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THE PROPOSED NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

THE view we adopted last week as to the creation of a Grand Chancellor for the United Grand Lodge of England coincided with the opinion of many of those present at the Quarterly Communication and Wednesday, and found expression in a proposed amendment to the suggestion of the Grand Master which ultimately led to the rejection of the project, so far as the Grand Chancellorship was concerned, and the withdrawal of the other parts of the extension scheme. The keynote of the opposition was sounded by Bro. G. P. Britten, who objected to the proposed new Officer ranking before the Grand Chaplains. The suggestion that he should do so was not useful; it might be mischievous; and he thought it was degrading the office of Grand Chaplain. He said that some years ago an attempt was made to degrade the position of Grand Chaplain, but the Grand Master then put his foot down on it. He moved as an amendment that the Grand Chancellor should rank next below the Grand Chaplain, which amendment was seconded, but ultimately negatived. The original motion was then put, upon which Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. expressed the desire of the Craft to know whether a Grand Chancellor was wanted, with the duties of Grand Registrar, as well as a Grand Registrar with, virtually, no duties at all. He made a very bold stand, urging that although it was stated that the proposition was made at the recommendation of the Grand Master, it came really from the Board of General Purposes, and he was of opinion—as many others were—that the President of the Board should have stated some reason for converting the Grand Registrar into a Grand Chancellor. Brother Eve appeared to be of the same opinion as ourselves, regretting the abolition of the time honoured title of Registrar for no apparent object whatever; and when he proposed, as an amendment, to leave out all reference to the Grand Chancellorship, remarking there was really no reason for the change, it was evident he had the feeling of Grand Lodge with him. The amendment was duly seconded. Bro. Fenn, as proposer of the original motion, explained it was not desired to swallow up the Grand Registrar, who would be a Deputy to the Grand Chancellor, and do whatever duties he would be called upon to perform. He very unwisely urged that it was thought the proposition, coming from the Grand Master, would be accepted—unwise, because it was most dangerous to start the idea that anything submitted from the head of the Order must of necessity find favour with the Craft, more especially as Bro. Eve had boldly stated, a few moments before, that the suggestion was really the proposal of the Board of General Purposes, fattered by the Grand Master.

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, as Grand Master in the chair, attempted to throw oil upon the troubled

waters, urging it was no laughing matter when it was suggested to divide the duties of the Grand Registrar, but we respectfully point out that no such proposition was made. The Craft was asked to create a new office, and no mention was made of that of Registrar, which must have died a natural death, unless further amendments to the Constitutions were to be proposed, in order to find work for the office. However, the proposal was so objectional to the Craft that the amendment of Bro. Eve was carried, and the whole scheme in regard to the Grand Chancellor fell through, upon which Bro. Fenn said he was unable to proceed with the other parts of the proposal and he asked leave to withdraw the whole of the motions. He did not think it respectful to the Grand Master to make an amendment to his recommendation, which should have been either accepted or rejected; but we venture to think the Prince of Wales will not thank his champion for this expression of opinion. The Grand Master would rather commend the opposition for having the courage of their opinion than blindly follow their leader, even against their wish or inclination. Ultimately the matter was referred back, and we have probably heard the last of Grand Officer extension for the present, although we are of opinion that some other scheme might prove acceptable to the Craft, and equally answer the intended purpose.

HOW MASONRY IS ETERNAL.

There is Philosophy in the origin and Purposes of Masonry. An oration before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Kansas, 18th February 1892, by Bro. Bestor G. Brown.

MASONRY is coeval with thought. Masonry is not a mere ritual; it is a system of philosophy. Philosophy is thought. The ritualistic forms and ceremonies we know are the symbolic expression of that philosophic thought. We do not find the life of the violet in the sweet fragrance it exhales; the life germ lies beneath all that. A man may fall dead in the street, and we find no member of his body missing. Each organ in its wonted place, yet ceased in its functions. The vital force—imperishable, eternal—has fled; the body was but its tenement. So our organization is but the habitation where abides an imperishable force, that gives life and being, and which is the philosophic conception of that eternal truth which has been since time began.

When the Great Architect of the Universe out of chaos created order; when in the starry firmament he set the glittering seal of His almighty hand; when all the forces of Nature, at His omnipotent fiat, sprang into existence, He had not yet begun his work. But when, to fulfil His wise purposes, like unto himself, created He man; then, verily, was his great labour begun, but to be finished only when time shall be no more. So came forth man, out of the thought of God—the manifest expression of the thought of God; yet came he not forth like unto the beast, to roam

at large in the fields of present existence; to pursue the pleasure and the gratification of the moment; and to take that which the right of might could give; but as a part of the eternal and almighty thought which made all things else, came he forth to be co-worker with the Great Master in that stupendous labour which found its beginning in the wondrous creation. This, the apprenticeship.

As the architect, from rude and stubborn material—fashioned by skill and craft—erects the temporal edifice, so the Supreme Architect brought forth man that he might be fashioned for his intended use in the erection of that magnificent and boundless temple, upon whose truth-crowned turrets rests the throne of life and light eternal. Thus were laid upon man the extended duties of the Craftsman—not easily to be performed. None but the faithful may stand within the middle chamber.

Man has a spiritual being; distinct, separate, and apart from the physical. It is the spiritual nature, and that alone, which makes the man. Both natures are susceptible of development. We may reach the limit of physical development; of spiritual, never; and the degree to which the spiritual nature may be developed determines the true caste of manhood. Physical development, even though it may reach perfection, is but for a brief season; the spiritual, for ever, and as it approaches toward perfection, so does it come nearer to God, from whence it sprang. Here lies the work of the Craftsman, and herein he becomes a co-worker with the Great Master in measure with the degree of his spiritual development. This, the office of Masonry, in the discharge of which has our Institution been perpetuated.

Primeval man worshipped the Maker. Inherent in his nature was the intuition that he was the offspring of the thought of God, and as such was a part of God. Reason taught him that without a cause there could be no effect, that the first man could not produce himself; for to produce is to act, and to act without a being is to be something and nothing at the same time; that, as the effect of a cause, that cause was before him; that that cause was in the beginning, that what was in the beginning was not finite, and that which was not finite was infinite; that which was infinite was God, and what was a part of God was, in part, infinite. So thought, as its inception, evolved the proposition of the existence of a one great cause eternal and everlasting, and that which was a part of that great cause, had that which was imperishable. Hence, "the unity of God and the immortality of the soul." This is the vital essence of Masonry—that which his symbolism portrays, which its teachings inculcate, and that which is the vital force of its material organism. So Masonry, like the human organism, owing being to a vital force, sprang into existence with thought, and so, too, when this vital force shall leave it, will the material habitation crumble and decay into the perishable elements of which it is composed.

In the springtide of creation, under the sunlight of this sublime thought, man's spiritual nature expanded and grew. As the race multiplied, came those who preferred the joy of the moment to the happiness of time; who strove for the development of the physical and neglected the imperishable; who sought the victory of force, not of love. The world was not prepared for the eternal truths of Masonry. Here mysticism stepped in and afforded protection, and, under the mystic rites of the priesthoods, the esoteric philosophy of Masonry grew. The labours of the Craftsmen were true to the designs of the Grand Master.

We are wont to look from the material standpoint for the origin of our Institution. We think that in the many beautiful traditions which cluster around the construction of that wonderful Temple at Jerusalem we can see the birth of Masonry. As well might we judge man by his figure, not his deeds—the one is material, the other spiritual.

The conditions of civilization were favourable for the propagation of the Masonic philosophy when King Solomon began his great work. Of the thousands that participated in that work, each was actuated by the one aim, the one purpose—to so complete his work that it might be thought worthy and given a place in that magnificent structure—the *ne plus ultra* of human possibilities, a stupendous monument to God. There was no strife in that multitude; no rude jostling for place; no struggle for personal gain. "Fraternity" was the pass-word and the consciousness of duty well performed the highest reward sought.

The travelling Masons of the Middle ages were adherents of a peculiar social system. Their mysteries were not alone the secret transmission, from sire to son, of the operative principles of their art. They were students of the same philosophy which coexisted with thought; which was the mysteries of the priesthoods; which was crystallized at the building of the Temple and which is still the essence and spirit of Masonry. It is a significant co-incident of the material and philosophic features of Masonry that these bands of operative Masons were engaged almost entirely in the erection of temples to God. So mingled the Operative and Speculative, and so came our beautiful and fascinating symbolism.

