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THE COST OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE statement of accounts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the year 1891 has just been issued, and we think the Craft will endorse the opinion of the Board of Management that the friends of the Institution may be congratulated upon the gratifying result of their past year's work on its behalf. The total receipts for the year amounted to £27,297 0s 9d; made up of Subscriptions and Donations £26,306 12s 1d; Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter £160 10s 3d; Legacy £52 10s; Dividends and Interest £643 8s, and Sundry Receipts £134 0s 8d; while on the other side we have General Expenditure £11,336 3s 1d; Special Expenditure £718 9s 7d, and Pensions £79 18s, leaving a balance of income over expenditure amounting to £15,162 10s 1d, of which sum £7545 14s has been invested during the year in the purchase of India 3½ per Cents. and Consols, while the balance is in the hands of the Bankers and Officials of the Institution. These figures display an amount of prosperity for the Boys' School which is not only very pleasing, but at the same time eminently satisfactory, as showing the desire of the Craft to place this Charity on a firmer and more substantial basis, by enabling it to considerably increase its invested funds, and thereby add to its permanent income from dividends, &c.

Turning to the question of expenditure on each boy in the Institution, we find a considerable increase during the year, the average on the general expenditure having risen to £44 19s 3½d per head, as compared with £41 7s 11d for 1890, and at the rate of £39 5s per annum for the last half of 1889, which was the first period included in the accounts of the new Committee. The Board of Management state the "expenditure will bear comparison with previous years," but wisely refrain from showing what the comparison will disclose. At the same time they mention that an increase has been unavoidable in some items, consequent upon a serious epidemic during the autumn; but as the additional outlay under the head of "Infirmity" only amounts to £105 16s 3d, or an average of 8s 3½d per boy on the establishment, that does not go far towards explaining the very considerable addition that has taken place in the average cost, as compared with the last year, and the preceding six months. We should not think it necessary to call special attention to this increase were it not for the boast made by the Provisional Management Committee, or by some one on their behalf, at the end of 1889, that they had effected a saving of £11 11s per boy per annum, by lowering the average cost from £50 16s to £39 5s. It will be remembered that we contended at the time this statement was made that this great reduction was only imaginary, or at least that it was of a very temporary character, secured by some

special means which would not be found of a permanent nature, and we think the experience of the subsequent two years has fully justified our criticism. The average of 1891 stands, as we have said, at £44 19s 3½d, but in the total on which we calculate this average there are several items of expenditure—amounting in the aggregate to £668 9s 7d, or an average of £2 12s 5d per boy—which, rightly or wrongly, should have appeared in the summary upon which the average was calculated in years gone by, so that on the whole the saving of £11 11s per head has dwindled down to something under £4 a head, which saving, at the present rate of absorption, will entirely disappear at no very distant date. But we did not intend stirring up the past when we sat down to review these accounts of 1891. We hope the troubles of a few years back have had their run, and that the future will be as satisfactory as the present management can desire. We assure them we shall use our best endeavours to support them in their work, and if we occasionally find it necessary to criticise their actions, they must not imagine we are acting in any unfriendly manner, but rather as enthusiastic watchers of their efforts, anxious to keep them in the course they started upon—to administer the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with efficiency and rigid economy.

THE EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

WHEN a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of Freemasons is tyled and at work, members are admitted by a particular form.

A person claiming to be a Mason and seeking admission as a visitor, a special objection denies his request. If no such objection, then he must be known to be a Mason, and that appearing to be so, the W.M. directs his admission. The forms that are essential in all these cases we need not state. If the visitor is not known, and he asks to be examined as to his qualifications to visit, a committee of the Lodge is appointed by the W.M. and examines him. The report is final on the question of qualifications.

It is a very important duty entrusted to the examiners. In the first place the visitor is to be treated with that kind and fraternal courtesy which ever characterises Masonic conduct. Due deference is to be shown to the claimant. He is to be regarded as an honest, earnest man, seeking a Masonic privilege. If he is entitled to it, that is the duty of the examiners to ascertain.

Every well-organised Lodge has at its meetings some members who are trained in Masonic law, work and ritual. They have had proper teachings. They have experience. They, or one or more, are selected to conduct the examination.

Of course every Mason who knows anything about the law of Masoury, knows we cannot here explain the duties of these examiners. But it is plain that their only object is to ascertain if the visitor is a Mason; that he owes allegiance, and pays his obligations to a Lodge of Free-

masons recognized by a Grand Lodge of F. and A.M., that he does not belong to, or associate with, persons who, claiming to be Masons, are clandestine by edict of a Grand Lodge; that he is a member of his Lodge in good standing. What is matter of record is not covered by the commandment of Masonic secrecy.

Now the examiners come to the investigation of the visitor's Masonic knowledge. The *esoteric* work has now to be treated of, and the visitor is brought face to face with the crucial tests of his right to visit a Lodge of F. and A.M., and prove he is a regular Freemason. The examiners here have no authority to vary a jot or tittle from the Landmarks. Not a word can be injected into, or omitted from, the examination, firmly set in it. In these proceedings there is no room for theories and experiments.

It is known that the ritual of all Grand Lodges as to examination of visitors is not word for word uniform. But that is of no importance to the examination. It must plainly appear beyond doubt, for if a doubt exists it is to be taken against the admission, that the visitor is a regular Freemason and that he was initiated into a regular Lodge of Freemasons, and stands as a M.M. free from disabilities.

There are instances, which we well know, when examiners have "taken for granted" what was essential. Trouble has come from this violation of the duty imposed on examiners. *Nothing can be accepted that is not proved.* This is the rule in these cases. Far better that a visitor should not be given the privilege of visiting a Lodge, even if he has the capacity, than to take for granted a visitor was qualified by assuming him to be so, and thus disturb the harmony of a Lodge and bring disgrace on its lack of Masonic knowledge. The examiners are responsible to their Lodge for the manner they perform their duty.

If from a neglect of their duty the privilege of visiting is granted to one not entitled to it, the examiners are duly liable to Masonic discipline. Why not?

If the examiners are not fully and entirely "satisfied" by the examination, they can report to the Lodge, and then their responsibility is put on the Lodge.

A new committee may be appointed, other examiners may be added to those first selected, or, what may be the safer plan, politely and kindly and courteously inform the applicant that he has not proved his right to the privilege. We desire to say, that if a visitor demands, or asks, to see the charter of the Lodge he seeks to visit, he should be promptly told, in Pennsylvania, when the charter is taken from its proper place in the Lodge, the Lodge by that act is "closed"—the Lodge thus closed, all further proceedings of the examiners is ended.—*Keystone.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

"OUR Girls" have again scored. The Cambridge List is out, and 13 out of the 15 children who went up have passed, 4 with honours, and 7 besides distinguished. The following are the particulars:—Seniors—Lucy Smith, 3rd Class honours; Amy Cutbush and Ettie Chapman satisfied Examiners. Juniors—Bertha Dean, 1st Class honours, and distinguished for religious knowledge and the theory of music; Bessie Locke and Ethel Gillet, 3rd Class honours, and distinguished for religious knowledge; Mary Nicholson, Evelyn Conti, Jessie Bilby and Nellie Grammer satisfied Examiners, and were distinguished for religious knowledge; Edith Tanner, Irene Gooch and Mabel Wood satisfied Examiners.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE results of the Cambridge Local Examination, held last December have just been sent in:—

First Class: First Division: Haines (with distinction in Religious Knowledge and English).

Second Class: Franco, Gay, Higginson, Moorcroft.

Third Class: Angier, Bingham, Churchill, Fortune, Harvey.

Certificates: Boulter, Cole, Conpland, Crompton, Davis, Fearon, Horder, Matthews, Murless, Robey, Scarfe, Storrock.

Although numerically these results are not greater than those of last year, yet the quality may be considered better.

No First Class have been gained by the School since 1886, when the boys were older at the time of entering for the examination. It may also be remembered that the boys here are compelled to leave at 15, thus they are at a year's disadvantage as compared with lads from other schools, consequently we may be satisfied with the results. Out of 5053 candidates only 162 were placed in the first division of the first class.

The following report of the Board of Management was adopted at the meeting of the Council on Saturday last:—

The Board of Management have pleasure in handing to each subscriber the accompanying statements of accounts for 1891, which have been submitted to and adopted by the Council of the Institution, after being prepared by the Finance Committee and duly audited.

The friends of the Institution may be congratulated upon what must be regarded as a gratifying result of the past year, which has been occasioned in a large measure by the generous support of the Craft at the Anniversary Festival.

It will be found that the expenditure will bear comparison with previous years. An increase in the cost of maintenance has been unavoidable in some items, consequent upon a serious epidemic during the autumn, which was happily overcome without serious or fatal results, and at the present time the establishment shows "a clean bill of health."

Some additional expenditure in cleaning, painting, and renovating the whole of the buildings, and an amount of £718 19s 7d under the head of special expenditure had been incurred in providing necessary class-room accommodation (and other extraordinary requirements) which the Board resolved upon rather than erect new buildings, at a much greater cost, as previously intended and sanctioned by the subscribers.

The amount of invested funds of the Institution as stated in the balance-sheet is £25,045 14s. In this amount the following presentations and bequests have been ascertained to be included:

Perpetual Presentations—			
Province of East Lancashire, Blair	...	...	£1050 0 0
Province of West Yorkshire, De Grey	...	...	1050 0 0
Province of West Yorkshire, Marquess of Ripon	...	...	1050 0 0
Province of Cheshire	...	...	1050 0 0
Life Presentations—			
Province of North Wales and Shropshire, Sir Watkin *	...	...	525 0 0
Province of Devon, John Huyshe	...	...	525 0 0
* These two have hitherto been regarded as of a value of £1050 each, but have now been ascertained to be only £525 each.			
Province of Stafford, Duke of Connaught	...	...	525 0 0
			£5775 0 0
Prize Funds—			
W. Winn	...	...	525 0 0
C. Greenwood Memorial	...	...	103 13 0
E. Cox	...	...	84 0 0
Edgar Bowyer Memorial	...	...	45 14 0
			758 7 0
Sustentation Fund	...	...	500 0 0
Investments out of Income	...	...	18,102 7 0
			£25,045 14 0

The number of boys chargeable to the Institution during the past year was 255.

