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NEW GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

THE agenda for next Wednesday's meeting of United Grand Lodge explains the desire of the Grand Master to extend the number of offices in Grand, Provincial and District Grand Lodges. We can imagine the proposal to be then submitted to the ruling body of the Craft will be hailed with satisfaction, as for some time past there has been a growing desire for further offices, so as to provide honours for the ever increasing number of distinguished Craftsmen deemed worthy of some special recognition for their services to Freemasonry. So far as Grand Lodge is concerned it is proposed to create a new office, by the appointment of a Grand Chancellor, "whose duties shall be those at present assigned to the Grand Registrar," but nothing is said as to the future of that official. We hope the time honoured title of Registrar it is not to be abolished, even in favour of the more pretentious designation of Chancellor, yet the duties having been assigned to another there would seem to be no need to re-appoint a Registrar, unless other duties are to devolve upon him, in which case we should have imagined provision would have been made for them in the Constitutions, at the same time as the other alterations were suggested. The other new Grand Officers proposed are four additional Grand Deacons, and a Deputy Grand Sword Bearer—appointments which explain themselves, while as regards subordinate Grand Bodies the suggestions of the Grand Master are of a similar character where the Private Lodges ruled over number not less than 100, with minor concessions in cases where fewer Lodges are concerned. Even with these fresh offices the honours to be conferred by rulers of the Craft will be very limited, in view of the many claims they must have for preferment, but the additions will afford some little relief, and on that account will be heartily welcomed by all owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

The coming meeting of Grand Lodge will also have to consider another message from the Grand Master—a proposal to vote three hundred guineas to the Mansion House Fund on behalf of the sufferers by the disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland. It is not often that the Grand Master monopolises so much of the business of our Quarterly Communications, and the fact of his doing so on the present occasion is evidence of his great interest in the affairs of Freemasonry, and an additional incentive to members of the Order to follow, as far as possible, in his footsteps. The gratification of the Craft at being able to show practical sympathy with their fellows in Newfoundland will find expression on this occasion, and will doubtless assist in cementing the friendship already existing between the two sections of the Empire, both from a general and a Masonic standpoint.

The other business to be brought before Grand

Lodge may be explained as being of a formal character, full details being given in the agenda, of which we give a copy in our current issue.

RELIGION IN MASONRY.

Extracts from an address by Rev. Bro. W. E. Mumford, before the Grand Lodge of Georgia, 27th October 1891.

HOWEVER much I may, by the profane, be classed in my calling as a sectarian priest or a partisan advocate of a theory of religion, the truth remains, if I am possessed of partisan feeling or sectarian attitudes, on the threshold of these portals I must doff all semblance of the same, and in this significant presence stand stripped of everything that narrows my life to creed or plants by being in the limited confines of partizanship to a theory or adherence to exclusive personal opinion, lest I mar the beauty of delightsome unity, despoil the blending of hearts agreed, or smother the sounds of sweetest harmony. Here, in this sacred brotherhood, as Masons, we are taught to know no man's party, to pin our faith to no one creed divergent from our own, but to meet around a common altar, where peasant is as great as prince, where Christian, Jew and Mohammedan, of whatever faith or order, banish dogmas, creeds, theories, vain disputings and theological differences, to greet each other as the children of a common Father, linked in heart and soul by the silken cords of God's holy love. When, on bended knee, we bow to God and talk to Him, all our differences cease. It is only when we talk to one another that we differ. Here, then, is one spot, one grand altar, where God alone is known and obeyed as the One Supreme Grand Master above. Such principles, such truths as these are the towers of strength of this grand and noble Order. In these teachings is grounded all that has made Masonry solid and enduring.

On these sublime principles is our magnificent Fraternity builded. And all this was enough to for ever settle the truth that between religion and Freemasonry—between the church and Freemasonry—there is not the slightest discordant element. Masonry is everywhere the friend and helper of all that tends to make men better or relieve suffering humanity. Not enmity for that which is good, and for the upbuilding of the human race, is the meaning of our existence as a band of brethren, but cordial sympathy, assistance and support to everything looking in that direction. Wherefore, then, should Masonry have an enemy in the ranks of the pure and the good? And, wherefore, should any man or Mason ever for one moment contend that in Masonry there is no religion? Let all such views be banished from our minds and consciences, and let the man who would attempt to promulgate them understand that that he is not in harmony with the purest doctrines of our benevolent creed. There is religion in Freemasonry.

If to believe in and honour and revere an Allwise God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe and the Guiding Power of all existences—if this be religion, then there is religion in Freemasonry. The profaning the name of God, the dragging of that holy name down into our own filth and

slime, is made an offence against Masonry. The man who rejects a belief in God cannot enter the guarded inner door of our sacred Temple! On bended knee must the novice acknowledge his God, or go no further. If all this be religious surely there is religion in Freemasonry. If to deposit and preserve on her every altar, as the greatest, grandest and best of her three great lights, the Sacred Word of God, the only revelation of Himself to man, and if to use constantly and persistently in her most solemn ceremonies and teachings this same Holy Book of God is religious, then there is religion in Masonry! If friendship and devotion to every noble virtue that elevates human nature, and enmity to every vice that degrades it, is religious, then is there religion in Masonry. If to require of every votary at her shrine a life of obedience to every moral and social law ordained of God and upheld by His Church is religious, then, truly, there is in Freemasonry religion of a high order! If there is in all this world a more ardent support and aid to the truest and best fruit of the highest religion, supreme love to God and pure brotherhood to man, than is found in the tenets of Freemasonry, I know not where to make any search to find it. I hail Freemasonry, not as the enemy, but as the hand-maiden of pure and undefiled religion!

And this tribute from the heart of a religionist to Masonry is all in proof of the truths and principles enunciated, and in no sense does it do violence to my views as a churchman, as a Christian man, or as a Gospel preacher. To be a Mason does not destroy my identity as a believer in a peculiar type of religion. Masonry is not the enemy, but the friend of *my* religion; and my religion is not the enemy, but the friend of Masonry: neither conflicts with the other, and yet neither offensively obtrudes itself upon the other. Marvellous mystery! The two blend and harmonise into the sublimest friendship; and thus much may be said of Masonry, and any other revealed religion that acknowledges God over all. I believe in God the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord. And out of my type of this faith I get that from which devils, angels or men cannot drag me by argument, reason, theory, or dogma, that is, the conscious, inward heart experience that I am a child of God, born again, regenerated, whereby my very inmost being is changed, and my tastes, appetites, desires and affections are placed upon spiritual things, Godward and heavenward! And Masonry nowhere and at no time attempts to interfere with my brother and does not feel as I feel or believe as I believe. Masonry truly and grandly gives to each of her votaries the supreme authority of his own conscience in his worship of God, only demanding of him faith in God.

Nor does this high tribute to Freemasonry dampen my ardour or quench my zeal for the religion of God and the Bible, as found in the Church. There are men and Masons who would place Masonry ahead of the Church of God. Their number grows less, and this is merely as it should be. Away with such narrowness among Masons! The fact that this idea exists in the minds of some is not the fault of this great brotherhood. That some men say Masonry is good enough religion—good enough church—is not to be charged to Masonry and its teachings. Our Fraternity does not aspire to fill the want of the world as found in the Church of God; nor does she endeavour to exalt herself above the church. This fault, found in some members of the Fraternity, comes of a misguided judgment, and in many cases acts only as a subterfuge to those who resist the self-crucifying exactions of a pure and God-given religion.

Masonry has her mission in the world, and grand and glorious it is in making stronger the ties of the Brotherhood of man; and Masonry will live for ever, because she lives for others; yet Masonry will never take the place of, or a position a-head of, the Church of God. As the supreme friend to every phase of humanity, as the noblest organisation for human association and sympathy, as the source of every joy we possess and every blessing we pursue; as guardian of every human habitation and the sacred bulwark of the virtue and peace of every family under its influence; as the foundation of the highest civilisation and the cornerstone of all that is best and greatest in government and society, and as God's grandest and most munificent gift to man, with all that may be said against it, with all that it has that is visibly weak and halting, the Church of God, where His Spirit dwells and His laws are published, stands pre-eminently at the head of every other interest, human or divine!