No institution has ever lived beyond a century which has not been founded upon truth. The organization of men, fitted for purposes no matter how worthy, cannot exist beyond the age that gives them birth. Truth alone is everlasting. Masonry, coeval with time, still pours its blessings upon mankind. Founded upon truth, the eternal years of God are hers.

An institution founded upon truth, and whose vital essence began with thought, must not only have served a noble purpose in the past, but have to-day purposes as unchangeable as truth, and as fixed as they were in the beginning.

Man—the Fellow Craft—the co-worker with the Supreme Master, has a glorious destiny to fulfil in bringing up true and perfect work to be used in the construction of that boundless temple whose foundations were laid at the creation and whose copestones will be placed in eternity. This was, is, and will ever be the purpose of Masonry.

As man is a co-worker with God in the measure of his own development, so must the Mason look to the nature of his spiritual being for the fulfilment of his Masonic duties. He commits treason who takes up a cause for personal glory and fights not its battles; who supports its banner only on dress parade, and runs away when sacrifice or danger threatens.

In the Masonic rite first comes the conception of the philosophy which is life and being; next the application of that philosophy to the work of man. As mysticism protected and fostered the Masonic philosophy so is it now the strongest and most subtle means of reaching man. Here is the purpose of the ritualistic system. Latent conceptions of the mind are easiest roused through the medium of the senses. The more attractive and solemn our ceremonies, the more deeply impressed will be the beautiful thoughts they symbolize. Make the Lodge room attractive, and let the ceremonies be decorous and impressive.

The practice of the Masonic philosophy may be summed up in one word—"Fraternity;" yet what a range of action that one word covers. When human action shall have established the universal brotherhood of mankind, then, and not till then, will the purpose of Masonry be fulfilled. This is the Mason's work; this the Mason's hope, in the fruition of which will the purpose of the wise Master be accomplished.

He who wrongs his brother commits a sin against the Supreme Master, for in that wrong he injures that which is a part of himself, and that which is a part of himself is a part of that from which he came.

Is the Mason who speaks ill of his brother in truth a Mason? Where envy—that fiend, than which none is more horrible—calls forth its low-bred minions to attack a man, there true Masonry cannot be found. Before the enlarged spiritual nature envy quails. No power of invective, no bitterness of speech, can adequately condemn the Mason, who, envious of his brother, speaks ill of him. No fratricide more merits the fullest penalty of law. Yet, with aching heart, Masonry in shame hides her tear-stained face, and acknowledges that such there are, who thus in profanation most foul, would hurl her sacred altars to the ground. Out upon him who fain would wear the proud title of a Mason, and, in sacrilege of Masonry's holy rite, defend not the honour of his brother.

A woman taken in the commission of a revolting crime against society, was bought before the Holy Nazarene. The multitude judged her; the multitude sentenced; and the multitude would have executed. Each unmindful of his own estate, demanded of her that which he himself held most dear. Who among them cast a stone?

One-half of the evil we believe to be in the world is but the pronouncing of it. Man sees in his fellows that which is in himself. Who, then, will stand forth in his own

condemnation? Then speak not ill of your brother. There is no more insidious pest, gnawing at the very vital of Masoury, than envy. Stamp it out. Let no pabulum for its growth be found in your thoughts. A wrong, once done, not e'en eternity can efface.

When Jacob, in his vision, saw earth and heaven joined, there, emblazoned in the bright radiance of the firmament, stood Faith, Hope and Charity, by whose aid alone could he ascend to the reward he sought. "Faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind." This is no high-sounding platitude; it is the mainspring of true Masonic action. There can be no faith in God without faith in mankind; there can be no hope in immortality without faith in God; and there can be no charity without faith in mankind. Charity is love, and love is the strongest impulse of the spiritual nature. So, true charity comes in proportion to the development of the spiritual nature. That which may be called charity is not charity when it springs from a selfish motive. If, out of the bounty of worldly success, we contribute that we may be better known by our associates, we do not act for charity. Such actions on the books of life, are charged to "advertising," and, when those books are closed, appear not as a resource but as a loss.

We sit in our comfortable Lodge rooms and vote "aye" to a resolution authorising the proper officers to convey, of our funds, a portion to a distressed brother, and then in pharisaical exuberance extol ourselves. Men have been known to believe that this constituted the fulness of charity!

Does Masonry regard a man for his worldly possessions or position? The very first step we took in Masonry taught us "no." Then, as Masons, can we, in harmony with our Institution, measure deeds of charity by the dollars and cents involved? Money has no value in itself: it is merely a medium of exchange, whose purchasing power makes it valuable. Does the troubled spirit find solace in a dollar bill? Does the badge of fraternity bear the device of a double eagle? Let the God-ingrafted spirit speak out, and through the halls of time will thunder the answer, whose tones, in never-ceasing reverberations, shall ring in our ears till we hide our heads in shame. Yet how often, oh, how often, do we fail to pay those tender tributes, till the heart our kindness might have gladdened has ceased to beat. Dear brethren, show not your love of your brother in pomp and pageantry of funeral obsequies.

Some years ago the fell destroyer invaded a humble home, and a little girl was left without the means of support. She wrote to a prominent Mason, asking if the Masons did not take care of the orphans of their brethren, and, if so, whether she could be given an education? It was a noble, true Mason who received the letter, and faithful to his duty, he invoked the assistance of the Craft, and the means were provided for the education of the child. Within the past few months that orphan, now grown to a beautiful and accomplished woman, stood within the walls of the Grand Lodge whose adopted child she was, to express her gratitude. Do you wonder, when that beautiful girl prayed unto God to bless the Fraternity through whose protective care she had come into the perfection of pure womanhood, that eyes were dimmed with tears of joy? Think you that prayer went not straight to the throne of grace? It is in such acts that the true principle of Masonry is displayed, and it is of such deeds—exemplifications of love of our fellows—that we may rear a monument to our Fraternity that, like a dome of many-coloured glass, shall illumine the white radiance of eternity.

Masonry, coeval with thought, goes on in the work of the Great Master. We, the Craftsmen, toiling for our wages, must see that true and square work is brought up for this great Temple. Sprung from the Great Master, we are a part of him. Our lives should be attuned to His. To worship and reverence God for His humanity, and to enlarge man's estate to a degree befitting his divinity, these are the purposes of Masonry, and by the practice of true fraternity—charity or love—will these purposes be fulfilled. Thus will we become faithful Craftsmen, whose work—true and perfect—shall be fitted for the eternal and everlasting Temple of God, within whose Holy of Holies, refulgent in the splendour of divine presence, shall we receive the true word of a Master Mason, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," and in heavenly peace and happiness adore the Supreme Grand Master throughout the never ending cycles of eternity.—*Voice of Masonry.*

MASONRY AND BUSINESS.

IT is said that water and oil will not mix without some other element to bring the two together. It has also been remarked that Masonry was one thing and business another, and the two will not mix. While it is undoubtedly true that Masonry and business are not synonymous terms, yet it is equally certain that there is no antagonism between the two, and the one ought to help the other.

A man joins the Masonic Fraternity, if he has the right conception of it, not from any pecuniary benefit he expects to receive, but for the good it will do him in his daily life, and his business is a part of his daily life. He looks upon the institution, if he gives the matter any consideration at all, as one that extends over the whole world. A brotherhood where all are bound by some mysterious principle or impulse, and each is friend to the other. An institution regarded as ancient and honourable. A society of sociability. An association banded together to work acts of charity and help those who are needy.

Looking at it from these points he regards it as the company in which he may be able to fulfil to some extent his duty to his fellow men. He petitions for admission, and is met at the very beginning with a declaration which he is required to make, that he seeks to join this ancient and honourable society of his own free will, and that he is not actuated by any selfish or mercenary motives. This declaration is not in every case true, as may be seen in instances of men who seek by un-Masonic means to use the Fraternity to further their own selfish ends. But the institution is made up of men of pure motives, for those who try to use it for mercenary purposes are an exception and are few.

Masonry, as before stated, is intended to help a man in his every-day life, and business is a part of that life. We have a right to expect that those who wear the square and compass will deal on the square and circumscribe their actions by the compass of justice. We have a right to expect from a Mason honest and upright dealing in all his transactions. There will be full measure and full weight. We have no right to expect that because we can make ourselves known to him in the dark as well as in the light, he is to favour us above all other men. He sells his goods at a certain price, a fair price, and as right between man and man, or Mason and Mason, we have no right to expect him to "come down" to favour us. In business impartial justice is demanded. Masonry ought to be a strong recommendation to a man, and is when the man practises the principles laid down for every-day life.

