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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

THE struggle which is this year taking place for the office of Grand Treasurer of England is being carried out on much the same lines as has marked the contest in years gone by when more than one brother has been nominated for the appointment. In the one case the candidate is seeking the office purely as a reward for merit, contenting himself with the formal nomination made on his behalf in Grand Lodge, and the knowledge of his claims for promotion possessed by the Craft at large. In the other the office is apparently regarded as a high position, to be gained by diligent and active canvass, backed up with a large expenditure of money, in the usual tactics of an electioneering campaign. Whatever there is of honour attached to the office seems likely to be sacrificed in this latter case, in the knowledge that personal influence has far more to do with the election than considerations of merit possessed by the brother primarily concerned, but as there is nothing in the laws of the Craft to prevent this periodical scramble for office, it is perhaps out of place for us to offer any protest against it. We can only look on, as many others have to do, and feel that the best interests of Freemasonry are set aside in this particular case, considerations of personal advancement taking the place of the higher principles which should prevail at such times. It is very much to be regretted that these tactics are considered necessary; much more so that they should be periodically brought to bear upon what is frequently described as the highest honour in the gift of the English Craft, outside the one office of the Grand Mastership; but we have to deal with the case as we find it, and in this particular the surroundings are certainly not to our liking.

It has frequently been urged that the holder of the office of Grand Treasurer of England labours under a disadvantage in not being admitted a member of the Grand Officers' Mess, but when we consider the means which are sometimes used to secure this particular piece of purple, we can hardly wonder at the outburst of exclusiveness which precludes the admission of the elected commoner among the appointed peers of the Craft. Whatever charge may be made against the Grand Officers—not that we think of making any charge—it is certain that their appointment to office has been secured in a decorous manner, and, as far as the general body of the Craft is able to discover, without any personal influence being brought to bear upon those at the head of the Order. No doubt some of the appointments in Grand Lodge have been hastened because a word has been said in favour of this or that Brother by some one in authority, but at least there is the decency of privacy in the advocacy, and, so far as outsiders are able to judge, the appointments are truly rewards for merit. But can the same be said for the Grand Treasurer-

ship? Does it not look more like a purchased office? Not, perhaps, purchased by an actual cash payment, but none the less possible of being secured by the lavish expenditure of pounds, shillings, and pence. This one consideration is alone sufficient to justify the Grand Officers' Mess in their exclusiveness, for as in one case the honour of merit is recognised, in the other there is no gainsaying the fact that other considerations may prevail, and may really be answerable for the appointment.

Looking at the matter from another point of view, we must recognise that a very considerable amount of ill feeling is engendered in connection with these contests, especially when, as is the case this year, two men with claims running in some directions on identical lines are nominated for the office. We believe it has been urged, whether officially or not we cannot say, that a few friends of the two candidates should meet, and try and arrange for one or the other to retire; but there is difficulty in such an arrangement, so much difficulty in fact that we must dismiss it as outside the range of possibility; and although we should much prefer to see a different spirit prevail, we imagine there is nothing to be done but to make an appeal to the ballot. We have seen similar struggles in private Lodges, and the same tactics have often been manifest in Provincial bodies, while outside the Craft, whether we turn to the political or the general world, we have numerous instances of the same unfortunate struggles before us, while in no case has a satisfactory remedy been discovered for the evil. Freemasonry, however, might have set an example in this direction, or at least we are of that opinion, and we even now hope that something may be possible to prevent the recurrence of unhappy contests such as have taken place in the past, and which seem to threaten the English Craft in the future.

MUSTER ROLLS AND CASH BALANCES.

SOME time ago we were asked by an esteemed Past Master what we considered the best criterion of a Lodge's successful working, or, in other words, what line of report should be most gratifying for the Worshipful Master to make on his retiring from office? We confess that the question somewhat staggered us at the time, and certainly furnished food for much reflection afterwards. We are afraid the result of our reflections does not altogether square with those themes which form the burdens of the songs of most Masters on their retirement from office. Generally speaking, your average ruler of the Craft says very little in the valedictory way unless he has one (or both) of two things to boast of. One is a large numbers of initiates, and the other a goodly balance at the bankers. We confess to having much fraternal suspicion of Lodges which make boast of these two lines of progress. We begin to be afraid that, with the best of intentions, they are on the wrong tack. If Freemasonry were a

religious sect or a political organisation, dependent for its success upon its count of heads, then the number of proselytes it had been able to add to its roll would be its best source for self congratulation. If it were a trading company, then a big balance at its banker's might be the most satisfactory point to which the attention of a shareholders' meeting could be directed, although, even in that case the shareholders might possibly inquire, *cui bono*, if the balance remained there over long. But Freemasonry is neither one nor the other. It is an ancient and venerable society, dependent upon fidelity to certain time-hallowed principles for its success, and when a man joins it the honour is his, not the Order's. The lambskin apron never disgraces the wearer, albeit the wearer oftentimes sullies it. The individual who passes our portals has legitimate cause for boasting of his admission, we are forgetting our dignity if we congratulate ourselves on the admission of any man, however distinguished he may be. When we find a Master trumpeting forth to the world that he has conferred more degrees than any of his predecessors, or that his Lodge has a larger membership than any other in the town or the district, we feel inclined to doubt that Master's ability to hand over his warrant pure and unsullied as when he received it. Once let strength of membership be considered the *summum ultimum* of Masonic work, the days of Masonry as an honourable institution are numbered. And much the same may be said of the Lodge that pins its faith on a big balance sheet. "Give all you can," is a much more important Masonic axiom than "Get all you can," or "Save all you can." No Lodge has a right to keep up a large idle balance whilst there is an aged or feeble Brother in the world, or a Mason's orphan without the means of laying a sure foundation for a life's work, or, on the other hand, whilst anything is wanting in the appurtenances of the ritual of its Lodge room to render the ritual of the Craft as beautiful as art can make it. Every Lodge should possess or rent a suitable and well furnished Temple, should have a sufficiently large Benevolent Fund to meet promptly and worthily any calls likely to be made upon it, and should retain a sufficient balance in its General Fund to render it independent at least of Degree Fees to meet its current expenditure. But, with all these provided for any other funds happily in hand should go to one or other of the Masonic Charities of its own or some other Constitution. Money lying idle is no credit to Masonry, and we shrewdly imagine that there is little chance of this happening if the portals of the Lodge are opened to worthy men alone. We have made these remarks in all charity, hoping that they will suggest reflection on the part of our readers generally. —*South African Freemason.*

PROV. G. LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

A SPECIAL Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., to "Consider and resolve upon an address of condolence with his Royal Highness the Grand Master on the much-regretted death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, and Past Grand Warden of England." There was a very large attendance, not merely from Derby, but from every district of the Province. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover presided, in the absence of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, the position of Deputy being filled by Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.G.S.W. Amongst the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present who were in their places were:—Bros. G. M. Bond P.S.G.W., Sir John Smith P.P.S.G.W., W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W., Percy Wallis P.P.S.G.W., Wm. Naylor P.G. Secretary and P.G.S.B. (England), Abraham Woodiwiss P.P.S.G.W., the Rev. T. B. Mundy P.G. Chaplain, T. S. Bowden P.J.G.W., J. H. Day P.P.J.G.W., Thomas Hall P.P.J.G.W., C. G. Busby P.P.J.G.W., T. R. Gee P.G. Treasurer, Edgar Horne P.P.G. Registrar, W. Beadon Woodforde P.P.G. Registrar, Wilks P.G.S. Deacon, Cawthorne Webster P.P.S.G.D., J. W. Brigg P.P.S.G.D., John Walker P.P.S.G.D., Nathan Ashurst P.P.J.G.D., W. J. Piper P.P.G.D. of C., F. J. Robinson P.P.G.A.D. of C., J. O. Manton P.P.G.A.D. of C. J. Cutting P.P.G.A. Secretary, J. Copestick P.P.G.P., T. E. Yeomans P.P.G.P., J. Fisher P.G.A.P., T. Day Prov. G. Tyler, and others.

The D.P.G. Master, after referring to the object of the

meeting, described the calamity which had overtaken the Royal Family, and particularly the Grand Master, as one of terrible severity. Their late Bro, the Duke of Clarence appeared to have a long life of usefulness and honour before him. He was beloved by all the members of his family, especially by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, whilst he was about to marry the winsome object of his love. His untimely removal occurring at a time when all sections of the people were being scourged by sickness had made a profound impression upon the country, and had deeply stirred the sympathies and affections of all Freemasons, calling upon them to exercise those great principles of brotherly love and fraternal regard upon which their Order was founded. Moreover, it must have led them to reflect upon the uncertainty of life, and have taught them the wisdom of drawing closer to the Great Architect of the Universe. He was sure he was echoing the sentiment of every Brother in the Province when he said that they deeply sympathized with the Grand Master in his bitter loss, and prayed that the Almighty Architect, to whom alone they must look for grace and strength, might assuage the grief into which he and his Royal Consort had been plunged. Bro. Okeover concluded by moving the following resolution:—

We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, in special Lodge assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with an expression of our deep sorrow at the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., and with our earnest sympathy with your Royal Highness's affliction. The high personal qualities possessed by his Royal Highness, his distinguished rank in Freemasonry, and the exalted position of happiness which appeared to be before him, have all combined to intensify our sense of the loss which your Royal Highness and the country have suffered, and have served to knit the whole nation in a common sorrow, in which we desire respectfully to assure your Royal Highness we deeply share. We earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to sustain and comfort your Royal Highness and your family in your sad bereavement.

