installation for the second year of Bro. J. H. Vaux P. Prov. Grand Steward as Worshipful Master. The room in which the Lodge usually meets being insufficient to accommodate the gathering expected, the large restaurant attached to the Great Eastern Hotel was called into requisition. The proceedings commenced with the admission of a resident at Harwich into the mysteries of the Craft. Brother A. J. H. Ward I.P.M. P.P.G. Registrar proceeded to perform the impressive ceremony of the day, which he did in his accustomed thorough and perfect manner. The Officers of the year were invested, as follows:—Bros. A. J. H. Ward I.P.M., C. S. Whyatt S.W., Harold Gurney J.W., Rev. Thomas Lloyd Chaplain, M. L. Sanders Secretary, Warren Ellis S.D., J. Downie J.D., C. R. Salter Organist, H. G. Everard D. of C., Salter, Green, and Goodall Stewards, Job Smith Tyler. Bro. Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. was re-elected Representative of the Lodge on the

Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. A. J. H. Ward then asked the W.M. to accept at the hands of the Lodge a Past Master's jewel, as a tangible proof of the esteem in which he was held amongst them. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the presentation. The Worshipful Master then stated that, feeling desirous of acknowledging the kind and efficient services of their Secretary Bro. Sanders, he would ask him to accept a Secretary's jewel at his hands. Bro. Sanders, in acknowledgment, said the present had taken him greatly by surprise, and he felt quite unequal to thanking adequately their Worshipful Master for this proof of his esteem. On the motion of Bro. A. J. H. Ward, seconded by Bro. G. T. Helsdon P.M., the W.M. was appointed to represent the Lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Freemasons and their Widows; and £10 10s was voted from the Lodge Funds to head the list. The Visitors present having heartily greeted the re-installed W.M. the Lodge was closed.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 935 (SALFORD).

A MEETING was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi Street, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bro. West W.M., Griffiths I.P.M., Galloway S.W., Thomas J.W., Clarke P.M. Treasurer, Maken Secretary, Openshaw J.D., Richardson I.G., Greatorex, Ashton, Mackegg, Smith, Pan, Gilpin, and Bentley; Visitors—Bros. Brown 1134, and Swales. The Lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Smith being present to take his third degree, was after the usual preliminaries raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., and there being no further business the Lodge was formally closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 999 (MANCHESTER.)

THE bi-monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Albion Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. Gregory W.M., Stevens S.W., Duckworth J.W., Hawkins I.G., Chorlton, &c. Visitors—Bros. Marsden 992, Kearsley 581, Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no ceremonies to perform the W.M. worked the Lodge up to the third degree in a most admirable manner, assisted by his Officers, after which it was duly lowered to the first. A cordial expression of sympathy was awarded to Bro. Alderman Jenkins P.M. on account of his serious indisposition, and a vote of condolence was ordered to be sent him. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Starkie Testimonial Fund, and after hearty good wishes had been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. After supper the health of the W.M., the Visitors, &c., was proposed and responded to. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

ON Wednesday, 14th instant, the members assembled at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. John Hutley P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by that energetic and hard-working Mason Bro. Edmund Gower P.M. P.P.G.O., and at its close the Officers for the year were invested, as under:—Bros. Gowers P.M. P.P.G.O. I.P.M., Clover S.W., Finch J.W., Rev. E. R. Horwood P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Sansom P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Green P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, C. R. Gowers S.D., Bright J.D., Ortwell Organist, Fitch and Samms Stewards, Burnes Tyler. As representative of the Lodge to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, Bro. Edmund Gowers P.M. P.P.G.O. was re-elected, and the same brother was appointed to act as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1892. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MOSS SIDE).

THE installation of Bro. W. Blears took place at the Western Hotel, on Monday the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Davis W.M., Morris J.W., Burslem P.M. Treasurer, Percy E. Land Secretary. The brethren met at 3 o'clock, and the Lodge was shortly afterwards opened. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The new Installing Master, Bro. Gillman P.P.G.D., has installed every W.M. since the Lodge was consecrated. He is the oldest member and one of the founders. The following brethren were invested Officers:—Bros. Morris S.W., Long J.W., Burslem P.M. Treasurer, Land Secretary, Wilson S.D., Knight J.D., Johnson P.M. D.r. of Cers., Renshaw I.G., Tarr, H. S. Johnson and A. R. Johnson Stewards, Reddell Tyler. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, the preparing of which reflects great credit upon the worthy hostess, Mrs. Toulmin and her assistants. The usual toast list was gone through, including the W.M., I.P.M., Visitors, Installing Master, and P.M.'s, &c.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342.