The deluge is long past—

* * * "But still o'er earth the flood
Of sin reigns paramount. Still God provides
An ark of health for those who walk with God;
His power secures it, and His wisdom guides.
Faith clings obedient to that loved abode,
And o'er the waves the life fraught vessel rides."

That ark is the Church of God—the ark of safety and refuge for every soul of man! Indeed, let me say, and let it be promulgated in Masonic hearts and homes, that through the Church of God all our blessings flow; and that through it, by it, and out of it, are we indebted to God, the Great Architect of the Universe, for the gift of Masonry—a perfected brotherhood. From the breath of the Church of God came the breath of Masonry—there she drew her first breath. If Masonic tradition is to be believed, it was at the erection of the first great temple of God that Masonry was born; and out of the Church came forth all the noble teachings that have found lodgment in Masonic hearts, Lodges, love, and tradition. And from the Church to-day, of every faith and order, does Masonry get its brightest jewels, its ablest advocates, and its most faithful membership. The man who is the best religionist will everywhere and in every time make the best Mason. Then, the God of the Church is the Supreme Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Lodge above—founder of Masonry in His Church. Let us, then, as Free and Accepted Masons, come with gratitude in our hearts, and praise on our lips, to do homage to this great God of us all, joining, heart and soul, with all His true worshippers of every tongue and clime.—*Voice of Masonry.*

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF TO BE A MASON?

NO, you need not give the stereotyped reply to this interrogation, my brother. What is wanted is the knowledge, by *you* possessed, that you are a Mason. By your due guard and sign you have proved that you have taken certain degrees in Masonry, but still that does not constitute you a Mason in the moral acceptance of the term. You have also intimated that you had your first Masonic preparation in the centre of moral thought and mental activity, and as the process of that preparation must have involved a large amount of reflection, consideration, and resolution, you can certainly give us the result of mental activity in which you found yourself first prepared to be a Mason.

You also state that since the knowledge was first clearly imparted to you, that you were a Mason in heart, some ten years have elapsed. In that time you have had abundant opportunity to prove, to your own full satisfaction, that you are a Mason, and for the benefit of the Craft we would like you to tell us *how* you know such to be the case. Since you have been "brought to light," the precepts of Masonry must have wrought some moral change in your character, either for good or bad, for better or worse.

The philosophy of Masonry has no inertia whatever in its teachings. It is either positive or negative. It has either affected you for good or bad and you can certainly note the mental and moral change of what you once *were*, and what you *now* are, as a Mason. There are clear tests by which this analysis can be successfully wrought out, and the true result obtained. Will you take an introspective view of your moral nature and then honestly tell us if you are really and truly a Mason? If you are none the better for uniting with the institution of Masonry then you have foolishly squandered both time and money.

Masonry—like all powerful moral or physical forces—can be a good or bad instrumentality, just as the possessor chooses. If you are naturally good (relatively speaking) Masonry will help you to be still better. If on the contrary you are vicious, immoral, a blasphemer, regardless of truth, or licentious in disposition, the tenets of Masonry would never do you a particle of good, even though the three angels who visited Abraham were the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of the Lodge you belong to. To you, in that case, Masonry has proved a two-fold evil, first to yourself, subjectively, and next to the reputation of the fraternity, through you, objectively.

Have you been a benefit to the Order? There will be no conceit or egotism in your replying in the affirmative. The skilled workman knows when his work is properly

done and you can tell whether you have stood faithfully and honestly by the three great dogmas of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

To be a true Mason, therefore, asks for a large amount of what habit, association and inclination would call sacrifice, on your part. If the lessons of Masonry have not succeeded in removing these rough excrescences from your moral character, you still remain in the quarry, the rough ashlar you was when you first were tried by line, plumb, level, and square. If you have not fitted geometrically into the place designed for you, in the living temple—of which you are presumed to form a part—then rest assured you are not a Mason. If the charity which should flow out from your heart to all the world, prompting to works of friendship, morality and brotherly love, be absent, or at least flows in a sluggish unwilling stream, then rest assured you are not a Mason. If the appeal of suffering and sorrow falls upon your ears heedlessly and creates no thrill of relieving response, then rest assured you are no Mason. If you, in thought, are not frequently led to a profound contemplation of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, together with your individual work of making the fraternal bonds of the latter still stronger, then rest assured you are no Mason. If your Lodge and the symbolic labours therein enacted from time to time, have for you no interest, no endearment, no drawing or impelling power, then rest assured you are no Mason. If you find not within your breast a strong ambition to make the world better, because your mother gave you birth that you might form a part of this great world of seething, struggling humanity, then you have failed in your mission and are not a Mason. And, finally, if you have not sought to place your hand in that of One who is the Great Leader of the hosts of earth from the Babylon of sin to the pure Jerusalem of Goodness, Charity, and Truth, rest assured you are not a Mason. If not, why not? Ah! brother, beloved, it is not yet too late for you—still blind—to be led into a better living, and as you thus introspect, listen to the voice of your better principle, saying :

"I will bring the blind by a way that they know not. I will lead them in paths they have not known, I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and will not forsake them."—*The American Tyler.*

DISINTERESTED FRIENDSHIP.

THERE are friends and friends. Friendship is a poet's word. It is rhythical and sweet. Around it cluster most beautiful figures. From it is exhaled most intoxicating perfumes. Its sound falls upon the ear as a chord from the celestial choir. It is, however, too often a lost chord. Floating out upon the calm evening air we hear it and strain every nerve to catch its sweetness, but it was of Heaven, and to Heaven it has returned, and is lost to us. Friendship is a priceless jewel, and when found should be treasured as such.

There are grades in friendship. Very little of it is from a purely disinterested motive. Professions are cheap. There is nothing more counterfeited than friendship. It is put on and off as a mask. Policy in all affairs of life too often leads to a masking of friendship. Friends who will stick to you through thick and thin, through good report and evil report, through adversity, as well as prosperity, are rare.

Masonic friendship ought to be pure and disinterested. No selfish motive should control our actions, but alas! such is not always the case. We are too apt to forget the tessellated floor upon which we have trodden. We leave Masonry behind the tyed door, safely deposited in the Archives of the Lodge, and mingle with the world uninfluenced by the principles of equality, brotherly love, friendship and all the galaxy of virtues we talked of so glibly in the Lodge.

Disinterested friendship, which is the only quality that is of any value, is Masonic friendship. It will go on foot, and even out of the way, to serve a brother in need. It will bend the knee before the Grand Architect of the Universe, imploring a blessing upon our brother's head. It will treasure the words confided to us in a faithful breast. It will stretch forth the hand to aid a brother in his efforts, and to save him from falling. It will whisper words of good counsel in his ear and warn him of approach-

ing danger. A brother's welfare will be remembered, not forgotten. His friendship will be sought outside the Lodge-room, not only in it.

Masonry is a society of friendships. They are formed in such a manner that they ought to be strong and lasting. The Lodge is a place for social enjoyment and mental and moral improvement. We meet with congenial spirits and pass most delightful seasons together. How much of this enjoyment is real? How much of real brotherly feeling is there in the grasp of the hand? How many times have we seen a Brother bending under a load of adversity, and by a word or deed endeavoured to relieve him? If we could only break the chrysalis of selfishness that so completely envelops us perhaps we would perform more acts of pure, disinterested friendship than we do. Then would be the full and complete enjoyment of our professions.

We all possess more ability to aid our fellow-men than we think we do. We can do a great deal if we only try. The trouble is, however, we are content to let every fellow take care of himself. If he succeeds we praise him and say, "I told you so." If he fails—"Just as I expected." He would not have failed, perhaps, if we had not "expected" it.

We can slide down hill, but we must climb up. If a Brother has started down, his pace is surely accelerated by the "disinterested" kick of his friends. If he is climbing, a dozen will catch on to his coat-tails and make his climbing the more difficult. We should abhor that disposition that leads to the taking advantage of another in trade. It is unfriendly and un-Masonic. No man ever enjoyed the advantage gained by selfishly leading another into a transaction whereby he was profited and his friend defrauded. Such is not according to our teachings, and the man guilty of such an act should be treated to severe discipline.

Disinterested friendship leads to peace and prosperity, happiness and contentment. Let us cultivate it for a little while. It is a plant that will pay for all the care bestowed upon it. The aroma it will shed about our lives will make the journey a foretaste of the peace and happiness of the celestial world.—*Selected.*

PROGRESSIVE MASONRY.