Owing to the popular support so generously given by the Craft to the Sister Institutions during the present year, the Board seriously urge that your Lodge or Chapter will send a Steward to the forthcoming Festival on 29th June next, in order that the small amount of our invested funds may not require to be reduced to meet necessary current expenses.

By order,

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

5th March 1892.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Brother J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C. Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Brothers C. J. Perceval, J. Newton, C. A. Cottebrune, H. J. Strong, M.D., Hugh Cotter, G. Bolton, Charles E. Keyser, A. Mullord, G. E. Fairchild, W. Belchamber, C. F. Hogard, W. F. Smithson, W. Fisher, John Barnett jun., George Mickley, M.A., M.B., Major Carrell, W. J. Crutch, C. G. Hill, Henry Cox, Charles Lacey, W. H. Hubbert, E. M. Money, W. Webber, G. P. Gillard, C. Kempton, L. G. Gordon Robbins, T. G. Bullen, J. S. Cumberland, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the February meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants and one widow annuitant, and a sum of £10 was voted in the case of one of them for funeral expenses, to be placed in charge of Bro. Sampson. The

Warden's report for the past month was read, and the Secretary reported (1) receipt of £525 voted by Grand Lodge towards the Jubilee Festival; and (2) that the said Festival had been held at the place and on the day appointed, when subscriptions were announced to the amount of £59,539 16s, with many lists outstanding, and that this sum had since been increased to £62,185 2s 6d, with several lists still to come. It was resolved that the vote of thanks to the Chairman be engrossed on vellum. It was resolved that a permanent clerk, at £100 a year, should be engaged for the service of the Institution, and also that the Secretary, in consideration of his recent arduous labours on behalf of the Festival, should take rest from time to time. It was resolved that in consideration of the services rendered to the Institution by the Province of West Yorkshire, the sum payable for a perpetual presentation to the Male Fund should, in the case of the "Tew Presentation," be 1100 guineas instead of 1200 guineas, as settled at the meeting on the 9th September last, but the latter to be the amount payable in ordinary cases. The application of the widow of a recently deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted, and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROV. G. LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE half-yearly meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, under the banner of Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, on Tuesday, 1st inst., when, in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell P.M. 1002 P.P.G.S.W. presided, supported by a number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last annual meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Mills P.M. 1390 moved as a recommendation that the next annual meeting be held at Millom. Bro. Kassell P.M. 1074 moved that it be held at Kirkby Lonsdale, under the banner of the Underley Lodge. To test the feeling of the members it was put from the chair, when 1074 had a decided majority.

The Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary read the report adopted by the Charity Committee, which was unanimously confirmed.

Bro. Colonel Sewell, acting Provincial Grand Master, proposed a vote of condolence be sent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Princess of Wales, at the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. John Mills, Treasurer for the Provincial Educational Fund, moved as per notice of motion, that the title of the scheme be for the future "Educational and Benevolent Fund," which was seconded by Bro. McKay, and carried. With other general business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined at Bro. Atkinson's Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, under the presidency of Bro. McKay, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me, through your columns, as the most universal medium I can adopt, very cordially to thank those brethren who by recording their vote in my favour on Wednesday last elected me by such an overwhelming majority to the proud position of Grand Treasurer.

Such a satisfactory result could only have been brought about by the united support of London and the Provinces, and I feel deeply grateful to both.

I do not know how sufficiently to thank those brethren who, at the sacrifice of both time and money, came even from the most distant Provinces to record their votes, nor can I say how much I appreciate the earnest support and personal kindness I have

received from so many of the London brethren, to whom only a short time ago I was quite unknown,

I am deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon me, and my endeavour shall be so to discharge the duties as to prove my gratitude and justify their confidence.

With fraternal regards,

Yours faithfully,

J. D. MURRAY, P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire W.D.

Mytholmroyd, Wigan.

9th March 1892.

THE SHADWELL CLERKE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just had my attention called to the letter of "W.M." in your number of the 27th February.

I most entirely agree with his view that the proposal to provide an annuity for Mrs. Clerke is "a most ill-advised proceeding," and I am not a little surprised that Grand Officers of such standing and experience as those whose names are attached to the Circular should have brought forward such a proposal.

My own knowledge of the matter is derived from the Circulars issued by the Promoters, and facts known to the Craft as matters of general information. I gather from these—(1). That Colonel Clerke was the owner of (a) An estate in Ireland—rental value not stated; (b) Securities of the present saleable value of £10,461 8s. (2). That Mrs. Clerke possesses a small entailed property, the income of which "as an average of the last two years—an unusually short period for an average—is £133 10s. (3). That the late Grand Secretary received from the Craft a salary of £1000 per annum.

Yet, immediately on his decease the brethren are "invited," not mind you "solicited"—please observe the distinction on which the Promoters lay such weight—to assist in providing for the widow.

Why? because, it appears, that the late Grand Secretary, being possessed of ample means to provide for his widow, has omitted to carry out his "evident intention" of leaving her a life interest in his estate, and has charged his personalty with £100 per annum in favour of each of his sons! Practically it amounts to this—that the Craft are to make up the deficiency caused by our deceased brother having, either deliberately in the latter case, or by omission in the former, not made the provision for his widow which he was in a better position to make than probably nine-tenths of the brethren.

I can strongly corroborate the statement of "W.M." that the Circular has caused "a great feeling of astonishment, not altogether unmingled with indignation"—or, I would add, disgust.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

A PAST GRAND OFFICER AND

A DEP. PROV. G. MASTER.

4th March 1892.

GRATIFYING RESULT.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the Stewards and General Committee of the recent forty-third annual ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held, on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. Brother Arthur J. J. Bamford, C.C., Chairman of the Committee, presiding, with Bro. Harradon P.P.G. Treasurer in the vice-chair. The Treasurer (Bro. E. R. Latham P.M.) presented the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there were 307 Stewards for the ball, each contributing a guinea, and in addition 491 half-guinea tickets were sold. The balance to be handed over to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was £452 13s 6d, the largest sum on record. The donations included ten guineas from his Worship the Mayor (Bro. J. de Bels Adam), ten guineas from Mrs. Arthur J. J. Bamford, and twenty guineas from Bro. Bamford, the total amount of donations being £57 13s. Attention was called to the fact that the expenses of the ball had been reduced to the minimum, and that the secretarial expenses were nil. Brothers E. Colliester Jones and W. Kohn, the hon. Secretaries, presented their report, in which they stated that the result of the ball—a balance of £452 13s 6d to the benefiting Charity—must be exceedingly gratifying to the brethren. Thanks were accorded to his Worship the Mayor, to Bro. Bamford and Mrs. Bamford, to the hon. Treasurer, to the hon. Secretaries, and to all who had in other ways assisted in the attainment of so excellent a result. Votes to the Educational Institution to the value of their donations were awarded Bro. and Mrs. Bamford; Life Governorships were voted to Bros. E. Colliester Jones and W. Kohn, in recognition of their services as hon. Secretaries; and the ballot for twenty-nine other Life Governorships was proceeded with, the following Stewards being successful in the draw:—Bros. Dr. Duncan, J. Mainwood, W. W. Thomas, W. C. Erwin, W. Corner jun., T. H. W. Walker, W. E. Cox, S. Howard, W. Savage, S. G. Hibbard, J. W. Hallwood, S. Turner, F. Lipsham, J. Greenlees, C. Wycherley, T. Andrews, T. Stanley Ball, W. Bagot, Martin Nicholas, J. Bramley, C. Johnson, D. Dankel, R. Shaoklady, E. Sherwood, T. R. Ausdell, W. Rawthorne, J. Lockie, and W. Pierpoint.

Bro. Edward Letchworth has been appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the post rendered vacant by the death of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. Letchworth was formally invested as Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge, on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. The proceedings were of a strictly private nature. We venture to predict the selection will meet with universal approval, as Bro. Letchworth enters upon his duties with a perfect knowledge of the requirements of the office.

MASONRY'S TEACHINGS.

ALTHOUGH the dark waves of ignorance, bigotry, and hate, have for ages dashed against the rock of eternal truth upon which Masonry rests, yet there she stands to-day, heedless of their fury, and complacently smiling upon all the world around, her outstretched hand glistening with tears that she has wiped from the cheek of sorrow, and her fair brows garlanded with the blessings of thousands of hearts that have been touched by her sceptre of Love and Peace.

Freemasonry has been defined to be a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, devised for the purpose of explaining and inculcating the great principles of Morality, Science, and Religion. In accordance with this design we find Ancient Craft Masonry divided into three departments or degrees, composing a system of regular gradation, by which we advance, step by step, upon the rounds of our theological ladder—Faith, Hope and Charity—until we emerge into that full blaze of spiritual light which illuminates the soul, and shines out in the acts of every Craftsman who is worthy to be called one of the "Sons of Light."

In the first degree, morality or virtue is beautifully inculcated by our peculiar system of ceremonies, emblems, and types, whose impressive lessons cannot fail to sink deep into the mind and prepare it for a regular advancement in the principles of moral philosophy and science.

Here, through the veil of our mysteries, the mind is directed to the great quarry of our fallen nature. The blocks, rude and unshapen, lie imbedded in darkness, reason, unaided from on high, like an unskilled "cowan," turns from the scene, unable to fit them for their intended uses. The dim light of nature fails to penetrate the clouds of moral darkness that wrap their thick foldings about the unenlightened mind, the chaotic confusion sways her sceptre over the dark and dismal waste. In vain does the benighted soul scan the clouded horizon of ignorance and superstition to catch one ray of that spiritual light which emanates from the Allwise Master Builder of the universe, and imparts the knowledge of His goodness, love and mercy to His creatures.

But here, upon the very threshold of our outer courts, we find, ever burning upon our altars, that Great Light of Masonry, whose pure and heavenly rays dispel the moral darkness and teach us to have faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind. By the aid of this Great Light we are taught to labour in fitting our minds as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Kindled by the hand of the Almighty, it is the life and soul, the foundation and capstone of our institution. Extinguish it, and Masonry falls and dies without a struggle. She can no more exist without it than can we without the light and heat from the sun. Put out the Great Light of Masonry and Religion, and life will become a desert without one bright oasis, and eternal despair will spread her funeral pall over the ruins of lost humanity.