THIS Lodge, which meets at Kelvedon, albeit it is one of the youngest in the Province of Essex (having been only consecrated in March 1890), has been most successful, and the members feeling that much of this success was due to the energy of Bro. Rev.

Thomas Lloyd, one of the Chaplains of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the present year, determined to mark, in some tangible form, the Mastership of their first Worshipful Master. Accordingly a subscription list was started, and the outcome was the presentation to Bro. Lloyd, on Thursday, 15th October, of a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanied by an illuminated address, with the names of the subscribers appended. In making the presentation the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. H. Salter) spoke of the great work which Bro. Lloyd had done in piloting the Lodge over the difficulties inseparable from a new venture; how he had thrown all his great talents and energies into the work, and from very raw material had raised a superstructure, which if not perfect in all its parts, was at least honourable to the builder. The example that their first W.M. had set them in exemplifying fully all the attributes of a good Freemason would, he felt sure, be an incentive to future Masters, and he trusted that Bro. Lloyd would never have cause to be ashamed of the Easterford Lodge. Having pinned the jewel on the breast of Bro. Lloyd, the W.M. placed round his neck the scarf of a Chaplain, which, he remarked, was an emblem that the religion he represented was not incompatible with the tenets of Freemasonry. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, who was much moved, in acknowledging the presentation, said he felt that the brethren had placed too high an estimate on his work in the Lodge. In what he had done he had been actuated solely by a desire to do his duty. The address, which was handsomely illuminated and framed, was the work of Mr. Octavius Ralling, of Exeter. Bro. Fred Horaman, of Colchester, being unable to attend, sent a box of beautiful orchid button holes, which were much admired.

MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Birch W.M., Ramsay S.W., Strans J.W., Barlow Treasurer, Swinn S.D., Cavanah J.D., Simpson D.C. P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Richardson P.P.G.D. I.P.M., Thorne, Billington, Clark, Core, Schloss and Stevens Organist; Visitors—Bros. Smith S.W. 1134, Myers P.M. 1730, &c. The Lodge was opened at 2.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Billington was after the usual preliminaries raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., the traditional history being given by Bro. Richardson I.P.M. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—

The weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., when there were present Bros. Lambert W.M., Westfield S.W., Fortescue J.W., Shurmur Preceptor, Clark S.D., Cook J.D., Taylor I.G., Bestow Secretary, Collett Steward, Stacey Organist, Baillie, Hamilton, Dunbar, Pinder, King, Allan, Ives P.M., Jeremy, Briginshaw, Parsons, Kempthorne, Thorogood, Short, Horst, Schumner, Kirby, Maynard, Trickett, Herbert, Young, Oakden. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the ancient charge delivered, Bro. Fuller as candidate. Bro. Allen (Secretary) stated that owing to the duties of the 3rd Walthamstow Charities Association, he was compelled to tender his resignation. This was received with much regret. The Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed: Bros. Shurmur was re-elected Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Bestow Secretary, Collett Steward. The report of the Audit Committee was received; it showed a considerable balance in the Treasurer's hands. A ballot was taken for a Life Subscribership to the R.M.I.B. from the funds of the Lodge, making a total of ten guineas subscribed to that Institution during the year. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Shurmur, Fortescue, Allen, Collett, and Ives for their valuable services. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother Lambert for the very commendable and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. Westfield was elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation.

THE FIFTH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association, which is the fifth of a series held in connection with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, was successfully started on the 26th inst., six months before the termination of its predecessor, with the object of enabling its members to use their shares as Stewards at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to place donations on other Stewards' Lists.

Brother John Newton was elected President, Brother Frederick Brown Vice-President, Brother George Ward Verry Treasurer, and Bro. H. M. Hobbs Secretary. The following influential Committee were also elected—Bros. H. C. Borradaile, H. E. Diamond, J. S. Fraser, W. Harvey, L. C. Haslip, G. S. Horsnail, H. Jay, C. Lacey, J. R. Large, H. Magee, R. Main, C. W. Mapleton, J. H. Price, H. Pritchard, F. T. Ridpath, S. W. Southwell, T. A. Starnes, and O. H. Webb.

Ninety shares were taken up, and three ballots of 10 guineas each were drawn. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the 23rd November, and subsequently on the fourth Monday of each month, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, at 8 o'clock, when brethren are cordially invited to attend and join the Association. Members can also be enrolled by sending their names to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, Lloyds, E.C.

BUENOS AYRES.