MASONRY is said to be a progressive institution, but the proper meaning, or in what sense it is progressive, is not clearly understood. The mere making of Masons is not progress. When large numbers are admitted to our sanctuaries we cannot boast that this is progress, and when our Masters boast of the many they have added to their list of members it is indeed an open question whether we are progressing.

In times of prosperity such as the present, when Masonry is fashionable and popular everywhere, and applicants are constantly knocking at our doors, seeking to be admitted and become acquainted with our mysteries, greater care than ever should be exercised, and no improper person should be admitted into the household of the faithful, to destroy or even jeopardise the peace, unity and harmony of our Fraternity, or we will retrograde rather than advance or progress.

We have too many Masters now who are bent only on making Masons—forsooth, add to their number—and even on "highways and byways" boast of the large number they have initiated in their respective Lodges, without due regard to their fitness for our mysteries, or whether they are fit and proper material for our Temple.

The Grand Lodge of this State, some years ago, put a stop to the wholesale manufacturing of Masons then prevailing, by permitting only five to come in at one time, and by making the candidates wait at least two weeks between each degree; and now we find our "progressive" Masters violating the law by working at "specials" and manufacturing Masons at a wholesale rate—ten, fifteen, and twenty in one day—and this they call progress. It is simply and clearly proselyting; it is repugnant to every good sense and good taste in Masonry; nay it is more, it is un-Masonic and against the spirit of the law of the Grand Lodge, enacted some years ago.

It is idle for the supercilious to say that if these candidates suit Blank Lodge, No. 0, let them pass, and that if the members of Blank Lodge are satisfied with them,

nobody has any cause to complain ; it is the business of every Mason to prevent improper material from coming among us ; it is the duty of every brother to frown down this wholesale manufacturing of Masons that is now so prevalent with our "progressive" Masters, who only try to cram members into their Lodges and imagine themselves great Masons and successful Masters.

We desire here to chronicle our respect and esteem for the earnest and sincere worker in our quarries who, being imbued with the good and grandeur of Masonry, endeavours by his own example and by his own conduct to induce others to join us ; but we emphatically enter our protest against this indiscriminate making of Masons, against this manufacturing wholesale.

—Hebrew Standard.

ARAB MASONRY.

I HAD been in Cairo some little time, and had been unable to locate any of the native Lodges I had heard were held there, as the Craft in that country, unlike ourselves, wear no distinguishing marks or badges, with but few exceptions, whereby one brother may know another. The only exception I remember of was a hotel proprietor in Jerusalem, and I have a strong suspicion he did it in the interest of trade. So, one day, after much inquiry, I was directed to an Englishman who was said to be a Mason, and calling upon him found him to be a very cordial and agreeable Brother, and he readily agreed to take me around and introduce me. The next evening the gentleman called at my hotel, and we started out and found the Lodge room within five minutes' walk of the hotel, on the ground floor of a building I had been passing a dozen times a day without a suspicion of its being a Lodge. We found the brethren assembled and about to open, and if any of them had attempted to visit a Lodge in Indiana, I think they would have been refused admittance on account of being clandestine, as they were all shades of colour, from a light yellow to jet black. But there was no doubt about their having a true Masonic spirit, as they gave me a hearty welcome.

This Lodge was held under the Italian Constitution, and I understand there are about thirty in Egypt. The interior arrangements and stations of Officers are very much like ours. The entire floor was a checkered pavement, and the ceiling a star decked canopy, and upon the altar rested the Koran, the Mohammedan Scripture.

The work, as near as I could judge, was like ours, but as none of them spoke a word of English, all of their work being conducted in Arabic, and my stock of Arabic being very limited, of course I was somewhat at a disadvantage. I was left in the ante room until the Lodge had opened, and then the doors opened and the Brethren formed an avenue, bearing candles. A P.M. escorted me through the lines and introduced me to the W.M., who invited me to a seat by his side in the East. The routine work then proceeded, during which they ballotted on a candidate. The Senior Deacon first carried around a basket of black and white balls, and each member took one of each, and as they passed the basket to me I did likewise. He then came around with the ballot box, and each cast one of the balls in his possession. He then came round with the basket again and collected the remaining balls. Of course I cast a white ball.

After the business of the Lodge was finished, the W.M. arose and made a speech of welcome in Arabic, thanking me for visiting them, and assuring me that he considered it a great compliment that one of the Fraternity from so far away should meet with them. The Secretary, who spoke French, then translated his remarks into that language, and the English Brother with me translated it from French to English, I, of course, spoke a few words in reply, which went back in the same round-about course.

Sitting there in a foreign land, surrounded by those dusky Brethren, dressed in their long, loose Arabic robes, their heads covered with turbans or fezes, I was reminded of the universality of Masonry in a more practical way than ever before.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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TRUE MASONIC PROGRESS.

MASONRY claims to be a progressive institution but the proper meaning of the expression, or in what it is progressive, is not viewed in the same light by many of the Craft. Many consider that its progression depends upon its outward growth, in its material increase and success where large numbers are admitted into our sanctuaries. When applications for new Lodges are numerous and the funds in the treasuries accumulate rapidly then they believe Masonry to be progressing. But is not this a mistaken view of true Masonic progress? This apparent prosperity may be the result of proselytism, a desire for ostentation and vain boasting of a large membership which instead of adding strength to the Masonic edifice may prove the material, used without inspecting its qualities closely and using sufficient care in its selection, with a due regard for the high purpose for which it is intended, to be the very means to eventuate in the destruction of the noble institution. Poor and unsuitable material used in the construction of any edifice, however grand and noble its plans and proportions, will cause it to rapidly fall into decay. In times of prosperity, such as the present, when Masonry is popular everywhere and applicants are constantly knocking at our doors, seeking to be admitted into the institution and become acquainted with our mysteries, greater vigilance and circumspection should be exercised lest incongruous, inharmonious and improper persons be permitted to enter into the household of the faithful and destroy the peace and unity of the Order.

The mere accretion of numbers is not a test of strength nor is it an evidence of the development of the principles of Masonry. The true progression of Masonry is in the living and acting up to the principles of the Order. Masonry can only be said to be progressive when it moves on in advance of the morals and intelligence of the age and directs the onward march of civilisation. This, Masonry must do or it fails to perform its true mission. The standard of its morals must be so elevated that the surrounding world can see, and know, and feel its beneficial and sanctifying influence. And, as dispensing light and knowledge is particularly a province of Masonry, a due culture of the mental powers is necessary to a proper understanding of the laws of nature and of nature's God, to develop the arts and sciences and to aid man in working out the problem of his mission and assisting him to promote his intellectual and spiritual advancement. We do not claim for Masonry more than its principles, if lived up to in the actual outworkings of life, will accomplish. It is only by living, acting and doing according to its teachings that the principles of Masonry are unfolded and exercise an influence in promoting the happiness and well being of the surrounding world. The stability and future existence of the institution depends upon a strict and faithful observance of its teachings. Masonry can only be known by its fruits. It has no life, no vitality, if it does not progress onward and upward. It cannot remain stationary. It must either progress or retrograde. It does retrograde if its principles are not patent to the observation of the world, in the intelligence and exemplary life of its members. The true progression of Masonry is the manifestation of good deeds, of good works, and the practice of its teachings by its disciples.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

SILENCE.

MAN, it is said, is the only animal endowed with the faculty of language ; while it is claimed that all animals have the ability of expressing by some process a common intercommunication, yet not by any recognised language. Unless by the experiment now developing, some results may be possible, to sustain the theory that monkeys talk, the first proposition is still undisputed.

It was the opinion of a great statesman that language was to be used to disguise our thoughts. That has been called diplomacy.

But it cannot be denied that man talks too much. The use of language is not always to benefit, improve or instruct, and notions are flippantly given as opinions. Arguments are frequently but the reiteration of illogical, ill-digested prejudices, which are made attractive by the language in which they are dressed up for the occasion.

Thoughtful men are not carried away by too much talking. Loquacity is not a force. The Greeks had a maxim that silence was golden. Again, it has been said that the eloquence of silence has been more effective than words. Yet, be it remembered, there are occasions, times, seasons and exigencies when speech is essential. The man who then talks must know what he has to say. Thoroughly equipped to discuss questions of high import, he who then speaks has a mission to fulfil.