It is said that "men live off of Masonry." This is not true. It is a slander upon the Fraternity and the men who are charged with the offence—for it is an offence. The society is so organised as to make it next to impossible for a man to "live off of it." An impostor may run a course for a time, but he will be found out and his career cut short. If a brother is in need the Fraternity will take care of him. There are many members all over the world who are supported wholly by the Lodges. They are destitute, and the principles of the institution—and it is a pleasure to the Craft to do so—require that their necessities be relieved. In health, they gave of their substance to help some other brother, and now that affliction has overtaken them they are cared for. Such is the beautiful charity of Freemasonry.

"The labourer is worthy of his hire," and the man who devotes his time to the interests of the institution deserves the same remuneration that he could receive in any other business. Masonry is a business, and its affairs need the careful attention of business men with business methods, and the very best business men, with the very best methods, should be employed. There are hundreds of self-sacrificing men who are doing themselves injustice by serving Lodge, Chapter and Commandery without just compensation. The worst paid men, as a rule, are the Secretaries, whose duties and responsibilities are of a business nature.

All the details of the Lodge work must be cared for by him, and he deserves to be paid for his work. It cannot be said that he "lives off of Masonry." In the conduct of the affairs of a great corporation men are selected who are capable of understanding the magnitude of the business, and the compensation for their services is commensurate with the demands upon their ability. This is a business. Masonry is a great institution and teaches justice to all men, and has no right to expect those who work for it to do so and "find themselves."

There many things connected with this subject that we cannot at this time touch upon. We leave these thoughts for the consideration of those who think on such things. A man's Masonry must not interfere with his regular business, nor must he in any wise neglect to perform his duties honestly and fearlessly. Those who are called to serve the Craft (and some must serve), should do so in a business way and be paid for it. Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, or the bodies composing them, will not take care of themselves; somebody must look after them. That the burden may not be too great, new Grand Masters and Masters are elected from year to year to direct affairs, but the real workers of the body are retained, and deserve to be treated as business men.

—*New York Dispatch.*

A VISIT TO KING SOLOMON'S QUARRIES.

A lecture delivered before the Bulwer Lodge of Cairo, No. 1068, English Constitution, by Bro. A. Hananer, on the 5th of July 1890.

WORSHIPFUL Sir and Brethren:—As you have called on me to say a few words on my recent visit to the Holy Land, I purpose this evening to lay before you a description of the quarries from which King Solomon took his materials for building the famous Temple at Jerusalem, as being a subject likely to arrest the attention of, and prove interesting to, every brother of our Fraternity.

There are two cities in Palestine which for ages past have been objects of veneration above all others in those parts, and, I may say, on the face of the globe, and those two cities are Hebron and Jerusalem. It is at Hebron, we know, in the natural cave of Machpelah, that the great Patriarch Abraham, and his family lie at rest; and his tomb of all others in Palestine has remained until now inviolate, venerated and jealously guarded by Jews, Turks, and Christians alike.

But this evening we will try and picture ourselves in the other holy city, viz., Jerusalem.

The sacred Law alludes repeatedly, and in strong terms of love and admiration, to that place; indeed, there is no other city mentioned so frequently in that volume as the city of Jerusalem. We know that it was in this city that King Solomon built the glorious Temple to the honour and for the worship of the Most High.

On going round the walls of the city as it is at present, we find at the south-east corner some of the stones which then formed part of the Temple are still visible, while at the south-west part of the Temple wall other great stones are seen whither the Jews even now repair to wail and lament over the fall of their city. The natural question which at once arises is: Where were these stones brought from, as there is no trace of a quarry for miles around Jerusalem, and it is an obvious fact that these stones must have been quarried near the town, otherwise it would have taken King Solomon over seven years to build the Temple? This query puzzled many a learned man for years, till about thirty years ago a sportsman, out with his dog, on the north of the city, fired at a bird, which flew into a small hole at the foot of the city wall, into which the dog followed and disappeared. As the dog did not return, the owner hastened back to the city, reported the case and obtained leave to enlarge the aperture, when it was discovered that the hole led into a vast quarry, from its position and appearance the most likely place whence the stones were taken for the building of the Temple.

Here, then, it was that stones were cut and shaped before being taken to the Temple to be put in their places, as we read: "The house when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building,"—1 Kings vi. 7.

I will ask you to follow me for a few moments and draw your own lessons, as Masons, while I try to describe this wonderful place I last visited in the company of our Past Master (in the chair to-night), my brother and others. We all met at the little entrance in the rock below the north wall of the city, armed with candles, matches, and

magnesium wire. On entering the low doorway we lit our candles, and, under the guidance of my brother, the Rev. J. E. Hananer, slowly and cautiously descended into the darkness, following the contour of a hill to the right. By the feeble light of our candles we were just barely able at first to see about a foot in front of us, and for some five minutes we continued blindly blundering after our leader, until he suddenly stopped us, while he struck off to the right to place a candle in an offbranch of the quarry, for the double purpose of making it serve as a landmark to guide us in retracing our footsteps, and also enable us when we had reached the lowest point of the cavern to perceive how it stood as a beacon on the summit of a very steep cliff.

On his return we continued our downward road till we halted before a large projecting stone, that seemed to have been intended to become a rough ashlar, but for some reason had never been detached from the mother rock. We continued to descend, and ere long found ourselves in what appears to be a vast hall, decorated with a huge column suspended like a chandelier from the centre of the roof, and by the aid of a magnesium light we could see that many a good ashlar had been cut away from round it. In the wall of this great chamber are seen grooves about four inches wide, cut out about three feet apart, and joined at the bottom by other grooves, the ashlar being thus left free on three sides. Now arises the question: How was this ashlar intended to be detached!

Blasting by gunpowder was, of course, unknown in the days when our ancient brethren toiled in these quarries; blasting was effected by wood in the following manner: Blocks of dry wood were driven into the grooves above described, and then thoroughly wetted. This treatment caused the wood to swell, and in expanding it cracked away the stone from its attachments to the mother rock, and the half-shaped ashlar, with its knobs and excrescences still disfiguring it, fell into the hands of the Entered Apprentices, who, with the aid of the common gavel and the chisel, modelled it into due shape and prepared it for the finer work of the more skilled Craftsman. Further exploring the same hall we found two ready-squared ashlars, ready for the builders' hands; but evidently, for some reason or another, they were not wanted; perhaps left to be a lesson to us.

We now left the hall, and descended a winding road to the right, till we stood on the brink of an open pit, well strewn with stones and chippings broken off by our ancient brethren, when preparing the ashlars for the building above. We jumped down and picked our way about this place for a few minutes before we began to retrace our steps up the rough path that led us into the hall again. From the hall we again followed our leader up the steep and stony road winding gradually upwards toward the left. And now our guide led us into another passage to the left, where we noticed that the stones were well worn and slippery. Presently we stood on a somewhat raised platform, at the back of which there is a niche in the wall about three feet wide, and falling back about the same distance. In this is a roughly cut basin filled with water. This is doubtless the place where our ancient brethren used to quench their thirst when called off from "labour to refreshment." The water is now rather brackish, not having been freely used in all probability for over 2,897 years.

After visiting this interesting spot we made our last start and regained the main road once more. And now as we began gradually to ascend, looking upwards as we went, we could see the few rays of light slanting down into the quarry, and by this light, which comes from above, we could perceive how on one side part of the quarry was in ruins, probably from an earthquake, and boulders and half-hewn blocks lie scattered around in rough confusion; while on the other side, by the same light, we could see, and seeing admire, the work of our ancient brethren. Their even work, their well-squared points and corners, the nicely-finished surface of the rock will account for the peculiar manner in which we are told they were in the habit of receiving their wages "without scruple or diffidence, well knowing they were justly entitled to them."

We may, brethren, be proud to be descended from such a Fraternity, who worked so well and truly, with the aid only of the feeble light of tiny lamps placed in little niches in the wall, that are still visible in this vast and wonderful quarry, and may our work as Masons bear, equally with theirs, the test of the searching rays of that light which

shines from above, so that when we shall have been called off from our labours here we may not merely be able to receive the wages promised to us without scruple or diffidence, but also meet with the approval of those that shall follow after us, who seeing the marks of our good work may be stimulated to fresh zeal and cherished by fresh hopes, even in the middle of that dimly lighted quarry of life in which it is the lot of all men to labour.

—*American Tyler.*

A DEAD LETTER IN MASONIC LAW.