But the pillars of heaven may fall; the twinkling stars may be dashed from the blue arch of night; the created universe may sink into eternal oblivion—yet the eternal truth of God will never die; this Great Light will never dim. In time it will burn upon our altars and in the hearts of the true "Sons of Light," and in the realms of eternity it will blaze for ever near the throne of God.

The Entered Apprentice Mason, standing just within the portals of our Masonic Temple, is greeted by Virtue in all her purity and loveliness, while Faith, Hope and Charity beckon him to higher mysteries and additional light. He hears of brotherly love, relief, and truth. He sees, in our ceremonies and emblems, fountains of moral teachings that send their pure streams far out to fertilize the wide desert of our degenerate nature; and if he practically studies the great moral truths here presented, he will be well qualified to pass the portals of our middle chamber.

In the second degree, as the candidate advances in the knowledge of our mysteries and the virtues they inculcate, he is also taught that to make daily progress in knowledge and virtue is his privilege and duty. The Almighty has made man a progressive being. His intellectual faculties are capable of constant expansion, and the higher his attainments in knowledge, the greater is his capacity for enjoyment. It is no new theory that a search after

wisdom and the study of science will form a part of the employment of the redeemed upon the plains of eternal bliss. For ever diving deeper into the mysteries of the Supreme Grand Architect, and the wonders of the works of His hands, and constantly being rewarded with discoveries of priceless jewels of wisdom, will as constantly increase their love and their happiness. For ever progressing towards God and perfection—for ever advancing in degrees of wisdom, strength and beauty—for ever attaining to more of the light of God's power and goodness and for ever drinking deeper of the fountain that makes glad the city of the living God; the immortal "Sons of Light" will there be able to fully comprehend and enjoy those hidden glories which mortal "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have they entered into the heart of man."

Freemasonry is wisely adapted to the intellectual wants of our progressive nature; and as the candidate advances in our mysteries, he discovers that one sublime truth mastered is but a stepping-stone to another yet more sublime. He finds the entrance to the middle chamber blazing with the light of science and philosophy, and while his mind delves after the richest gems of truth and reason, he realizes that the highest law of our being is labour, and its results are progress and excellence.

In the third degree are taught the cardinal principles of religion. Not the particular dogmas of any religious sect or creed, for then our house would be divided against itself, and confusion among the workmen would ensue, while chaos and darkness would hold their sway where harmony and brotherly love now triumphantly reign. Then the fiend of discord would rush into our temples, overthrow our altars, put out our lights, destroy our implements of labour, and hide our jewels for ever in the rubbish of prejudice and bigotry.

And here, let me ask, who can help but admire and wonder at the great wisdom manifest in the design by which our glorious institution was framed? I have often, while contemplating the wisdom and excellence of this design, lost myself in the vain effort to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to whether the great Master Builder, who held the compass and the square, was human or divine—whether the etchings upon the trestle-board were executed by a divine or human hand. With faultless symmetry and with glorious proportions we behold our moral and Masonic temple towering high above all sects; and while its golden dome and flashing pinnacles point upward to the heavens as the dwelling-place of the great I AM, the Christian, the Jew and the Mohammedan may enter its portals and kneel at its altars.

Here, in the inner temple, we are taught the cardinal principles of that religion in which all men agree. Free from everything like bigotry, yet pointing man to his responsibility to God and to his eternal destiny. Who that has entered into the most secret recess of our temple, and there witnessed its solemn and sublime ceremonies, can leave that place without being deeply impressed with the lessons there taught? Who that has passed through those ceremonies, and travelled that road which we as Masons have all travelled, can fail to comprehend the teachings that lie beneath the surface, although veiled in symbolisms and allegories? Here is reflected that light whose divine rays dart athwart the dark valley and shadow of death, penetrate the gloom of the grave, and burst forth in unseen splendour in the realms of immortality and eternal life.

Did Masonry reflect only the dim light of nature and look only to the present life—did her teachings begin at the cradle and end at the grave, looking no further backward nor forward than the short span of human existence—our moral and Masonic temple would have been incomplete, and its unfinished walls would have fallen long ago; even its heap of ruins would not remain to mark its former site or tell that it ever existed. But to our most excellent master builders were given wisdom and strength, not only to finish but to adorn it, so as to challenge the admiration of all who gaze upon it with unprejudiced eyes. With its designs drawn from that great spiritual moral and Masonic tracing-board, given to man by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, with its foundation stone of Truth laid deep in that faith which heaven has implanted in the human breast; with its blocks squared by the square of virtue, laid to the plumb-line of morality, and cemented in brotherly love; with its noble arch crowned with the keystone of charity; with the incense of its altars ascend-

ing to heaven; with its lights and symbols pointing to immortality beyond the grave, it stands firm and unshaken as it ever stood. Since the celebration of its capstone, thrones have tottered and fallen, kingdoms and empires have passed away, centuries and ages have borne upon their sweeping billows the shipwrecked hopes and plans of men and of nations; yet our Institution remains unscathed and unfading. The gray mists of antiquity which have encircled its brow have only served to add to its glory and prove the stability of its nature. And who of us, brethren, doubts that it will still survive the lapse of ages, and that—

“When the creation shall fall into ruin,
Its beauty shall rise through the midst of the fire.”

But while we gaze with pleasurable emotions upon our moral and Masonic edifice, while we delight to view its ancient pillars, count its arches, and linger along its corridors, let us not forget that we are more than mere idle spectators within its walls. Let us not forget that we are of the hands of the workmen; that with the implements of Masonry in our hands, we have solemnly dedicated our hands to labour, and he who idles away his time in the quarries is not worthy the name of a Mason. He who takes upon himself the solemn engagements of Masonry, and then sits down and folds his arms in idleness, is more to be pitied than that man who built his house upon the sand.

Then, brethren, are we upon the walls, wielding our implements of labour? Does the trowel gleam brightly in our hands from constant use? Are we imbued with the spirit of our labours, and do the walls of our moral and Masonic edifice grow in proportion, strength and beauty, each succeeding day?

If we are truly the “Sons of Light”—if we are earnestly engaged in the noble works in which Masonry has instructed us—if we have learned the Royal Art aright, and practice it in the true spirit of the genius of Masonry, we are assured that our labours shall not go unrewarded. It has been truly remarked by an eminent Craftsman, that when the sons of Masonry live and act in the noble spirit of their Institution, she may well adopt the language of the pious Job, and say: “When the earth heard, then it blessed me; when the eye saw, it gave witness unto me; because I delivered the poor that cried, the fatherless and the widow, and him that had none to help; the blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy.” Then, brethren, let it not be in mockery that we hold the implements of Masonry in our hands. Do they not remind us of our duties to God, to each other, and to our fellow men? Do they not remind us of the ancient craftsmen who toiled upon Mount Moriah, in the quarries of Zeredatha, and in the forests of Lebanon? Those craftsmen are gone. Their songs are heard no more upon the mount. The quarries give back no echo of the notes of labour. The dust of ages has swept alike over the fallen ruins of the Temple and the graves of its honoured builders. But those ancient brethren have left us their precepts, their examples, and their implements of labour. While they have marched forth, at the summons of the Grand Master of the Universe, to receive the wages due them, we, in our turn, have taken up the square, the level, and the plumb. And since we have taken upon ourselves their profession; since they have handed down to us their arts, their traditions, and their secret ceremonies; since they have left us their implements, with the knowledge of their uses; since they have solemnly enjoined upon us, by their precepts and example, to love virtue, seek knowledge, practice charity, cultivate brotherly love, to walk uprightly before God and man—and, in short, to prove ourselves worthy of them and of our noble profession—let us follow in their footsteps, let us imitate their virtues, and prove to the world that ours is a high and noble calling.

Like them, we are brethren; and, as such, like them, we should show the world “how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” Like them, we are bound together by a “mystic tie” which all the powers of earth and hell should not be strong enough to sever; a tie that is stronger than the passions of the human heart; stronger than death; a tie that binds the heart of every Mason to those of his brethren—and all to God. And that Judas who would sever it, nay, who would cleave asunder one of its silken threads is prepared in heart for deeds that would challenge the courts of perdition itself.

Let not brotherly love with us be an empty name, but

let it ever live and burn in our hearts. If we have it not there, we rear our altars in vain; if we have it not there, our ceremonies and emblems are but empty mockery, and our name as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Its living, active presence in each breast, makes us a “band of brothers.” Where its influence is felt there is true Masonry. Has our brother fallen into error?—it prompts the gentle reproof; yea, more, it prompts us to follow an erring brother to the very gates of hell to reclaim him. Is our brother surrounded with difficulties and seeking counsel?—it meets him with kind words and advice. Is he in distress?—it hastens to relieve him. Is his fair name traduced by serpent-tongued slander—brotherly love stands ready to support and defend. It is the cement of our Masonic Temple, and without it we cannot build.

Then, brethren, let us be faithful to our trust and to each other. Let us perform our vows. Let us exemplify to the world the pure and beautiful teachings of our rituals. Let us show to the world that, by the aid of that “hieroglyphic light, which none but craftsmen ever saw,” we are erecting a spiritual, moral, and Masonic edifice whose glory shall be infinitely greater than that of the magnificent temple with which our ancient brethren crowned the summit of Mount Moriah. Then, when with us—

“There is no more occasion for level or plumb-line,
For trowel or gavel, for compass or square,
When our works are completed, our ark safely seated,
Then we shall be greeted as workmen most rare.”

—Voice of Masonry.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S AMERICAN TOUR.