Bro. Thomas Cox briefly seconded the resolution, which the brethren, in solemn silence, endorsed.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

THE annual session was opened in the Assembly Rooms, in the Queen's Hall, Montreal, on the 27th January. There was a large attendance of delegates present, over two hundred. Precisely at the hour appointed for the meeting Grand Master Edgar called the Lodge to order, and the business was immediately proceeded with, as follows:—

After the introduction of representatives of sister Grand Lodges, the Grand Master delivered his annual address. It was a most instructive document, and while congratulating the Craft on the manifest progress made during the past year, it did not fail to point out clearly and decisively where the interests of the Order could be conserved, and where the true Masonic spirit was lacking. Touching reference was made to the loss sustained by the Craft in the death of the Duke of Clarence, and sympathy was expressed with the Prince of Wales in his affliction.

The reports of the Grand Secretary showed that the Order was continually adding to its numbers, and was steadily progressing. The financial statement was peculiarly satisfactory. Both reports were unanimously adopted.

The Deputy Grand Masters, in their reports of the Masonic conditions of their various districts, were united in stating that the greatest harmony existed in the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

At noon the Grand Lodge enjoyed a recess, which was occupied in entertaining the delegates from the out-of-town districts to a sumptuous lunch. Labour was resumed at three o'clock, and a good deal of business was disposed of.

At eight in the evening the most important business of the session, the selection of Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year, was proceeded with. It resulted as follows:—Bros. F. Edgar, Montreal, re-elected G.M.; Lebourveau, Sherbrooke, D.G.M.; H. Semple, Three Rivers, D.D.G.M., Quebec and Three Rivers District; J. B. Tresider, Montreal, D.D.G.M., Montreal District; Plummer, Georgeville, D.D.G.M., St. Francis District; D. B. Knight, Stanbridge, D.D.G.M., Bedford District; J. Bruce Payne, Granby, D.D.G.M. Sheffield District; Thomson, Portage du Fort, Ottawa District; Walter Grand Senior Warden, Farnsworth, Granby, Grand Junior Warden; Stearns, Montreal, re-elected Grand Treasurer; Isaacson, re-elected Grand Secretary; Dewar Grand Registrar, Hewton, Lachine, and Forsyth, Stanstead, Grand Chaplains.

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Masonic Epitho-Chrenody :

AN ALLEGORY.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
Right Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons in England; in
prospect of the Marriage of his Son, the DUKE OF CLARENCE
AND AVONDALE, with PRINCESS VICTORIA MARY OF TECK, 27th
February 1892.

THIS day thou add'st another corner-stone,
To strengthen the foundations of that throne
Which stands embedded in a people's love.
The Architect who plans and rules above;
And, like a Great Geometrician, draws
His lines, and curves, true to Masonic laws,
Be'thine to measure from in all the things
Thou undertakest; be't the rule of kings;
Or changing sceptre for a maul, and throne
For the exalted chair of Solomon,
Be just, and fear not!

Ere yet be raised
The Master's pedestal, let Him be praised
Whom all the searchers after light adore!
Now let the cannon boom from every shore!
From the three points of heav'n, West, North, and South,
Let honours Masonic pass from mouth to mouth,
Until the East re-echoes with the sound—
Behold the column risen from the ground!
Bind well the structure from the widened base;
Prove it with plumb and square, both line and face;
And if 'tis strong, and firm, from blemish free,
And solid as one block of Masonry;—
Faultless in symmetry; in ambit rare;
The pride of all that's lovely, sweet, and fair,—
Then to an admiring world it may be said—
This added stone is well and truly laid.

THE THUNDERBOLT!

FALLEN is the pillar, shattered is the base
That was to have upheld it in its place.
Give we the prostrate stone a cypress wreath,
Clothe we the figure with the robes of death.
'Twas but an hour ago the sons of light
Basked in the rays of hope, supremely bright.
Aught that the splendour of a court could grace
Was there reflected in a regal face.
The prince, the heir, the king that was to be—
The crowning apex to a dynasty—
Now lies he at the base, where kings ere now
Have lain. The death-damp on his youthful brow
Tells of a struggle ere he gave his sword
To one whose weapon is His mighty Word.
Stricken to earth, but not by mortal foe—
The lightning came from heaven that laid him low.
The broken column, lying at his feet,
Wrap in the British flag, fit winding sheet;
Cover his breast with flowers wet with tears
Distilled from grief—the grief a nation bears.
Ere yet we lay him in his hallowed bed,
Chant we a requiem o'er the honoured dead.
Oh, thou great Architect that built the earth
And all upon it since creation's birth,
Receive into Thy temple this our son,
And place him in the East, the shrine he'd won.
Now close the tomb! Oh, may his soul shine forth
A star resplendent, both in light and worth!
No longer claim we what to heaven was due;
The debt he paid with the last breath he drew,
And now, from earthly bonds for ever free,
He joins the Lodge of IMMORTALITY.

BRO. BEN BRIERLEY.

Arthur Sullivan Lodge, 2156,
Old Boar's Head,
Withy Grove, Manchester.

The following reply has been received to the address of
condolence recently forwarded by the Stockport Free-
masons, through Lord Egerton of Tatton, to the Prince of
Wales:—

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, W.C.
8th February 1892.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am directed by the M.W. Grand Master
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to convey to the Brethren of the
five Lodges in the Stockport Division of Cheshire his sincere thanks
for their kind address, condoling with H.R.H. on the death of the
Duke of Clarence.—Yours fraternally.

A. PENDLEBURY,
Assist. G. Sec.

Bro. James Cookson, Stockport.

The following circular, recently issued, will speak for
itself:—

Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
8th February 1892.

Dear Sir and Brother,—We regret to inform you that the widow
of our late much lamented Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke,
has been left very inadequately provided for.

A Committee of Grand Officers and others, who have had many
opportunities of knowing how conscientiously, efficiently and
courteously Col. Clerke discharged all the duties of his important
office, and the eminent services he has rendered to Masonry, has
been formed for the purpose of inviting Lodges and brethren to show
their appreciation of his high character and services by joining with
them in raising a fund for the purchase of a Government Life
Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

We send herewith a list of the Committee who have already given
their names, to which additions are solicited.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the
R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, and Sir
Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W. G.D.C., have kindly consented to
act as Trustees, and an account will be opened immediately in their
names at the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster
Bank.

Personal subscriptions are limited to a maximum of £5 5s. In the
case of Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic bodies, there is no
limit. Cheques are requested to be sent, addressed to the
Treasurer, Bro. Robert Grey, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,
W.C., made payable to him, and crossed "London and Westminster
Bank, Bloomsbury Branch, c/o Shadwell Clerke Trust."

Inasmuch as Bro. George Kenning has kindly undertaken to insert
advertisements in *The Freemason*, free of expense, and as the cost of
printing, stationery, postage and receipt stamps, &c., will be paid
by members of the Committee, the whole amount of subscriptions
without any deduction will be available for the proposed object.

We remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FENN, Pres. B. of G.P., Chairman.

ROBERT GREY, Pres. B. of B., Treasurer.

FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Secretary.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic
Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Free-
masons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. John Newton occupied
the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Vallentine, Jas.
Brett, W. J. Murlis, C. A. Cottebrune, J. P. Fitzgerald, C.
H. Webb, J. S. Cumberland, H. J. Strong, A. Mullord, G.
Boulton, H. Cotter, G. E. Fairchild, C. J. Perceval, C.
Lacey, John Barnett jun., C. Carrell, W. F. Smithson
P.G.D., D. D. Mercer P.G.P., F. Mead P.G.S.B., T. B.
Purchas P.A.G.D.C., T. G. Bullen P.G. Standard Bearer,
A. Durrant, R. P. Stevens, J. Dorton, W. H. Making, J.
Bunker, Hugh M. Hobbs, W. H. Hubbert, W. Webber, R.
Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., C. F. Hogard P.G.
Standard Bearer, R. Griggs, J. Dixon, and James Terry
P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the January meet-
ing having been read and verified, the Secretary reported
the death of six annuitants (three men and three widows),
and of two male and one widow candidates, the latter being
also a half annuitant. The Warden's report for the past
month was read, and an application from the widow of a
deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was
granted. The number of candidates was declared to be 139,
of whom 69 were men, and 70 widows, and the number of
vacancies 18 and 8 respectively, but it was resolved to elect
28 men and 18 widows, together with the three deferred
annuitants on each fund, or together 31 men and
21 widows. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated
the proceedings.

Merthyr Freemasons contemplate building a hall of their
own, instead of continuing to pay rent for the premises
they now occupy, and it is probable that the present year
may see the launching of the scheme.

In view of the probable great advancement of the practice of crema-
tion in England, the General Cemetery Company have decided to erect
a Columbarium for the reception of cinerary urns at their Cemetery
at Kensal Green. The structure, which will be placed in the monu-
mental chambers, will form a prominent object in the centre of a hall
of some magnitude, and contain accommodation for forty-two urns.
There will be three tiers of compartments on each of the four sides,
and each one will be enclosed by a metal frame lever-locked door
filled with plate glass. The fronts will be in finest Caen stone, with
panelled pilasters at each angle, and moulded base and cornice. The
shafts between the compartments to be of polished sienna marble, and
the panels in the pilasters filled with polished rouge royale marble.
The Columbarium, which will probably be unique in London, is being
built by Bro. E. M. Lander, of Kensal Green, from the designs of the
architect, Mr. Robert Willey, F.R.I.B.A., of 66 Ludgate-hill, E.C.