If there is among men a society in which science is a primary rule of its government, it is the Craft of Freemasons.

Silence is one of the foundations on which Freemasonry is built. It is forbidden to Masons to talk among the profane on Masonic subjects. The law of silence is imperative. What is said in the tyed Lodge is not elsewhere to be discussed. Silence veils all the proceedings of Masons in their Lodges. They are tyed to secure silence, that none but those entitled to hear may be informed. The profane have no right to know. The outside world of men are strangers to the truths, lessons, teachings and principles of the tyed Lodge. If they desire to be taught, and to learn, the way is presented for them to follow, to obtain that knowledge.

Silence is the panoply which shields the esoteric. In Masonry, it is the "Light" which makes manifest, and that Light is brilliant only to those who have acquired the capacity to comprehend what it reveals.

When thus obtained, silence clothes the Masonic mind with a reticence that will not allow the use of any other language than that which Freemasonry uses in its tyed Lodges.

The Mason cannot be permitted to use that language anywhere except as he was taught by it.

Silence then is a Masonic virtue.

In the Masonic Temple the first figure that is presented to the view of those who enter, is the statue of silence—a figure, graceful, subdued, with the finger of the hand at the mouth in restful meditation.

Silence is a lesson. It is taught in the "Great Light" on our Masonic altars.

There was "silence in heaven," so that here, it is wisdom to learn and be subjected to the effective influences of silence.

Language cannot express the great lessons which silence oftentimes teaches us.—Keystone.

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CUP AND RING MARKS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Antiquaries and Geologists have always failed to discover the origin of Cup and Ring marks which may be found in divers parts of our island. I do not know that I ever heard them ascribed to our early Masonic brethren—but, to snob, I believe they owe their birth! Does this seem possible to any of my brother readers of the CHRONICLE?

Fraternally yours,

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Winder House, Bradford.

Between sixty and seventy members and friends of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 1362, went to Brighton, on the 17th ult., for a day's excursion. Bro. E. G. Feild W.M. accompanied the party, who started by the 10·6 a.m. train. The weather was showery, but warm, and the members dined together at the Café Royal, in West Street.

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DEATH OF THE "KING OF FANNING ISLAND."

REMARKABLE CAREER OF A SCOTSMAN.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM GREIG, who was known all over the Pacific Ocean as the "King of Fanning Island" is dead (says the *San Francisco Examiner*). He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Captain J. Reed, 932 Fillmore Street, at the advanced age of seventy-one. Captain Greig was a native of Ayr, Scotland, and went to sea before he had got into his teens. At the age of twenty-three he was master of a fine barque trading from Great Britain to the ports of South America. Forty years ago he made his first and only voyage to the Pacific, and left his vessel in Valparaiso. From there he went to Honolulu, and spent several years trading among the islands. Thirty-five years ago he bought a schooner and went to Fanning Island, then owned by an English firm. Greig liked the place, and undertook to develop a trade in guano; but the firm failed, and Greig bought the entire island from them. His first move was to get married, but in order to do so he had to go to Honolulu, nearly 1,000 miles away. The daring Scotchman made the voyage safely, and carried his bride back to his lonely island kingdom. He then sailed in his schooner in quest of labour to work the guano deposits and look after the big grove of cocoanut trees which were growing on the island. Contented and happy, Greig passed many years on the little island and reared his family, caring nothing for the world from which he was divided by hundreds of miles of broad ocean. The first visitors to Captain Greig and his island home were a couple of British warships, the Caroline and Cormorant, commanded by Captain Sir William Wiseman, who presented Greig with a handsome flag and placed the island under British protection. On the following day the entire crews of the ships landed, and the flag was hoisted and honoured with a Royal salute. Greig entertained his visitors royally—and was dubbed by the Officers of the ship, "The King of Fanning Island." Soon after Greig took possession of Washington Island, about sixty miles from Fanning, and shortly had natives at work there also. He made frequent trips from his home to Washington, as he called his new possession, and several times narrowly escaped being wrecked. Both islands are coral reefs, and have been the scenes of some disastrous shipwrecks. Not long after Greig took up his residence on the island a French barque was driven ashore during a storm, and but for the assistance rendered by Greig the whole crew would have been drowned. The boats were gone, and the dismantled wreck was lying on her side with the breakers going clear over her. The crew were all on the after part of the wreck holding on for their lives, totally unable to help themselves. Greig dragged a small skiff over the reef, and at the risk of his life rowed out to the wreck five times, and got every man safe on shore. Had the boat been upset, the sharks, with which those waters abound, would have made short work of the daring sailor. As the years went by many a ship called at the island for copra and guano, and quite a trade was built up with the two islands. As his family grew old enough to require schooling they were sent to Honolulu to be educated. It was while at Honolulu that Greig became a Freemason, and he had never failed to visit a Lodge when on business in San Francisco. At different times thousand of natives of the South Seas have worked for Greig on his lonely islands, but he was never known to have the slightest trouble with any of them, and he was loved and respected by all who knew him. His family are now grown up. His oldest daughter is married to a man named Anderson, who is Governor of Washington Island. Another resides in this city, and is the wife of Captain Reed, owner and master the brig Douglas, and it was at their house he breathed his last. One of his sons is a recent graduate of Heald's Business College, and was with his father when he died. Mrs. Greig is still alive, and is down on the island. She knows nothing of her husband's death, nor will she until the brig Douglas sails into the harbour at the island with the body of the island monarch on board. Captain Greig's death was caused by gangrene, which set in after he had had his left foot amputated. Fanning Island is a coral reef, and is circular in form. It lies in latitude 3 deg. 51 min. north, longitude 159 deg. 22 min. west. The estate will be divided among the eight children, and the business will be carried on by them just as if Greig was still alive.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 11.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 2417.

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THE GAVEL.

Respect the Gavel, brethren, nor forget
That 'tis but wielded by a master-hand;
And well remember that ye here are met
Under the rulership of its command.
Our Master is but human, he may err—
"To err is human, to forgive divine"—
And each true Mason is a worshipper,
And bows when this great emblem is his shrine!
For as the Gavel smote from off each stone
Its rude deformities, and made serene
All that before had most unshapely been,
So may we take this lesson for our own:—
To gavel down each harsh ignoble deed
That otherwise would rank dissension breed.

Winder House, Bradford.
29th August 1892.

PROPOSED VISIT OF IRISH FREEMASONS TO NEWCASTLE.

ARRANGEMENTS are now being made in Newcastle by an influential committee of Masons for the reception of about 25 Freemasons belonging to the Lodge of Israel, No. 126, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. This is the first recorded visit of an Irish to an English Lodge, and the committee are determined to make it a success. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., promises, if his engagements will permit as also other eminent brethren, to honour the Lodge by their presence on the important occasion. This visit of the Dublin brethren is to St. Nicholas' Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle, and is a return visit, the St. Nicholas' Lodge and others having visited Dublin last October. The Irish party are expected to arrive at the Central Station on Monday morning, 12th September, and, after breakfast, will be conveyed in open landaus around the city, and through the Heaton, Armstrong, and Gosforth Parks. In the evening they will visit the Lodge in Grainger Street. On the second day a voyage down the Tyne will take place, and, if time permits, a visit to some of the industries on the Tyne. On the third day the Cathedral, Old Castle, Museum, and other public buildings in the city will be visited, terminating with an inspection of the Fire Brigade Station, when the brigade will turn out especially for the visitors.

REVIEWS.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haydn Parry's new romantic opera "Cigarette," which has been most favourably received in the provinces, will be produced for a short run, at the Lyric, on Wednesday next, the 7th inst. Mr. Haydn Parry will conduct his own orchestra; the front of the house will be under the management of Mr. W. H. Griffiths, and the opera produced under the stage direction of Mr. Charles Collette.

On Saturday evening, 10th inst., at eight o'clock, will be produced at the Trafalgar Square theatre, in conjunction with Mr. Horace Sedger, a new comic opera, in three acts, entitled "The Wedding Eve."

"The Prodigal Daughter" is the title chosen by Sir Augustus Harris for his new sporting drama, which is in active preparation for production at Drury Lane.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire will be held at Gainsborough, in October.

We are informed that the next session of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, will commence on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at eight o'clock p.m. punctually. Meetings will be held every Tuesday, at 8 p.m., until May 1893.