IN the spring of 1860 it was decided that the Prince should proceed to the Far West under the care of the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and when the news reached America, Mr. Buchanan, President of the United States, invited the Prince to visit the Republic, promising him such a warm welcome as would be most pleasing to the Queen. The invitation was accepted, but it was intimated that on his tour the Prince would drop all Royal state and travel under one of his Scottish titles—Baron Renfrew. On the 2nd of August His Royal Highness received a hearty greeting from the people of St. John’s, Newfoundland, the rough fishermen and their wives being especially enthusiastic in their loyalty. On the 7th, at Halifax, he was pelted with flowers by cheering crowds till the Duke of Newcastle said, their carriage was rapidly filled up with bouquets; in fact, all through Canada the welcome given to the Queen’s son for the Queen’s sake was cordial in the extreme. One of the most picturesque incidents of the tour was the visit to Niagara by night, the Falls being illuminated by Bengal lights. These were first of all placed between the Falls and the rock over which they tumble, and turned as if by magic the vast sheet of water into a mass of incandescent silver, the boiling river itself gleaming with phosphorescent tints, and the spray rising high in the air as a thick luminous cloud. Then when the white lights were changed to crimson, the Falls and rapids were transformed into a seething lurid river of blood, and the spectators were awed into silence by the terrific grandeur of the scene. When the Prince crossed to the United States the people there strove to outdo the Canadian welcome. It was laughingly said that he would be lucky if he got out of the country without being asked to “run for President” next year, and the accounts which the Queen received of the splendid reception at Chicago deeply moved her. At Cincinnati and St. Louis the crowds were still greater, and more enthusiastic, though quieter and more staid in demeanour than those in Canada. On the 3rd of October the Prince visited President Buchanan at Washington, and in company with him stood uncovered before the tomb of Washington—who had wrested the independence of the continent from his great-grandfather. In New York no monarch of ancient or modern times could have received a warmer ovation from his own people, and the reception at Boston, if less effusive, was not less cordial.—From *Cassell’s Life and Times of Queen Victoria*.

A Lodge of emergency was recently held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, in connection with the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, to take into consideration the claims of two widows of deceased brethren to be recommended to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, which was agreed to. There being no other business before the Lodge, Bro. Orilton Cooper delivered a lecture on the “Antiquity of Freemasonry,” which was highly appreciated, and a vote of thanks accorded to the lecturer.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LODGE OF VIRTUE, No. 152 (MANCHESTER).

THE installation of Bro. Wm. Batt W.M. elect took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 19th February. Present—Bros. Gillibrand W.M., Batt S.W., Cantrell J.W., Rev. J. Watson P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, Crompton Secretary, Millington S.D., Campbell J.D., G. C. Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., Yates Organist, Davies I.G., Froggatt and Norton Stewards, White Librarian; Past Masters Conway, Daniel, Jaffrey P.P.G.J.D., and Blaikie; Bros. Pearce, Constantine, Cook, Wragge, Kelly, Stephenson, Kinder, Kennedy, Hobbs, Morton, and Fletcher; Visitors—Leathley P.M. 1126, Whitwam 1219, Normanton W.M. 204, Armitage I.P.M. 1083, Jepson P.M. 1715, Tom Wood W.M. 1345, Walker P.M. 1126, Beresford P.M. 1993, Ashworth S.D. 999, John Brogden, A. Williams P.M. 1170 P.P.G. Organist, Marsh S.W. 1730, E. Williams P.M. 325 P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Clarke P.M. Treasurer 935, Hulme I.G. 852, Bingham 2231, John Robinson 852, and Locke P.M. 1387. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Daniels, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. David Conway P.M. (a man in every sense of good report). The W.M. elect Bro. Wm. Batt was duly presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Wm. Jaffrey P.M. P.P.G.J.D., and forthwith installed Worshipful Master of the Virtue Lodge, No. 152, for the ensuing 12 months with all due rite and ceremony. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s Bro. Batt W.M. was proclaimed to, and saluted by them in the customary manner. The following brethren were invested Officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Wm. Jaffrey P.M. P.P.G.J.D., viz., Bros. Cantrell S.W., Millington J.W., Rev. J. Watson P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Pritchard P.M. Treasurer, Crompton Secretary, Campbell S.D., Kay J.D., G. C. Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., Yates Organist, Froggatt and White Stewards, Kinder Librarian. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. R. A. Daniel P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. G. C. Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., and to the Brethren by Bro. David Conway P.M., and the ceremony of installation being concluded hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the toast of the evening, viz., the Worshipful Master being received with enthusiasm, heartily drank and responded to by Bro. Batt. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Gillibrand, in addition to a gold appendage for his watch chain. Both gifts were much admired and gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Crompton Secretary was also presented with a gold charm for his watch chain, in appreciation of his zealous services. Several other toasts were proposed, an enjoyable evening being spent.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A VERY interesting Masonic evening was enjoyed by the brethren of this ancient and popular Lodge on the 8th inst., when the recently-installed W.M. (Bro. Orton Cooper), now quite restored to health, presided, and was supported by Bros. P. J. King I.P.M., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, F. J. Hentsch P.M., William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Wm. Kirkland S.W., W. J. Dyer J.W., E. J. Copley, A. B. Spawforth, G. E. Absell, A. M. Kingston, Cecil Mount, G. C. Brightling, P. J. King jun., H. Pembroke, &c. The Lodge being duly opened the W.M. rose, and addressing the brethren, said: Before commencing the business of the evening I desire to thank you all most sincerely for your kind consideration and forbearance on the occasion of my installation. It was a matter of great regret to me that I was not better able to fulfil the functions of the evening, but the Almighty Architect having restored me to health I hope in future to perform the duties to your satisfaction. The minutes having been read and confirmed, applications for the office of Tyler to the Lodge, rendered vacant by the death of Brother Benjamin Banks were next considered, and the Secretary was directed to make inquiry as to their respective qualifications and fitness for the office, and to report at the next meeting. There being no other business before the Lodge, Bro. Orton Cooper delivered a lecture upon the "Antiquity of Freemasonry," traced from the authentic documents still extant as distinct from the legendary history of the Craft. The lecture was followed with much attention by the brethren, and at its termination a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Cooper; and upon the proposition of Bro. Henry Nash P.M., seconded by Bro. Alfred Green P.M., it was resolved unanimously that the lecture be printed at the expense of the Lodge and that a copy be attached to the minutes. The W.M. having signified his acquiescence, returned thanks, and stated his opinion that the labours of our Lodges would make smoother progress and become more interesting if there were occasionally some departure from the usual stereotyped programme. The Lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant musical entertainment was given by Bros. Pembroke, Green, Mount, Kingston, Brightling and King, Bro. Arter acting as accompanist.

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LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. Staton W.M., Valtchoff I.P.M., Read S.W., Spencer J.W., Cunliffe P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Garside Secretary, Jackson S.D., Bushell P.M. J.D., Allen I.G., Whitehead Organist, Bladon P.M. Dir. of Cers., Quail and Paterson Stewards; P.M.'s Dawson, Walmsley, Lisenden, I. Garside, Chesworth; Bros. Ashe, Rottmayer, Simcock, Brocklehurst, Field, Plumpton, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There was no business in the shape of ceremonies to perform, but the W.M. announced that the sum of £157 10s had been subscribed by the brethren towards the R.M. Benevolent Institution, exclusive of 50 guineas voted from the Lodge Funds, 100 guineas of which had already been sent to London. This announcement was received with applause, and the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony. At the social board, in addition to the usual toasts, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Henry Walmsley P.M., on account of the anniversary of his 27th year as a member of the Lodge. During this long period he had scarcely ever failed to put in an appearance at the Lodge meetings, whilst at the social board his songs were highly appreciated. Altogether Bro. Walmsley's countenance was familiar and welcome to the members and visitors, and he (the W.M.) sincerely trusted he might be spared for many years to come amongst them, and that the rest of his life might be happy and prosperous. The toast was heartily drank, and Bro. Walmsley replied. Other toasts were proposed and replied to, a pleasant evening being spent.

SHAKSPEARE LODGE, No. 1009 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place on Friday, the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. Present—Bros. Crosland W.M., Pringle S.W., Southwell J.W., Allott P.M. Treasurer, Enticknap P.M. Secretary, Bibby J.D., Young Steward; P.M.'s Rome P.P.G.S., Halden, Statham P.P.G.T.; Bros. Lane, Goodier, Horsley, Vaughan, and George O. Brookes; Visitors—Cheetham jun. P.M. 993 P.P.G.D., Bedson P.M. 163 P.G. Organist, Moss P.M. 1161, Bowers P.M. 1730, Kay P.M. 1773, Blease 1773, and Ellwood I.G. 1161. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. H. Firth, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. John Till was passed to the second degree by Bro. Halden P.M. Bro. John Till was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Statham P.M. P.P.G.T., and Bro. Lane by the W.M., and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. Present—Bros. Lofthouse W.M., Start S.W., Smith J.W., Wrigley P.M. Treasurer, A. B. Outram P.M. Secretary, Wm. Thorpe S.D., Brierley I.G., Lisenden P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s White, Ernest Jones, A. Williams, Jordrell and Walker; Bros. Ballard, Kay, Roworth, Grocock, Entwistle and Reilly. Visitors—Charles Duckworth P.M. 204, Cantrill S.W. 152, Chaloner 454, T. E. Williams 1212, Geo. Flint W.M. 1287 London and Leigh P.M. 287 P.P.G.S. Cheshire. The Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick Todd, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Start delivered the E.A. charge in masterly fashion. Bro. Entwistle being present to take the second degree, answered the necessary questions and withdrew. He was subsequently passed to the second degree by Bro. Williams P.M., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. Great regret was felt by all present at the announcement made by the W.M. that in consequence of an alteration in his business functions he should in future be very little in Manchester, and necessarily at his Lodge; at the same time the members might depend upon his presenting himself at the Lodge meetings whenever possible.

WILTON LODGE, No. 1077 (BLACKLEY.)