THE FREEMASONRY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Extract from a sermon preached by Bro. Rev. C. J. Arnold, St. Peter's Church, Detroit, 27th December 1891.

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

And call no man your father upon the earth: for One is your Father, which is in heaven.—St. Matthew xxiii. 8, 9.

THE doctrine of God's fatherhood, and the resulting truth of man's brotherhood, were first distinctly enunciated by the divine Master. The Christian religion rests firmly on the truth that God is the Father of our spirits, of whom every family in heaven and earth is named. This relationship of every soul to God is not a legal fiction, whereby man is adopted into God's family, but a real kinship growing out of man's very nature, his likeness spiritually to the great Father. So, too, is the brotherhood of man nothing notional, sentimental or unreal, but natural, actual and real. Every man is my brother because he and I partake of the same spiritual nature, and own the same spiritual paternity. At times teachers in the Church have lost sight of this, the greatest of all truths, or have failed to give it that prominence which is its due. Sometimes the divine sovereignty, with all its insignia of authority and the awfulness of its majesty, has been permitted to supersede the grander truth of the divine Paternity, and as men have lost the latter and advanced the former, religion has become sterner and less lovely, and much of its power to sweeten life, and adorn character has been taken away.

Among the greatest of all human institutions that have cherished and advanced this truth of man's brotherhood, is the fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. This is the ruling idea of this society, and since, as has been said, the power and influence of any individual or institution is the ideal projected through and multiplied by the personality or *personnel*, the power for good of a fraternity whose ideal is this sublime truth must be mighty indeed. My friends and brethren, it is because I find so many noble principles in Masonry, so many precepts, which if laid to heart, and manifested in daily life, would make mankind happier and nobler, that I take this occasion, the day set apart to the commemoration of St. John the Evangelist, to speak to Masons and others upon an institution which I regard as the most sublime and august of all societies of human organization. Those who are within the Order may gain something of inspiration for more faithful performance of the duties enjoined, and those without may be led to approve and adopt many of the principles exemplified in this ancient society. My Christian brethren, within and without the Masonic Order, let us all realize more fully as we need to do, this fundamental truth that we are brethren, children of one common Father. Another feature of the teachings of Masonry most strongly commending it to the respect of Christians is that veneration for the Word of God, and the exaltation of the Holy Scriptures to the highest place among the great lights of Masonry. The Bible is regarded by Masons as the great heavenly luminary whose light brightens the pathway of life, casting its beams far into the future, dispelling the deep shadows of the tomb and lost, at last, in brightness of that eternal glory yet to be revealed in us. Masons raise no questions about the inspiration or authority of the Word of God. Its exalted precepts afford a sure guidance upon life's pathway and for this reason it is followed and its glorious promises sustain the hopes and satisfy the yearnings of the human heart, therefore it is believed in. In this unquestioning acceptance of the Bible as of divine authority, Masons set a worthy example to doubting churchmen. The members of this Order put the Holy Scriptures to the test of practice, and have not found it wanting. My friends, I honour Masonry for this noble testimony to the truth of God.

Again, the uniformity of teaching and principles in Masonry, and its perpetuation of its ancient forms and ceremonies, not suffering innovations, must most strongly commend itself to true and loyal Churchmen. The Master of every Lodge, when installed, is instructed not to permit departure from the ancient and accepted principles, teachings and ceremonies of the Order, and is charged to countenance no schismatic or heretic. Thus, among all nations, through all times, where ignorance prevailed or

the pride of intellect ruled, the Masonic Order has perpetuated its venerable and honourable principles and ceremonies, handing them down across the billowy centuries with their pristine truthfulness and beauty unimpaired, as the heritage of generations yet unborn. Something of this veneration of the ancient ways, something of this love of the old paths, to walk therein, would be a source of great blessing among Christians. Such a spirit of unity and uniformity as this Order presents would have prevented the rupture of the Christian Church, and could it now enter into all the fragments of Christ's Kingdom would obliterate all lines of separation among brethren, and present to the unbelieving world that strength of unity which is irresistible, and that beauty of concord which is captivating. How could any thoughtful man fail to be impressed with the uniformity in ceremonial which wide separation in time or space does not interrupt! Recently, coming to this city from the far South, I was especially impressed with the almost exact identity in ceremonial in the two sections of our broad land. Another enforcement of this truth is to be found in the reminder given the Master at this ceremony of inauguration, that it is not in the power of any man or set of men to establish an order of Masons. This is a token of fidelity to the trust confided to the successive officers of the Lodge, in the perpetuation of the true and ancient principles of the Order. In this is recognized the fact, that there is a stewardship of truths and teachings for the good of mankind through ages yet to come, which would be imperilled by suffering the institution to be changed and revolutionized, by the schemes of the ambitious, or the whims of the ignorant. How long would the Masonic Order endure if every man becoming dissatisfied with a certain régime, should be permitted to organize a substitute for the Ancient "Craft," which should be recognized as of equal dignity and authority with the original Order? Such acts of disloyalty to the divine Church have given rise to scores of denominations and sects of Christians, the latest laying claim to equal dignity and authority with the ancient church, tracing its existence through the light and the dark ages of the Christian era. Thus is the body of Christ, dismembered and set in antagonism, part against part.

These excellent principles set forth and emphasized in the teachings of Masonry are earnestly commended to thoughtful Christians. But, while we exalt this Order, and extol its teachings, we must speak a word of warning to brethren of the "Craft." There are those who accord to this ancient institution powers and functions never claimed by the Order, nor demanded as its own by any worthy and accepted teacher of its truths. I refer to the statement often made by brethren that Masonry is a good enough religion for them, that if a man lives up to the teachings of this noble Order he need fear nought for the future. My brethren, what salvation does Masonry offer you? Does it hold up a Saviour able to save from sin and death? Has it discovered a law that can give life? Has it consolation for your sorrows, pardon for your sins, grace for your weakness in the struggles and conflicts of life. It does, indeed, hold up before us a torch of Hope lit in the blazing Sun of Righteousness, a faith resting on the sure foundation of God's Holy word, and a love inculcated by the religion of Christ, all of which abide for ever, but these are as guides and encouragements on the journey of life, for which is not claimed any power to save. Masonry inculcates the true principles of morality, and that man who should live according to these pure precepts would be noble and upright among men, but he would thereby have no assurance of salvation. Salvation cometh of God—it is the Father's gift to man. It is apprehended by faith in Christ whose name is that alone given among men whereby they must be saved. I have noticed, however, my brethren, that the best, most active, consistent, and devoted Masons are those who are likewise devout and earnest Christians.

In this Order are set forth the principles of Operative Masonry as applied to the rearing and adornment of character. I know not whether St. Paul was a Mason or not, but of this I am sure, he recognised the value of these principles of architecture as illustrative of the upbuilding of that temple of the soul, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. I would, in conclusion, draw out and present some of those lessons of life which architecture illustrates so clearly and impressively. In architecture we read man's progress, and are made to reflect upon the greatness of human endowments. Man is revealed in art,

but is greater than his achievements. When we look upon some magnificent pile, reared by human skill, the product of human art, we find ourselves bowing in reverence to the personality behind it, to the exalted soul in which it lived and breathed, a spiritual thing, before it stood forth in all its grand proportions to be seen of men.

At the edge of the dreary sands of the quiet desert stands the Great Pyramid, guarded by the mysterious sphynx, so calm, so eternal in its solitude, seemingly as true a part of the solid earth as mountains towering upward from its bosom. This is the largest architectural achievement of the race.

Coming down the grand highway of time from the distant age in which that "miracle in stone" was achieved, we trace the onward march of the race in the development of architecture. Pelasgian, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan, Gothic, Roman, and Composite are so many studios along the world's advance. The marvellous cities of Babylon and Nineveh, the Temple of Solomon with all its mystic Masonic lore, the magnificent fane at Ephesus dedicated to the goddess Diana, the Parthenon at Athens, the Colosseum and Pantheon at Rome, the Cathedral of Saint Mark at Venice, the great Christian temple at Cologne, a thousand years in building, the palace of Versailles, St. Paul's in London, and St. Peter's in Rome, mark the ages that produced them. In these masterpieces we read the growing conception and expression of man's deeper instincts, realising more and more fully those dreams born in the inmost recesses of the soul. Man builds these outward forms, because within he builds with the immortality and constructs homes and temples out of the materials of the unseen.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, in the "Problem," gives expression to the profoundest truth, that every line and proportion that entrances the beholder in Assyrian hall or Egyptian pyramid, was native to the human mind, begotten by some silent, soft, yet mighty impulse from the unseen.

For out of thought's interior sphere
These wonders rose to upper air.

These noble thoughts of men, the music of their souls, stand in these lasting monuments like petrified harmony, long to endure. Let the mind of man, studying these impressive monuments of human achievements, oftentimes realise that these, be they never so grand, are but rude representations of those visions of beauty which arise in the silences of the interior life. What architect ever realised in his achievements the dream he sought to attain in the structure he had reared? When he beheld the vision of what he *would* achieve, it was faultless, but when that vision began to take shape, he saw the limitations set by the material he must employ, and the imperious laws of matter, which do not prevail in the soul.