The funeral of the Duke of Manchester took place on Wednesday, 24th ult. It was conducted with Masonic honours. The chief mourners were Viscount Mandeville, son of the late Duke, Lord Charles Montagu, the Earl of Gosford, and the Hon. Edward Stanley. A number of personal friends, the members of the late Duke's household, and the tenantry of the estate also attended. The coffin was covered with the wreaths sent by the Duchess of Manchester, the Duchess of Devonshire (mother of the late Duke), the Duchess of Hamilton (his sister), Lady Alice Stanley, and others.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOSEPH WILSON.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., the funeral took place, at Stow, of Bro. Joseph Wilson, who died on Thursday night, the 18th ult., in his 70th year. The burial took place with Masonic honours—deceased being the eldest member of the local Lodge of Freemasons, into which he was initiated in 1813. He had thus been for almost half a century an active member of his Mother Lodge and of the Craft, and he was at the time of his decease Treasurer of the Lodge. In recognition of his long and faithful services in this office he became last year the recipient of a testimonial from the members.

BRO. JAMES STOCKER.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., the funeral of the late Bro. James Stocker, an old and much-esteemed resident of St. Thomas, Exeter, who died at the age of eighty-seven, took place in the parish churchyard. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. W. R. Bleazley (curate), Dr. Dangar (principal of St. Peter's College), and Rev. C. H. Williams (curate-in-charge of Emmanuel Church). As the procession entered the church the organist (Mr. H. Stokes) played "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and the Psalm was followed by the singing of a hymn by the choir. As the body was borne forth the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ. Bro. Stocker was an old Freemason, and also one of the oldest Past Masters in the Province, he having been initiated in 1845. Bros. John and Henry Stocker, his sons, are both Past Masters of No. 39, the senior Lodge of the Province, and have both held the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. J. Stocker is also a Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and Bro. Henry Stocker is Provincial Grand Secretary of Mark Master Masons of Devon. There was a large attendance of brethren at the funeral.

STABILITY OF MASONRY.

Amid this life of change, how glorious, the thought
That one bright link survives the wreck
By warring nations wrought;
This Mystic Tie doth proudly scorn
The touch of change and blight,
And like the pinions of the morn,
Spread o'er the world her light.

Six thousand years of winged flight
Have chased the hopes of man away
Like withered leaves in tempest's might;
But this one fabric nobly braves
The tooth of Time, the Papal power,
The traitor's fang, the trick of knaves—
Sublime, immutable, unchanged its tower.

And each successive age has taught
How weak the venom of her foes;
In God's right arm her strength she sought,
Hope, Charity and Holy Faith,
A garland woven for her brow;
Love's pure cement the fabric hath,
And crowned with youth's eternal glow.

—Sydney Freemason.

The accounts of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, to be presented to the proprietors, at the ordinary general meeting, on the 9th inst., show that the result of the half-year's working gives a balance to the credit of revenue account of £7,874 18s 3d, reduced by the payment of interest on the loan and on debenture stock, as shown in profit and loss account, to £7,523 8s 7d, thus necessitating the transfer of £7,351 11s 5d from reserve fund to make statutory dividends. The extra cost for coal, in consequence of the Durham miners' strike, was £2,687, and the amount realised for coke and sulphate shows a decrease of £4,036 4s 4d as compared with that of the corresponding half-year of 1891. There has been an increase of 1·23 per cent. in the quantity of gas sold over the corresponding half-year, which is satisfactory when it is remembered that it follows an increase of 12·86 per cent. due to the abnormally severe weather of the early part of last year. The whole of the £37,500 of 6 per cent. debenture stock has been allotted, and 5s in the pound paid thereon, amounting to £9,375. The Directors recommend that a dividend be declared for the half-year ended 30th of June last at the following rates per annum, viz.:—6 per cent. on the preference stock; 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per cent. stock; and 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per cent. stock; amounting to £14,875, less income tax of £371 17s 6d, and that the warrants, for the net amounts, £14,503 2s 6d, be forwarded by post, on or before the 16th September, to the registered proprietors on 30th June last.

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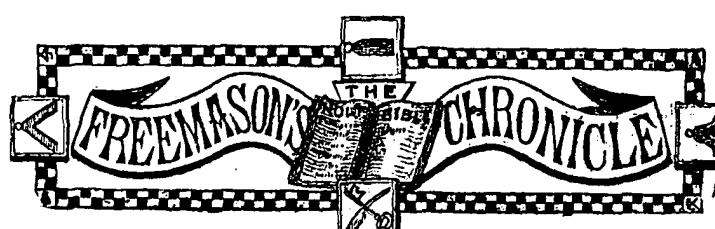
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SATURDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 1892.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday, 7th September 1892, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st of June for confirmation.

2. To consider the following notice of motion from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:—

That this Grand Lodge do vote the sum of three hundred guineas from the Fund of General Purposes in alleviation of the distress occasioned by the recent disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, and that the above sum be paid to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor to the credit of the Mansion House Fund.

3. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which there are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable £50 0 0

A Brother of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124, Oswestry 50 0 0

A Brother of the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, Hampton Court	60 0 0
A Brother of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, London	50 0 0	
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, Deptford	100 0 0

4. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Grand Superintendent of Works having reported that the drainage of the Grand Lodge premises is in a seriously affected condition, the Board directed, with the concurrence of the Grand Superintendent of Works, that an independent report should be obtained from Mr. George Jennings. After thorough examination Mr. Jennings reports the present system of drainage to be in a dangerously insanitary condition, and estimates the cost of placing the drainage and sanitary arrangements of the entire premises in a permanently efficient condition at £582 10s, including his guarantee of efficiency for ten years, free of charge. The report and estimates having been examined and approved by the Grand Superintendent of Works, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to sanction the expenditure of this sum for the purpose of carrying out this most necessary work without delay.

The President has laid before the Board a letter, received by him from the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, stating that, in the opinion of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the time has come when, in the interests of the Craft, it is desirable to augment the number of Grand Officers, not only of Grand Lodge but also of the larger Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and that with this view he had received His Royal Highness's command to request the President to lay before the Board of General Purposes the following resolutions which it is the Grand Master's desire should, at the earliest moment, be submitted to the Grand Lodge for adoption.

"That an addition be made to the Grand Officers appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, by the appointment of a *Grand Chancellor*, to rank immediately after the Grand Wardens, and whose duties shall be those at present assigned to the Grand Registrar, and set forth in Articles 31 and 32 of the Book of Constitutions; and of *Four additional Grand Deacons* and a *Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1893."

"That in Provinces and Districts numbering 50 Lodges and upwards the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually *Two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*. In Provinces and Districts numbering 75 Lodges and upwards the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint *Four additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*. In Provinces and Districts numbering 100 Lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint a *Provincial or District Grand Chancellor*, to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Wardens; *Four additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons* and a *Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the Provincial and District Grand Masters be empowered to appoint such additional Provincial or District Grand Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of Officers of the several Provincial and District Grand Lodges after the confirmation of the Minutes of Grand Lodge."

The Board have great pleasure in recommending Grand Lodge to adopt these Resolutions and to order that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th August 1892.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5,898 13s 0d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £9 17s 6d.

5. A Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons dated 13th July 1892, with respect to the alterations in the laws made for the Jubilee Year of that Institution, will be laid before Grand Lodge, *viz.* :—"That the alterations made in Rules 19, 20, 23, and 25 for the purpose of the Jubilee Festival which have been in force up to and including 30th June 1892, having now ceased to be applicable, the former laws, in force prior to the 3rd June 1891, are now the laws of the Institution, with the approval of Grand Lodge."

6. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. Peter de Lande Long P.G. Deacon :—

That the Resolution of Grand Lodge of 7th September 1842, to the following effect—"That a sum of £500 be granted from the Fund for General Purposes to the Royal Freemasons' Female School, to be invested in the Public Funds in the names of Trustees towards the formation of a separate Fund to be applied exclusively for the purpose of upholding, repairing, improving and maintaining the School House and Buildings of the Institution. That the Trustees of such Fund be the three Senior Trustees of the Charity's other Funded Property," be rescinded, and that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be permitted to merge the

£500 therein referred to into the General Funds for the purposes of the Institution.