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 7th instant. Present—Bros. Foxcroft W.M., G. W. Lloyd I.P.M., S. Mills S.W., J. Horsfield J.W., J. T. Sawyer P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Wingfield Secretary, Dr. Coutts Organist; Past Masters Holford, George Jackson, J. W. Shaw, Caldwell P.P.G.S.B., Haworth, Thomas Stopford, and Godby; Bros. Dearden, Kershaw, Diggle, H. G. Jackson, Arden, Dr. Taylor, Williamson, Middleton, Barnet, Jackson, Williams, Whitcombe, W. Smith, W. H. Lowry, and A. Whittaker. Visitors—Bros. Dr. A. Eldershaw P.M. D.C. 204, W. H. Browne 1134, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Grey and Usher, who were declared elected. They were afterwards initiated into Freemasonry, the first named by Bro. Lloyd, and the latter by the W.M. Bro. Holford delivered the E.A. charge to both candidates. The sum of £5 was voted from the Charity funds for the immediate relief of the widow of a late member, and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

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TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place at Bro. Tom Wood's, Wheatsheaf Hotel, on Saturday, the 5th inst., when there were present—Bros. Fred Hilton W.M., Archdale S.W., Burgess J.W., Hall P.M. Secretary, Shepherd S.D., Biddiscombe J.D., Hebden P.M. P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Wardle I.G., Worsley Organist; P.M.'s Moses Davies, Jas. Taylor, Blair, Needle and Woodburn, E. Davies; Bros. Tom Wood, Lee, Baxter, Hogg, Parker, A. B. Taylor, Creswell and Nield. Visitors—Martin Thomas P.M. 204 350 2363 P.G.J.D., Corner jun. P.M. 1345 P.G.D.C. West Lane., Selby W.M. 1083, Elliott 1140, Luke 2362, Beaver S.D. 2363, Barlow 2363, Baron S.D. 1219, Simcock 317, Harrison 581, and Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. J. M. Elliott, W. G. Kempston and J. B. Penman, and was unanimous in each case. Only Bro. Elliott being in attendance, he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Tom Wood W.M. 1345 in an impressive and painstaking manner. Considering Bro. Wood has not sat in the chair of K.S. as W.M. of his own Lodge since he was installed last month, this performance of the initiation ceremony was meritorious, and augurs well for the Victoria Lodge during Bro. Wood's presidency. Bro. Hebden gave the E.A. charge, and presented the working tools, in that highly creditable finished style for which he is renowned. In the second degree Bro. Nield gave proofs of his proficiency as a Fellow Craft and retired. He was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. in such a manner that proved study and rehearsals, as well as a high appreciation for the solemnity and impressiveness of the ceremony. Bro. Hall presented the working tools to the candidate, and there being no further business the Lodge was duly lowered, and closed in peace and harmony. At the social board, the health of the Prov. Grand Officers was proposed and responded to by Bros. Corner jun., Thomas, and Hebden. Bro. Creswell proposed the health of the Initiate, Bro. Elliott, whom had he known for many years and who he felt sure would be a credit to the Truth Lodge and the Craft generally. The toast was enthusiastically received, and heartily drunk, after which Bro. Martin Thomas sang the E.A. song. The health of Bro. Nield, the newly-raised brother, was proposed in a capital speech by Bro. Worsley, and responded to. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Needham in felicitous terms, who spoke most highly of the unmistakably deep interest he had taken in Freemasonry, not only as regards the working of ceremonies, but in everything that conduced to its prosperity. It was not every day one came across so young a man filling the important and proud position of W.M., and evincing such an earnestness of purpose as Bro. Hilton had shown. He trusted that nothing would occur to mar the anticipated prosperity of the Lodge during Bro. Hilton's year of office. The W.M.'s health was heartily drunk, after which Brother Martin Thomas sang Bro. Batchelder's stirring composition, "Here's a health to our Worshipful Master." This song has a most tuneful and taking refrain, and should become popular at installations. Before the W.M. replied Bro. Buckley Carr rose, and by permission said he felt he could not allow the opportunity to pass without testifying to the able, impressive, and reverential manner in which Bro. Tom Wood had performed the ceremony of initiation that afternoon. He (Bro. Carr) had known Bro. Wood for many years, and it was exceedingly pleasurable to find a man, whose time was mostly taken up night and day in his business duties, distinguished himself in so satisfactory a manner, and gave such ample proof of his fondness for Freemasonry and his determination to reflect honour on the brethren's choice, who had unanimously elected him W.M. of the Victoria Lodge. Bro. Carr said he had not the slightest doubt the members of the Victoria Lodge would feel proud of their Worshipful Master, who had thus early shown his aptitude for the duties devolving on the honourable distinction recently conferred upon him. Bro. Carr's remarks were received with approval from all present, and Brother Fred Hilton responded to the toast of his health in appropriate terms. Bro. Hebden P.G.D.C. said he should like to inform the brethren that Brother Lofthouse, Worshipful Master of the Callender Lodge, with whom he had been associated for many years in business, and for whom he had the most profound respect, both as a business man and a Freemason, had sent a letter of sincere apology for the non acceptance of the cordial invitation that had been sent him to attend their present Lodge meeting. He (Brother Hebden) informed the brethren that Brother Lofthouse was just about to enter on a new business engagement, which would compel his absence from Manchester for an indefinite period, except at short and rare intervals. He was quite sure all the brethren who knew Bro. Lofthouse would regret his absence, at the same time would sincerely hope that his future would be both prosperous and happy. The W.M. said he rose with mixed feelings of pleasure and pain to propose the health of Bro. Ernest Davies, who, although only a young member of the Lodge, had endeared himself to them all, and given promise of following in the footsteps of his worthy father, Past Master Davies. Bro. Ernest Davies was, as many of them knew, about to leave England and reside at Vancouver's Island, where he trusted his future would be both prosperous and happy. He asked the brethren to rise, drink heartily to his health, and wish him God speed. The invitation was cheerfully accepted, and Bro. Davies returned thanks. Other toasts, including the Visitors, P.M.'s, Officers, &c., were proposed and responded to, a most enjoyable evening being spent. Some capital vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Bros. Martin Thomas, Baron, Cooper, Luke, Schofield, and Lisenden. Bro. Worsley rendered valuable aid as accompanist and soloist.

AVON LODGE, No. 1633 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place on the 24th February, at Bro. Tom Wood's, Wheatsheaf Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. Kenworthy W.M., Battersby S.W., Willis J.W., Craven P.M.

Treasurer, Brown P.M. Secretary, Jacobson S.D., Greenwood I.G.; Past Masters Farrington, Swinn, Lyon, McFarlane, and Forrest. Several visitors were present, the total number being 40. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Dr. Kelvin, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bros. Parker, father and son, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Barker was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Charles Swinn P.M. Prior to the Lodge being closed the sum of 30 guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held at the Trevelyan Hotel, on Friday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. MacCullam W.M., Holyoak S.W., Dr. Harrison J.W., Beresford P.M. Treasurer, Hutton P.M. Secretary, Liddell S.D., Dean J.D., Shaw I.G., Walker P.M., Cheway, Collins, Hodges, Quick jun. and Hemsley. Visitor—Bro. C. J. Read 299. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Hemsley being ready and willing to take the third degree was duly raised, after the usual preliminaries, by the W.M. and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

RAVENSCROFT LODGE, No. 2331.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet, on Saturday, 5th instant. Present—Brothers Fraser P.G. Steward Herts P.M. 2206 W.M., Hudson S.W., Bintliffe J.W., Thom I.P.M., Arnold P.M. Secretary, Baker Treasurer, Smith P.M. Organist, Gunn S.D., Cronin J.D., Wright Dir. of Cers., Powell I.G., Rawlinson and Hume Stewards, and a numerous gathering of members and Visitors, the latter including Bros. Duff P.M. Prudent Brethren Lodge, Nottingham W.M. 2206, and Hill Organist 732. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular, and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. in a most impressive manner raised Bros. Doughty and Claxton, and Bros. James, Legg, Robinson, Barnard, Richardson, Lunn, and Pallot were passed to the F.C. degree, and Mr. John Thom was initiated into the ancient mysteries. The members proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell upon the Secretary Bro. Arnold P.M., who, at the foundation of the Lodge, very generously undertook to perform the Secretarial duties for the first two years. Bro. Baker Treasurer, and Whiting P.M. were unanimously re-elected to fill their positions for the next twelve months; and the W.M.-elect was chosen to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. A jewel and collar having been voted to Brother Fraser the retiring W.M., and other formal business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Phillips the host had provided a substantial meal. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured. Bro. Thom I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., alluded in complimentary terms to the excellent services of the W.M., not only during the past year, but from the foundation of the Lodge. The brethren duly responded and with musical honours. The W.M. submitted the I.P.M., and in the course of his remarks mentioned the great assistance he had received from his predecessor, whose perfect working is so well known. This toast was, like the previous one, disposed of with music. Bros. Duff, Nottingham, and Hill responded for the Visitors, each of whom spoke of the excellent working and the astonishing success of the Lodge, which although only in its second year has nearly 50 members. The W.M.-elect was accorded a most hearty reception, and in responding Bro. Arnold thanked the brethren for electing him, and promised to do his best for the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Baker, who was also warmly received, spoke of the kindness of the brethren in re-electing him to the position of Treasurer. The Officers was responded to briefly by Brother Hudson S.W., and the Tyler's toast ended one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings of the Lodge. It is worthy of note that at the recent Festival the two Stewards of the Lodge took up between them upwards of 200 guineas. The Ravenscroft is a very musical Lodge, and besides carrying out the ritual with music, has many brethren in its own ranks well qualified to contribute excellent items to the after dinner programme. One of the members, Brother Richardson, treated the Lodge to a capital selection of flute music, being accompanied by Bro. Smith the Organist. The Ravenscroft Lodge has certainly made its mark, and bids fair to be one of the strongest Lodges in the Province of Herts.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING took place on Thursday, 25th February, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, when amongst those present were Bros. E. G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D. Cheshire acting W.M., Ramsay S.W., Straus J.W., J. M. Simpson Secretary, Swinn S.D., Crompton acting I.G., Richardson P.M. 581, Hart, &c; Visitors—A. B. Outram P.M. 1052, Mountain P.M. 204 317, E. Nathan P.M. 1798. The W.M. Bro. T. Birch sent a letter of apology for non-attendance, being occupied in giving away his only sister in marriage. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Rowson, and being announced favourable he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. E. G. Simpson P.P.G.D. Cheshire. Subsequently Bro. Hart was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Richardson P.P.G.D., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed.

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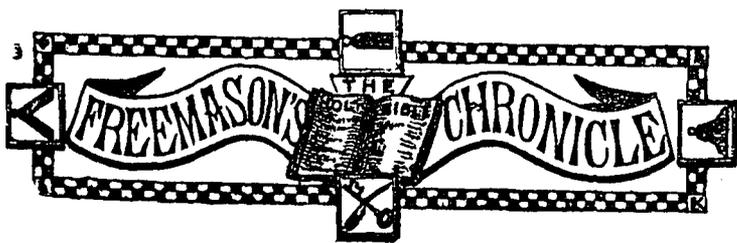
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THE LATE REV. F. V. BUSSELL.

