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## CASUAL RELIEF.

IN a recent issue of the *New York World* appeared a letter from "A Mason's Daughter," asking if there was any place where she could apply to for help. She was immediately answered in the same paper by two Masons, one of whom advised her to call at the office of the Grand Secretary, when her case would be presented to the Masonic Board of Relief, and "if she is worthy and respectable she will be taken care of." We do not know whether the Mason's daughter made the application, or what was the result, but the possibility of replying to such a query in such a manner is a splendid testimonial to the advantages of Freemasonry, and the thoroughness with which its members endeavour to act up to the principles of Fraternity. Here, in a large city like New York, a complete stranger is advised to knock at the portals of Freemasonry, with the assurance that if her case is found to be a worthy one she will be helped, and "taken care of." There are some who will say that such a promise is more than is justifiable, and that the case would in all probability be dismissed on some technical point, but on the other hand those who have travelled in the United States, Canada, or Australia, and have had occasion to put their Brother Mason to the test, can vouch for the sincerity and the thoroughness of their sympathy, and will agree that it is not really going too far to say that a Mason's daughter would be "taken care of" by the Fraternity should occasion arise.

How would a similar case be met in this country? We have often deplored the absence of any organised Board of Relief, and regretted that Grand Lodge did not see its way to officially provide for the consideration of casual cases of distress. It is pretty generally recognised that the want of this organisation provides opportunity for the imposition which is frequently proved to be practised on benevolent members of our Order. On the opposite side it is argued that the provision of a regular Relief Office would open the way for further imposition, by providing a public means of obtaining relief, which has now to be sought in a private and troublesome manner; that it would, in fact, offer an easy method of surmounting a task which is now admittedly very difficult. But this is not the case. Masonic impostors do not content themselves with one or two applications for relief; they go from place to place, and from town to town, preaching their tale of woe, and living on the credulity and kind heartedness of their fellows. The purely distressed Mason, on the other hand, often has some definite object in view, and he is sincere and in earnest when he says that a railway ticket to his distant home, or a few shillings spent for a specific purpose, will save him from the misery of becoming a regular wanderer. But English Freemasonry does not discriminate in these matters; the imposter and the truly needy are treated on a par, the one receiving a

few shillings which suffices to maintain him in his imposition, the other—being less practiced in appealing—receiving less, perhaps nothing at all, but, at any rate, insufficient to afford the legitimate relief he was in search of, and, in time to come, when he is able to communicate with his friends he and they have a practical knowledge of the shallowness and the insincerity of Masonic professions.

Our argument is that a very large sum is annually expended by English Freemasons in relieving casual applicants, which sum, if properly directed through one recognised channel, would suffice to "take care" of every true case of distress arising in our midst, whereas now the most deserving applicants get little or nothing, and the professions of the Craft are proved to be shams, delusions and snares, mainly benefitting the imposter, injuring the necessitous, and disgusting the free hearted. Surely there is room for improvement when such charges can be laid against any existing system, or, as is the case here, want of system, and yet no one seems inclined to make a move in the matter. Day by day we see members of Lodges running the risk of spending their funds on worthless impostors rather than formally place the whole question of affording relief before Grand Lodge; and we are afraid to think how long such a state of affairs will continue, to the manifest disadvantage of the Masonic Order itself, and to the detriment of those who are compelled by real misfortune to seek the consideration promised them when they became associated with Freemasonry. Would it not be much better to provide a proper Board of Relief?

## MASONRY'S THEOLOGY.

*An Extract from an Oration by Bro. George Davies, before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at Chicago, in October 1849.*

OF what consequence to us is Masonry's exceeding antiquity? We are but a social compact whose professed aim is charity, and whose greatest care is rectitude of life. In the practical uses of these two cardinal virtues lies the good Mason's chief desire and high reward. Though the Institution is now speculative as regards the workings of the Craft of old, it is practical as regards the duties of social life and the cultivation of the social virtues. Mutual dependence and succour are the results of this social relation, and the nearest approach to a perfect state of society is when each other's burdens are cheerfully borne and each other's wants promptly relieved.

Masonry is a voluntary association of men of all nations and religions for certain social, moral and benevolent purposes of a harmless character. Its precepts inculcates self-improvement, temperance and chastity in the government of ourselves—truth, justice and mercy in our intercourse with others—loyalty to our country—and piety to God.

That Freemasonry of the present day has any higher

aim than philanthropy, we do not claim; and any who deny us credence that far, because the fear exists that our mysterious secrecy, our methods of recognition, tend to subvert the State, proves that their ignorance of our Institutions equal their blind denunciation of our beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Its partial object seems to be to surmount the barriers of national prejudice and religious interference.

Although a Mr. Stone once, by his writings, affirmed that our pretensions to antiquity are founded in fraud, yet we know that nearly three thousand years ago King Solomon built a temple to the Lord; his artificers were numerous and his materials costly, and a building was produced after seven years' labour which was not only the wonder of the known world but has never been excelled.

That there should be no doubt of the facts of the kinds of material used, the numbers and grades of the workmen employed—of the cost of the time—all are set down in Holy Writ. Now, it is a natural supposition that when this work was completed, many operatives would be thrown out of employment, and from the fact of so many being gathered in one spot, part of them must seek subsistence elsewhere when employment ceased at Jerusalem by reason of the completion of the temple. To do so with certainty of success, a certificate that they had worked for King Solomon was a sure passport.

Those who were so fortunate as to secure employment were enabled to aid their less fortunate brethren, and fear of imposition from pretended brother workmen doubtless first suggested the more perfect organization of those social compacts which had existed at the building of the first temple.