ON Saturday evening, the 26th September, the members of the Lodge "Star of the South" gave a Smoking Concert in the large hall over Aue's Keller in the Calle Piedad, to which all Masons were invited free, and only Masons being admitted. The programme was a very good one, consisting of songs, toasts, recitations, &c., the first toast being that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Craft, which was received with enthusiasm and drunk with full honours. Bro. Homberger gave some selections on the Zither; the other performers being Bros. Irving Brown, Spilsbury, Bond, Tansley, Hodgson, Jones, Bristow, Marshall, Herbage, Tettinger, James, Hand and Drysdale. There were several encores, and the large assembly seemed to fully appreciate the entertainment provided for them. The room was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, thanks to Mr. Aue, who also contributed his share to the evening's enjoyment to the satisfaction of all present. It was the generally expressed hope that such entertainments would be given frequently: it must therefore be gratifying to the members of "The Star of the South" Lodge that their initiation of such was so successful.

OLD MASONIANS.

THE first concert of the season was given by the above Association at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday last. Bro. Major George Lambert P.G.S.B., who was to have presided, was unavoidably absent. A most agreeable programme was very successfully carried out before an appreciative and crowded audience. Misses Bloomfield and Bemister charmed the company with the rendering of their respective songs. Miss Blanche Dunnett was heard to advantage in her pianoforte solo. Messrs. F. Isaac, W. J. Packer, Langford Palmer, E. T. Platt, A. H. Stephenson, and C. H. Uwins contributed songs. Mr. John Guppy gave a sketch (à la Corney Grain), and Mr. Gaston Parker recited. The evening passed off in a most pleasant manner.

A propos of the publication of the Life of Doré, by Blanchard Jerrold, it will interest many to learn that the popularity of Doré's illustrations in this country still continues unabated. The recent issue of the Doré Bible in numbers and parts was so widely welcomed that upwards of 50,000 copies were called for, and the sale of "The Doré Gallery," now in course of publication, has also been very extensive. One of Doré's greatest triumphs as a draughtsman is the series of drawings he executed to illustrate "Don Quixote," a popular edition of which is about to be published in halfpenny weekly numbers and threepenny monthly parts by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

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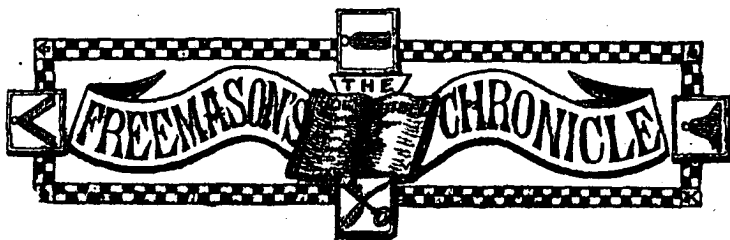
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SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 1891.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held in the Music Room, Pavilion, Brighton, on the 22nd inst., under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by the W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G.S., several Officers of Grand Lodge, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Major James Graham Edwards Prov. S.G. Warden, and W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne) Prov. J.G. Warden. The Provincial Grand Officers present also included Bros. the V. Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, G. Chaplain Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. L. D. Dowdall Prov. G. Chaplain, J. M. Reed Prov. G. Treasurer, E. T. Cooksey Prov. G.S. Deacon, L. R. Styer Prov. G.J. Deacon, W. Botting Prov. G. Supt. of Works, A. Lloyd

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A very hearty reception having been given to H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Report of the Board of Finance with the Treasurer's accounts, and the Report of the Charities' Committee were received and adopted.

It was resolved to contribute the sum of 50 guineas from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, and it was suggested that a similar grant should, next year, be made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then addressed the brethren. He said he was pleased to report that during the past year they had had a steady increase in the number of members, and continued prosperity in the various Lodges. There had been 100 initiations, and a net increase, in the aggregate, of 36. In June 1866, there were 25 Lodges, with 1,097 members. Since then two Lodges had been consecrated, 452 members initiated, and 231 joining members had been added; but deaths and resignations had accounted for so many that the number of subscribing members now stood at 1,311 only. One Lodge had removed from Shoreham to Brighton, to secure suitable rooms and more convenient accommodation. The contributions to the Masonic Institutions had been liberal and satisfactory. In view of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, many of the Masons in Sussex had offered themselves as Stewards at the next Festival, and a considerable amount of contributions had been promised to that Institution before it was announced that he (the R.W. Provincial Grand Master) would preside at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Many brethren had, however, volunteered to serve as Stewards, but he was afraid the donations would not be so good as they should be in consequence of the previous arrangements. Still, he did hope the brethren would support him, so that the Institution might not be the loser. Applications had been made at different times for three new Lodges in the Province, but as, upon due consideration, the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master could not recommend the petitions to the favourable consideration of the M.W. Grand Master, they were not forwarded to the Grand Lodge. It gave him great pleasure to find that he had been able to arrange to pay the Lodge a visit at their annual meeting. The returns from the various Lodges had been completed, and he was very glad to find a perfect unanimity among the brethren and a sincere wish on their part to continue a straightforward and united Province.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and were invested by H.R.H. with the insignia of their respective offices, viz. :—