7. APPEAL.

By Brother William Statt, of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, against the decision of the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, confirming his exclusion by his Lodge.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office until the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2428—The Gracedieu Lodge, Coalville, Leicestershire.
2429—The Lodge of Research, Leicester, Leicestershire.
2430—The Runymede Lodge, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire.
2431—The Kingsley Lodge, Northampton, Northamptonshire.
2432—The Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, Holborn, London.
2433—The Minerva Lodge, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
2434—The Anderida Lodge, Eastbourne, Sussex.
2435—The Wineslai Lodge, Winslow, Buckinghamshire.
2436—The Ligonier Lodge, Muttra, N.W. Provinces (District of Bengal).
2437—The Downshire Lodge, Wokingham, Berkshire.
2438—The Lodge Faith, Manora, Karachi, Sind.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT BLYTH.

AT the present moment, when the Freemasons of Blyth are working for the erection of a new Masonic Hall in Beaconsfield Street, the following particulars of their Lodge and the building scheme may be of interest to newspaper readers.

On the 2nd January 1856, twelve brethren of the Craft requisitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a charter to form Blagdon Lodge of Freemasons. The petition was granted, and the Lodge formed by the aforesaid twelve, among whom was Thos. Cookburn, a well-known Blyth medical gentleman, who died in 1859.

During the year ending the following January about 50 of the prominent professional men, tradesmen, and ship captains had identified themselves with the Lodge. Most of these have passed away from the ranks of the living, but in looking over the books we find the names of Captains Archibald Wilkie, James Wood, John Grey, and George Stavers, all of whom are still to the fore.

It was not, however, until 6th May 1856, that the Lodge was consecrated, at the Ridley Arms Hotel, in Blyth. At 10:30 in the morning the brethren met and proceeded to church, when a sermon was preached on behalf of the widows and orphans of shipwrecked mariners. At one o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened for the consecration, ladies being admitted at 2 o'clock to witness part of the ceremony. That it was not an unimportant event in the town may be noted from the fact that a special train was run at 8 p.m. to Percy Main, for the convenience of the brethren attending from Newcastle, Tynemouth, &c.

On its passage over the ocean of time, Blagdon Lodge has had its fair weather and its foul. While it has run before the wind under favourable conditions during the greater part of its voyage, storms of adversity have more than once overtaken it, but, thanks to the sound constitution of the Craft, the storm has been weathered, and the vessel has proceeded on her voyage, none the worse for her buffetting. To-day the officers and brethren have the satisfaction of knowing that never since the launch has a fairer prospect been before the Lodge.

Blagdon Lodge raises its banner under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland. On the retirement of Earl Percy, Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., was raised to the chair of R.W.P.G.M. of the Province, with Ald. Holmes, J.P., as his Deputy, and under the direction of these brethren Blagdon Lodge (with Bro. John Tweedy as its present W.M.) realizes to-day a condition of prosperity and harmonious working which approaches somewhat the ideal of the Masonic Craft. Amongst the many who have in past years held the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge may be mentioned Bros. W. L. Johnson, J. R. D. Lynn, W. Robinson R. Laing, J. R. Forster, John Swann, W. Maxwell, James Hogg, James Eadington, James Carmichael, Ed. Forster, A. H. Lake, W. W. Heron, and the late Bros. James Gibson, Aaron Adshead, R. Bell, and A. R. Guthrie.

The present place of meeting is the Mechanics' Hall, Blyth, but for some considerable time a desire has been expressed for a Masonic Hall, and now a scheme for building the same has taken shape amongst them. Through the interest and influence of Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., R.W.P.G.M., an eligible site has been secured and activity is apparent among the brethren who have been appointed to carry the matter to a successful issue. Having received the co-operation of their lady friends, the brethren have organised various schemes for raising funds, one of the principal of which is, for the time being, a fortnightly meeting at which the ladies industriously labour in producing a vast collection of articles which are required for the purpose of stocking the tables of a grand bazaar, which it is proposed to hold at an early date. The brethren themselves are contributing generously to the building fund, and a number of them have consented to act as stewards for the collection of donations towards the same. They are hopeful that their appeals will be readily responded to, and trust that their endeavours to make up a respectable sum total at the end of their books will meet with the practical support of their friends, both those of the Craft and others who wish them well in their somewhat heavy undertaking.

A piece of ground adjoining the Higher Grade School, in Beaconsfield Street, will be utilized for the building of the hall.

Here it is proposed to erect a building which will meet their Masonic needs, and be also sufficiently imposing and ornamental to form another addition to the various public and private buildings which have been reared in the immediate vicinity. The Lodge is frank enough to admit that it cannot build the hall without appealing to the outside public for contributions, and they will be pleased if, on the Stewards placing their lists before them, they will accord their appreciation of the effort by a donation to the building fund. From the support already accorded to the scheme by Masons and others in and out of Blyth, including subscriptions ranging in amount from 20 guineas to five guineas. It is anticipated that at no distant date the ceremony of foundation stone laying will take place on a scale which will no doubt be of an interesting and important description.

—*Blyth Weekly News.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1763.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Thame, when there was a goodly number of the brethren present. The Lodge having been duly opened by the W.M. Bro. E. Bond, the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Six candidates for initiation (Mr. R. Humphreys, Rev. T. Belshaw, Mr. Isaac Bush, Mr. John Sheen, Mr. H. J. Newitt, and Mr. H. E. Hooper), proposed and seconded at previous meetings, were balloted for and elected unanimously, and being in attendance were regularly introduced and initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony of initiation being ably performed by Bro. H. Birch P.P.G.D.C. Oxon. At the conclusion of the ceremony the charge to the newly-initiated was impressively delivered by Bro. M. H. Humphreys P.P.G.W. Oxon. The Lodge was subsequently closed in accordance with ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the Spread Eagle for the banquet, which was served in admirable style in the billiard room. The W.M. presided, supported by Bros. J. Mears I.P.M., H. Birch, M. H. Humphreys, and J. Tanner Prov. G. Standard Bearer. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the toast of the evening, the newly-initiated Brethren, meeting with a hearty reception, and to which each new brother suitably responded. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. G. F. Marsh J.W. 1787, who the brethren were pleased to see present. The proceedings of the day were altogether of a very successful character, and such as augur well for the continued prosperity of the Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 422.

A CONVOCATION was held at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., to elect the Principals and Officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the appointment of Companions Stainforth (of Crowle) M.E.Z., Alfred Kirk H., C. R. Farmer J., C. F. Liversidge Principal Sojourner, F. J. Sowby Scribe E., W. Mason Scribe N., Liversidge Treasurer, Scott Janitor. The installation ceremony takes place in November.

MARK MASONRY.

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ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 75, AND SOUTH-DOWN LODGE, No. 164.

IN consequence of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence (Provincial Grand Master of Berks) the installation banquet of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, was postponed, and it was arranged that at the installation meeting of the Southdown Lodge, No. 164, an amalgamated banquet and garden party at Haywards Heath should be held. This event was most successfully carried out on Wednesday, the 24th ult., much of the success of the gathering being due to the efforts of Bro. J. W. Hellewell, who acted as Hon. Secretary to the joint Committee. At the meeting of the Southdown Lodge, at the Station Hotel, Bro. J. C. Buckwell Prov. Grand Senior Warden W.M. Royal Sussex Lodge duly installed Bro. T. Wickham as W.M. of the Southdown Lodge, who appointed the following as his Officers during the ensuing year:—Bros. Lamette S.D., C. Clarke J.D., F. H. Beeny M.O., F. J. Culley J.O., A. Alwen Registrar of Marks, Stride Secretary, G. Masters P.M. Treasurer, F. C. Golding I.G. During the time occupied by the meeting of the Lodge a garden party was held in the pleasant gardens of the hotel, the delightfully fine weather favouring the out-door entertainment of the friends of the Freemasons. The amalgamated banquet of the two Lodges was afterwards held in the Corn Exchange, which was exquisitely decorated for the occasion. The company numbered about seventy. After the banquet a ball was held in the Corn Exchange, where dancing, to the strains of a most efficient band, was kept up till nearly midnight.