That such associations were formed for purposes of temporary convenience admits of no doubt, and they certainly were remodelled for permanent purposes and transmitted to posterity, incorporating in their constitutions moral and religious principles. As the members were drawn together to erect a temple for the one living and true God, and being under a system of moral and religious discipline during their associated labours, they doubtless became imbued with a spirit of piety. But as the Fraternity now consists of men holding different systems of religion, the object is to settle on common ground and general principles, without descending to minor details. Faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to man, constitute the grand basis of the moral system.

The tendency of such a system, as time progressed, would naturally be from operative to speculative, and as noble rulers of the Craft might never in after ages deny, in the pride of their hearts, that it owed its origin to unostentatious operatives, this evil was guarded against by the incorporation of the implements of Operative Masonry with the principles and teachings of the Order.

There is but little recorded in the way of history of the early days of the Order. Herodotus, the father of history did not live till near six hundred years afterwards, about the time of Darius the II., up to which time, since the building of the temple, the Jews had been carried into captivity and had returned therefrom more than one hundred years. But it is reasonable to suppose some evidence would remain by which we might trace out its probable course of descent; among whom shall we look? Of course amongst those who, from general character, locality and association, may be supposed to have been connected with the temple fraternity; and who are the first of these? The Essenes among the Jews, whose origin is traced back to the building of the first temple, and whose connection with that building is also undoubted.

In the second century of the Christian era the Romans persecuted the Essenes, who, with other sects of the once Jewish nation, had become tributary to the Roman empire, which was then in its golden age, and by every means attempted to crush them, though their efforts were futile.

Now, had the sect of the Essenes, whose requirements were to subdue the passions, whose investiture at initiation was the lambskin, and who were bound to secrecy, been crushed by the Roman power, still Masonry had not died, but slept—for, boundless as was the Roman domain, the principles of the Order had been sown far beyond the reach of her wide jurisdiction. We find, in the last of the sixth century, nearly sixteen hundred years after the building of the temple, Augustine, afterwards first Archbishop of Canterbury, arrived in England, accompanied by forty

pious associates, who converted all the kings of the Saxon Heptarchy in the space of sixty years, and being a zealous Mason, founded the cathedrals of Canterbury, Rochester and Vauls.

How many of the sect of the Essenes sought refuge in the Lodges of Britain is unknown; but in the reign of Theodoric of France, in 608, some skilful members of the Order arrived in Britain from France, who were formed into Lodges under the care of Bennett Abbott, of Wirrall, who was appointed Inspector of Lodges. During the following years of the Danish invasion and the merging of the crowns of the Saxon Heptarchy, but little is again heard of Masonry. But in 924, when Athelstan became King, he appointed his brother Edwin patron of Masons, and under him the first Grand Lodge was held at York, Edwin presiding as Grand Master, whence arises the term "Ancient York Masons," or "York Rite."

And here it is worthy of note that in periods of civil discord and violent commotions of the State, Masonry seems to sleep, and the historian with difficulty through past ages traces even the continued existence of the Order, but when gentle peace, returning, invites the exercise of the social virtues, and the cultivation of the graces of the soul, Faith, Hope, and Charity, there is no difficulty in discovering the existence of Masonry. What a comprehensive refutation of the anathemas of one in whose eyes, in 1832, the chief damning sin of the Order was its secrecy—who also gave what he called twelve reasons why Masonry should surrender all charters! One was the hostility to it of religious sects—another, public excitement! Now, Masonry always regards too highly the peace and well being of the community in which it dwells, to disregard that horrid monster, public indignation, and, therefore, with true Christian meekness, bows its head till the storm is past, but rises again in its beauty. When misguided fury is spent, pursuing the even tenor of its way, it exemplifies that Christian virtue of forbearance so lamentably deficient in those who would have laid her beauty in the dust, and who endeavoured so to do, on the principle that they must destroy that which they would not imitate.

Malicious scribblers, prating of the meagre and vitiated morality of Masonry, have prostituted their talents in useless attempts to shorten our usefulness and curtail our sphere of doing good, but the shafts of their malice have fallen as harmlessly from the broad ægis which defended us as the minds were weak which directed them.

That Masonry should have been assailed—in the suppression of the Eleusinians by Theodosius the Great—in the attempt to crush the sect of the Essenes by the Romans—have been banished by the Czar—have been anathematised by the Pontiff, and hated by every form of despotism, is natural. Abundant cause, if searched for, may be found for the hostility of despotism, and for the eternal dread and aversion which exists between our institutions and all governments hostile to the rights of man. The Order has been assailed from the press, the pulpit and the legislative hall. The passions of the multitude have been roused against us—the ideas of the weak and the fears of the timid have been appealed to—the professional man's sense of dependence on the popular will has been appealed to—the business man's love of money, and the huckster in the political schemes, has each had his chance of preferment placed in jeopardy. Many hearts have failed for very fear, and many have turned from us weary of the load of public revilings, and too feeble to aid in stemming the torrent of the rabble curse.

Shepherds have warned their flocks to beware of committing the sin of belonging to one of those secret societies—whose efforts in the good cause have often aided to prepare members for their churches, and have in more than one instance disciplined graceless renegades whom they, through fear, have left unwhipped.

Politicians once seized upon a popular frenzy and used it against the Order as an instrument of personal ambition. The pensioned scribbler renibbed his quill, which was worn in dissemination of his grovelling spite—the vindictive whetted his knife—the dunce scoffed—the hypocrite denounced it as immoral—the demagogue as dangerous to the liberties of his dear people—all, all made ready for war. But, alas for the success of the endeavours of these doughty champions for the exposition of error, Masonry lives.