Only a few men can build great and admirable monuments out of the materials of earth, but all are architects building in the secret places of the soul. Few can rear the mighty fabrics for time, yet all can build those imperishable abodes of the soul, which shall adorn for ever the golden streets of the New Jerusalem above. In great moments of men's lives they behold the columns and pilasters which they are placing in their own holy temples of character, rising one by one to strengthen and adorn the structure. This work is theirs. By faithful endeavour and holy sacrifice, men endowed with the grace of God are rearing eternal habitations that shall outlast these temples of earth, outlast the flood of years, outlast the rolling earth itself.

The spiritual body or organism which is to be the soul's abode in the world to come, it is the work of our earthly life to rear. That this is so was a more impressive fact to Inigo Jones in his first hours than that he was to create a Winchester Cathedral, and thus hand down his name to the praise of posterity.

It was more vital to the soul of Sir Christopher Wren when he reached the close of his earthly life that he had built its eternal house in heaven than that he had given to the world and glory of God a St. Paul's Cathedral. So is it, and so it must be in the life of every man, it is not some mighty achievement in war or peace, it is not a wide stroke of state policy, it is not some lasting and worthy contribution to literature, it is not some valuable discovery of science, it is not some masterpiece of art, or some towering and imposing achievement in architecture that can secure to man a permanence of his glory. If you

have not built up meanwhile that imperishable character founded upon faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, you shall die, and with the mouldering ruins of your work you shall pass for ever from the land of the living and from the memory of men. This eternal structure rises with every holy act of yours, and every wicked deed you do takes away from its adornment or its strength.

A noble impulse, a generous deed, a holy devotion and unselfish sacrifice will raise columns of beauty and stability in this temple of the soul. "A wicked passion, like a sharp chisel in unskilful hands, will ruin the costly frieze, and cut away the loftiest column of manhood with its gleaming edge." A sin, like a great hammer, may break the soul's faith in powder, and crush its peace for ever. Lust and intemperance will bring decay into all its unseen parts and silently but surely consume its strength. An evil temper will insert into the unsullied splendour of a generous life the rotten wood of the swamp, will place above the ascending star of promise the broken pledges through which death looks, and will wreck the brightest mind in the moment of its greatest hope. Some generous principle quarried from the mountains of God's grace, polished with faithful hands, bearing the marks of an honest and loving hope, will be placed for the adornment and strength of the noblest life. A truth of Christ's religion, placed where the greatest strain will come, will settle never an inch, but will bear up through all eternity the hopes of your immortal soul. Thus is every man a builder, on shifting sands of unbelief, on the eternal adamant of faith in Christ, with cowardice, or with courage, with doubt or with faith, with selfishness or sacrifice, with the wastes of hell or the wealth of heaven, men must build that which the fiery ordeal may consume or that enduring house not made of corruptible things, which shall withstand all the destructive forces of the Universe. But he who builds for eternity "must take heed," says St. Paul; he must be faithful, he must be honest, he must love God and his fellow men, otherwise will he build of "hay, wood or stubble," and his work will not endure, for fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

My brethren, let us remember that this work is ours, that every act we do tends to the up-building of the soul's eternal abode, or to its destruction. Let us, therefore, take heed how we build upon the Rock of Ages, that when the day shall come, when every man's work shall be tried with fire, *ours* may be found indestructible and may endure throughout all ages. It may not, my friends, be given to us to raise some noble structure upon earth to stand as a monument of our genius, but it is our privilege, by the grace of God, to build those holy temples of the soul whose capstone will not be laid with the applause and acclaims of men, but at the completion of which, after the plan drawn by the hand of God on the divine trestle board, the morning stars shall sing together and all the sons of God shall shout for joy.—*American Tyler.*

The sixth annual Masonic Ball, which is given under the auspices of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, and with the sanction and patronage of Earl Amherst Prov. G.M. Kent, took place at the New Public Hall, Gravesend, last Monday, with considerable success. Indefatigable exertions on the part of the Committee brought together a large number of brethren, accompanied with their sisters and their cousins and their—sweethearts, to dance to the lively music by the string band of the Royal Engineers, from Chatham. A dispensation to wear Masonic clothing was granted, so that the sombre colour of the gentlemen's evening dress was greatly relieved, and harmonised well with the pretty tints of the ladies' dresses. Among those who must be mentioned for their exertions in connection with the gathering are Bros. J. Solomon W.M., F. Hitchens I.P.M., T. Nettleingham S.D., R. C. Fowle, J. A. Whitfield, G. Masters, and J. C. Biggs Hon. Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT exert a rapidly favourable effect in all those diseases which are induced by exposure to damp or by great changes in temperature. They will therefore be found eminently serviceable to those who work in iron foundries, copper mines and collieries. These well-known remedies present manifest advantages in respect to use and effectiveness, being entirely compounded of vegetable drugs selected with the greatest care and regardless of price. When used in accordance with the ample printed directions which accompany them, they act surely but mildly, and do not interfere with the daily work. There are but few diseases which are not capable of cure—or, at all events, of great relief—if Holloway's remedies are perseveringly used.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 104 (STOCKPORT).

A REGULAR meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Andrew W.M., Hanson I.P.M., Hanson S.W., Haslam J.W., Atherton Treasurer, Bell P.M. Secretary, Lomas S.D., Barrington J.D., Wm. Booth P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Harrison I.G., Barlow Senior Steward; Past Masters Herbert Finch P.G. Registrar P.P.G.D.C., Cummings P.P.G.S., Clarkson, Gaskell, E. Johnson; Bros. Hayes, Lee, Fox P.G.S., J. A. Jones, Fletcher, Winder, Williams, and Hyde; Visitors—Jas. Cookson P.M. 1030 287 P.P.G. Treasurer P.P.G.S. E. Lanc., Hudson W.M. 322, Edmondson Organist 1083, Lowslip 2231, F. Whalley P.M. 323, Leigh P.M. 287 P.P.G.S., J. A. Cookson 287, Wm. Garside Secretary 317, Findlow 317, Henry Darbyshire P.M. 1052, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G.S. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jacob Winter and Mr. J. C. Hyde, and was announced favourable. Mr. Winter was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., and Mr. Hyde by Bro. Bell P.M. and Secretary. Bro. Bell also presented and explained the working tools to both candidates, and delivered the E.A. charge in a most impressive manner. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Gaskell P.M., and Charity representative, read the petition to the R.M.B. Institution on behalf of Bro. James Stafford, who had been a subscribing member of the Craft for 22 years, and who, through circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune, has been reduced to the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel. Bro. Herbert Finch Prov. Grand Registrar advocated the claim of Bro. Jas. Stafford, who was referred to in the highest terms of respect. Bro. Finch strongly urged the necessity of every brother present signing the petition, and of recommending every brother they knew in other Lodges to support this deserving case. Later on Bro. Herbert Finch descanted on the desirability of the brethren giving the utmost they could afford to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Jubilee Festival of which takes place on the 24th inst., at Covent Garden Theatre. Bro. Finch very lucidly explained, at the request of the W.M., the objects of this Institution, its income and expenditure, and trusted most earnestly the brethren would supplement their already promised subscriptions, amounting to eighty odd pounds, with additional sums. He also pointed out the immense advantage every brother and Lodge would have on this special occasion (an occasion which would not occur again in their time) of obtaining an increased number of votes for the money subscribed. The result of Bro. Finch's appeal was additional promises of £24, making a total of £108 from the St. John's Lodge and its members. Bro. Finch also impressed upon the brethren the absolute necessity of attending Grand Lodge in person on the 2nd of March, to vote at the election for the Grand Treasurership. There would be special trains run to London, at convenient times, for brethren during the afternoon of Tuesday, 1st March, particulars of which will shortly be advertised by the Railway Companies. The return journey would be made, at 11.30 p.m., the following Wednesday night, and the fare 10s for the double journey. Bro. Finch further informed the brethren that all W.M.'s, P.M.'s and present Wardens were qualified to vote in Grand Lodge provided they had paid their subscriptions to their respective Lodges for the current year. Bro. Darbyshire P.M. 1082, after obtaining permission from the W.M., rose to eulogise Bro. James Cookson P.P.G. Treasurer, for the admirable manner he had compiled an account of the memorial service held in the Parish Church, Stockport, on the day of the funeral of Bro. the Duke of Clarence. The service was attended by a large number of brethren belonging to the five Lodges in Stockport, as well as by the public. The account which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 30th January, had been carefully compiled by Bro. Cookson, and thinking the brethren of St. John's Lodge would like to possess a copy of the paper he (Bro. Darbyshire) would (with the W.M.'s permission) be pleased to present the Lodge with 50 copies of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, for distribution amongst the brethren. The W.M. graciously accepted Bro. Darbyshire's thoughtful gift, and proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried and acknowledged, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 287 (STOCKPORT).