F. Bellingham	Senior Warden
W. Wright	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Puttick	} Chaplains
Rev. P. Crick	
J. M. Reed	Treasurer
G. T. Shaft	Registrar
V. P. Freeman	Secretary
J. Cooke	Senior Deacon
J. C. Couldwell	Junior Deacon
G. B. Simpson	Superintendent of Works
W. Gill	Director of Ceremonies
Rawlinson	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Wright	Sword Bearer
W. H. Brown	} Standard Bearers
H. R. Edwards	
A. King	Organist
B. Burfield	Assistant Secretary
C. W. Jemmett	Pursuivant
J. Terry	Assistant Pursuivant
H. E. Breach	} Stewards
H. Langton	
R. T. Davison	
J. P. Slingsby Roberts	
E. Stredcalf	
J. C. Buckwell	} Tyler
H. H. Hughes	

The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned

to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided, and opened the toast list by proposing the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured. In submitting the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he said he was sure no words were required from him to recommend the toast. They were all well acquainted with their M.W. Grand Master, and had often expressed their admiration of the manner in which he had carried out his duties as the head of the Masonic Craft. For sixteen years his Royal Highness had occupied the position of Grand Master, and, looking back, it would be acknowledged that the Craft had experienced great prosperity and advancement. Among the Grand Masters who had ruled, none ever had Freemasonry more deeply at heart than his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. They had already occupied some time at the banquet, and as there was a concert to come he would content himself by asking them to cordially accept the toast.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught next proposed the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. He said he had an easy task in presenting the toast. They were honoured by the presence of several members of Grand Lodge; on other occasions they had been indebted to members of Grand Lodge for their presence and assistance, and the Sussex brethren cordially welcomed them. There were present Bros. Money, Oswell, Thompson, Eastes, West, Currie, Burney, Terry, Clowes, and Matier. He gave them a hearty welcome, and wished to thank them for their attendance. They were all proud to see so many present. The members of Grand Lodge worked hard and took a deep interest in the Craft, and they were deeply indebted to them for maintaining, by their zealous efforts, the purity, simplicity, and integrity of the Craft.

Bro. Money, in responding, congratulated the Province upon being presided over by such an able Provincial Grand Master. It had given him great pleasure in being present, and he wished to thank them sincerely and heartily for their kind reception. Bro. Thompson also acknowledged the toast. The Provincial Grand Master had said that the Province was honoured by the attendance of the Grand Officers. He, himself, thought the honour was quite the other way, for the members of the Province had done them great honour in receiving them with a cordiality which was not surpassed in any other Province. The W. Brother the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott Deputy Prov. Grand Master next proposed the M.W. Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. It was a toast which was always received, he said, with enthusiasm. The Provincial Grand Master was present, or he would say more respecting him. His Royal Highness was regarded by the Masons of Sussex, not only with respect but affection, and the oftener he came amongst them the more delighted they were. An occasion was approaching when they could give substantial proof of their attachment, and he trusted they would rally round their Prov. Grand Master and render him great support when he presided at the Girls' School Festival. Each Lodge would, he hoped, send a Steward, and all would, he believed, do their utmost to make the occasion a magnificent success.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said he thanked them from his heart for the kind and cordial welcome they had extended to him. It had been a source of great regret to him that, owing to his social and professional engagements, he could not visit them more often. He had always met with kindness at their hands, and was deeply sensible of their esteem. He felt they had, in their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, one who entered into his own feelings and gave him every support. He had experienced much pleasure in spending a few hours with the brethren, and should long remember their cordial welcome. Before sitting down he said he had great pleasure in proposing the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Past Grand Steward. When, a short time since, they lost their respected and beloved D.P.G.M., the late Bro. Gerard Ford, it gave him great satisfaction to find Sir W. T. Marriott ready to accept the duties of the high office. Personally, he was grateful to him, for he was a true Mason at heart, and all the brethren in the Province valued him deeply, feeling that he did his utmost to promote the cause they all loved.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott was heartily applauded on rising to respond. He said he was deeply sensible of his own shortcomings, but with many other obligations surrounding him he carried on the duties of his office to the best of his ability. His labours were materially lessened by the excellent work of the Provincial Grand Officers, and he could not allow the opportunity to pass of speaking in the warmest terms of the zeal and earnest work of their Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. F. Bellingham, the W. Provincial Senior Grand Warden responded, and said his own Lodge would appreciate the honour which had been conferred upon him. Bro. W. Wright, the W. Provincial Grand Junior Warden, also acknowledged the toast, remarking that he deeply felt the great honour of being invested by his Royal Highness. His own Lodge would also be incited to work even more earnestly than before to promote the Craft in general, and their own Sussex Lodge in particular. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught next proposed the Visitors. He trusted the visitors would carry away pleasing recollections of the good feeling shown to them.