But it has been often urged on the notice of

Masons by our adversaries, that Masonry inculcates morality to the exclusion of piety. This in the onset is denied, but a bare denial is not sufficient—and if it were so is not morality better than nothing? or better than a positive influence which is demoralizing in its character? I have seen a community which has been shocked, even to a holy horror, at the contemplation of the Masonic fraternity existing in an organized form in its midst, yet quietly reposing under the shade of that deadly, poisonous Uvas of intemperance, spreading its innumerable branches far and wide, without an effort to subdue or eradicate the legalised evil, and with scarcely a sigh for its besotted victims.

But Masonic morality is the question—what is it? The quality of an action is estimated by a standard of right and wrong. Different rules of morality exist and may be so framed as to admit of the practice of positive immorality; for the moral code of an atheist may not be far from perjury.

Then, if doubts of the application of the rule exist, it is best for us in the start to acknowledge that the foundation of our code of morals is pure and good, or we must not look for purity in what it governs. We cannot gather figs off thistle—and to what shall we refer as the source of our morality? Holy Writ. And as he who has no religion or system of theology can have no consistent morality, so he who professes a religion essentially wrong must fall into gross errors in morals. If, then, religion is essential to Masonry, it may be asked, Is Masonry religion? It is answered that Masonry has a theology which is essential to the perfection of her code of morals. Masonry is no partisan of any sect, but when speaking of its religion—we mean its great principles, its foundations, beams, pillars of its system.

Atheism and Polytheism have no place in our system. Presuming that all organisations of theology refer to the Word of God as their basis we denounce no doctrines as heretical but those which have practical tendencies of a vicious or corrupting character, and as doctrines of this cast can have no foundation in Divine truth, our denunciations are consistent with our profession.

Morality is judged by moral actions, and these actions must exist with reference to a right rule of action. The precepts of the Bible may be strictly enforced in the moral inculcations of the Order, but its minute details of doctrine are left to the private interpretation of each member. And while she questions none on their private opinions, she denies admission to a share in her mysteries to all who deny her God.

And if concession is made thus far—and what good Mason does not?—what more can the most pious sectarian or stickler for orthodoxy do to prove his piety? To neglect a due and becoming reverence for the name of Deity loosens the bands of the social compact which rests upon a mutual pledge of faith. Whatever may be the opinion of others, Masons must know that serious moral mischiefs are the result of practical profanity.

Let each Mason properly understand and follow his duties, and in the sublimity of our doctrines and purity of our morals God will be honoured. Thus he will be a good man in the world—and we have strong reason to hope he will be a good man at home—for to fill his share of duty in guarding the shrine of his household gods, he must cultivate the social virtues.

My brethren, look to your duty; there is much more blame attached to an institution which professes to do good and fails, than to one which openly follows evil. We have remarked how Freemasonry has been assailed and vilified—how it has survived all storms. Now, let me call your minds to the fact that it is not from *without* but from *within* that we dread the most mischief. The scourgings of the Russian Czar, or the persecutions of the despot, never closed so many Lodges as the unholy war against Masonry in 1826, in our own blessed land of freedom. And as the institution has suffered the severest blow in our country—blessed with so much light—whose masses are farthest removed from a state of selfish continental degradation, so in individual recreancy the time-honoured fabric suffers the most grievous wounds in the house of its friends.

Let not the imputation rest upon us, that knowing our duty we did it not—that having been welcomed into the *sanctum sanctorum* of the Temple, and aided in the solemn rites, we have faithlessly revolted the compact we so freely ratified. I could laugh at a cold world's spite—it never promised Masonically to love me—but for the every day

delinquencies of my brother, I could weep tears of blood. Let your morality be judged by your moral actions.

The soul of man, in leaving this vale of tears, first returns in thought to the everglades of childhood, that it may depart purified by visions of peace from the world's cares. So let us in our determination to perform our vows purify our hearts, and, when we trust, let us trust in Him who is the foundation-stone of a Mason's Theology.

—Voice of Masonry.

#### THE CRITERION RESTAURANT.

MUSICAL dinners are regarded almost as a necessity in this luxurious age, and nearly every restaurant with any claim to first class rank has provided some kind of musical entertainment, either vocal or instrumental, to amuse their patrons while enjoying the more substantial delight of the table. Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the well-known enterprising public caterers, have always been to the fore in all culinary and gastronomic matters, and have lately carried out extensive improvements at the Criterion, which are sure to meet with ready appreciation by those for whom they are intended. The Grand Hall, in which the "Glee Dinner," for many years used to be given, has been beautifully redecorated and refurnished, while stately palms, choice ferns, and other evergreens placed about the room and tables harmonise well with the stately and softened glow of the electric light, forming a *tout ensemble* unsurpassed by any hall in London. Commodious waiting and cloak rooms for ladies and gentlemen have also been added. French dinners at separate tables will in future be served between the hours of six and nine in the evening; and theatre-goers will be glad to learn that suppers will be provided from eleven o'clock till past midnight. The original Hungarian band has been engaged, but as so many imitations have sprung up, they now appear in a yellow uniform instead of blue as formerly; and it is worthy of mention, as showing the extensive ramifications of the firm, that these uniforms were made at the tailoring department of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's stores.

#### MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 17.

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

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#### LORD TENNYSON.