SCOTLAND.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE LOWER WARD OF LANARKSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire held its quarterly communication in St. Mark's Hall, on the 23rd ult., Major F. W. Allan acting as 1st Grand Principal, Major A. E. Black acting as 2nd Grand Principal, and R. Bradshaw Z. 67 acting as 3rd Grand Principal, James Balfour Scribe E., A. W. Watson J. 67 acting 1st Soj., T. R. Richards acting 2nd Soj., A. Mooney G. Standard Bearer acting 3rd Soj., G. Muir Janitor, Berger Organist. The following Companions were also present:—J. Connell Z. 79, J. Shaw S.E. 67, P. Robertson 50, M'Donald 73. Letters of apology for absence were intimated from several Office Bearers, as also a letter of apology from Superintendent W. J. Easton. It was reported that a deputation had waited upon Superintendent W. J. Easton, and asked him to reconsider his resignation of office. Principal Easton, however, expressed his regret that he was unable to comply with their wishes. It was resolved to record in the minutes an expression of regret that Principal Easton could no longer continue in office, and that the heartiest thanks be presented to him for his valuable services during the past fourteen years. The business concluded, the Chapter was closed as opened in due and ancient form.

FREEMASONRY AT AHMEDNAGAR.

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ROYAL CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 2377 E.C.

A COMPARATIVELY young Lodge held its regular session on the 2nd ult., and after the preliminary business (which included the admission into the Mystic Fraternity of three novices) the second installation since its consecration, in August 1890, was held. It is hardly necessary to add, when speaking of a Masonic Lodge, that the brethren mustered in full force and included amongst its numbers three Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present, viz., Bros. Dr. E. L. Maunsell P.D.G.D. Bombay P.D.G. Organist Gibraltar and I.P.M., T. Watson D.G.S.B. W.M., and W. R. Nicholson P.D.G.P. The business of the Lodge having been despatched (as might be expected) by a brother of Bro. Watson's standing and experience, he then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect (Bro. W. R. Nicholson), which ceremony was accomplished in a manner befitting so important an occasion as the induction of an occupant into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. then invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. T. Oldham S.W., Jesse Eccles J.W., Maneckji Serabji Treasurer, G. T. Brooke Secretary, Sorabji Edulji, Ghaswala, S.D., J. Peck J.D., J. Higton I.G., C. H. Woods Tyler; Bro. Watson, of course, filling the office of I.P.M. After the investiture, Brother Watson gave both the members and the Officers seasonable advice, urging on them the importance, nay, imperative duty of faithfully, zealously, and prudently discharging the important duties attaching to the proper conduct of a Masonic Lodge, at the same time expressing his conviction that from what he knew of all there was little likelihood of their being found wanting when the time came to assess their year's labour. After the business concluded, about 9 p.m., the brethren having profitably laboured for the Craft, adjourned to the banqueting room, quite ready to enjoy the refreshments provided, their enjoyments being, as should always be the case, enhanced by the conviction that honest labour enabled a good appetite to do ample justice to the good things provided. I must not omit a meed of praise to Bro. Nicholson and Bro. Woods for the successful manner in which the catering was done, and the tasty manner in which both table and room were decorated. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, there being no half-heartedness about the "fire," and the brethren enjoyed a meeting which throughout was typical of what all Craft assemblages should be—a model of harmony and brotherly love. Bro. Maunsell, the first W.M. of the Lodge, received an exceptionally hearty ovation from the brethren when the toast of his health was brought on the board. In fact the honours may fairly said to be divided between Bros. Maunsell and Watson, and right worthily they deserve it; therefore they are indeed worthy Masons, and so say all of us, and when that can be said it will take a smart man to tack anything on to it in the shape of eulogy. We all have full confidence in our new W.M. and have no doubt from his past experience and the Lodge he has to back him, he will be able to render a good account of his Stewardship at the end of his year of office, and we have no doubt that Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 2377 E.C. will have no need to be ashamed of its standing, &c., when installation again comes round.—*Allahabad Morning Post.*

THE DIAMOND FIELDS.

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RICHARD GIDDY LODGE.

SOME little while ago some one was inspired with the idea of the Masons giving their little ones a sort of social gathering in the Masonic Temple. The matter was talked over, and ultimately the leading members of the Richard Giddy Lodge took the idea up and worked it out to such a degree of success as greatly redounds to their energy and perseverance. The Committee appointed to take charge of this interesting and happy gathering were Bros. T. W. Goodwin, G. C. Cator, O. D. Wright, C. F. Beaton, Geo. Tapscott, Jas. French,

Geo. Brad, E. H. Elton, and B. Oppenheimer; the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Brad, being particularly energetic in carrying out all the various details, he being materially assisted by Bros. Beaton, Elton, Cator, and Oppenheimer.

There were upwards of 200 invitations sent out, and about three o'clock the happy youngsters began to arrive in charge of their parents and friends, and being ushered into the large room, which was most artistically decorated with drapery and flowers, they were marshalled round in pairs by the members of the cause, a small orchestra (Mr. Barfield violin, Mr. G. L. Smith piano, and Mr. F. Glover cornet) playing appropriate music. By this time the room was filled and presented a gay and animated appearance. Various games were then indulged in, which the little ones enjoyed amazingly; these were also supervised by their elders, and we particularly noticed that, among the latter, the Ven. Archdeacon and the Rev. Mr. Stenson seemed to enjoy the amusements as much as the juveniles. The fun now began in good earnest and romps of all kinds were the order of the day. Then the orchestra began a polka and the girls at once fell into the spirit of the dance after the manner born, but as usual the boys hung fire and were quite content to play by themselves. Dance after dance followed until five o'clock, when the little ones were taken into another room where suitable refreshments were served. Then followed a distribution of some excellent toys which the committee had provided, and this part of the programme was carried out extremely well. As each youngster came out of the refreshment room, he or she was asked to dip his or her hand in a lucky-bag held by Bro. Beaton; having extracted a number they crossed the vestibule to another room where the toys were laid out, and having handed in their ticket they were supplied with the toy bearing the corresponding number. They then returned to the ball-room again, and after enjoying a few more dances, the popular Mr. Lloyd James made his appearance, and to the great delight of the children, gave them some comic songs and sketches which sent them into fits.

Dancing then set in again and was kept up with much spirit and enjoyment until eight o'clock, when the juveniles were sent home, and those of a larger growth were then admitted, with a fair sprinkling of adults, who kept up the dancing until nearly midnight. And so was brought to a close one of the most pleasing entertainments that has taken place in Kimberley this winter, and the gentlemen of the Committee are to be highly complimented, not only for the idea of giving the juveniles a treat, but for the excellent way in which the whole affair was organised.

A PICNIC PARTY.

SEVERAL hundred members of the Masonic Fraternity, with their wives and daughters, held a most enjoyable picnic, at Wilson Park, New York, on the 18th ult. The gathering was under the auspices of the brethren of the 24th Masonic district, but the Officers and members of Ontario Lodge, in this town, however, were its promoters. An invitation was sent to the brethren of Toronto to participate in the festivities, and in response about one hundred members of the Craft, their wives and families, reached here at noon by the Eurydice. In the afternoon a platform meeting was held in the pavilion, when Bro. Gaskell W.M. of Ontario Lodge presided. After briefly referring to the object of the gathering, he called upon Bro. Taylor, of Lockport, D.D.G.M. of the 24th District, to welcome the visitors from Toronto. This was done by Bro. Taylor in a neat speech, after which Bros. E. T. Malone, W. J. Hambly, and E. W. Gardiner, all of Toronto, were called upon to respond. At the conclusion of these addresses it was unanimously resolved to form an international picnic association, the aim being to meet under similar circumstances yearly. A committee was appointed to carry out the wishes of the assemblage, consisting of Bros. Taylor, Gaskell, and Sanford, on this side of the line, and Bros. Malone, Gardiner, and Hambly for the Canadian brethren. The Toronto party left Wilson Park at six o'clock with every prospect of enjoying a delightful sail across the lake, the water being almost rippleless.

Masonry is in no sense a rival of religion, neither is it a substitute therefore. When a Mason makes his Lodge an excuse for the neglect of the church; or says that it is his church, he says what is untrue and inflicts an injury on his Fraternity. Such utterances are worthy of the severest condemnation. Dear brethren, do not say such things. You never learned anything of that kind in our ritual or lectures. Masonry is the handmaid of religion. It teaches the duty of morality, but it sends you to God to obtain the help you need to carry out the lessons that it teaches. Masonry tells us our duty; the church provides the supernatural helps to enable us to do it.

—Masonic Journal.