THE funeral of the Rev. Frederick Vernon Bussell, vicar of Balderton, and Deputy Grand Master of Notts, took place on the 25th ult., at Balderton. The deceased clergyman was so well known and so widely respected, that, despite the cold, foggy morning, a large concourse of sorrowing friends assembled to pay a last tribute of respect, and the scene at the grave was one of a mournfully imposing, affecting and impressive character. Bro. Bussell was a son of the late vicar of Newark, and his death from pneumonia, following influenza, at the early age of forty-five years, leaving a widow and four young children, has created a most painful sensation, especially in the Newark district, where his work was best known and appreciated. Less than twelve months ago Balderton possessed one of the ablest laymen in the diocese—Mr. Grosvenor Hodgkinson—and one of the most popular and indefatigable clergymen in Bro. Bussell. The epidemic which has spread so much suffering and pain throughout the land has now swept both away, and the village mourns the loss of two of its most generous friends and prominent residents. Mr. Hodgkinson was, like Bro. Bussell, in the prime of life at the time of his seizure, and only nine months have elapsed since the vicar was officiating at the grave side of his neighbour. There are other circumstances which also render Bro. Bussell's death unusually

sad and pathetic. His last sermons in his own church were delivered on the Sunday following the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. In the morning his address had special reference to the illustrious Duke, and were from the words, "Our days on earth are as a shadow." In the evening, by a curious coincidence, he preached for the last time from the almost prophetic words, "I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is thou, Lord, only which makest me dwell in safety" (Psalm iv. 8). Those who heard the sermon say it was one of intense and convincing earnestness, and the part was especially notable where he dwelt on the happiness of the Christian, who, when lying on a bed of sickness, feeling his strength failing him day by day, could take this blessed verse to heart and say, "I will lay me down and take my rest. If my poor decaying body be laid in the grave, my soul will take its rest in the paradise of God." A few days after the service he was smitten with influenza, and for five weeks has been battling with the pneumonia which supervened, "feeling his strength failing him day by day," until on Sunday night he "lay down" calmly and peacefully to "take his rest in the paradise of God."

Bro. Bussell was educated at Newark Grammar School, and at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he came out in second class in Moderations in 1866. He received his degree in 1868, and the year following entered upon a curacy at Padham, in Lancashire, which he retained for two years. He received his M.A. degree in 1871, and removed to Worksop, where for seven years he laboured as senior curate of the Priory Church. At Worksop he won "honour, love, obedience, troops of friends," and on leaving to accept the living at Balderton, near his native town, he was the recipient of many gifts from the parish and friends in token of the esteem in which he was held. At Balderton he was not long in making the impress of his vigorous hand, warm heart and eloquent tongue felt in the village. His first movement was the restoration of the church, with its beautiful Norman doorways, the admiration of all architects and antiquarians who see them. This he succeeded in carrying out with reverent care, raising for the purpose the sum of £3090 by subscriptions, and by the aid also of a bazaar at Newark Town Hall. Having put the sacred edifice in order and repair (the reopening taking place in 1883) he turned his attention to the enlargement of the churchyard, and with the aid of his friends and a small grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, he secured additional ground, which was levelled, turfed, and walled in, and will answer the requirements of the parish for many years to come. Much more might be said of his earnest and devoted work as a parish priest. But there was another department of public life into which he rose to still higher prominence in the eyes of a large and influential section of the community. Twenty years ago he was initiated a Freemason, and loving its tenets and its charitable work he made a special study of the constitution, ceremonies, and principles of the Order. He became Master of the Pelham Lodge, Worksop, in 1876, and in succeeding years held high office in every branch of Masonic effort. In the Mark degree he rose to be one of the Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of England. In the Royal Arch he was Z. of Alexander Chapter in 1881, and in the Rose Croix Prelate of Magnus Chapter, No. 109. In the Craft he was made Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Notts in 1889, and Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. His services were in constant request at installations, and Masonic gatherings of every kind, and there are few men who have ever attained such proficiency in their knowledge of the ceremonies of this ancient Order. A fitting recognition of his remarkable ability and zeal was made in the Jubilee year, when he was elevated by the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the dignity of Past Grand Chaplain of England. His brethren in the Province were delighted at his appointment, and showed their appreciation of it by presenting him with his regalia.

As may be imagined, the news of Bro. Bussell's death has caused great grief to the Masonic community as well as to his parishioners, neighbours, and friends in the Newark district and elsewhere. A Lodge of Emergency of the Newton Lodge was held at the Savings Bank, Newark (Bro. G. Atter W.M.), at which there was a crowded attendance, brethren being present from all parts of the Province, and bringing with them several magnificent wreaths. An imposing procession left the Savings Bank at one o'clock and walked the two miles to Balderton, where a large concourse of people assembled. There was a most impressive scene, the sun shining through and dispelling the fog about an hour before the funeral.

The oration was delivered by Bro. H. George P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., who spoke as follows:—Brethren, we stand here at the grave of him who, but a few days ago, was our V.W. D.P.G.M. Many and varied emotions stir the hearts of this vast assemblage, but all join together as one man in paying their last sad tribute to the memory of our dear brother, whose mortal remains have just been deposited in their last earthly resting-place. In thus, as it were, bidding him farewell it will not be unfitting here briefly to pass in review his earthly career, cut short in what to our finite minds seems its most useful and successful period. Our friend and brother was born quite near, at Newark Vicarage; eldest son of his father, the Rev. John Garrett Bussell, who was for nearly 40 years vicar of Newark, and whose memory is still green and cherished by all who knew him. We may, therefore, say—A worthy son of a worthy sire. In few words I may remind you that our brother was educated at Newark Grammar School and Christ's Church, Oxford, ordained deacon and priest by the Bishop of Manchester, licensed to the curacy of Padham in 1869, and in 1871 to the curacy of the Priory Church, Worksop. While at Worksop two important events occurred. He married the lady who is now his sorrowing widow, and with whom we all this day so sincerely, deeply and sorrowfully sympathise, and secondly, it was here, in 1872, he was received into Freemasonry, being initiated in the Pelham Lodge, 939, of which Lodge, in the year 1876, he was installed W.M. In 1878 he was instituted into the vicarage at Balderton, and at once joined the Newton Lodge. He did not, however, leave his Mother Lodge, but continued an active and most useful member, installing almost without exception all his

successors in the chair of the Lodge. In 1880 he became one of the first members of the Fleming Mark Lodge, serving the office of W.M. in 1883, since which, up to the present time, he has served the Lodge as Treasurer. In 1884 he was appointed Prov. G.S.W., and 1890 he was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. In 1881 the Royal Arch Masons of Newark desired to found a Chapter, and Bro. Bussell, who had previously been exalted in the Sheffield Chapter, was unanimously requested to be the First Principal Z., and, thanks largely to his guidance and assistance, the Alexander Chapter at Newark is to-day one of the most successful in the county. In 1887 he was appointed Past Grand P.S. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. While speaking of the higher degrees, we must not omit the important part our distinguished brother took in the formation of the Magnus Chapter Rose Croix. At this time—1888—he was the only P.M.W.S. in the Chapter, having held that high office in the Talbot Chapter at Sheffield. At the consecration of the Magnus he was appointed Prelate of the Chapter, and continued each year to be reappointed. Let us now return to Craft Masonry, which must ever be the foundation and backbone of all Freemasonry. Shortly after Bro. Bussell's arrival at Balderton, and in 1877, he joined the Newton Lodge at Newark, of which he was appointed Chaplain in 1880, elected Treasurer in 1883, which office he has held to the present time, and during these years so great has been his zeal for Freemasonry, and so marked his ability in performing the numerous ceremonies of our Order, that he has held many offices and appointments of honour. In 1878 he was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, in 1882 P.G.S.W., and in 1887 H.R.H. the Prince of Wales conferred upon him, at the Albert Hall, in London, amidst an assembly of some 7000 Masons, the rank of Past Grand Chaplain of England. This honour was made an occasion on the part of the members of the Pelham Lodge, Worksop, to present him with a piece of plate, and the Newton Lodge gave a complimentary dinner in his honour, at the same time making a suitable presentation. The death of Bro. John Watson, in 1889, left vacant the very important appointment of D.P.G.M. Our P.G.M., his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, after most careful consideration, appointed Brother Russell as his Deputy. My brethren, here is a career in Freemasonry of which any man may be justly proud, and which the most ambitious can hardly aspire to, even so far as rank and dignities are concerned, but the most notable features of his career before us is that as each promotion has brought our departed brother in touch with a great number of Masons, so has his popularity increased the honourable manner in which he has discharged the various duties of his high appointments. The kind yet firm manner in which he has administered reproof where needed, and even here he was ever ready to help those who had erred through ignorance or weakness, kindled in the hearts of all with whom he was brought in contact feelings of confidence, respect, and affection. Before closing I must remind all that our Provincial Grand Educational Fund has ever been looked upon by our late brother, and the Committee who manage its affairs, as his special *protégé* in Masonry, a child which has in a very few years become one of the most useful organisations in the Province. There are many around who are not Masons, who, like us, are here to offer a last tribute of affection and respect to departed worth. I would, on this solemn occasion ask you ever to remember that should ill-fortune ever bring you in contact with one who claims to be of our Order, but who does not command your respect, that of the many thousands who range under our banner there must be some who fail in their duty as good citizens, and that it is not Freemasonry which causes their failings. For every point in our Order serves to inculcate the practice of social virtues in all its genuine professions, so that when a man is a good Mason he will live, as your vicar has done, respected, and die regretted, one, whose like as a priest, man, and Mason we may never see again. If our brother's spirit can take cognisance of what we are now doing I would say to that spirit, on your behalf and on my own, a loving farewell, trusting that God in His mercy will in His own good time take us also to His own safe keeping, finally to Him for ever in the realms of bliss with the Great Architect of the Universe, to whom be ever ascribed might, majesty, dominion, and power, henceforth and for ever more. At the close of the oration the brethren filed round the grave and deposited their sprigs of acacia, evergreen, and box on the coffin, and the assemblage then dispersed.

A meeting of the Ancient Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gatehead was held on Monday, 22nd ultimo. After transacting the usual business of the Lodge, the W.M., on behalf of the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren, presented to Bro. William Brown I.P.M. a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription:—“Presented to Bro. William Brown P.M. by the Brethren of Lodge No. 48, 22nd February 1892.” In doing so, he referred to the great respect and esteem in which the worthy brother was held, not only by his brethren in the Lodge, but by members of the Craft generally. Bro. Brown replied in appropriate terms.