Now, gay Thalia, still thy merry voice;  
And be thou silent, gladsome Euterpe;  
For your stern sister, harsh Melpomene,  
Has sent her fiat forth. None may rejoice;  
For he is dead! The one ye loved so well.  
And though ye weep, sublime Calliope,  
And ask for aid from blest Mnemosyne,  
No ease will come to sooth your heart's wild swell,  
For Lethe's stream to-day has lost its spell.  
And no oblivion, no forgetfulness,  
Will come to heal your pangs of deep distress  
For loss of him who did all bards excel!  
Urania's writ in the blue skies his fame—  
So, Clio, on earth's scroll record his name.

Winder House, Bradford.  
10th October 1892.

The Provincial Prior of Devonshire, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, proposes holding the annual Provincial Priory of Knights Templar, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Plymouth, under the banner of the Royal Veterans Preceptory.

Bro. James Stevens will deliver his popular lecture on Masonic Symbolism, ritual and ceremonial, under the auspices of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, at the Masonic Hall, Spalding, Lincolnshire, on Thursday, the 3rd of November.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland, will be holden at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, on Wednesday, the 19th day of October 1892, for the transaction of the general business of the Province. Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at five o'clock in the afternoon.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Chest and Stomach Complaints.—The source and centre of almost every ailment is impurity of the blood; dislodge this poison and disease departs. Holloway's Pills exercise the inestimable power of thoroughly cleansing each component part of the blood, and rendering this fluid fit to perform its important functions. They cope most successfully with chest diseases, stomach complaints, liver disorders, and many other maladies, which were once the besetting dangers of mankind at certain seasons of the year in town and country. The directions for use enable every one to regulate the operation of these Pills with the greatest nicety. Chronic invalids, nervous sufferers, and all whom other treatments have failed to relieve, are respectfully invited to try Holloway's celebrated medicine, which will strengthen and cure them.



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE WINSLOW LODGE,  
No. 2435.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., this event took place. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Provincial Grand Chaplain Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bucks, assisted by Bros. Taylor as Senior Warden, and Williams as Junior Warden, and the following founders:—Bros. Weston I.P.M. W.M. designate, Lord Addington Senior Warden designate, King P.M. Junior Warden designate, Gough P.M., Bennett P.M., Marshall P.M., Bullock W.M., Wigley, Warne, Neal, Rev. W. M. Myres, Colgrove, Hedges, Kibble, and Dancer. The Consecrating Officer took the chair and appointed the Wardens *pro tem*. The Lodge was then opened, and the hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," was sung. In due course the ceremony concluded with the singing of the hymn "Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night," and by the pronouncing of the patriarchal Benediction. The business of the new Lodge was proceeded with, Bro. Weston was installed, and the following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. Marshall noting I.P.M., Lord Addington Senior Warden, King P.M. Junior Warden, Rev. W. M. Myres Chaplain, Wigley Treas., Warne Secretary, Bullock S.D., Hedges J.D., Bennett P.M. D.C., Colgrove I.G., Ray Tyler. The banquet was held in the Lodge room, which had been very tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, &c., for the occasion by host Neal, who provided an excellent spread.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 167.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead, on the 11th inst., and was well attended. Lodge was opened at 5:30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. A. W. Lane, supported by the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. John Hearsam P.M. as S.W., F. E. Bailey J.W., W. B. Morle S.D., H. Hibberd I.G., J. T. Rowe P.M. Treasurer, Edwin Storr P.M. Secretary, H. E. Coffin P.M., J. G. Humphreys P.M., C. H. Fry P.M., W. A. Scurrah P.M., W. Wilkinson P.M., J. B. Thompson, F. Stansell, S. J. Dowsing, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W.B., J. M. McLeod Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, N. B. Headon P.M., James Stevens P.M., G. W. Blackie P.M., and G. W. Robson S.W., all of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, James Pain P.M. 1339, Capeles P.M., Garrett P.M., and Hillier S.W. of 1366, Cull P.M. 1446, Coles P.M. 1329, Hemming P.M. 1287, Lincoln P.M. 534, Jones I.G. 1637, Goodwin Organist 2278, Taylor 45, White 834, Dale 1613, Goodchild 704, &c. Previous minutes having been confirmed, Bro. F. E. Bailey was presented to the W.M. for installation. The beautiful ceremony was most ably and efficiently performed by Bro. Lane, who, at its conclusion, received the hearty acknowledgments of all present, and on taking his seat as I.P.M. was presented with a handsome and well deserved jewel in recognition of his past year's labours. The Officers for the current year were appointed in the following order:—Bros. W. B. Morle S.W., H. Hibberd J.W., J. T. Rowe P.M. (elected) Treasurer, Edwin Storr P.M. (re-appointed) Secretary, J. Hearsam P.M. S.D., F. Stansell J.D., H. E. Coffin P.M. D.C., J. B. Thompson I.G., and T. Bowler Tyler. Each Officer on investment was addressed by the new Master in appropriate language, and with a confidence which augurs well for the chair work during his term of office. Bro. Lane completed an admirably conducted ceremony by a perfect rendering of the customary addresses. The election of an Audit Committee completed the agenda of business, and nothing further offering, "hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was in every way worthy of the Lodge, and of the well-known establishment in which it was served, and left nothing wanting to gratify those who partook of it, as well the numerous guests as the hosts themselves. The usual toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Binckes responding for the Grand Officers, and numerous Past Masters for the Visitors. We were unable to remain until the final toast, but up to the point of our departure the thorough harmony and good fellowship which prevailed the company, and the quiet order and regularity of the entire proceedings both at labour and refreshment, made our visit and that of all those with whom we subsequently conversed one of the most agreeable Masonic re-unions we had shared in for some time. We believe the Charities were not forgotten, and doubtless the same good fellowship continued until good wishes for "poor and distressed" gave the signal for final dispersion.