Bro. Eastes responded. He said it was an excellent thing for brethren of one Province to visit those in another, for they increased their circle of friends and carried away many good ideas, which assisted them in their Lodge work. His Kentish brethren would be delighted to hear of the hearty reception extended to the visitors. Bro. West also replied, and expressed the hope that the good feeling existing between the brethren of the neighbouring Provinces would long continue. Bro. R. Clowes proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions. The brethren of the Craft had always, he said, been loyal to their Charitable Institutions. He gave interesting particulars of the development of each Institution, and urged even greater support for them.

Bro. Terry, in an able speech, alluded to the efforts that were being made on behalf of the Girls' School. Sussex had come to the front at the various Festivals, but pleading feelingly for the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, he hoped the brethren in their anxiety to support the Girls' School, would first think of the fathers and mothers in Freemasonry.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught here left the Banqueting Room to attend the concert in the Music Room, and retired amidst hearty applause. The Dep. Prov. G. Master briefly proposed the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province and the Stewards. Bro. Bradford responded to the former, and Bro. Shaft to the latter. The Tyler's toast completed the list.

The brethren then adjourned to the Music Room, where a concert was ably sustained by the Alzando Glee Singers (Mr. Harold Koblech, Mr. Clifford Hunnybun, Mr. George Felder, and Mr. Seymour Kell), Miss Susannah Pierce, and Miss Mary Reeve vocalists; Mr. Alec Smith (clarinet solo), Bro. A. King (organ solo), the programme also including selections. Ladies were admitted to the concerts, and the large audience fully appreciated the various items. Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts was Hon. Secretary to the Concert Committee, the duties of accompanist being in the able hands of Bro. W. N. Roe P.P.G.O.

ORDER OF CONSTANTINE.

THE Sovereign Grand Council of the United States of America of the Order of Constantine met in triennial assembly in Consistory Hall, No. 77 West Main Street, Rochester, N.Y., on the 1st inst., at 10 o'clock. The Grand Council was opened in due form by Sir C. L. Stowell, of this city.

Routine business was transacted and the following Officers elected: Chas. K. Francis Sovereign Grand Master, Philadelphia, Wm. M. Whiting Deputy Grand Master, Rochester, Jerome B. Borden Grand Viceroy, New Jersey, Chas. A. Delaney first Lieutenant, Vermont, Dr. Seranus Bowen second Lieutenant, Boston, Chas. E. Meyer Grand Registrar General, Philadelphia, Rev. Wm. D'Orville Doty Grand Prior, Rochester, Christian F. Knapp G. Treas., Pennsylvania, Hon. Josiah H. Drummond Grand Prelate, Portland, Me., D. Burnham Tracy Grand Chancellor, Detroit, Geo. O. Tyler Grand Seneschal, Vermont, Augustus R. Hall Grand Chamberlain, Philadelphia, Geo. F. Loder Grand Standard Bearer, Rochester, Nicholas Conlson Grand Marshal, Michigan, Thomas Massachusetts Grand Herald, Grand Captain of the Guard.

The Grand Officers elected were installed in the afternoon by C. L. Stowell Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of the United States.

The meeting closed its session in the afternoon, and will meet again in the last Thursday in October 1892, at Bloomsburg, Pa.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 4th day of November, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th July 1891, to the 20th October 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter				Disbursements during the quarter	309	3	2
Unappropriated Account	496	19	2	Balance	488	1	10
Subsequent Receipts	190	17	10	Unappropriated Account	187	13	10
	297	1	10				
	£984	18	10		£984	18	10

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

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

1st. From Companions the Rev. Joseph Cater, M.A., B. Mus., F.G.S., as Z., John Bulgin Snow Lancaster as H., Edward Henry Gale Crowdy as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bisley Lodge, No. 2317, Bisley, to be called "The Bisley Chapter," and to meet at the National Schools, Bisley, in the County of Surrey.

2nd. From Companions George Harlow as Z., Walter Solomon Whitaker as H., George Briggs as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Cray's Valley Lodge, No. 2147, St. Mary Cray, to be called "The Cray Valley Chapter," and to meet at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, in the County of Kent.