For a long time past Messrs. Cassell and Company have had in contemplation the issue of an illustrated boys' paper on different lines from existing periodicals, and since the commencement of the year have been making preparations for its issue. The services of Mr. Max Pemberton have been secured as editor, and it has been arranged to issue No. 1 on the 14th inst.

Mr. Stevenson's "Wrecker" is already well advanced in its fourth edition. His new book, "The Beach of Faleau," will be ready during September or early in October, and the first edition of his work on Samoa, entitled "A Foot-Note to History," has been nearly exhausted.

The first part of a new work entitled "Old and New Paris," by Mr. Sutherland Edwards, makes its appearance with the September magazines.

Life in all its various phases is made up of receiving and bestowing, and he who fancies he can do without either loses more than half of life's power and happiness.

The proposed new Masonic Temple in San Francisco, California, is to cost one million dollars, and is to be used almost exclusively by the Fraternity. The site cost one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

"The Diplomatic Reminiscences of Lord Augustus Loftus" is now in a forward state of preparation, and may be expected early this month. Messrs. Cassell and Company are the publishers.

Advancement in Freemasonry, whether in degrees, appointment on committees or in office, and the election to exalted and responsible positions, carries with it something of added duty. A faithful discharge of duty cannot be performed without a comprehensive understanding of the duties imposed and assumed.

The practice of allowing dues to accumulate against a brother is a bad one. Several cases have come to our notice lately in which a brother had died with some six or seven years' dues on the books of the Lodge against him. If a brother is not able to pay dues the Lodge should remit them; but if he is, and wilfully neglects his duty, he should be promptly suspended.—*Illinois Freemason*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 3rd September.

R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew
149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Town Hall, Redhill
1453 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
2205 Pegasus, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
2323 Bushey Hall, The Hall, Bushey, Herts
R.A. 1326 Lebanon, Greyhound, Hampton Court

Monday, 5th September.

144 St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
R.A. 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W.
M.M. 139 Panmure, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Pr. Frederick, M.R., New Rd., Hebden Bridge
108 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, North Shields
133 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
167 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Worcester
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1233 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1234 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1642 Legionium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypridd
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hornslow
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall
2187 Adur, Assembly Rooms, Henfield
2290 Fairfield, 14, Fairfield Street, Fairfield, Lanc.
R.A. 106 Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 386 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Dewsby
M.M. 2 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 6th September.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hot.
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
70 St. John, Huyshe M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
124 Marquis of Granby, M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
126 Silent Stream, Bull Hotel, Burnley
158 Adams, Britannia, Mile Town, Sheerness
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
266 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
294 Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley
315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
373 Socrates, George, High Street, Huntingdon
393 St. David, Mas. Hall, The Parado, Berwick
448 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
493 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
624 Abbey, Hall, Union St., Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
779 Ferrers and Iyanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon
980 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
974 Pentapha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
1002 Skiddaw, M.R., Challoner St., Cockermouth
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1197 Nyanza, Masonic Hall, Ilminster
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Cray Lane, Brigg
1336 Square and Compass, Mas. Rooms, Wrexham
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle,
1610 Sackville, Masonic Rooms, East Grinstead
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
2136 St. Michaels, Chequers Ho., Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Deuchar's Bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne
2295 Scarisbrick, Masonic Hall, Stockport
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 268 Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells
R.A. 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 996 Harry Sparks, M.H., East Doreham
R.A. 1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1224 Martyn, Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69 United Serv., King's Arms, Old Brompton
M.M. 115 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Wednesday, 7th September.

Quarterly Communication of G. Lodge, F.M.H., at 6
R.A. 893 Temperance in the East, 6 Newb y Place,
Poplar

74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
287 Unanimity, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
387 Airedale, Institute, Saltaire, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
608 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625 Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Glossop
678 E. Ellesmore, Church Hot., Kersley, Farnworth
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cheadle
838 Franklin, Peacock Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Kingston Sq., Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1107 Cornwallis, Bull Hotel, Chislerhurst
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Prudhoe Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1335 Lindsay, M.H., King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, L'pool
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736 St. John's, St. John's, Halifax
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
2120 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey, Surrey
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire
2368 Alan, Queens Hotel, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay, Brecknockshire
2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough.
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 320 Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

Thursday, 8th September.

1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1612 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Ha., Notting Hill
2168 Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
2397 Columbia, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
2417 Bolingbroke, M.H., Northgate Road, Clapham
R.A. 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tay., Gresham Street
R.A. 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 907 Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch Lane
35 Medina, Masonic Hall, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslington
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, M.R., Starkie Street, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Peirce, Sunderland
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
350 Charity, Railway Hotel, Moses Gate, Kearsley
369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Over Darwen
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
449 Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Hall, Spalding
548 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Loughton, Stafford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
738 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
816 Royal, Sun Inn, Littleborough
971 Trufalgar, Masonic Hall, St. James St., Batley
991 Tyne, M.H., Willington Quay, Northumbria
1035 Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale M.H., L'pool
1055 Derby, Victoria Hotel, Manchester
1125 St. Peter, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton
1141 Milton, Blue Bell, Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1151 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
117 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1418 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Farsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1514 Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lindley
1583 Corbet, Whitehall, Towyn
1597 St. Giles, The Bank, Bank Street, Cheadle
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Cheadle
1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1915 Graystone, Fosters' Hall, Whitstable
1942 Tenant, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
2189 Ashburton, Masonic Hall, Ashburton
2217 Windermere, Central Buildings, Windermere
2227 White Horse, Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts
2231 Onslow, St. Nicholas' Parish Hall, Guildford
2262 Dagnam, Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraysbury
2278 Kingswood, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne
2295 Eden, M. Rooms, Portland Sq., Workington
2311 St. Alkmund, Fox and Goose, Whitchurch
2321 Acacia, Masonic Hall, Darley St., Bradford
2342 Easterford, Angel Hotel, Kelvedon
2343 Sir William Harpur, Ass. Rooms, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Cheshunt Hall, Cheshunt
R.A. 213 Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 220 Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston
R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 286 Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
R.A. 509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613 Bridson, Masonic Buildings, Southport
R.A. 935 Starkie, M.I., Adelphi St., Salford
M.M. St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport

Friday, 9th September.

780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1603 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
33 Glamorgan, Masonic H., Working St., Cardiff
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bount Inn, Slaidburn
458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Goole
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Hall, Harrogate
1034 Eccleshall, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshall
1074 Underley, Masonic Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale
1087 Beaudesert, Assembly Ro., Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Room, King Street, Mirfield
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Masonic Rooms, Otley
1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1239 Rock, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2380 Benevolent, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Daventry.
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1001 Harrogate and Claro, M.H., Harrogate
R.A. 1050 Gundolph, King's Head, Rochester
R.A. 2154 Colne Valley, George Hotel, Halstead
K.T. 126 De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Saturday, 10th September.

1416 Mount Edgcumbe, Swan, Battersea
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1689 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2346 Cyclist, Castle Hotel, East Molesey.
2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
R.A. 1293 Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 2246 Cyclist, Castle Hotel, Molesey
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield
R.C. 13 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

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Saturday, 3rd September.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Totteham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
1621 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 5th September.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
246 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 7
1459 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho., Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot., W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8

Tuesday, 6th September.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
189 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
733 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1313 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1319 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1839 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. 1842 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
Hill, 8

Wednesday, 7th September.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.,
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tay, Burdett 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, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
ford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 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, 8th September.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
288 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
New Road

890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lowisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commer-
cial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledo, 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, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1822 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1825 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1877 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,
Clerkenwell, 9
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
Canonbury, 8

Friday, 9th September.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
187 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1058 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Chomont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
Criterion, W., 8
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,
Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 10th September.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1384 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.

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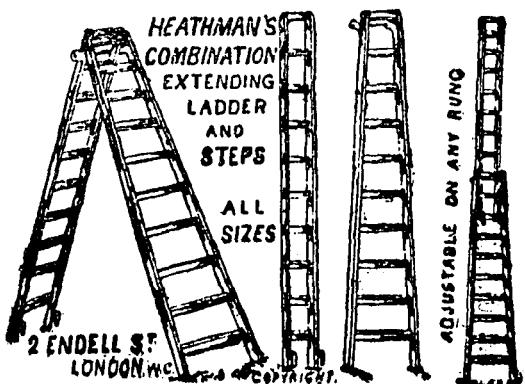
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