## UNITY LODGE, No. 386.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when Bro. H. Budden was installed in the chair of the Lodge in due form. The high standing in Dorset Freemasonry to which his father had attained, the great respect in which he was held, and his intimate association with the origin and development of the Dorset Masonic Charity, induced many distinguished brethren to attend. There were also present numerous personal friends of the W.M. from Wimborne and Bournemouth, the total number of visitors exceeding 50. The ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Lawrence, assisted by Bros. Lawton and F. Budden. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. Paul S.W., Page J.W., Rev. W. C. Brownie Chaplain, Yearsley Treasurer, Best Secretary, F. Yearsley S.D., Davis J.D., Fookes D.C., Scutt I.G., Cotton and Maclean Stewards, Vye Tyler. An excellent banquet was provided at the Oddfellows' Hall by Bro. Yearsley, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

## BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 446.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., the members of this Lodge met for the first time in their quarters, Vicar's Hall, Wells. For many years their meetings have been held in the Town Hall, but it has long been felt desirable, if opportunity offered and circumstances permitted, to have a hall of their own of a more permanent character, furnished and fitted in accordance with Masonic ritual. Negotiations were opened with the Vicar's Choral a year or two ago with the view of securing their hall, which had been for some time unoccupied, but they were not successful. Since then correspondence has been reopened on the subject by the Vicar's Choral, with the result that the Freemasons have become the lessees of the hall. For the last month or two workmen have been engaged in repairing dilapidations, painting, decorating, and fitting up the hall, which has now been completed in a highly satisfactory manner by Mr. Gardner. Through the liberality of the W.M. and other brethren of the Lodge, the furniture and fittings have been almost wholly renewed, and the room is in every respect worthy of the Craft and creditable to the zeal and generosity of the members of the Benevolent Lodge. In commemoration of the auspicious occasion, the W.M. (Bro. F. Brand George) invited the brethren to dinner.

## LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, when several members and brethren of the neighbouring Lodges assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony. Bro. Garrison Sergeant-Major J. M. Jeffrey W.M. presided, and among those present were Bros. the Rev. Augustus Jackson P.M., R. J. Beamish Junior Warden, T. W. Wallis P.M., F. R. S. Champion P.M., Chas. R. Gramhaw P.M., Joseph Solomon P.M. 77, Orilton Cooper W.M. 211, Edward Coste P.P.G.R. Kent, W. H. Hedger P.M. 77, J. P. Moore P.M., W. Hawker, T. H. Daines P.M., W. Rowlestone, H. R. Buckle, Fred. Mitchell, E. P. Smith, &c. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas Bigg was elected a joining member of the Lodge. The Audit Committee presented their report, which was accepted by the brethren. Bro. R. Beamish having been elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was brought before the Lodge and duly installed in the chair by Brother Jeffrey, assisted by Bro. Rev. A. Jackson as S.W., Bro. Orilton Cooper as J.W., and Bro. Joseph Solomon as D.C. The new Master having been regularly saluted by the brethren, then proceeded to invest the following Officers:—Bros. Hogg S.W., Lygo J.W., Ronaldson P.M. Treasurer, E. W. Robins P.M. Secretary, West S.D., Moore J.D., George Smith I.G., Hawker D.C., T. Galler and Rowlestone Stewards, Martin Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Jeffrey, and it is worthy of notice that although the Lodge has been established over forty years, this is the first jewel which has ever been presented to any P.M. Bro. Jeffrey may therefore be considered exceedingly fortunate. Bro. T. W. Wallace P.M. was unanimously appointed Charity Representative, and other matters connected with the private affairs of the Lodge were considered and adopted. The banquet was served in Brother Simpson's well known admirable manner, after which the W.M., in a few choice sentences, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Edward Coste Past Provincial Grand Registrar responding for the Provincial Grand Officers. He stated that having worked for twenty-five years in the Province of Kent he was rewarded in the year of Her Majesty's Jubilee with the purple, which was not only gratifying to him personally but was considered an honour to his Lodge. They were proud to possess such a splendid Prov. Grand Master as Earl Amherst, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers were excellent Masons, who had the welfare and prosperity of the Craft at heart. Bro. Jeffrey, in proposing the Worshipful Master, said they had an officer who was well able to fulfil his duties, being already a P.M. of the oldest Lodge in the Province. Bro. Beamish, in response, stated that he had served nearly every office in the Lodge, and was truly pleased at being elected to the chair. He trusted the Lodge would continue to increase until it rivalled any other in the Province of Kent. Bro. Jeffrey, in acknowledging the toast of Installing Master, said he was pleased to think that he had given satisfaction in working the ceremony. It had been a labour of love, which was more than re-paid by the handsome jewel conferred upon him. Bro. C. R. Gramshaw replied for the Past Masters, who were always willing to help and support the Lodge and its Master in every emergency. Bro. Jackson, replying for the Visitors, dwelt upon the name of the Lodge, and said that every brother must sympathise with the brethren for the trouble they had passed through, and hoped that the clouds had now dissolved and that the Lodge would henceforth have a course of success and prosperity. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Junior Warden replied for the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

## ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE, No. 630.

ON the 6th inst., Bro. Jno. T. Emmett S.W., was installed Worshipful Master at the Masonic Hall, Howden. He afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. T. Conleon I.P.M., J. G. Loam S.W., Edward Shaw J.W., the Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., Chaplain, H. B. Anderson Treasurer, W. L. Rowntree Secretary, J. Armstrong S.D., J. Brindle J.D., G. H. Anderton Dir. of Cers., W. H. Rylett Organist, G. G. Everingham I.G., W. Drury Tyler. An oil painting was unveiled of the late Bro. Dr. H. Calvert Metcalfe, to whose memory Miss Jane Metcalfe erected the Masonic Hall in 1888. The usual banquet was afterwards served at the Bowman's Hotel.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 761.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., the annual installation festival was held at the Victoria Hall, Dursley, when Bro. W. Phelps P.M. P.P.G.J.W. was ably installed into the Worshipful Master's chair by Bro. H. J. Small P.M. P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. elect afterwards invested the other Officers of the Lodge, as follow:—Bros. S. Bloodworth I.P.M., W. J. Lister S.W., T. Viney J.W., General Vizard P.M. Treasurer, H. J. Francillon P.M. Secretary, H. Blandford P.M. D.C., Dr. A. Campbell S.D., C. White J.D., A. F. Bailey I.G., W. H. Morgan Tyler. Among the visiting brethren present were Brothers T. G. Seymour P.M. 1363; Henley P.M., W. T. Adams P.M., C. M. Penly P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. H. Perrin P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Window P.G.T., brethren of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton; R. P. Sumner P.M. 839, J. Weston, W. M. Hicks-Beach P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and other brethren. After the ceremony the banquet was held at the Old Bell Hotel.

## ST. PETER LODGE, No. 1024.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the old Church of St. Peter, now used as a Masonic Hall, when Bro. Finch, of Great Baddow, was installed into the chair of Worshipful Master, which has been filled for the past year by Bro. Hutley, for the second time. About 30 brethren were present, including Bros. Eustace, Barrett, and Meggy Visitors. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Gowers, Bro. Green, the indefatigable Secretary, acting as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. afterwards invested the Officers:—Bros. Gowers S.W., Bright J.W., Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, Sansom Treasurer, Green Secretary, Rush Organist, Orttewell S.D., Howard-Flanders J.W., Baker I.G., Sadd and Sadler Stewards, Barnes Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a banquet was served in excellent style by Mrs. Revett.

## FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE, No. 1271.

THE installation festival took place at Bradford-on-Avon, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The W.M. elect was Bro. Wassell S.W., who was duly installed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Bryant D.C. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers for the year, and presided over a dinner held at the Old Bear Hotel, at which the customary toast list was gone through.

## LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

THE usual meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Angel Hotel, Ilford. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Poston and H. W. Harrison were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. H. Allard, and then, other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to. During the evening some excellent music was rendered by Brothers Shimeld, Evans, M. Taylor, Doyle, Matthews, Turnpenny, and others.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday last, the 8th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Lionel B. Morley W.M., D. T. Keene S.W. and W.M. elect., G. W. Robson J.W., the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. and Treasurer, J. K. Gwyn S.D., R. Brookman J.D., F. E. Bailey D.C., W. Fraser I.G., R. F. Potter P.M. Tyler; Past Masters C. T. Smith, James Stevens, G. W. Blackie, John Seex, W. Kibble, and R. Stanway; Bros. H. Bertram, R. Lawson, B. C. W. Peterson, G. M. Fraser, &c., &c.; Visitors—Bros. E. C. Percy-Stevens 1326, Wm. Pirie 154 S.C., Mount Brown I.P.M. 1997, and Alfred Jones W.M. 1919. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Stevens took the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. D. T. Keene was presented, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient custom. The following brethren are the Officers for the ensuing year, and were present for investment, viz.: Bros. G. W. Robson S.W., J. K. Gwyn J.W., the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, James Stevens P.M. Secretary, R. Brookman S.D., F. E. Bailey J.D., G. M. Fraser I.G., and R. Potter Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and a cordial vote of thanks recorded in favour of the late Secretary, Bro. W. F. G. Cook P.M., whose resignation of the office, owing to ill health, was much regretted. Sundry communications having received attention, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, a very agreeable evening resulting to the entire satisfaction of all present.

## DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

ON the 4th inst. Bro. Dr. R. W. Cooper was installed as Worshipful Master at the Masonic Hall, Hull, in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. R. Ansdell P.M., one of the founders of the Lodge. The Officers for the year are:—Bros. J. W. Tindell I.P.M. and Lecture Master, D. White S.W., George Petch J.W., H. Hirst Chaplain, A. Peat P.M. Treasurer, J. F. Harper Secretary, W. D. Keyworth Almoner, Alfred East S.D., W. Harker J.D., J. W. Wood D.C., C. W. Cheesman Organist, A. Moody Steward, L. H.

Mayer, W. Sanderson, and J. T. Stoddart Assistant Stewards, J. K. Gibb I.G., F. J. Lambert Tyler. The installation banquet followed the closing of the Lodge.

## ROSE LODGE, No. 1622.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., the installation meeting of the above took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The Lodge was opened at 5:30 by Brother H. G. Martin Worshipful Master. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master elect was presented and he gave assent to the ancient charges. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Brother Pullen was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, after which Bro. Martin I.P.M. gave the addresses in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. invested his Officers and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the banqueting table, where a splendid menu was admirably arranged under the personal superintendence of Mrs. Venables. The evening was greatly enlivened by the singing of Bro. Swinford, Bro. Smith, Miss Julia Jones, and Miss Edith Gibbs, the musical arrangements being admirably carried under Bro. Choveux.

## BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 6th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. Packham. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Carpenter as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Gill, assisted by Bro. T. Packham. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Flinn S.W., Molyneux-Fiennell J.W., Bedford Treasurer (re-elected), Shrivell Secretary, Dyer S.D., Barber J.D., Colbran Dir. of Cers., Garrett I.G., Norman Roe Organist, Taxford, Olliver, Insell, and Roffey Stewards, Stanton Tyler (re-elected). Bro. Carpenter W.M. was re-elected Charity Steward, and Bro. Gill to serve on the Pavilion Rooms Committee. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, under the presidency of the newly elected W.M. Bro. Carpenter. The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which the Provincial Grand Secretary responded. The W.M. next proposed the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, H.E.H. the Duke of Connaught Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G.S., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the great interest the Duke of Connaught took in all matters pertaining to Freemasonry, and more especially in those relating to his own Province of Sussex. The Duke, he said, had many calls upon his time, but upon every possible occasion he had visited Sussex, either to preside at Provincial Lodge meetings or to consecrate new Lodges, and the brethren were hoping to see him shortly at the approaching Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Sir W. T. Marriott, he continued, had ably carried out the duties of his office as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and, in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, had worthily filled his place. He had the Province thoroughly at heart, and he (the W.M.) and the Burrell Lodge felt honoured in having him present that evening. Of the remaining Provincial Grand Officers he also spoke in praiseworthy terms, paying a special compliment to the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, he said, carried out his duties admirably. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott) met with a hearty reception on rising to respond. Thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, he said the brethren of Sussex regarded the Duke of Connaught, their Provincial Grand Master, with Masonic affection, and he was sure they felt it a great honour to have one so closely connected with Royalty at their head. Though the Duke had multifarious engagements, he was never forgetful of his duties to Freemasonry in Sussex. On his return from India he had visited the Province, and last year presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge. He had also promised to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton during the present month. With regard to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he did not know him so well. A Greek philosopher had said "know thyself," and a Scotch poet had written "O wad some power the giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us." He had been told that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had multifarious duties to perform, and that he was a "jack of all trades," but that, amidst all his professional and political engagements, he took a hearty interest in Sussex Freemasonry, and that what he did for the Province of Sussex was a labour of love. Speaking for himself, he said it had given him great pleasure to visit the Burrell Lodge, and, referring to the other Provincial Grand Officers, bore testimony to the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties, under the able direction of their indefatigable Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. H. Packham I.P.M. next proposed the Worshipful Master. He said it had given him great pleasure to see Bro. A. J. Carpenter rise step by step till he had reached the Master's chair. A more energetic Mason, he said, could not be found. Bro. Carpenter had worked well in the Lodge, and also splendidly as Charity Steward. Bro. A. J. Carpenter, on rising to respond, was greeted with enthusiasm. He said he could not find words to adequately thank the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him. He had been a member of the Lodge for twelve years, and his ambition had been to reach the W.M.'s chair. He had worked up the ladder step by step; he had studied the work, and had been especially interested in the Charities—the foundation of Masonry. He was gratified to find that the Lodge had unanimously given him their confidence, and he hoped that confidence would not be misplaced. He would do all he could to maintain the dignity and prestige of the Lodge, his one desire being that the Burrell Lodge should continue to flourish. Bro. W. Gill P.M. proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province, to

which Bros. Whittle and Holman responded. Bro. T. Packham gave the Visiting Brethren, and said the members of the Lodge heartily welcomed Bro. Peter Jackson. Bros. T. Berry, Watford, and Peter Jackson responded, the last named making a graceful allusion to the hearty manner in which he had been received. The W.M., in proposing the Past Masters of the Lodge, presented Bro. H. Packham, the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. Bro. H. Packham and Bro. T. Packham P.M. acknowledged the toast. The Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. During the evening a musical programme was sustained, under the direction of Bro. W. N. Roe P.P.G.O., by Miss Edith Welling, Miss Alice Holman, Mr. H. Hedgecock and Mr. Argyle Gallaway. Songs were also sung by Bros. Dyer, Philpe, and R. Smith; Bro. Salmon contributed a cornet solo, and Brother Tuxford a recitation. The pianoforte accompaniments were ably rendered by Bro. W. N. Roe.

#### STRANTON LODGE, No. 1862.

THE annual festival took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Church Square, West Hartlepool. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Barlow retiring Master, the following brethren being invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Johnson W.M., Boddy S.W., Woolley J.W., Barker Secretary, Burns S.D., Oliver J.D., Hunter Organist, Metcalf Dir. of Cers., Barlow I.P.M., Naylor Treasurer. After the investiture of Officers the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was held, after which the usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with selections of vocal and instrumental music. Brother Hurworth, of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, presided at the piano.