3rd. From Companions Walter Hailes as Z., Francis Nelson Wright as H., Edward Samuel Dunn Tumber as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Harmony, No. 438, Cawnpore, to be called "The Harmony and Fidelity Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Cawnpore, in the District of Bengal.

4th. From Companions Benjamin Hill Russell as Z., Arthur Gompertz Gamble as H., Edwin Thomas Wigelsworth as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Doric Lodge, No. 362, Grantham, to be called "The Doric Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, in the County of Lincoln.

5th. From Companions John Percy White as Z., George Robert Harriott as H., Frederick Oxley Harvey as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, Cyprus, to be called "The St. Paul's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Limassol, in the Island of Cyprus.

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

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

No. 1008, The White Rose Chapter, Bury St. Edmunds, from the Angel Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Chequer Square, Bury St. Edmunds.

No. 1624, The Eccleston Chapter, London, from Freemasons' Hall, London, to the Criterion, Piccadilly.

The Committee recommend that the removal of the above named Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st October 1891.

The "Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1892, with the days and months of meetings of Lodges and Chapters, and names of Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, can be had at the Office of the Grand Scribe E., price 2s. Postage 1d.

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

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"The Fairies' Spring." Cantata for female voices. Libretto by Clifton Bingham, music by F. H. Cowan.

"Dance Album."

"The Burlington Voluntaries," No. 10, for American organ or harmonium. By J. W. Elliott.

"Shilling Pianoforte Tutor."

"The London Album." No. 16.

"Melodie for Violin." By George Pfeiffer. Transcribed by Johannes Wolff.

"Forty short melodious exercises for the Violin." By W. R. Cave.

"Romance in Re." For the violin, with piano accompaniment. By Johannes Wolff.

"For all Eternity." Song. Words by S. A. Herbert, music by Angelo Mascheroni.

"The King's Mere." Song. Words by F. E. Weatherley, music by Martyn Van-Lennep.

"Little Lovers' Song." Words by R. S. Hitchins, music by Edward German.

"Last of All." Song. Words by Ellis Walton, music by A. H. Behrend.

"Going to Kildare." Song. Words by F. E. Weatherley, music by Ernest Newton.

London: ROBERT COCKS AND Co., New Burlington Street, W.

We have recently received from Messrs. Robert Cocks and Co., music publishers to the Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the above parcel of new music, and after careful attention to the several items, we are in a position to say that it is one of the best collections we have seen for some time. Pieces for the violin, harmonium, American organ, pianoforte; songs, dance music, and instruction books are well represented, and will be found worthy the attention of our readers. First on the list is "The Fairies' Spring," an Elfin legend, founded on a nursery poem by White Melville. The libretto of this cantata has been written by Clifton Bingham, and the argument is cleverly worked out. It is supposed that the elves, having fallen in love with a child of Earth, steal him away, and bring him to the world below, the beauties and treasures of which they show to him. But, in spite of every care and devotion, the child pines away, and, to their everlasting sorrow, dies. They bury him, in a hidden glen, where, according to the legend, their tears of remorse and sorrow are welling up to earth in a fairy spring for ever. This little story has been set to bright tuneful music by Frederic H. Cowan, whose numbers are so enlivening that the cantata ought to become a great favourite. It is not over difficult, and is very effective in representation. "The Dance Album" contains many waltzes and quadrilles; indeed, music for all kinds of dance, both popular and new. We recommend our readers to spend the nominal price, and procure one of these books; they are sure to derive satisfaction from it. "The Burlington Voluntaries" are adapted for American organ, or harmonium. The music contained in this book is of high class and very impressive. The one under consideration, No. 10, contains 12 Voluntaries, and this book is offered at one shilling. For beginners we must recommend "Messrs. Cocks' Pianoforte Tutor," as being fully capable of imparting instruction. "The London Album" contains 3 tenor songs. We think it wonderfully cheap, the songs being pretty, not difficult, and suitable for an encore. "Melodie for Violin," with pianoforte accompaniment and violoncello if desired, is a capitally arranged and harmonious accompaniment, and altogether very effective. The "Forty short Melodious exercises for the Violin" supply a great want; they are written in various rhythms and keys, graduating in progressive order from semibreves to semiquavers. We all know how trying it is to listen to a violin badly treated, yet there is not a more pleasing instrument when played well. This cannot be brought about unless every attention be given to scales, &c., and Mr. Cave has done all he can to make the drudgery agreeable and as short as possible. "Romance in Re" for violin, the music of this is good; it is dedicated by special permission to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. "For all Eternity" is a song which will stand severe criticism, and is chosen by Madame Adelina Patti for her concert tour just now commenced. "The King's Mere" is composed by Martyn Van-Lennep, words by Weatherley; this song is well blended, words and music both being pathetic. The popular song "In Seville's Groves" is by the same composer. "Little Lovers' Song" tells us how small our sorrows are as children to what they become as we grow older. The contribution by Edward German is light and pretty. "Last of all," words by Ellis Walton, music by our old friend A. H. Behrend; we feel sure all lovers of music look upon Mr. Behrend as a friend, for he knows well how to touch our heart strings. This song will become as popular as any of his other works. "Going to Kildare" is sung nightly at the Princess's Theatre, by Miss Ella Terriss, in "Arrah-na-Pogue." Miss Terriss sings it well, and is always encored; indeed it is so pretty that one catches the tune quickly. We must heartily recommend this among the many others, and should our readers be tempted to purchase any of the above named, we are quite sure they will not be dissatisfied.