We have received, from Mr. Thomas Beecham, of St. Helen's, Lancashire, a capital little pamphlet entitled “A Familiar Name,” by an M.P. This little brochure gives a concise account of the celebrated Pill manufactory. The reading is interesting, and is embellished with some capital pictures of the different features of the vast establishment, such as the entrance hall, the corridor, the principal's room, the manager's office, the general office, the grinding room, the pill-making room, the engine house, showing main driving band, the packing room, the court yard, and the west front. The author has been careful in compiling for his readers all information of interest in regard to this large patent medicine firm. “A Familiar Name” will well repay any one for the time expended in its perusal.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of this Supreme body was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 2nd instant. There was a large attendance, presided over by Bro. W. Officer S.S.C. The following were elected as the Grand Office Bearers for next year:—Comps. Lord Saltoun Z., James Crichton Depute Z., Marquis of Breadalbane H., J. Dalrymple Duncan J., R. S. Browne Scribe E., Major F. Wallace Scribe N., Dr. G. Dickson Treasurer, James Melville Recorder, Macbean Chancellor, J. McNaught Campbell First Sojourner, C. C. Nisbet Second Sojourner, James Simpson S.N., Henderson S. of W., W. S. Hunter and W. Adamson Standard Bearers, J. Taylor Janitor. Bro. E. R. Cama, Bombay, was appointed Prov. Grand Superintendent for Western India, Companion Edward Macbean was recommended as Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Maine, and Companion H. R. Wallace of Cloncaird was appointed as G. Prov. Superintendent of Ayrshire. It was resolved to present an address of condolence on the death of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Companion James Crichton was recommended for re-appointment as Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Washington, and Companion A. G. Campbell as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter. It was resolved to place £500 to the capital account of the Charity Fund, and that one-half the annual income from registration be paid into the account.

AFFABILITY CHAPTER, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

THE bi-monthly convocation and installation of Principals took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on 18th February. Present—Companions I. Garside Z., Akerman H., Tymm J., Bushell S.E., Vultchhoff N., Staton P.S., Read 1st Assistant Sojourner, Walmsley Treasurer, Dawson P.Z. P.P.G. 1st Assistant Sojourner, Hardcastle P.Z., Oldham P.Z., Steward P.Z. P.P.G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner Cheshire, H. L. Rocca P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., Almond P.Z., W. J. Cunliffe P.Z. P.G.S.N., Statham P.Z. P.P.G.T., Marsh, Hind, Johnson, Key, and Chesworth. Visitors—John Chadwick P.G.S.E., W. A. Earle P.Z. 62 P.P.G.R., Myers H. 1730, Towell S.E. 204, Swinn H. 204, Cartwright P.Z. 287 P.P.G.T. Cheshire P.P.G.S.E. Derbyshire, W. H. Vaughan P.Z. 287 P.P.G.R. Cheshire, J. R. A. Eldershaw P.Z. 204. The Chapter was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The installation of the three Principals elect was then proceeded with, and Comps. Akerman Z., Tymm H., Vultchhoff J., were installed into their respective positions by Comps. Dawson and Steward. The following Comps. were invested Officers for the year by Comp. J. E. Steward P.Z. P.P.G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, viz.:—Bushell S.E., Kay S.N., Staton P.S., Spencer 1st Assistant Sojourner, Marsh 2nd Assistant Sojourner, Johnstone, Fletcher and Chesworth Stewards. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors, and the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony. The Companions afterwards supped together, after which the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and responded to. Comp. Dawson proposed the health of the three Principals in glowing terms, each Companion responding. Comp. Akerman proposed the Prov. Grand Officers, and Comp. W. H. Vaughan P.Z. P.P.G.R. Cheshire responded. The visitors' toast was proposed by Comp. Hardcastle, and Comps. Swinn, Towell, and Myers responded. A pleasant gathering terminated shortly before eleven o'clock.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Rising Sun, Bushey Green, Catford, on Wednesday evening last, Bro. E. Parry presided, and considering the inclemency of the weather there was a very fair number of members present. Bros. James Stevens officiated as S.W., and C. Lamb as J.W. The Preceptor, Bro. G. A. Pickering was at his post, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. Adkins the Secretary, Bro. H. Pynegar acted in that capacity; Bro. H. T. Bridges, G. W. Beste, and G. T. Schofield were the respective Deacons and Inner Guard. The Lodge passed into the second degree, and the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. A. J. Tate assisting as candidate. After “calling off” and resuming, the first and second sections of the lecture were worked, the questions being respectively put by Bros. Tate and Stevens. The Fellow Craft Lodge having been closed, Bros. G. W. Beste and A. J. Tate were elected members. Bro. James Stevens was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, when a Master Mason's Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m., and ceremony and traditional history rehearsed.

YORKSHIRE FREEMASONRY.—Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, of Dewsbury, the Master of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, in London, was not able to be present at the installation of a new Worshipful Master, at the Inns of Court Hotel, his wife being seriously ill. Bro. J. D. Cumberland, the first Master of the Lodge, however, took his place, and, assisted by a strong Board of Masters, installed Bro. Gillen as Bro. Fox's successor. Bro. H. Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire; Bro. W. F. Smithson, of Leeds, Past Grand Deacon; and Bro. C. Letch Mason, of Leeds, Past Provincial Grand Treasurer West Yorkshire, were present.—Bradford Telegraph.

Comp. George J. McKay, Grand Standard Bearer of England, presided at the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at Maryport, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant.

DO FREEMASONS PRAY FOR THE DEAD ?

SIR,—I have read with interest your inquiry and the two replies, neither of which refers to the funeral service, which, being performed in public, is no part of the "secrets of Freemasonry." I find nothing there to authorize the words used by the Rev. W. F. Bradley, at Wolverhampton, unless, by a stretch of imagination, the words, "Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend the soul of our loving brother," which occur early in the ceremony, can be so construed. The address at the end concludes with a prayer that those present may be impressed with the solemnity of the time, and reminded that they must shortly submit and endure the tomb, "until the last loud trump shall sound the summons of our resurrection from mortality and corruption." It goes on to appeal for Divine assistance to redeem the time, for wisdom from on high to direct, strength to support, and the beauty of holiness to adorn, and concludes: And when our work is done, and our bodies mingle with the mother earth may our souls disengaged from their cumbrous dust, flourish and bloom in eternal day, and enjoy that rest which Thou hast prepared for all good and faithful servants in that spiritual house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, through the great Redeemer. Amen."

Freemasonry on religious grounds, is open to all who put their trust in God (Jews included), but the Pope forbids those who believe in himself to become (or remain) Freemasons. I know a "brother" who became a Papist, and immediately resigned from Freemasonry, and I often wonder why many E.C.U. men, who are so familiar with the principles of Rome, are so anxious for promotion in our ranks. As with the Church, so, I suppose, they hold that it is only through Masonry that Masons can be catholicized." I trust we may ever remain under the curse of the Pope, and that, in deference thereto, our ranks may be purged from Romanism. I should not promote the election of an E.C.U.-ite, because there is no telling how soon he will become a Papist, and curse our ancient and honourable brotherhood. The attention of the Provincial Grand Master should certainly be drawn to the fact of his Chaplain departing from the ancient "usages of the fraternity" in the way reported for if that sort of thing be allowed "Ancient Freemasonry" becomes a thing of the past.—*English Churchman.*

Recently we referred in these columns to the admirable address of the Right Honourable Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, delivered to the Belfast Freemasons and their friends, on the subject of the forthcoming Centenary Bazaar in connection with the Masonic Female Orphan Schools, Dublin. We have now before us a neat pamphlet, which has just been issued by Dr. Maurice C. Hime, the well-known Head Master of Foyle College, Derry, respecting the manner in which it is proposed to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Schools. The cause of the orphans is most ably advocated by Dr. Hime, who is Vice-Patron of both Schools, his pamphlet supplementing the information given by the Lord Justice in the Ulster Hall. We are glad to notice that Dr. Hime meets the objections which are occasionally offered to the applications of the friends of the cause for support. It is sometimes said that as the Freemasons are charitable only to those belonging to their own Order, or to the widows or children of these, they ought not reasonably to expect the outside public, who have such innumerable non-Masonic charities to look after, to give any considerable pecuniary assistance to the charities which are exclusively Masonic. "The answer to this objection is not far to seek." Dr. Hime says, "In the first place, though the poor and distressed Freemasons whom we feel it our duty to assist belong undoubtedly to the Brotherhood, their little orphan girls, for whose benefit we are now pleading, do not; neither do those widow mothers whose cares and responsibilities we lighten when we receive into our Orphan School one or more of their little ones. In the next place, although the Masonic charities are supported by Masons, Masons do not by any means confine their subscriptions and donations to their own charities. They travel in their good works far beyond the boundary of their own Masonic world, as will become manifest to any one who will take the trouble of examining the names on the list of subscribers to any of the ordinary charitable institutions of the United Kingdom. There is not, I venture to assert, a list of the kind in which there will not be found, in plentiful abundance, names of contributors who are Freemasons. And sympathy should beget sympathy; as we, charitably, do to others, others assuredly should do unto us. And, lastly, if of the thousands of indigent men, women, and children in Ireland we Freemasons can manage to aid even a few, what matters it whether these few be or be not connected with the Masonic Brotherhood? Is it not sufficient to know that a certain portion of the destitution of our country is in some measure relieved by us, and that, if this portion were not relieved by us, its relief would of necessity devolve on others? These facts cannot have too great prominence given to them at the present time. We have no doubt that, so far as Belfast and North of Ireland generally are concerned the heartiest efforts will be made to increase the success of the forthcoming Centenary Bazaar. On this subject we can only repeat that we see no reason why the splendid results which attended the holding of the Bazaar in Dublin ten years ago should not be equalled, or even surpassed, by the Centenary Celebration to be held during next May.—*Belfast News Letter.*

The Grand Master of Freemasons in Scotland, the Right Honourable the Earl of Haddington, and a large deputation from the Grand Lodge, visited the Ayrshire Province on the 4th instant, when the proficiency of the Province was most flatteringly reported on, and the Provincial Grand Officers installed by his lordship. The Hon. Thomas Cochrane, Provincial Grand Master, entertained the visitors and Provincial Officers to a banquet in the evening.