TO the logical mind laws made and provided by proper authority are intended to be obeyed. There is no middle course between carrying out their provisions to the letter, or if that is found impracticable or harmful, repealing them altogether. The mental gymnastics indulged in sometimes by politicians, of making voluminous enactments which are systematically ignored by the executive may amuse them, after a debating society fashion, but they do not appeal to the reasonable thinker. At least, such methods should have no place in the system of Masonry, founded as it is on the application of strict geometrical methods to mental processes. And yet instances are not wanting where provisions which find not only an established, but an easily defensible place in our Constitution, have no more effect upon every day Masonic work than if they never existed. Let us take two very prominent examples. The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England contain two distinct limitations on the rights of visiting brethren. One is that, in order to visit a Lodge, a brother should do two things; one to produce his certificate, the other to prove his *bona fides* by actual demonstration of his knowledge of the secrets of the Craft. Again, it is distinctly laid down that no brother not a subscribing member of a Lodge shall have the right to visit any Lodge more than once. And yet these laws are absolutely dead letters, at least in South Africa. Such proof of being a Mason as the possession of exoteric knowledge gives, is certainly exacted, but few Lodges, if any, insist on the collateral proof afforded by the production of a certificate. If a brother is conscientious enough to carry that document about with him, all well and good, but if not, no W.M. dreams of refusing him admission. Then again, the restriction of non-affiliates to a single visit to any one Lodge is equally ignored. In all our larger towns, and in many of our smaller ones, one is familiar with brethren who have not subscribed a penny to the Craft for years, and who yet regularly turn up when an installation, a public function, or a banquet is on the tapis. And no one says them nay. Why is this? Both provisions are salutary enough. In these days, when people travel so often and so far, the very existence of the Fraternity depends upon the strictest caution in the admission of visitors, and the production of a certificate is an additional safeguard of very great value, more especially as it affords a caligraphic proof of identity. And the restriction of the visiting rights of non-affiliates is a very proper thing. The man who has left one Lodge may fairly be allowed one visit to any other, in order to judge for himself in choosing his future Masonic home, but it is intolerable that the non-affiliate should systematically be allowed to put himself on a level with those who are supporting and working for a Craft with which he is giving not one tangible iota of sympathy. There may be, and doubtless are, many non-affiliates who have ceased to subscribe through genuine financial inability, but our experience is that these men have invariably the good sense and right feeling to keep away from Masonry until they can join it honourably. The non-affiliate who is "on hand" at functions, is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, a bad stone out of a bad quarry, and if he drops out of notice, never will be missed. In any case Masters and Brethren should obey the law just as it stands. The difficulty is that no one likes to face the odium of breaking a bad principle. The truth is that no single W.M. ought to be expected to do so. The District Grand Masters alone can take the initiative in compelling respect for the Book of Constitution. Let them at once issue circulars markedly insisting on Masters carrying out the provisions we have named, and every W.M., feeling that the initial responsibility is shuffled from his shoulders, will rise to the occasion and do his duty.—*South African Freemason.*

THE MASON'S DUTIES.

IT ought to be well known by every Freemason, what are the duties enjoined on him by his association with the Fraternity. Yet, like many other subjects, this is lost sight of or ignored, after the freshness of desire to learn has passed off, by an occasional attendance at his Lodge and becoming familiar with the routine work.

However pleasant it is to meet with the brethren at the Lodge, and it ought always so impress the members, yet there is much to be learned by every Mason, that those Lodge meetings might be made occasions for instruction on subjects of deep interest to the Craft.

Indifference to the use of Lodge meetings for all else but "work" is not to be encouraged. The P.M.'s of every Lodge should be qualified to impart instruction to the brethren at suitable and recurring opportunities.

Surely a P.M. has leisure to seek instruction. He knows what is needed. His experience in the several stations in which he has served must have enabled him to discover what is necessarily important to be taught, what lessons are required, and how the teachings should be imparted.

If one P.M. in a Lodge would devote a little time to make himself capable to instruct the members of his Lodge, the Lodge would be the wiser, its meetings would attract many members whose interest flags, and thus they would be anxious to attend.

To qualify for thus teaching, the teacher must first be taught. It would not be a severe tax on the leisure of a P.M. to give a few hours to master many of the questions that are of serious import to the welfare of the Lodge, of advantage to the members, and the character of the brethren.

How often does it happen that at a meeting of a Lodge, questions occur that no one present seems capable or willing to decide?

The *Ahiman Rezon* is in every Lodge. If a P.M. would carefully study the law contained in this volume, become familiar with its provisions, and the decisions of the Grand Lodge, he could frequently facilitate the proceedings of the Lodge and prevent error or mistake. He could then orally explain the reasons of these laws, especially to avoid an infraction of them and thus save trouble to the Officers of the Lodge. Such a Brother having received all the honours of his Lodge would be free to give, as his acknowledgment of the respect of his brethren, shown by his election to the three stations, some valuable contributions to Masonic knowledge to those who desire it. Before he undertakes this duty, however, he must be recognised as a competent instructor by the authority of Grand Lodge.

It would not be wise to suffer a blind teacher to instruct a blind scholar; an unqualified Master to mislead an earnest Craftsman.

There are so many P.M.'s who are doubtless willing to labour for the enlightenment of the members of their Lodges that it would be a pleasure for them to begin, make an effort, to try and render this service to the Fraternity. Let those who feel the force of this suggestion undertake to acquire the requisite qualifications to carry it out successfully. Once begun, under the approval of the D.D.G.M., then these representatives of our R.W. Grand Master will feel it a duty and a pleasure to aid in making the effort a success.

No one can doubt how much instruction of this kind, and indeed Masonic instruction, is needed, and how rarely it can be obtained.

The hindrance is not in the want of interest by the D.D.G.M.'s, but rather in the lack of intimations to them, from Lodges, that such instruction is longed for by the brethren. Then they will eagerly embark in the effort to teach Masons their Masonic duties.

It would be worthy of the character of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania if such schools were operated under the sanction of the Grand Master of Masons of the first Grand Lodge organised on this continent.—*Keystone.*

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the Marquess of Hertford M.W. Pro G.M.M.M. The following report of the General Board was laid before the brethren:—

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to recommend that the words "if possible" shall be inserted in Article 32, Book of Constitutions, before the words "a Peer of the Realm," and the Board, feeling that this addition to the clause would give the Grand Master greater freedom in the selection of a Pro Grand Master, most heartily recommend Grand Lodge to adopt the suggestion of his Royal Highness.

During the three months ending 30th June 1892, there have been issued:—Mark Certificates, 421; total number registered, 29,895. Warrants for new Lodges, 4, viz.:—

- No. 443, Elias de Derham, Salisbury.
- " 444, Shropshire, Shrewsbury.
- " 445, St. Swithun's, Horncastle.
- " 446, Prince of Wales, Brighton, Victoria, Australia.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 92; total number registered, 3670.

The Board have to record with sincere regret the death of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey, who had ruled over that large and important Province for 21 years with the greatest benefit and advantage to the Order.

In consequence of the great increase of Lodges and Brethren in this Province, as well as in the London District, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to direct—

1. That the present Province of Middlesex and Surrey be, and is, hereby abolished.
2. That all Lodges meeting within a radius of two miles from Mark Masons' Hall shall belong to the London District, and be under the direct control of Grand Lodge.
3. That all other Lodges outside this radius in the County of Middlesex be constituted a Province by the title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.
4. That all other Lodges outside this radius in the County of Surrey be constituted a Province by the title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey.

His Royal Highness has been pleased to appoint:

R.W. Bro. Col. Arthur Bott Cook, J.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

R.W. Bro. Col. Gerald Noel Money, C.B., J.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint:

R.W. Bro. the Most Honourable the Marquess of Hertford (M.W. Pro Grand Master) Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire for a further term of three years.

R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, and Derbyshire for a further period of three years.

The Board recommend to Grand Lodge that Article 62 be altered to read as follows:—"Six Lodges in the London District and Eight Provincial Grand Lodges shall, in rotation, each recommend to the Grand Master for approval a Mark Master, who shall not necessarily be a member of that Lodge or Province. Brethren so approved and appointed are entitled to wear the insignia and clothing of Grand Stewards, and take rank as Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Arthur Roger Carter P.G. Standard Bearer having designed a new tracing board for the Mark Degree, has presented to Grand Lodge a large and valuable painting of the same, and has also assigned to the trustees of Grand Lodge his copyright therein.