We extract the following from the *Pictorial World*:—

The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE finds fault with our recent remarks on the incongruity of military Freemasonry, and suggests that the

writer of these notes "belongs to that old-fashioned class of martinets which has done so much to bring the Army into disrepute, but whose days are, happily for all concerned, numbered." Before entering further into the controversy, it may be well to state that the writer of these notes has since 1859 had an exceptionally intimate acquaintance as an officer both with Volunteering and Freemasonry, and his experience enables him to state positively that the military authorities are discouraging Freemasonry.

Volunteer Masonic Lodges were nearly all formed at a time when men of the well-to-do classes composed the rank-and-file. Any Freemason can see for himself by reference to the quarterly returns of Grand Lodge that the military Lodges are gradually becoming extinct, or are getting moribund. If further inquiry be made, it will be found that very few initiates are now made; and it will also be found on reference to the by-laws of the military Lodges that some of them give no option as to dress, uniform being imperative; others permit evening dress, but only for officers; and the rest eschew uniform altogether, and meet in evening dress, amongst the latter being the London Scottish. But this and the London Irish Lodge are purely clan Lodges, and cannot be brought forward as exemplifying the progress of Freemasonry in the Volunteer force.

On the general question of incongruity we cannot profitably say much in these columns, but we must protest against the doctrine of social equality set up for the soldier Freemason. His organ says: "Men in the ranks now recognise that their position entitles them to certain privileges, and they will, no doubt, secure even greater concessions as year by year they make their voices more strongly felt"! This is subversive of all military discipline, and is the germ of that detestable free-thinking doctrine which is doing so much to demoralise the Army and to destroy its discipline, the breach of which brought about the recent rustication of a battalion of the Guards.

Fortunately the few Volunteer corps with which Masonic Lodges are connected are amongst the best in the force, and there is little likelihood of any harm being done to the discipline of their regiments, but there is clearly no need to foster Freemasonry in the Volunteer force any more than there is to encourage it in the Regular Army.

A new volume of the Magazine of Art is begun with the November number. The new features introduced for the first time are those of a frontispiece in colours ("A Breezy Day," by H. Detmold), and the monthly paper, entitled "Our Illustrated Note-Book," wherein subjects, pictorial, architectural, sculptural, &c., are placed before the reader in a manner not hitherto attempted in the Magazine, and by means of which the art movement of the day will be kept up to date by pictorial as well as by descriptive illustration. To this number Mr. Dicks contributes an article entitled "The Mystery of Holbein's 'Ambassadors'; a Solution," in which the author not only joins issue with all other writers on the subject of the nation's splendid new acquisition, but establishes a fair claim to have determined the identity and meaning of the picture and its figures. The article contains eight illustrations, all of which form links in the writer's chain of evidence. Mr. Thomas Woolner, R.A., gives advice to students in a paper entitled by him "Where to Draw the Line." It is accompanied by a portrait of the popular sculptor. The collection of Mr. Alexander Henderson forms the subject of an article by Mr. Shaw Sparrow, which is illustrated by the famous six pictures by Mr. Burne Jones, A.R.A., of "The Days of Creation." "Political Cartoons" are treated by Mr. Linley Sambourne. The late Mr. R. Redgrave, O.B., R.A., is the subject of an article by Mr. F. G. Stephens, which is embellished by three of the artist's most successful works. Mr. Alan Cole describes and illustrates the recent movements in the manufacture of "Honiton Lace," and "The Chronicle of Art in November" concludes the part. A highly finished engraving of Mr. Titcombe's touching picture, "Primitive Methodists," which was rewarded with a medal at the Paris Salon, is among the chief wood-engravings of the number.