THE regular meeting was held at the White Lion, Underbank, on Wednesday, 3rd February, when there were present Bros. H. Smith W.M., George Roberts P.P.G.S. S.W., Rev. A. Symonds P.P.G. Chaplain J.W., James Cookson P.M. Secretary, J. W. Howard S.D., J. L. Hudson P.P.G.S. J.D., F. G. Brook I.G., John Leigh Past Master P.P.G.S. D.C., W. Lancaster Past Master, J. Thoruiley P.M., G. McClelland P.M. P.P.G.D., R. C. Blakehurst P.M., L. E. Rigby P.M., C. Dawson P.M., A. Taylor P.M., J. Preston, L. Jagger, A. Hewett, J. A. Cookson, John Clarke Tyler. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Leigh 666, A. H. Roworth 1052, H. Goldman 323, E. Edmondson Organist 323. The minutes of last regular meeting, and the meeting on the occasion of the Memorial Service, on 20th ultimo, were read and approved. Bro. Preston was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, by Bro. Lancaster, the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Smith. Before the Lodge was closed it was announced by the Charity Representative that eight brethren were going up as Stewards to the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas would be contributed by the Lodge and Brethren to the Aged Freemasons' fund this month. There being a substantial balance in the bank as a result of the Charity Bag, Bro. Rigby gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to our Home

Charity, the Cheshire Educational Institution. After hearty good wishes from visiting brethren the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317, (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. Staton W.M., Read S.W., Spencer J.W., Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Wm. Garside Secretary, Jackson S.D., Bushell J.D., Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C.D. of C., Allen I.G.; P.M.'s Valtchoff, Dawson, Walmsley, Lisenden, Garside, Chesworth and Mountain; Bros. Findlow, Sinclair, Brocklehurst, Guest, Phillips, Rottmayer, Simcock, Whitehead, Plumpton, Paterson and Ashe. Visitors—Bros. R. Swendells W.M. 1750, H. J. Fisher 1030. Lodge was opened at seven o'clock and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no ceremonies, the Lodge was opened in the three degrees. On the motion of Bro. W. J. Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, the sum of fifty guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most sincerely for so generously responding to his appeal to subscribe amongst themselves, as much as possible, towards this deserving Institution. He stated that the result of his appeal was promises of various amounts, the total of which would be over a hundred guineas, and this, with the fifty guineas voted by the Lodge, would make a very respectable sum to send to London, though he felt pretty certain that before the day of the Festival, the 24th, he should be able to send altogether 200 guineas, which would certainly reflect great credit on the Lodge of Affability, and produce a double number of votes. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 1009, (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. Crosland W.M. Pringle S.W., Southwell J.W., Enticknap P.M. Secretary, Bibby J.D., Wm. Brookes P.M. Dir. of Cers., Olive I.G., Young Steward P.M.'s Rome P.P.G.S., Halden, Statham P.P.G.T. and Kilborn; Bros. Lewis, Lane, Tell, Bennison, Horsley. Visitors—Bros. Owen 1354, Cairns 1140, Dusbury P.M. 1773 and Hepworth 163. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, and after confirming the minutes of last meeting the ballot was taken for Mr. Goodier, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bros. Till and Lane were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Corby and Lewis raised to the sublime degree. On the proposition of Bro. Brookes P.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

WILTON LODGE, No. 1077 (BLACKLEY).

THE installation of Bro. Foxcroft took place, and St. John's Festival was celebrated at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 1st inst., when amongst those present were Bros. Sawyer P.P.G.S.B., Caldwell P.P.G.S.B., Bridgford P.G.P., Jackson, Godby, Shaw, Welsh, Ford, Stapford, Hargreaves, Holford, Kendall, Haworth, and Stamford, all of whom are Past Masters of the Wilton Lodge. Visitors—Martin Thomas P.M. 204, 350, 2363 P.G.J.D., Waring and Duffen P.M.'s 1134, Hilton W.M. 1458 Secretary 2363, Armitage I.P.M. 1083, Lofthouse W.M. 1052, Wrigley W.M. 2363 P.M. Treasurer 1052, Wall I.P.M. 1375 Dir. of Cers. 2363, Williams W.M. 1011, Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G.S., Barlow, Hamnett, Schofield, and Mercer of 2360, Cadwell 1134, Jones 654, J. Smith J.W. 1052, Midgley 1534, Nesbitt 1055, Nield 163. The Lodge was opened at 3.30, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet was reported on by the auditors, and showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, over £50 having been given to Charity during the past year. The auditors' report was adopted. The installation ceremony then commenced, Bro. Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., who has for many years acted with great efficiency as Installing Master, once again fulfilling the duties. After the usual preliminaries the W.M. elect Bro. T. W. Foxcroft was inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, and subsequently proclaimed and saluted. The following brethren were invested Officers for the ensuing year:—Mills S.W., Horefield J.W., Sawyer P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Winfield Secretary, Leonard S.D., Wilson J.D., Holford P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. H. Coutts Organist, Jackson I.G.; Bros. Arden, Middleton and Dearden Stewards. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. W. Lloyd I.P.M. for his appreciated and valuable services during the past year, for which the recipient returned thanks. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, the preparing and serving of which reflected much credit on Mr. Street and assistants. After the banquet, the toast list was proceeded with, Bro. Martin Thomas P.G.J.D. replying for the Deputy P.G.M. and P.G. Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed in eulogistic terms, after which Bro. Thomas sang "Here's to his health in a song." The W.M. in reply said: In all people's lives there was a red letter day, and he considered the day he was initiated into the Wilton Lodge, proposed by Brother Lloyd, was a red letter day in his life. During ten years he had taken a great interest in the Lodge and had from the first made

up his mind that if the G.A.O.T.U. spared him, he would fill the position he now held. To-day was another red letter day in his career, and he trusted he should fulfil the duties creditably to himself and the Wilton Lodge. The W.M. in proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Lloyd, said he was a good Mason, had made a good W.M., and deserved all the eulogy they could bestow upon him, and particularly the jewel which he (the W.M.) had now the pleasure of placing on his breast, and which he trusted would be worn amongst the members for many years to come. The health of Bro. Lloyd was drunk with enthusiasm, and in thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and the handsome jewel they had presented him with, he said he had certainly done all in his power to further the interests of the Lodge, and to ensure harmony and unanimity amongst the brethren. No W.M. could possibly have had a better staff of Officers than he had, and he trusted they would rally round and support the present W.M. in the same way. Other toasts, proposed and responded to, were the P.M.'s, the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, and the Officers. The proceedings between the toasts were enlivened with vocal and instrumental music, from members of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, viz., Seth Wrigley on the autoharp, Barlow and Schofield on mandoline and guitar, and songs from Bros. Martin Thomas, Nall, Mercer, Witton, and Coates.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

THE monthly meeting was held at the hall, Snargate-street, Dover, on Monday, the 18th ultimo, the W.M. Bro. Christopher Sims presiding. A member was raised, and there was also an initiation. Bro. W. B. Baker the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. J. Wright P.M. was elected Treasurer, and L. Marsh Tyler. There were about forty of the brethren present.

MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, S.E., on Thursday, 4th inst., when there were present Bros. White W.M., Baxter S.W., Marshall J.W., Messenger P.M. Secretary, Major Easterbrook S.D., Pitcher J.D., Major Bridges P.M. Dir. of Cers., Cornish I.G., Hill Organist, Mawbey and Sims Stewards; P.M.'s Harvey I.P.M., Stevens, Bradley, Turner, Captain Style and Crouch; Bros. Colonel Villiers (Commanding Officer 1st S.R.V.), Ellis, Poole, Player, England, Pullan, Williams, &c. Visitors—Bros. Davis 2128, Finch 1641, Dowsett 101. The previous minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Ellis was raised to the third degree. Messrs. Howard and Smith were respectively balloted for, accepted and initiated, the whole of the ceremonies being very ably performed by the W.M. A motion relating to the necessity for recommendations to the Shooting Committee of the corps in connection with the Lodge presentation cup and its accompanying annual money grant was introduced by Bro. Marshall, and, consequent on pressure for time, was adjourned for consideration at ensuing meeting. On the proposition of Bro. Major Bridges votes of condolence and sympathy were passed in reference to the recent death of the R.W. H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and of the late Grand Secretary Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, and these were ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and a pleasant hour or two passed in harmony and good fellowship.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held at Bro. Tom Wood's, Wheatsheaf Hotel, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Hilton W.M., Archdale S.W., Vincent P.M. Treasurer, Hall P.M. Secretary, Shepherd S.D., Biddiscombe J.D., Hebden P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of Cers., P.M.'s Caldwell P.P.G.S.B., Needham, Needle, and Carr; Bros. Worsley Organist, Taylor, Davies, Lee, Parkin, Tom Wood, and Carswell; Visitors—Mottershead P.M. 1011, and Lenard 1077. The Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Brother Nield was passed to the second degree by the W.M., in grand style, Bro. Hebden P.M. P.G.D. Dir. of Cers., explaining the working tools. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. made a touching allusion to the death of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and proposed that the sympathy of the brethren with the bereaved Royal Family be recorded on the minutes. The proposition was seconded by Past Master Vincent, and carried unanimously, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE annual meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 26th ult., when Bro. John Wood was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. D. T. Bostel, the retiring W.M., the charges being delivered by Bros. Isworth P.M., Broadbridge P.M., and Balchin jun. P.M. The W.M. appointed his Officers, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices as follows:—Bros. Bostel I.P.M., Collins S.W., Hollands J.W., Guy Secretary, Balchin P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell S.D., Dorey J.D., Cole P.M. Organist, Cully D.C., Upton I.G., Sturt and Gregory Stewards; Bros. Jefferies, Sharp and Garrett were elected on the General Purposes Committee; Bro. Isworth was re-elected Charities' Steward, and Bro. Hawkes P.M. was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Rooms Com-

mittee. The retiring W.M., Bro. Bostel, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