The Board recommend that this design be adopted as the official tracing board of the degree, and would also suggest that the best thanks of Grand Lodge are due to Bro. Arthur Roger Carter P.G. Standard Bearer for this presentation, as well as for a magnificent suite of Moorish armour, also given by him, and hung in the Grand Master's private room.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The twenty-fourth annual festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 20th July, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Past Grand Warden, and the sum of £1,636 was announced.

The Board have elected on the Educational Fund, without a poll—

Arthur Nicholl.
Percy Bouverie Primrose.
Herbert Stanley Thorn.

And have to report the death of Bro. Thomas Pickering, an annuitant.

The following cases have been relieved:—

Mrs. M. A. W. (widow of a Brother of No. 95) - £5 0 0
Mrs. M. F. M. (widow of a Brother of No. 261) - £5 0 0

And the Board recommend that the sum of £100 be granted to Bro. W. N. of Lodge 34.

And the sum of £25 to Mrs. J. W. (widow of a Brother of Lodge St. John, T.I.)

(Signed)

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

4th August 1892.

At the conclusion of the business it was unanimously resolved that the Board do most heartily congratulate their late President, R.W. Bro. Col. Arthur Bott Cook, J.P., on the distinguished office to which it has pleased the Grand Master to appoint him. And they also desire to record their high appreciation of the many services he has rendered to the Order while acting as President of the General Board.

(Signed)

FRANK RICHARDSON, V.P.

In moving the first recommendation, the alteration of Art. 2 of the Constitutions—"The Grand Master, if a Prince of the Blood, may appoint a Pro Grand Master, who shall be, if possible, a Peer of the Realm, and who shall, in all respects, rank as Grand Master." Brother Frank Richardson, Vice President of the Board, said it might sometimes be difficult to obtain a Peer of the Realm to be Pro Grand Master, and the Prince of Wales thought it would be better if clause 32 of the Book of Constitutions was more open. His Royal Highness would always like to have a peer for Pro Grand Master, but where that was not possible he wanted more freedom. Brother Berridge G.D.C. having seconded the motion, the Marquess of Hertford expressed his approval of it. A long discussion arose on the motion by Bro. F. Richardson, seconded by Brother Berridge,

"That Article 62 be altered to read as follows:—"Six Lodges in the London District and Eight Provincial Grand Lodges shall, in rotation, each recommend to the Grand Master for approval a Mark Master, who shall not necessarily be a Member of that Lodge or Province. Brethren so approved and appointed are entitled to wear the insignia and clothing of Grand Stewards, and take rank as officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Richardson said the alteration was necessary because the joint Province of Middlesex and Surrey had been divided by the Grand Master into two Provinces. It was not proposed to increase the number of Grand Stewards. Bro. Brighton proposed the postponement of the consideration of the subject till December. The Earl of Euston explained that it was for the good of the Order that the Grand Master had divided the Province into two; and Bro. Richardson said this was the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Master. He had also appointed a Grand Master for each of the Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey. The same step had been taken before; North Wales and Cheshire, and Berks and Bucks had been divided. Some brethren no doubt did not like it, but they should remember the good of the Craft must be studied. He would point out that whereas in the united Province there were only twelve Grand Lodge collars at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Master every year, in the two Provinces there were twenty-four. After some further discussion the motion was agreed to. Bro. Richardson moved that the new tracing board presented by Bro. Carter be adopted as the official tracing board of the Degree, and that the best thanks of Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby given to Bro. Arthur Roger Carter P.G. Standard Bearer, for the gift to Grand Lodge of a large painting of the tracing board and a suite of Moorish armour. This was seconded by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, who, however, wished to know how and under what circumstances the design of this tracing board was made, because in five or six years Brown, Jones, or Robinson might design another. Brother J. S. Cumberland also inquired on whose authority the design was made. To-morrow, perhaps, he might be favourably named as making a suggestion for a tracing board for use in all Mark Lodges. Bro. Pulman P.G.I.G. objected to the new tracing board. Mark Masonry had flourished with the old one, and he hoped it would not forget the old landmarks. Bro. Richardson explained that the new board had exactly the same signs as the old, which had been elaborated and made more beautiful. The lecture could be given just as well on the new board. Bro. Carter painted it in the full sanction and approbation of the General Board. Bro. Scurrah opposed, and after several other brethren had spoken the original motion was carried, Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, having been appointed by the Prince of Wales to be President of the General Board, was invested by the Marquess of Hertford, who announced that

the Grand Master had appointed Bro. John E. Dawson as a member of the Board. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

CONSECRATION OF THE ECCLESBURNE LODGE, No. 2425.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 5th inst., at Duffield. The ceremony of constitution and consecration was conducted in the Boys' Endowed School, in the afternoon. There were 70 or 80 brethren present from all parts of the county. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Devonshire, the ceremony was conducted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. H. C. Okeover P.G.J.W. England. Bro. E. J. H. Hoskyns, an old Past Master of the Beauréper Lodge, was installed as the first W.M. by Bro. Percy Wallis, and Bros. W. H. Marsden and T. Cox assisted. The Officers were invested, as follow: Bros. W. Heathcote acting I.P.M., J. Tempest S.W., Alfred Henry J.W., Richard Waite Treasurer, Walter Shoovert Secretary, W. Whelldon S.D., the Hon. C. W. Trollope J.D., John Walker Director of Ceremonies, Edgar Horne Organist, and T. Hughes I.G. The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel.

ST. BEDE LODGE, No. 1119.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grange Road, Jarrow, for the installation of the Worshipful Master, and appointment of Officers for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master (Bro. J. W. Chater) presided, and was supported by the following:—Bros. J. Taylor S.W., A. J. Prince J.W., D. W. Voss S.D., J. Rigby J.D., R. Madgshon I.G., Jas. Robinson I.P.M., R. W. Klyne P.M., C. F. Sutcliffe P.M. 240, H. Sodenberg P.M., H. Golden P.M., G. Davies P.M., N. H. Brown P.M., T. Robinson Treasurer, A. McDougall Secretary, B. Boshier 1418, Jas. Lee Secretary 2039, W. Buck W.M. 97, T. G. Garrick P.M. 944, T. W. Henderson S.W. 1970, D. Cameron W.M. 240, N. Thompson W.M. 52 Morpeth, T. B. Appleby S.W. 2418, W. Cowie P.M. 1613, J. R. Smart P.M. 94, S. Chadwick P.M. 1613 P.P.G.S.B., J. S. Thompson 1326. Bro. John Taylor S.W. W.M. elect was duly installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. Chater, the retiring W.M., who was afterwards invested as I.P.M. Bro. John Taylor W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. J. Prince S.W., J. Rigby J.W., Thomas Robinson P.M. Treasurer, G. Davis P.M. Secretary, R. Madgshon S.D., W. F. Renton J.D., H. Sodenberg P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. F. Douglas I.G., T. F. Renton S.S., Jos. M. Mackintosh J.S., and J. Young Organist. The annual festival was afterwards held at Bro. J. Rutherford's, County Hotel, Ormonde Street. Bro. J. Taylor W.M. presided, and was supported by a number of Past Masters, Officers and Brethren from the St. Bede and other Lodges.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 1326.

BRO. Samuel Wheeler W.M. presided over an ordinary meeting of this Lodge, on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, when some twenty-five brethren attended. Mr. Arthur Fredk. Holland was initiated, and three of the brethren were raised, namely, Bros. Gordon de Lacy Larnar, John William Burton, and Isaac Jefford Collins. After the business had been transacted the members sat down to an excellent banquet, provided and served with his accustomed skill, by Bro. Harris, "mine host."

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

"Ten Days in Lakeland." By Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., author of "St. Bees and other Poems," editor "Yorkshire Ballads," "Yorkshire Poets, Past and Present," &c. London: W. W. Morgan & Son, Office of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, N. 1892.

To those who contemplate an autumnal visit to Lakeland we commend this little contribution to its literature. The various points of interest are graphically portrayed, and the visitor who previously may have studied its details will recognise in this a practical and useful guide book to many of the prominent features under notice. Our good brother Dr. Forshaw had for companion in the trip described a gentleman well posted in the knowledge of the district the two visited; consequently the short time at disposal was most profitably spent. We may add that those who know Lakeland will derive infinite pleasure from a perusal of this little brochure;—it will remind them of many happy hours spent in days gone by.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 12.

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

THE CHISEL.

Our speculative tools were incomplete
If this Masonic emblem were not there;
And he, enthroned as Master in yon chair,
Could ne'er preside nor occupy the seat,
If 'twere not for the chisel and its power;
With its most potent edge we smooth and trim,
Chip off all roughness, and make chaste and prim;
And spend, through it, full many a happy hour.
And if we liken it—with all its beauty—
To such a proverb, that each brother's mind
Will nothing in it but rich treasures find,
Then shall it ever be our bounden duty
To praise, exalt, and dwell upon its graces,
Whene'er we meet in our Masonic places.