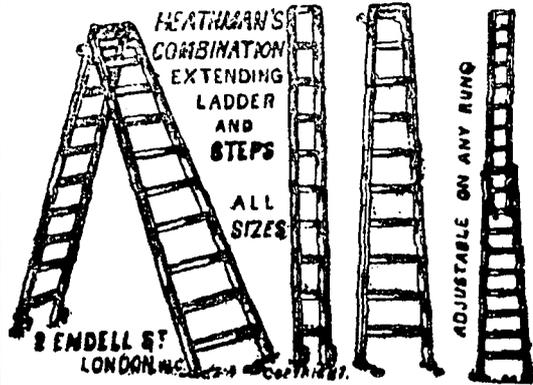
THE THEATRES, &c.

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Prince of Wales's.—The new opera "Blue Eyed Susan," by Messrs. Geo. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt has now been firmly established in popular favour, and is nightly received with laughter and applause. This is hardly to be wondered at since the actors more than carry out the droll ideas of the authors, while the pretty and fanciful music, by Dr. F. Osmond Carr, assists in enlivening the story by songs and dances. The burden of the piece undoubtedly falls upon Mr. Arthur Roberts, whose ludicrous impersonation of Captain Crosstree is one of the funniest creations imaginable. He is thoroughly well supported by Miss Nellie Stewart and Miss Marian Burton, as Susan and William respectively, whose agreeable voices do full justice to the music; while Mr. Arthur Williams (*Doggrass*), Mr. Chauncey Olcott (*Gnatbrain*), Miss Kate Berry (*Middy*), and Mr. Fred Emney (*Raker*), all work with energy to secure the desired result. Mr. H. Gratlan's humorous rendering of the Admiral of the Red is a clever sketch; and the dances by Miss Grace Padley and Mr. Willie Ward are much admired. When we add the charming costumes of the numerous supernumeraries, and the scenery, especially that of H.M.S. "Dauntless," the success of the piece is not surprising. It will doubtless enjoy a long run, and Mr. C. J. Abud may be congratulated on his new enterprise.

Alhambra.—As an appropriate accessory to the already capital programme Bro. Wm. Bailey has produced a new short ballet, entitled "On the Ice," which in spite of suggestions of blizzards, east winds, and influenza is most enjoyable. It has been designed by Signor Carlo Coppi, the energetic ballet-master of the establishment; and Bro. George Jacobi, the first composer of ballet music, in this country at least, has supplied the necessary accompaniment. The scene is laid at a "Frozen Lake in Holland," and most of the dances are illustrative of winter games on the ice, though the most popular movement is the Dance of Quakers, which is encored. The quaint Dutch costumes, the varied groupings, and the final snow storm under coloured lights, form altogether a pleasing picture, which makes an attractive termination to the entertainment.

New Olympic.—Henry Pettitt's stirring drama "The Black Flag" was produced in the West End at this popular house on Monday, 7th March. The Black Flag has for upwards of 13 years toured the Provinces continuously, with phenomenal success. An unusually powerful cast, including Messrs Bassett Roe, A. B. Cross, Frank M. Wood, Harcourt Beatty, W. S. Parkes, W. Brunton jun., Wilton B. Payne, Misses Bertie Willis, Alice Yorke, Mrs. Brunton and Miss Maude Milton, has been engaged. New scenery has been painted by Mr. W. H. Dixon.



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SPECIAL ATTENTION is also invited to the Ground (22 acres) recently laid out at the New Western Entrance of the Cemetery, also to the New Organ recently placed in the Western Chapel.

Certificates of Burial can only be obtained at the Offices, 95 Great Russell Street, where also Scale of Charges and all particulars may be had.

To meet the requirements of the public, the Directors have adopted the system of separate interments, at the following rates:—

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with the option to friends to purchase the plot within three years, for a further sum of £3 3s.

KENNETH HAVERS, Clerk to the Company.

N.B.—A Tent is provided for Mourners, if desired.

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, 12th March.

- 108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 178 Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
- 1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1534 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
- 1558 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1864 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
- 2029 King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
- 2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
- 140 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
- R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

Monday, 14th March.

- 5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
- 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- 136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- 193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 1368 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
- 1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
- 1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
- 1789 Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- 2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
- R.A. 1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 104 Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall
- R.C. 53 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 88 Scientific, Petty Curry, Cambridge
- 104 St. John, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
- 151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
- 922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 208 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
- 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 411 Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
- 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
- 587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
- 589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
- 685 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelli
- 721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
- 797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
- 949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
- 1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
- 1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hunts
- 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- 1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
- 1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1592 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
- 1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltham-by-Sea.
- 1656 Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
- 1866 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- 2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
- 2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden
- 2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man
- 2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells, Norfolk
- R.A. 148 Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
- R.A. 156 Harmony, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth.
- R.A. 306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall St., Leeds
- R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster
- R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
- R.A. 1258 Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
- M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
- M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton
- M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
- K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- K.T. 56 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn
- R.C. Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale

Tuesday, 15th March.

- Board of General Purpose, 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.
- 704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
- 857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
- 1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
- 2021 Queens Westmaster, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
- R.A. 26 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.
- R.A. 46 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
- R.A. 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- M.M. 239 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.C. 72 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square
- 126 Silen: Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
- 127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
- 373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon
- 384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
- 403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
- 414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 445 Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
- 444 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
- 468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
- 610 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
- 667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- 969 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
- 906 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
- 1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
- 1113 Angresea, Bull Hotel, Langsai
- 1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1127 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 1170 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
- 1331 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
- 1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Suffolk Walden
- 1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
- 1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, 110 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, Rugby
- 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
- R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
- R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
- R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Woburnampton
- R.A. 1151 Unity, Town Hall, Tewkesbury, Cornwall
- M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. York, Masonic Hall, 10 Leadenhall Street, York.
- M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 16th March.

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 149 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
- 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. E.C.
- 190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 700 Nelson, Masonic Hall, William St. Woolwich
- 969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- 1044 Wandsworth, East Hall Hotel, Wandsworth
- 1100 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H., W.C.
- 1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Tave, Victoria Park
- 1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cabitt Town
- 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
- 1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- R.A. 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- M.M. 14 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- M.M. 181 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Tyrickonham
- M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Suorediten

- 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Poole
- 125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
- 123 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
- 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, Danton
- 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bilton
- 246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
- 274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
- 290 Huddersfield Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
- 342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Llanfair
- 363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
- 387 Alredale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
- 423 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
- 451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
- 537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
- 531 Faith, Church Inn, Oponshaw
- 592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
- 608 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
- 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gosport
- 683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Clockheaton
- 753 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Rancorn
- 816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warrls
- 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
- 859 Dolice, Griffin Hotel, Kington
- 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
- 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
- 1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
- 1068 Wilton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
- 1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Romford
- 1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1246 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
- 1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Hall, Brighthouse
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- 1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1443 Salem, Town Hall, Davison, Devon
- 1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Hull
- 1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
- 1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
- 1505 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough
- 1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
- 1797 Southdown, Harstpiarpont, Sussex
- 1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
- 1888 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales
- R.A. 530 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
- R.A. 591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
- R.A. 329 Interiors, Junction Inn, Mottam
- R.A. 499 Stoneford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
- R.A. 663 Royal York, Masonic Hall, Devizes
- R.A. 726 Royal Starley of Fortitude, N.W. Hot, Staff
- R.A. 847 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Hamilton
- R.A. 1060 Marston, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
- R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M. L., Liverpool
- R.A. 1375 Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury

Thursday, 17th March.

- 23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 49 Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
- 55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- 63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 159 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.
- 1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kemington
- 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
- 1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1593 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
- 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Mark Masons' Hall

- R.A. 217 Stability Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 834 Andrew, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith
- R.A. 1216 Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell

- 42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
- 56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
- 93 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, St. Yarmouth
- 203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ash-on-under-Lyne
- 343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
- 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
- 432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
- 523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
- 600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
- 605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 671 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Hatley
- 1011 Richmond, Old Bull's Head, Manchester
- 1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
- 1347 Anchor, Darnam House, Northampton
- 1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
- 1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch House, West Gorton
- 1512 Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1514 Thornhill, Dearn House Lindley
- 1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
- R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Chichester
- R.A. 204 Caledonia, F.M.H., Manchester
- R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
- R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
- M.M. 17 Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 18th March.

- K.T. 6 St. George's, The Albion, E.C.
- K.T. 48 Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 518 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
- 51 De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle.
- 693 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
- 1098 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal.
- 1102 Mirfield, Assembly Room, King Street, Mirfield
- 1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
- 1644 Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.
- 2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Salford.
- 2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
- 2330 Beneventa, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Daventry.
- 2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
- R.A. 31 Bertha, M.H., St. Peter's St., Canterbury
- R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich.
- R.A. 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
- R.A. 414 Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading.
- R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam St., Huddersfield.
- R.A. 622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
- R.A. 1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull
- K.T. 74 Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
- R.O. Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 19th March.

- 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- 1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
- 1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- 1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- 2309 Vintor, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
- M.M. 251 Teutorden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- 811 Yarrowburgh, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
- 1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
- 2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
- 2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill
- R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
- M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stanfield

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Saturday, 12th March.

- 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, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8
- 1341 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, 14th March.

- 22 Loughborough, Garden 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
- 134 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
- 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brickham, Devon, 8
- 343 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
- 549 Wellington, White Swan, Hugh St., Deptford, 8:30
- 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
- 975 Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
- 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
- 1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
- 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's R.I., W. 8
- 1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 7:30
- 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
- 1547 Metropolitan, The Morgate, E.C., 7:30
- 1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway H., Putney

1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Waltham, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2192 Walthamstow, Field House, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 15th March.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
 177 Domatic, Surry M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 763 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, 7
 880 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 8
 1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 7
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 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, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 16th March.

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
 539 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7

673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, 7
 751 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burslett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 514 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 Bondborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Croton, Wheatheaf, 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 Hondon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8

R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 17th March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 766 W. Preston, Waterloo Arms, Marylebone, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1613 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Coven. Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:40

1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 18th March.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 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
 1299 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, 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

Saturday, 19th March.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 199 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Gate, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
 1289 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stauley, Hackney, 8
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