MISTLEY LODGE, No. 2339

THE installation meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, Manningtree, on Tuesday, 26th ultimo, to which date it had by special dispensation been postponed on account of the decease of Mr. David Mustard, the father of the incoming W.M. It is a most extraordinary coincidence that last year the installation had to be put off for a similar period for an exactly similar reason, Mr. R. S. Raffles (the Stipendiary Magistrate of Liverpool), father of the Rev. T. S. Raffles, the then W.M. elect, having died just a week before the day fixed for the installation. Directly the Lodge was opened the W.M. (Bro. the Rev. T. S. Raffles) proposed a vote of condolence with the Prince and Princess of Wales in the loss sustained by them, which was carried unanimously. The new W.M. Bro. Mustard S.W. was most impressively installed by Bro. Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.M. 2342 Prov. G. Chap. Essex, P.P.G. Chap. Staffordshire, and among the Visitors present were Bros. Vaux W.M. 650, Sanders Secretary 650, Everard P.M. 650, Horncastle W.M. 697, Eustace P.M. 697 and Secretary 1977, Copeland, Prince of Wales, Ipswich, &c. A letter was read from Bro. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to be present; later in the evening a telegram was received from him bearing good wishes to the new W.M. Bro. Everard acted as Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Ward being absent through illness. After the installation ceremony the new W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. the Rev. T. S. Raffles P.P.G. Chaplain I.P.M., Butler S.W., Parsons J.W., Rev. Dr. Morris P.M. Chaplain, Brooks Treasurer, Garrard Secretary, Spencer S.D., Lockey J.D., Ward P.M. 650 P.P.G.R. D.C., Campbell Organist, Taylor I.G., Faulkner, Alston, and Bendall Stewards, Wright Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet served by Host Forster, and the usual Masonic toasts were given.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 25th ult. Present—Bros. Wrigley W.M., Thomas P.G.J.D. I.P.M., Wollaston S.W., Nall D.C. acting J.W., Harrop Treasurer, Hilton Secretary, Beaver S.D., Smith Organist, Brookbank Steward, Luke, Normanton, Barlow, Lloyd, Hamnett, and Ward; Visitors—Heywood P.M. 1387 P.P.G.S. West Lancashire, and Lisenden P.M. 317 acting Tyler. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 6.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The business transacted was passing Bro. Luke to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Prior to the Lodge closing the W.M. proposed a vote of condolence to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the untimely death of his eldest son Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to H.R.H. to that effect. The W.M. announced his intention of acting as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited the support of the brethren in aid of that Institution. The W.M. also announced that the sale of tickets for the concert to be given in aid of the Masonic Charities by the Minnehaha Minstrel Troupe was going on satisfactorily. The Lodge was closed at 8.20.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—At the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 11th instant, when there were present Bros. Rowe W.M., Jones S.W., Burgess J.W., Foan Assistant Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, Jarvis S.D., Keen J.D., Cuffanti I.G., Weeks Tyler, Kirk, Sherwood, Bromley, Wise, Dukas, and G. H. Reynolds. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bromley offered himself as a candidate to be passed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Dukas candidate. Brother Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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FAITH AND UNANIMITY CHAPTER.

THE annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, on Thursday, the 16th ult. The following were the Officers invested:—M.E. Comp. Robinson 1st Principal, M.E. Comp. Oldfield 2nd Principal, M.E. Comp. E. Newman 3rd Principal, Comps. Huxtable S.E., Ensor S.N., Lock Treasurer, Hewgill P.S., Knight and Sampson A.S., Talbot Janitor. The installation banquet was postponed, owing to the death of the Duke of Clarence.

SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

THE Companions held their annual convocation, on the 25th ult., at the Town Hall, Stonehouse. The Principals elect were installed:—Moulder Z., Thomas H., Stawell J., the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P. 3rd G.P., Rae P.P. 3rd G.P., Croydon P.P.G.S.B., were the Installing Officers, assisted by Comps. White, Aitken-Davies, and Gidley. The Officers invested were Hendry I.P.Z., Rae S.E., White Treasurer, Dr. Harrison S.N., Surgeon-Major May P.S., Daff 1st A.S., Parker 2nd A.S., Croydon Dir. of Cers., Rev. Dr. Lemon Org., Jackson Steward, Gidley Janitor.

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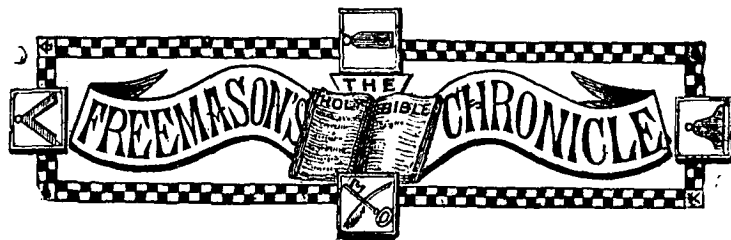
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Obituary.

COLONEL A. C. FOSTER GOUGH.

WE regret to record the death of Colonel Gough, of
Graiseley, Wolverhampton, which took place, after
a few days' illness, in London. The deceased gentleman
had an attack of influenza, which was followed by
pneumonia, from which death occurred on Monday, the 1st
instant. Col. A. C. Foster Gough was born at Wombourn
in 1832. He graduated at Dublin University, at which he
afterwards took his LL.D. degree. By profession he was
a solicitor, being admitted in 1854, entering the office of
his uncle, the late Mr. Joseph Foster, King Street, Wolver-
hampton, and in 1872 he took into partnership Mr. W. H.
Colebourn, retiring from the firm in 1881. It was as a
Volunteer and Freemason that Col. Gough was more
generally known and popularly esteemed.

Early in life he was for a time connected with the
Yeomanry, but he retired. As Secretary to a rifle club he
was dining one night with the late Col. Vernon, formerly
of the Coldstream Guards, when attention was directed to
the circular of General Peel relating to the establishment
of the Volunteer movement. Col. Vernon said, "Why
should we not form our club into the first Volunteer
company in the kingdom?" Preliminary steps were
taken by a committee, of which Mr. Gough was a promi-
nent member. The promoters claimed that they launched
the first Volunteer company in the county under the
1859 dispensation. As soon as a sufficient number of
names were received, a second Wolverhampton company
was raised, mainly by the exertions of the then Rifle Club
secretary, who was appointed its commander with the
rank of captain. The third company was, when raised,
commanded by Capt. Henry Loveridge, now Col. Love-
ridge. Companies were also formed at Bilston, Tipton,
Sedgley, and other localities, and Col. Vernon became
commandant of the regiment which he was one of the first
to call into existence. Soon after his appointment to the
command of a company, Capt. Gough laid out and for
several years, until he was promoted to the rank of major,
maintained, at his own expense, an extra rifle range of
upwards of 1,000 yards, at the Beacon, near Wolverhamp-

ton, for the special use of himself and the riflemen of his
own and other companies of the battalion. When examin-
ations for Volunteer officers were established, Major
Gough, who had been promoted to field rank in 1863,
passed the Military School under Col. Monck at Welling-
ton Barracks and obtained a field officer's certificate.
A staunch supporter of the Volunteer cause from its in-
auguration, Col. Gough, who, by the way, held that rank
since 1880, was scarcely ever known to be absent
from parade since the Wolverhampton companies
were formed, and he was present from the march
in to the march out at each of the very successful bat-
talion camps held annually at Oxley by the 3rd V.B. of
the South Staffordshire Regiment since 1879. Col. Gough
was one of the 15 commanders of Volunteers appointed to
the command of brigades at the Jubilee Review at Alder-
shot, when 655 officers and men of his battalion attended
and formed part, under Col. Tudor of the 5th Brigade of
the 2nd Army Corps, commanded by their chief. In the
march past the Queen the men of the 3rd Staffordshire
acquitted themselves right well, worthily deserving the
shouts of "Bravo, Staffordshire," which greeted them.
The late colonel resigned his command of the battalion in
1888, severing a nearly 29 years' active connection with
the Volunteer force. The officers, to show their apprecia-
tion of his services, unanimously resolved to place a
portrait of their retiring commandant in the corps head-
quarters. This was presented to him at a banquet and now
hangs in the mess room.

While devoting himself assiduously to his military duties
the Colonel found time for following various other pursuits.
For many years he gave much attention to artistic,
chemical, and electrical studies, especially to the deposition
of metals. He was a member of the London Society of
Arts, a member of the Palestine Exploration Fund Com-
mittee, a member of the Biblical and Archæological Society,
and LL.D. and life member of the Senate of the Dublin
University, &c. He was also President of the Wolver-
hampton Literary and Scientific Association, a post to
which he was appointed in succession to Sir Rupert
Kettle.

Col. Gough took an active part as what is recognised as a
"working" Freemason for a long period. He occupied the
position of W.M. of the Lodge of Honour, Wolverhampton,
No. 526, in the year 1858. In 1860 he was appointed by
Col. Vernon Provincial Senior Warden. From 1865 to
1868 he was Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Colonel
Gough again accepted that office when Colonel G. S.
Tudor was chosen as the Provincial Grand Master of
Staffordshire, in 1881, and shortly afterwards he was
honoured with the appointment of Standard Bearer in
the Grand Lodge of England. In 1889 he succeeded
Colonel Tudor as Provincial Grand Master, having for
some time previously had charge of the Province in
consequence of the unsatisfactory state of Colonel
Tudor's health. The selection of Colonel Gough
to the highest position in Masonry in the Province
was hailed with the greatest satisfaction by the brethren,
especially in North Staffordshire. He was a frequent
visitor at the different Lodges, and took the warmest
interest in all that concerns the Craft. He "proved" the
principal corner-stones of the Jubilee Buildings at Tunstall
and the Cottage Hospital at Longton, the Masonic cere-
monies being an attractive feature in the proceedings on
those occasions. His zeal in the cause of Masonry was such
that during the past year he has striven to effect more
uniformity in the ceremonials of the Craft—with what
success remains to be seen, but will probably not be com-
plete now that his career has unfortunately been cut short
by death. Col. Gough was also a Past Officer of the
Grand Chapter, and Grand Conclave of England, and Past
Provincial Grand Mark Master of Staffordshire. His
portrait was published in Gould's great work on Free-
masonry, issued a short time since. Recently Col. Gough
contributed 150 guineas to the three principal Masonic
Charities—50 guineas to each—which qualified him to
become a Vice-President of each.