Winder House, Bradford,
6th September 1892.

AN IMPROMPTU TRIBUTE OF REGARD.

To CHAS. F. FORSHAW, ESQ., LL.D., ON READING TWO OF HIS LAKE-
LAND SONNETS.

ENCHANTING Bard of Nature, thy soul-enchancing lays
Have filled my heart with ecstasy, and charmed my mind with
praise;
And thoughts and thoughts unending fly through my reeling brain,
Which impel me unto thee to sing one admiring strain.
I too, like thee, drink freely of Nature's purest joys,
Whose sweetness is unspeakable, whose goodness never dloys;
I too, with exultation, sing of her praise at will,
To waft afar that influence that charms the noble still.
I too have idly rambled by beauteous Windermere,
Ecstasied by the music of wavelets in my ear;
I too have, in the sunshine, been on her breast aloft,
The blithest, happiest mortal that ever Nature taught.
By Stock Ghyll, too, at morning, at noonday, and at e'en,
With blissful admiration, I've lonely musing been;
While in its wild commotion the seething torrent fell
O'er many a gleaming boulder, past many a rocky cell.
Your exquisite portrayal of these two scenes, to me
Woke in my mind fond memories of what they used to be;
Your fitting language charm'd me to sweep my artless strings,
Be howsoever discordant the virgin lay that rings.
Like Stock Ghyll's gleaming water, still flowing day by day,
So be your future's blessings, in Virtue's rightful way;
Like Windermere's depths calmly so may your heart joys lie,
With Nature's shrine of love, the temple that cannot die.
In silent trepidation I aye must wake my lyre,
But you, with talents gifted, can loftily aspire.
Brother, on! your teacher impels you with her power,
With promises of laurels from Fame's immortal bower;
On, brother, on! your music, bewitching, sweet and fine,
My soul binds, as I listen, with ecstasy divine.

JOHN SEWELL JUN.

Lamplugh, Cockermouth.

THE THEATRES, &c.

The production of "The Prodigal Daughter," by Henry Pettitt and Sir Augustus Harris, will take place at Drury Lane, on Saturday next, the 17th inst. The leading characters will be sustained by Messrs. Henry Neville, James Fernandez, Arthur Williams, Harry Nicholls, Leonard Boyne, Charles Dodsworth, J. L. Shine, and Miss Fanny Brough.

Mrs. Langtry starts her season, at the Haymarket, on Thursday next, 15th inst., with a new play, in four acts, entitled "The Queen of Manoa," by Messrs. Haddon Chambers and Outram Tristram.

At the Vandeville, on Wednesday next, the 14th inst., will be revived H. J. Byron's celebrated comedy of "Our Boys," with Mr. David James in his original character of Perkyn Middlewick.

Part I. of "An English National School of Singing; or, A Method of studying the art of Lyric and Dramatic Singing in its integrity, founded on principles of the elements of the English Language," by Arthur Helbig, has recently been published for the author by Robert Cocks and Co., Music Publishers to Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 6 New Burlington Street, London, W. The work will be in four volumes quarto, and is to be issued in about thirty parts. The subscription price for the entire work of four volumes will be two and a-half guineas, of which amount twenty shillings must be remitted, for each complete copy of the work, on giving the order; another twenty shillings must be paid on the delivery of part 10, and the balance of twelve shillings and sixpence on the delivery of part 20. After the closing of the subscription list, the price of the entire work will be raised to three pounds fifteen shillings.

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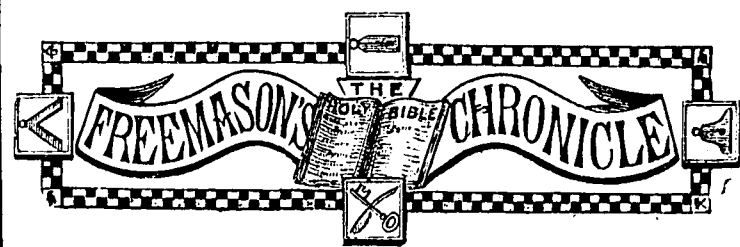
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SATURDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 1892.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master presiding. His Lordship, before proceeding with the business of the evening, directed the brethren's attention to a full length portrait of the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro G.M., which had been painted by Bro. Marks by a vote of Grand Lodge passed in December 1891, in recognition of the Earl of Lathom's eminent services to the Grand Lodge of England for the sixteen years during which he held the position of Deputy Grand Master. The likeness, he said, was a most pleasing and faithful one of his Lordship, which he hoped would long continue to adorn the walls of the hall as a lasting testimony of the brethren's esteem and regard. He then moved on behalf of the Prince of Wales,

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.

He said he need not dwell upon the great extent of the disastrous catastrophe, and on the enormous amount of suffering brought on our fellow subjects in Newfoundland, as the circumstances were so recent. There might be a difference of opinion as to the application of the money, but he had carefully considered the question, and he thought it was for the honour of Freemasonry generally that in view of such a widespread catastrophe as this fire Masons should show that they were not bound by narrow limits, but that their sympathies were universal. It was also in strict accordance with precedent that they gave to a general fund. It had been done in 1877 in the case of the fire at St. John's, New Brunswick, when 200 guineas was voted. The Masons of Newfoundland had suffered by the burning of their Masonic Temple, and the Prince of Wales was prepared to propose a special grant on this account at the next Quarterly Communication. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay District Grand Master of Malta seconded the motion, which was then put to the brethren, and carried unanimously. The brethren afterwards confirmed grants, which the Board of Benevolence had recommended, to

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The Report of the Board of General Purposes, which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week, was brought up, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board, moved the first recommendation arising out of the Report:—

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.

Bro. Dr. Pocock seconded the motion; but Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. wished for more information as to why they should incur this large expenditure for drainage. Twenty years ago when they spent a large sum of money on the drainage of the building, the late Bro. F. P. Cockerell Grand Superintendent of Works assured him that what he was doing with regard to the drainage ought to last fifty years at least. It was the duty of the sanitary engineers to find out the defects, and he would be sorry to offer an impediment to work that was necessary; but he would like to know whether complaints had reached the President of the Board from the residents and officers and the Secretaries of the Institutions who were now in the building day after day and all day long. He had been in the urinals, which were not so sweet as they might be, but this he was told was the fault of the New River Company, who stopped the supply by automatic pressure.

Bro. Fenn said an examination had been made, and by the smoke test it was found that sewer gas escaped in many directions. Dr. Hogg had asked whether they had had any complaints of smells; they had heard from those who lived in the lower parts of the building. With respect to the urinals he believed Dr. Hogg was right when he said the New River Company stopped the automatic pressure in the supply. As to the necessity of taking steps to perfect the sanitary condition of the drains the Committee had no doubt the Grand Superintendent of Works would give information and, if necessary, read the report of himself and Mr. Jennings.

A brother asked whether the contract for the work was not given to Mr. Jennings, who had inspected and reported. This was of the utmost importance. The man

who discovered the defects should not be the man to remedy them.

Bro. Philbrick said the Board of General Purposes was, for reasons which appeared right to those who founded the Constitutions, entrusted with certain matters under the control of Grand Lodge. The ordinary officer entrusted with the charge of the building, the Grand Superintendent of Works, to the astonishment of the Board, made a report that, in his opinion, after an investigation by himself, the building was in a dangerously insanitary condition, and this was before there were any rumours of cholera in the air. The Board of General Purposes thought it their first duty to obtain independent advice and assistance, and after discussing the matter very carefully in the presence of two, if not more, experts of their own on the Board, called in Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings estimated the sum mentioned in the agenda, which was within the figures calculated by the Grand Superintendent of Works, which it would cost to remedy the defects. The Board, to whom Grand Lodge had deputed its confidence, had told Grand Lodge on this authority what it recommended, and they were prepared to take this responsibility.