Madame Worrell announces that her annual evening concert will take place on Tuesday next, the 3rd November, at the Brixton Hall, where she will be assisted by the following artistes:—Mdlle. Elvira Trevellini, Madame Hope-Glen, Miss Susetta Fenn, and Miss Emma Buer. Bros. Reginald Groome, Sinclair Dunn, William Llewellyn and James Budd. Humorous Songs—Bro. H. P. Matthews and Mr. F. C. Everill. Solo Pianoforte—Miss Emma Buer, A.R.A.M. Violin—Madame Anna Lang. Recitations—Mr. Charles Fry. Conductors—Bro. Walter Hedgcock and Bro. Dr. H. Walmsley Little. Doors open at 7.30. Commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets 3s, 2s and 1s each, which may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 69 Wiltshire Road, Angell Park Gardens, S.W., or of the Hall keeper.

"A Royal Divorce" at the New Olympic Theatre has proved so successful that Manager W. W. Kelly has renewed his tenancy of said Theatre, and been obliged to cancel the provincial tour he had already booked for Miss Grace Hawthorne. The cast of "A Royal Divorce" has been greatly strengthened by the special engagement of Mr. Hermann Vezin, who will appear as "Napoleon" on and after Saturday, 31st October.

At the meeting on the 19th inst., it was unanimously resolved to alter the name of the Warner Lodge of Instruction to the Walthamstow. In future, therefore, the Lodge will be known as the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, and it will meet at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street Railway Station, every Monday at 8.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 31st October.

1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1463 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley

Monday, 2nd November.

12 Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall St.
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
144 St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
266 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1863 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
1996 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street
1233 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
R.A. 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 139 Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
183 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
164 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
395 Gny, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Camb.
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
623 St. Outhbert, Wimbeldon
850 St. Oswald, Ashborne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmerdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Acorington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

Tuesday, 3rd November.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
166 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1181 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
266 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
393 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
364 St. David, Masons' Hall, Brixton
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
848 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentolpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skidaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1388 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amble, Anglesea
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1670 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Trevelyan Hall, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 681 Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield

R.A. 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
R.A. 1138 Devor, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot

Wednesday 4th November.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1293 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1535 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hound, S.W.
1637 The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1766 St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
439 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
615 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1549 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
R.A. 261 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 477 Fidelity, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 553 Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
R.O. Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

Thursday, 5th November.

27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
193 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street, Hotel.
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
338 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1351 St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1445 Pince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
1672 Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
R.A. 1331 Kennington, Surrey Club, Kennington
R.A. 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 241 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville Place, W.
24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 730
31 United Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
50 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Huddersley
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Nathaniel, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
274 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Chambermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
307 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
425 Castrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
633 Yarborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976 Royal Carence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury Lane
1074 Underley, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale
1089 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231 Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1232 Anchoise, Foresters Hall, Brigg
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367 Beamister Manor, White Hart, Beamister
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384 Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padliham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1594 Edgewain, Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807 Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parva, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Dudley
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 496 Mount Edgcumbe, M.H., Bournemouth
R.A. 758 Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Buncorn

R.A. 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10 Cheltenham and Keystone, M.H., Chelt.
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 6th November.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
890 Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1815 Penze, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
41 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Toimorden
243 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall Street, Leeds
375 Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street
443 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Newbury
601 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1581 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 359 Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton

Saturday, 7th November.

Council Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
1466 Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1667 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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Saturday, 31st October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1624 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 739
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 2nd November.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
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
243 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, 730
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 73
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1415 Prince Leopold, 32 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 730
1547 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Milton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Northampton, Bridge Chambers, Hos Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 3rd November.

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, 730
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
211 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maid Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalsion, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1440 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 730
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Sags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Rootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8
1540 Chancer, Old White Hart, Brough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8

1146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1385 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1842 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 4th November.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lagard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall St., 8
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
973 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1358 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1691 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1923 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
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 5th November.

141 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 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington,
1183 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
1380 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 8:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1603 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45.
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
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

Friday, 6th November.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8

167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street Camberwell, 7
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.,
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8.

Saturday, 7th November.

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.,
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 9
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
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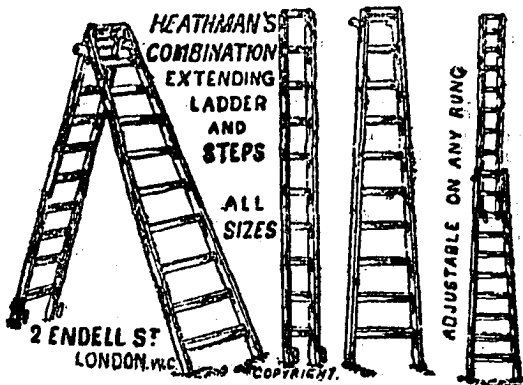
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