Ardently devoted to sport, especially the wilder sort,
Col. Gough was, until recent years, well known about the
West Coast of Ireland, from Cape Clear to Sligo, as
a successful seal hunter and deep-sea fisherman. Numerous
trophies of his skill in this direction adorn his Graiseley
residence, where the floors of some of the rooms are nearly
covered with skins of seals shot by himself. A Conserva-
tive in politics, Col. Gough was ex-President of the

Wolverhampton Conservative Association, a member of the Wolverhampton Deanery Conservative Club, and a member of the Constitutional Club, London.

The remains of the late Col. Foster Gough were interred in the family vault, at the Cemetery, Wolverhampton, with the customary Masonic ceremony and partial military honours. The officers and men of the 3rd V.B. South Staffordshire Regiment assembled at the Drill Hall, the officers present being Major Pritchard, Major Thorne, Major Morgan, Capt. Chapman, Capt. Underhill and Capt. Guy. Headed by the battalion band, they marched to the residence of the deceased, Graisle, where the funeral procession was formed. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and many wreaths and crosses. Next came the conveyances containing the mourners, who were the Revs. Dr. Rosedale, C. H. Gough, and W. E. Rosedale; Messrs. W. Gough, H. F. Gough, Allen, A. S. Shaw, Walter W. Shaw, J. Tunnicliffe, J. Perkins, W. H. Colebourn, J. Darby, T. C. King, C. Matthews, J. Bodenham, and J. F. Pepper. About 100 Freemasons attended, all wearing badges, and including Officers of the Grand Lodge Past and Present, the Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Officers and Members of the Provincial Grand Chapter, the Brethren of the Province of Staffordshire, and Brethren from other Provinces.

Several letters of apology for non-attendance were received by the P.G. Secretary from Freemasons unable to attend:—Col. Tudor P.P.G.M. Staffordshire wrote that he had been most anxious to attend the funeral, but was recovering from an attack of influenza, and had been absolutely forbidden by his doctor to leave his house, and who particularly desired that the brethren should know how deeply he deplored the death of his old friend Colonel Gough, and how sincerely he sympathised with all the brethren of the Province in the great loss they had sustained:—Bros. Frank James D.P.G.M., Rev. W. Randall Past G. Chaplain, J. T. Collins D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, E. Hooper P.P.G.W., I. B. Piercy P.P.G.W., Rev. V. Litchfield P.G. Chaplain, T. Buxton P.G. Sword Bearer, H. Kitson P.P.G.W., E. J. Mousley P.P.G.S., E. E. Scrivener P.M., G. W. Bradford W.M. 2149, G. Hoskison W.M. 1060, E. Phillips I.P.M. 966, J. B. Ashwell P.M. 637, R. Dain P.M. 98, J. Mason W.M. 98, W. Needham P.P.G.Supt. Works, F. Dally P.M. 526, J. Stevenson, E. B. Devereux W.M. 418, Rev. E. D. Bootham P.P.G.C., G. Shread W.M. 482, T. Saunders 98, G. G. Warren P.P.G.R., E. Pearson P.M. 98, F. W. Gribble S.W. 539, T. Bakewell P.M. 637, T. Cox W.M. 1039, T. Barker P.M. 1942, J. Lowe Treasurer 2149, J. Wooldridge P.G.D.C., C. Loxton W.M. 1520, G. Stead I.P.M. 1520, G. M. Tortoiseshell P.M. 456, H. Payton P.M. 482, J. Price Secretary 1914, H. Woodhouse P.M. 726, J. Payne Hall P.M. 456, M. Barker P.P.G.W., &c.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were also received from Sir Alfred Hickman, the Revs. Prebendary Allen, H. G. Rosedale, and C. W. Manning, Lieut-Col. Thorneycroft, Dr. Newnham, Messrs. C. E. Shaw, Ernest E. Shaw, W. W. Shaw, T. J. Addenbrooke, Henry Ward, George Ward, S. W. Page, J. Riley, and others. The deceased gentleman being a former member of the Yeomanry, a deputation attended from the Wolverhampton troop. The officers and men of the Third Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment assembled at their headquarters, Stafford-street, shortly before two o'clock, and soon afterwards marched to the residence of the deceased. Col. Naylor was in command (in the unavoidable absence of Col. Tudor), and amongst the officers present were Major Pritchard, Major Thorne, Major Morgan, Capt. Chapman, Capt. Underhill, Capt. Guy, Lieut. Pratt, Lieut. Waterhouse, together with Major Blake Burke (Brigade-Major Staffordshire Infantry Volunteer Brigade), Capt. C. Walsh Graham (Supply and Transport Officer Staffordshire Infantry Volunteer Brigade), Surgeon Major Fraser, Major Oswell (2nd V.B. North Staffordshire Regiment). The Volunteer band led the procession, *via* Worcester-street, Victoria-street, Darlington-street, and Merridale-road the Cemetery, playing Chopin's Funeral March. The members of the Volunteer force were formed into a guard of honour at the Cemetery, and the procession, with the band still playing its mournful music, slowly wended its way up to the main pathway. A short distance from the Cemetery Church the coffin was met by the Rev. E. F. Wanstall, vicar of St. Paul's, Wolverhampton, and by the Rev. W. F. Bradley, St. Peter's, Westbromwich,

Provincial Grand Chaplain of Staffordshire (who wore his regalia), and by them conducted into the church. After the usual short service there the coffin was brought to the grave side, a Volunteer guard having meanwhile been formed into a hollow square surrounding the spot. The Rev. W. F. Bradley, after reciting the customary interment formula in impressive tones (the Volunteers meanwhile having raised their helmets), delivered a short address. They had that day laid to rest one whom to know was to love, whose gifts were great and well applied. Only a week ago the late Col. Gough had stated that he had within a very short time paid no fewer than fifty visits in connection with Freemasonry work. He had been a good soul to others, and might the Great Architect of the Universe be good to him! They knew how he had not only recently spent large sums of money for that Masonic movement, but how also before that large sums of his private income had been expended for the benefit of the Volunteers. Greatly respected by Volunteers and Freemasons alike, he had gone to his rest, and he could only hope that a worthy successor might be raised up. The Benediction having been pronounced, the service concluded. Among the senders of floral tributes of esteem were the following:—The Principals, Officers, and Companions of St. Peter's Chapter, No. 419 (a handsome star with the Masonic emblem of a square and compass, in violets); the W.M. and brethren of the Marmion Lodge, 1060; the W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Honour, 526; the W.M. and brethren of the Dartmouth Lodge 662; the Wolverhampton Troop of the Queen's own Royal Yeomanry (a floral Staffordshire knot); Col. Tudor, the Rev. Prebendary Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gough Allen, Mr. Coleburn, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Addenbrooke, Miss A. Perkins Miss C. Eyre, and others. At a monthly meeting of the Tudor Masonic Lodge of Rifle Volunteers at the Drill Hall the ordinary business was suspended. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the family, and recording the high appreciation entertained by the Lodge of the deceased gentleman's zeal for the promotion of the best interests of Freemasonry in that Province. The "Dead March" in "Saul" was played by Bro. Roper, Mus. Bac., the members of the Lodge standing. In consequence of the death of Col. Gough, the Masonic ball proposed to be held in the Town Hall, Wednesbury, under the auspices of the members of St. Bartholomew's Lodge, in the last week of the present month, will not take place.—*Staffordshire Advertiser*.

The annual ball of the Smyth Lodge, No. 2284, was held at Grimsby Town Hall, last week, and was certainly a successful social event. The W.M. Bro. Councillor Carter, in the full determination that the ball during his Mastership should not be inferior to its predecessors, engaged the fine band of the Royal Engineers, numbering thirty performers, so that the music was the best that could be obtained; and brethren, in addition to those of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, accompanied by their lady friends, to the number of over two hundred, did full justice to the treat provided for them. The thanks of the brethren are due to the W.M., and his Officers who assisted him so ably on the occasion.

Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons have been honoured with Her Majesty's commands to publish a fac-simile of the letter addressed by the Queen to the Nation in reference to the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The letter will be issued in the course of this month, in a form suitable for framing, with an appropriate border now being designed for it by Mr. Poynter, R.A. This plate, produced by fac-simile process, will be sold at 1s, and as an etching at one guinea. We may add public announcement as to the disposal of the proceeds of the sale will be made shortly.