Bro. Charles Barry Grand Superintendent of Works said that as an individual and not as an expert, as a Mason interested of course in everything that concerned the brethren, if an actually proved danger did exist to those who served them in that building he was sure Grand Lodge would with one voice wish to remove that danger. The history of it was exceedingly simple. Complaints had been made of the drainage. The sanitary arrangements had not been examined in a thorough manner until he thought it his duty as Grand Superintendent of Works to make that examination. The result of it was to show that by the ordinary smoke test the sewer gas was found to escape. He thought it therefore his duty to bring the matter before the Board, and he gave them a rough idea of what would be the cost of remedying the defects. The remedy was by relaying the whole system of drainage. The drains, which were laid many years ago, were entirely out of character with the requirements of the present day. He had no doubt of the fact, though he was not aware of it, that the main drainage in Great Queen Street had been altered, and if the late Bro. Cockerell had had the opportunities that now existed he never would have allowed the drains to remain as they now were. The estimate of the alterations which he (Bro. Barry) made was £660, but when he disclosed the existing danger the Board paid him the compliment, as he was sure every Mason would wish to do, of not ignoring the opinion which professionally he felt it his duty to lay before them. Mr. Jennings was employed to make a report, and his estimate was more than £100 less than his (Bro. Barry's). Under the circumstances he felt that the Board had no other duty under their responsibility to the Craft than to recommend new works. Still they thought it more respectful to Grand Lodge to ask for their authority. The present drainage system at Freemasons' Hall had been in existence thirty years.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Fenn then moved, and Bro. Dr. Peacock seconded, the following recommendation from the M.W.G.M.

"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."

Bro. G. P. Britten objected to the proposition that the Grand Chancellor should rank before the Grand Chaplains. It was not useful, it might be mischievous, and he thought it was degrading the office of Grand Chaplain. Some years ago an attempt was made to degrade the position of Grand Chaplain, but the Grand Master put his foot down on it. He moved as an amendment that the Grand Chancellor should rank next below the Grand Chaplain.

The motion was seconded.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. disclaimed any feeling on the part of the Grand Chaplains that their position was degraded by the Grand Master's proposition.

The amendment was negatived.

On the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe putting the original motion,

Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. wished to make a few observa-

tions. He wanted to know whether they wanted a Grand Chancellor at all with the duties of Grand Registrar, when they had a Grand Registrar, a very eminent legal brother. It was due to the brethren that they should know. The proposition was stated to be made at the recommendation of the Grand Master, but it was really from the Board of General Purposes, and he thought the President of the Board should have stated some reason for converting the Grand Registrar into Grand Chancellor. It was not stated what the Grand Chancellor would have to do. He was perfectly satisfied with the Grand Registrar. They had a splendid body of Officers; what did they want a Grand Chancellor for? He did not understand why they were to create a new Grand Officer if it was only to give the Registrar a grand name. He would go further and say they did not want an extra Grand Officer; they did not know what was to become of the Grand Registrar. As there was no reason for the change he would move as an amendment to leave out the words from "a Grand Chancellor" down to "Articles 31 and 32 of the Book of Constitutions and of."

Bro. James Stevens seconded the proposed amendment.

Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G.C., suggested to the Grand Master whether he should not consider that the time had arrived when a Grand Librarian should be added to the list of Grand Officers. They had these Officers in American Lodges. The sum voted from Grand Lodge yearly was extremely small for forming a proper Masonic library, the appointment of Grand Librarian seemed to him of more importance even than that of Grand Chancellor.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, in answer to Bro. Eve, said he could assure him they did not want to swallow up the Grand Registrar, and they did not want to impose anything upon Grand Lodge. They thought, however, that a proposition coming from the Grand Master would be accepted. The proposition was that there should be an addition to the number of Grand Officers; therefore the Grand Registrar would still remain. An extension was wanted in the number of Grand Officers, and the way proposed was one means of doing it.

A brother asked what would the Grand Registrar do?

Bro. Thomas Fenn said he would be a Deputy and would do whatever duties he would be called upon to perform. In his experience he never found a Grand Officer who was not willing to discharge any duties he was asked to perform. There were no duties assigned to the Grand Registrar or the Grand Deacons in the Book of Constitutions. He had been 28 years a Grand Officer; Sir Albert Woods had been longer a Grand Officer, and he would ask Sir Albert Woods if there was ever a Grand Deacon who had refused to do what he was asked. The Chancellor was simply a new Grand Officer.

Bro. Britten said the report expressly stated that the Chancellor would have the duties assigned to Grand Registrar. He quite failed to see what the Grand Registrar would have to do.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, after remarking that he did not think there was anything to be laughed at in the idea that the duties should be divided, or that the Grand Registrar should in future act as Deputy with the Grand Chancellor, put Bro. Eves' amendment, which was carried.

Bro. Thomas Fenn then said he was unable to proceed with the next resolution after that. He did not think it respectful to the M.W.G.M. to make an amendment to his recommendation; it ought to be accepted or rejected. He did not see how he could proceed with the next resolution because it was dependent on the other and he declined to move it.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe ventured to think most strongly that this was a case in which the brethren should take the proposal as a whole, and if they did not, that they should allow the mover of it, representing one of the most important bodies, to withdraw it. He did not say that they should throw it out necessarily, because they adopted the amendment, but they certainly ought not to throw any impediments in the way if the mover thought it was for the credit of his Board that he should introduce it.

Bro. Thomas Fenn: Then I move that it be referred back.

Bro. Richard Eve: The amendment has been put and it is carried.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe: And now Brother Fenn requests permission to withdraw the motions. I venture to think most strongly that in such a position permission

should be granted. Is that your opinion, brethren? Permission is given.

The recommendations were then withdrawn.

The following was ordered to be entered on the minutes on the motion of Bro. Philbrick:—

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."

Bro. Peter de Lande Long P.G. Deacon next moved:—

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.

Bro. T. W. Whitmarsh P.G.P. seconded.

Bro. T. H. Devonshire suggested the following alteration:—"That the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be permitted to merge the £500 referred to in the resolution of Grand Lodge of 7th September 1842 in the general funds of the Institution, and that so much of that resolution as is inconsistent with the present resolution be rescinded."

Bro. Long accepted the alteration, and in that form the motion was carried.

An appeal of Bro. Wm. Statt, of Lodge 244, Jersey, against the decision of the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey, confirming Bro. Statt's exclusion by his Lodge, was dismissed on the motion of Bro. Philbrick Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. Thomas Fenn.

Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

THE LATE BRO. W. WHARTON.

IN affectionate remembrance of a highly esteemed member of the Craft, the Freemasons of Nottingham have recently caused to be placed over the grave of Brother W. Wharton, in Highgate Cemetery, London, a marble memorial, to mark in a distinctive manner the last resting-place of one who was for many years closely associated with the social and commercial life of Nottingham. Bro. Wharton rose from a subordinate position upon the staff of the Midland Railway Company to higher appointments, and became station master at Nottingham. In this town he made troupes of friends, and it was with great regret that it was known he had accepted another responsible position at Liverpool. There he succeeded so admirably that upon a vacancy occurring at St. Pancras, London, Bro. Wharton was appointed station master there. Unfortunately, his tenure of office was cut short by an illness which terminated fatally in the autumn of 1890, when Bro. Wharton was quite in the prime of life. The memorial recently erected at Highgate Cemetery is of white Sicilian marble, and is in the form of a cross, upon three bases with bevelled edges. It bears the inscription—

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SUSSEX.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing Priory was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 26th ult., the object for which and the reasons why the Knights were thus summoned is given in the following letter from Sir Knight Richard Clowes E. Preceptor De Warrenne Preceptary.

Dear Sir Knight,—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., G.C.T., &c., National Great Prior of Ireland, having accepted the office of Provincial Prior for Sussex, finds it is impossible for him at present to fix a day for his installation, but hopes to do so in November. After the installation His Royal Highness will preside at a Provincial Priory, at which he will appoint and invest his Officers. His Royal Highness has done me the distinguished honour to appoint me his Deputy, and has requested the Great Sub-Prior of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, to instal me as Provincial Sub-Prior at the earliest opportunity, at a date convenient to himself.

The Earl of Euston has fixed Friday, 26th August, for the ceremony, which will take place at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 4.30 for 5 o'clock precisely.

The Great Sub-Prior will be assisted by several Officers of the National Great Priory of England, and I venture to hope that the Officers of the Provincial Priory and the Knights of Sussex will make it convenient to attend in order to receive the Great Officers in due form, and also to assist me on this occasion.

I am, yours in faith and fraternity,

RICHARD CLOWES,

E. Preceptor De Warrenne Preceptory.

Clayton Wickham, Hassocks, Sussex.

15th August 1892.