On the 26th ult the members of the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2330, held their annual ball in the Victoria Hall, Pudsey. The hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion. The proceedings opened with a children's ball, the music for which was played by Bro. Swaine. Bros. Wilkinson, Riley, Booth, and Cromack assisted in entertaining the children, who were each presented with a prize from a Christmas-tree. At the adult ball, which began after the children's ball had been brought to a close, there were about thirty-five couples present. Dance music was played by Mr. Devine's band, and Dr. Love W.M., and Dr. Kershaw S.D., officiated as M.C.'s.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—"Humpty-Dumpty" has undoubtedly worked itself into popular favour, and judging from the way in which it was received on the occasion of our visit last week, by a crowded audience, Sir Augustus Harris must be content with his pantomime. Mr. Harry Nicholls, in collaboration with the popular lessee, has produced a very amusing book, full of smart dialogue, which is done justice to by the exceptionally strong array of artistes engaged. Such old favourites as Messrs. Herbert Campbell, Dan Leno, John D'Auban, Fred Walton, Miss Fannie Leslie, Miss Retta Walton, Emma D'Auban, have all good parts, while little Tich and Miss Marie Lloyd, among the new comers, are well to the fore. It will be seen from this strong list of performers that ample amusement should be forthcoming, and in this any one visiting Drury Lane will not be disappointed. The scenery is up to the mark, but where there is so much that is beautiful it is hard to find anything for special mention. We cannot, however, help drawing attention to the procession of dolls, and the ballet in the orange grove. We heartily congratulate all concerned on the success that has been achieved for "Humpty Dumpty," and hope that it will be many weeks before Sir Augustus Harris will remove this his last success from the boards of "Old Drury."

Avenue.—In spite of much adverse criticism "The Crusaders" has had a run extending over one hundred performances, and may therefore have fairly exceeded the author-manager's expectations. He has now revived his remarkably fine play "Judah," for a short time, though we imagine that playgoers will cause him to extend its representations, as it is an attractive piece, and they who saw it when originally produced at the Shaftesbury, with Mr. Willard in the title rôle, will doubtless be constrained to witness it a second time. Mr. E. H. Vanderfelt now represents the sorely tried young Welsh parson, who for love of Vashti Dethic falls from the right way, and he gives altogether a thoroughly artistic impersonation. Miss Olga Brandon resumes her original character of Vashti, and Mr. Sant Matthews that of Professor Jopp; the parts could not be in better hands. Mr. Cyril Maude is capably placed as Juxon Prall, and the arch-humbag Dethic enables Mr. Hendrie to give a very striking performance. Miss Bessie Hatton, Miss G. Warden, and Mrs. H. Clifton, together with Messrs. E. Dagnell and C. Fulton, ably sustain the supplementary characters.

Criterion.—Mr. Charles Wyndham has made a judicious move in reviving the late Henry J. Byron's amusing farce, "Fourteen Days," which has been shelved for many years. As Peregrine Porter, the unfortunate gentleman who has assaulted a policeman, for which he incurs a penalty of a fortnight's imprisonment, which sentence he has to conceal from his wife, the genial actor has just one of those light touch and go characters that appear made for him. The fun appears to increase with each succeeding act though perhaps the loudest laughter is obtained in the prison scene, where the governor Claud Delafield entertains his prisoner, but reminds him every now and then of his position. This latter character is capably played by Mr. W. Everard. Mrs. Porter is naturally charmingly represented by Miss Mary Moore. Mr. Blakely is as usual quaint and diverting as Brummies, while Mr. G. Giddens affords assistance as Glibson. We are very pleased to hear that Mr. Wyndham has a new comedy in rehearsal; it is about time we saw our facetious actor-manager in something new.

The 100th performance of Mr. A. W. Pinero's enormously successful comedy was given at Terry's last week, and was received with rapturous applause. We were glad to welcome Mr. Edward Terry on his resuming the part of Percy Egerton-Bompas, M.P., and to find that his rendering was perhaps better than when the comedy was first produced. We feel sure this popular comedian will have no need to look further than "The Times" to provide amusement for his patrons for many months to come.

We have to record the death of Mr. Richard James Manning, which took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., after a brief illness. About a fortnight back, when suffering from a cold, he took a journey to London, where symptoms of influenza developed, and he had to return earlier than he had intended. On reaching home he went to bed, but got worse, and medical aid was summoned. On the arrival of Dr. Purnell he found the case to be very serious, there being heart complications. The doctor continued to attend him with the greatest assiduity and care, but between 11 and 12 on Tuesday the heart's action suddenly ceased and he expired. Mr. Manning for 12 years occupied a seat at the Town Council, but retired in 1888. He was a P.M. of the Benevolent Lodge of Freemasons and a P.P.O. He was a man of literary and artistic tastes, and was universally respected in the city.

The interest which Mr. Spurgeon took in the supply of good and popular literature for the people is well illustrated by the communication which he addressed to Messrs. Cassell and Company in reference to their National Library, in which he said:—"I am at a loss to know how you can produce such works for the sum of threepence. Nothing but an enormous sale can save you from heavy loss. I take little interest in some of the works you have selected for publication, but to others I heartily wish a circulation to be counted by hundreds of thousands. May your enterprise be crowned with substantial success." "Success to The Quiver," wrote Mr. Spurgeon to the Editor of that Magazine, and in the "Sword and Trowel" he said: "It is a joy to have such a magazine in one's hand."

An interesting photograph is now being sold in Dublin, produced under the auspices of the Munster Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons from an old miniature in the possession of the first Masonic Lodge of Ireland, that of Cork. The portrait is that of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, the first and only lady Freemason. The proceeds derived from the sale of the photograph will be devoted to the forthcoming Masonic Bazaar, which is already beginning to be a good deal talked about in Ireland.

As a proof of the rapid growth of Freemasonry in Victoria since the formation of the United Grand Lodge, in 1889, no less than 35 new Lodges have been established in various parts of the colony, while the number of members on its register has increased by about 4,000. Another warrant has been issued for a Lodge in connection with the Melbourne University, to be called the University Lodge, No. 171, the consecration of which took place at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 16th December, the W.M. being Brother Professor Elkington. The following distinguished brethren are among its founders:—Brothers Jas. Wm. Barrett, W. L. Craig, Sir M. H. Davies, Professor Elkington, Chas. B. Finlayson, Wm. J. Fookes, W. Balls-Headley, J. Madden, Chas. J. Ryan, Wm. Thwaites, and Rev. Horace Tucker.—*Argus*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 13th February.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1534 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1658 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1864 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hotel, Todmorden

Monday, 15th February.

1 Grand Masters', Freemason's Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.C.
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.T. 128 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1189 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malton
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100 Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 1051 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton
M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
R.C. 28 William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday, 16th February.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queens Westminster, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 26 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.
R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1358 Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.C. 45 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
448 Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
441 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
402 Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
699 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
906 Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing

2045 Wharton, Willesden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Saxon Hall, Basingstoke
M.M. 166 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266 Ashurst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 330 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4

Wednesday, 17th February.

140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. E.C.
190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1170 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H., W.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cabbitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681 Lonsborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
R.A. 1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
R.C. 41 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, S in Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Plymouth
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitby
428 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Gloucester
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
982 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Wokingham
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1068 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1248 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighouse
1303 Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales
R.A. 284 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288 Loyal Totaorden, M.H., Totnaorden
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
R.A. 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Mardy
M.M. Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

Thursday, 18th February.

House Committee Girls' School, Butterton, at 4
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wool
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
R.A. 19 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. Bon Accord, Mark Masons, Hall, W.C.
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
53 Howard, High Street, Arundel
58 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
293 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Huddersfield
263 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Ball Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smalbridge
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Salford
1011 Richmond, Old Bar's Hotel, Manchester
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crekito, Devon
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Biret Hotel, West Gorton
1512 Beaumay, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1537 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton
1544 Thornhill, Darn House, Louth

1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1992 Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107 Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 107 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Kent's Lynn
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 97 Strict Benevolence, M.H., Sunderland
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
M.M. Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 19th February.

6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
113 Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1704 Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.
152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541 De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Gainsborough
1093 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Puddleton
R.A. 622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
M.M. 123 Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.C. White Rose of York, F. J. L., Sandfield

Saturday, 20th February.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1614 Orlington, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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Saturday, 13th February.

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' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent, St. W.

Monday, 15th February.

22 Loughborough, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 8
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Damask, Gaiety Hotel, Clapham, 7:3
1247 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C. 7:30
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1613 Kilburn, 46 South Milton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, De laun's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Bridge Chambers, High Street, Walthamstow, 9

Tuesday, 16th February.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
183 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Moshe-Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey, Lodge of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
709 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maiden Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
830 Dalhousie, Mullion Arms, Dulston, 8
841 Finsbury, King's Head, Three Vinson St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Gays, Essex
1449 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Gunning Row, 7:30
1441 Mount Edgecombe, Three Legs, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Ishington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 188 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1510 Canner, Old White Horse, Borough High St.
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1695 New Finsbury Park, Hensley Wood Tav. N
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, Brixton, 8
2145 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton

Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 17th February.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, 111 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 Pav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
903 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
1791 Creaton, Wheatstheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
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766 W. Preston, Waterloo Arms, Marylebone, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhith New Road
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1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
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1273 Bardett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 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
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
1614 Coven: 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
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 19th February.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
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
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30
1612 E. Carnarvon, La Trobe 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

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179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
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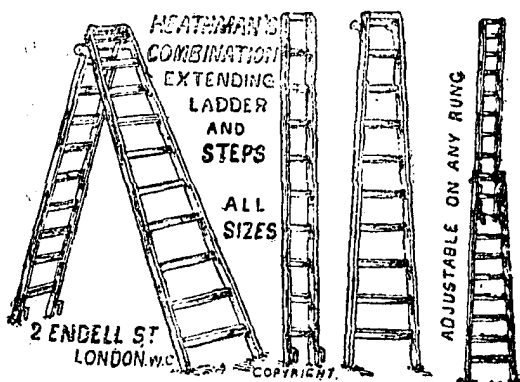
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