The Knights responded to the above, and a goodly number assembled within the walls of the Royal Pavilion, amongst whom we noticed Sir Knights the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston Great Sub-Prior of England, Col. Marmaduke Ramsay District Grand Prior of Malta, Baron de Ferrières, F. A. Philbrick, E. Letchworth, R. Berridge, W. M. Bywater, C. F. Matier, Driver, Cook, Cooper, Balfour, Cookburn, Carrell, Lennox Browne, Carter, Clowes, Stewart Brown, and others. The Great Sub-Prior was received with the full honours appertaining to his exalted rank, and the Priory duly opened. Lord Euston then stated that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., Provincial Prior of Sussex, had requested him to carry out the installation of the Provincial Sub-Prior of Sussex, the time of His Royal Highness being occupied with so overwhelming an amount of other important duties that he was unable to be present at Brighton on this occasion. He (Lord Euston) was only too pleased to comply with the request of His Royal Highness, and the more so as Sir Knight Clowes was so eminent and so distinguished a member of the Fraternity. Sir Knight Clowes having been introduced by the Grand Officers, was regularly obligated and installed. The Prov. Sub-Prior entertained a large party at dinner at the Métropole in the evening.

SOUTH AFRICA.

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ON Tuesday evening, the 9th ult., over a hundred members of the Craft, including some twenty Past Masters, assembled in the Masonic Temple, Johannesburg, for the purpose of taking part in the ceremony of installation of the R.W.M. of the Athole Lodge, working under the Constitution of Scotland, and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The choice of the Lodge had fallen on Bro. R. Dold S.W., a worthy Mason, who takes a great interest in the Craft generally and his own Lodge in particular. The Lodge having been opened by the retiring R.W.M., Bro. Childs, the W.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of the Cosmopolitan, Richard Giddy, Charles Warren, Union, Peace and Harmony, and Henry B. Loch Lodges were admitted in due form and ceremony, after which Bro. Childs handed the jewel to Bro. J. Lawrence P.M., and that Brother then proceeded with the ceremony of installation. The Lodge having been closed to the first degree, the Installing Officer, assisted by Bro. Childs the I.P.M., then invested the following brethren as Officers of the Lodge for the coming year:—Bro. J. Childs I.P.M., J. W. Oosterlaak D.M., W. Hayston S.M., G. Jordan S.W., S. Brooks J.W., J. Hampton P.M. Secretary, M. Macfarlane Treasurer, R. O. G. Drummond S.D., J. MacCallum J.D., J. Watson O.G., J. Steward I.G., J. B. S. Cudlipp, B. Rigal Barnett, and W. S. Hobson Stewards, H. J. Kennett Tyler.

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—o:—

Saturday, 10th September.

1416 Mount Edgcombe, Swan, Battersea
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1685 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon

869 Gresham, Great House, Chessant Park
1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead
2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2246 Cyclist, Castle Hotel, East Molesey.
2309 George Gardner, Village Hall, Datchet
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. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

Monday, 12th September.

1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1789 Ubique, Criterion, Piccadilly

40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Falmouth
104 St. John, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
292 Sincerity, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelli
797 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury
893 Meridian, Masonic Hall, Millbrook

1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1350 Fenmor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1380 Skermersdale, Latham Hall, Seaforth
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Private Rooms, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington, Som.
2144 De Tatten, Stamford Arms, Rowden, Cheshire
2185 Ardwick, Midland Hotel, Ardwick, Lanc.
2373 Hardwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield

R.A. 148 Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156 Harmony, Hayshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 308 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall St., Leeds
R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster
R.A. 557 Valletort, M.H., Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 993 Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
R.A. 1258 Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
R.A. 2317 Bisley, National Schools, Bisley
M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn
R.C. Walton, Skermersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale

Tuesday, 13th September.

167 St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
1200 Stanhope, Surrey Mas. Hall, Camberwell
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 22 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Masonic Temple, New Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
293 King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone
573 Perseverance, Drill Hall, Halesowen
603 Zetland Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton
650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
829 Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
897 Loyalty, Mas. Chambers, Hall St., St. Helen's
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St. Gosport
954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport

1250 Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1314 Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1369 Bala, Plas Coch Hotel, Bala
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1645 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate,
1713 Wilbraham, Black Horse, Walton, Liverpool
1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
2324 Horwich, Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire
2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Eastbank St., Southport

R.A. 43 Fortitude, Great Western, Birmingham
R.A. 70 St. John's, Hayshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 111 Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Stockport
R.A. 253 Justice, Masonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324 Reason, Wellington Inn, Staleybridge
R.A. 540 Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660 King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate
R.A. 991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland
R.A. 1055 Derby, Masonic Rooms, Cheetham

M.M. 6 Adams, Victoria Hall, Sheerness
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 75 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 14th September.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3
87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Br.
1936 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak
R.A. 1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.

51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
148 Antiquity, Masonic Hall, Bolton
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
281 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Lancashire
238 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
567 Unity, The Woolpack, Warwick
666 Benevolence, Wes. School Rooms, Priestown
852 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Salford
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham

1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1088 Royal Edward, Masonic Club, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1107 Cornwallis, Bull Hotel, Chislehurst
1125 St. Peter, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ryngate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342 Walker, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Brimley, Kent
1917 Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Old Bear's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester
2294 W. vertree, Coffee House, Church Road
2389 Avon dale, King's Arms, Middleswich, Cheshire
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Prince of Wales Hotel, Railway Street, Chatham.

R.A. 24 De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple
R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 700 Invicta, Bank Street, Hall, Ashford
R.A. 758 Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
R.A. 8.8 Philanthropic, Mas. Hall, Abergavenny
R.A. 948 Strawberry Hill, Grotto, Twickenham
R.A. 1021 Henry Cook, M.H., Barrow-in-Furness
R.A. 1549 Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Gt. Stanmore
M.M. 193 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

Thursday, 15th September.

1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kilmington
1365 Clapton, 191 Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9 Albion Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
56 Howard, Town Hall, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
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230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
237 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
269 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Liberty and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale
425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
753 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
892 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1011 Richmond Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Shield Park, near Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Creilton, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1531 Concord, Local Board Rooms, Prestwich
1594 Cedewain, Masonic Temple, Newtown, Mon.
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Risca, Mon.
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2153 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell, Notts
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield
2316 Princes, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldgs., Southport
2341 Clemency, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham

R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Chichester
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 317 Fidelity, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
R.A. 693 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton
R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1273 St. Michael's, M.H., Salford
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17 Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 16th September.

975 Ros of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
2346 War and Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 6 St. George's, The Albion, E.C.

152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
511 De Lorraine, F.M.H., Granger St., Newcastle
663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., Davizes
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penkington.
2005 Brooke, Forest Hotel, Caingford

2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Stretford.
2485 Galsara, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
2418 Helworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 31 Bertha, M.H., St. Peter's St., Canterbury
R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich.
R.A. 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam St., Huddersfield.

R.A. 622 St. Catharina, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell, Gloucester
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., Liverpool
K.T. De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 17th September.

1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
1597 Musgrave, Greyhound, Hampton Court
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
2381 Bushby Park, Greyhound, Hampton Court
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 2049 Henry Lovander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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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
199 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1298 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1521 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 12th 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
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood Road, N.W., 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1237 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1450 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
1517 Metropolitan, The Morgate, E.C., 7:30
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1693 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
1741 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8

Tuesday, 13th 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 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
138 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
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
869 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
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1416 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30,
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 145 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1541 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Brough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 14th September.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
39 United Mariners', Lazar, 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
228 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
 751 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, 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
 973 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creaton, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 730 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, 15th September.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 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, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 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, Commercial 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, Wimbledn, 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
 1623 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1711 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 16th September.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 187 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 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
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 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, Choumont 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, 17th September.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8

1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
 1293 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2013 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

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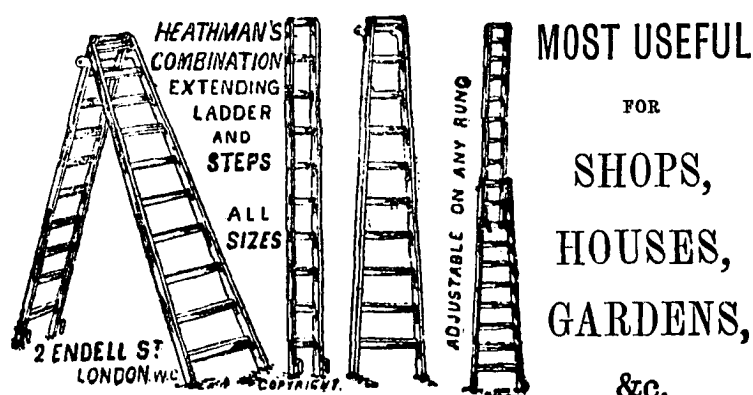
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