#### LONDONDERRY LODGE, No. 2039.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Monday afternoon, the 3rd inst. The W.M. (Bro. Henry Liston) presided, and was strongly supported. The Lodge having been duly opened, and some formal business been transacted, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year took place. Bro. Thos. Hutchinson was presented by Bro. J. Deans, acting as Director of Ceremonies, to the Installing Master (Bro. Fred. S. Cowper), by whom the ceremony was very ably and efficiently performed, and who was ably assisted by Brother Rev. J. J. Brown. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his predecessor (Bro. H. Liston) as I.P.M., and he afterwards appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. James Lee S.W., William Scott J.W., Rev. J. J. Brown P.M. Chaplain, Fred. S. Cowper P.M. Treasurer, Nicholas Lee Secretary, Isidore Goldman S.D., Thos. R. Milburn (absent) J.D., J. Deans P.M. Director of Ceremonies, James Hudson P.M. 80 Organist, R. A. Logau I.G., T. E. Campbell and Thomas Naisbitt Stewards, T. Grieve P.M. Tyler. The W.M. afterwards received the congratulations of the visiting brethren. The annual festival was held in the evening, in the banqueting hall, the W.M. Brother Thomas Hutchinson, Mus. Bac. Oxon, in the chair, Bro. James Lee S.W. in the vice-chair. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and harmony was most entertainingly given by Bros. Lindon Travers, S. Wilkinson, James Hudson, John Smith, W. A. Priestly, and others. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A., and the W.M. suitably responded.

**Hornsey Lodge of Instruction, No. 890.**—The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction, at the White Hart Masonic Rooms, High Street, Lawisham, under the proprietorship of Bro. A. A. Drew, were resumed for the winter on the 29th ult. The Lodge will now meet regularly every Thursday evening, its ceremonies being rehearsed with musical accompaniment by Bro. Bower Organist.

**Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Wm. Shurmur Preceptor, W. J. Short W.M., J. J. Briginshaw S.W., W. J. Bastick J.W., Nathl. Fortesone Treasurer, Chas. S. Bestow Secretary, W. Peter Allen S.D., H. Groom J.D., George Reed I.G., P. Trickett Steward; P.M.'s Bros. H. F. Bromhead P.P.G.Supt. of Works, Jno. Ives; Members—Bros. M. Blicke, S. Herbert, W. A. Longmore, J. R. Friend, J. Clarke, W. Gower, W. Tagg, W. W. Hind, C. Horst, J. King, J. Hamilton, W. Blenkinsop, T. Maynard, S. Wildash, A. Wildash, R. Jeremy, F. Peck, G. Hale, B. Mann, J. Lewis. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Briginshaw in a very impressive manner, after which Brother Bromhead appointed and invested his Officers. Bro. Shurmur gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Bros. King, Clark, and Gower were elected as Auditors. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Monday, 18th inst., when the installation ceremony will be rehearsed. Bro. D. P. Holness W.M. 2374 will occupy the chair.

A meeting of the committee for revising the Provincial Mark Lodge of Devonshire bye-laws was held at Exeter, on the 4th inst. Bro. Jno. Lane presided, and there were also present Bros. H. Stocker, J. B. Gover, J. R. Lord, and H. Jerman. The code of bye-laws was agreed to and will be presented to the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, at Torquay, on 17th October.

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

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### ST. LUKE'S CHAPTER, No. 225.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when there were present—Comps. H. J. Wright P.P.G.P.S. P.G.D. of C. Z., W. B. Mille, M.D., P.Z. P.P.G.H. H., N. Tracy P.Z. P.G. Scribe E., George Abbott P.Z. P.P.G.S., James Napier P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Scribe E., and C. Byford P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer; Comps. G. P. Price P.S., Harry Cockrell, John Talbot, E. B. Lewcock, and George Gould Janitor. The Visitors were Comps. G. R. Chilver and Fred. C. Atkinson, Royal Sussex Chapter. Comp. H. J. Wright was re-installed in the office of M.E.Z., Comp. the Rev. S. Maude the H. elect was unavoidably absent, Comp. G. P. Price was installed as J. The other Officers were invested, as under:—Comps. J. Napier S.E., J. Talbot S.N., W. H. Cook P.S., H. Cockrell 1st A.S., F. Bloomfield 2nd A.S., C. Byford Treasurer, G. Gould Janitor. A vote of thanks was, on the motion of Bro. George Abbott, seconded to the M.E.Z. for the zeal and ability with which he had presided over the Chapter in the past, and a similar compliment was paid to Comp. N. Tracy for the work he had done in connection with the Chapter. The M.E.Z. Comp. H. J. Wright presided over the installation supper and proposed the customary toasts. In submitting that of the Grand Superintendent, he expressed his great satisfaction, which he was sure was shared by every Royal Arch Mason in the Province, that although Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn was about to leave the county, his connection with them would not cease, but that, subject to the approval of the First Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he would continue to hold the office of Grand Superintendent. The toast was drunk with great heartiness. Comps. N. Tracy and C. Byford responded for the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers respectively. The health of the three Principals was proposed by Comp. George Abbott, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the work which Comp. H. J. Wright had done in all the degrees of Freemasonry through which he had passed, and expressed the hope that the year of office on which he had entered would be one of great prosperity to the Chapter over which he presided. Comp. Abbott also spoke in complimentary terms of the Second and Third Principals, Comps. the Rev. S. Maude and G. P. Price—Comps. H. J. Wright and G. P. Price briefly replied. The other toasts were the Visitors, responded to by Comps. Fred. C. Atkinson and George R. Chilver, the Officers of the Chapter, acknowledged by Comps. H. Cockrell and John Talbot, and the Janitor's toast.

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### PROV. G. LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE CLARENCE LODGE, No. 447.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire was held on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, Bro. Right Hon. Lord Lathom Provincial Grand Master presiding. The chief business was the consecration of the Clarence Lodge, No. 447, which had been instituted mainly in commemoration of the late Duke of Clarence, and the transaction of the ordinary business of the Province. Amongst those present were Bros. J. de Bels Adam (Mayor of Liverpool) W.M. designate of the new Lodge, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie D.P.G.M.M., R. Young, R. Foote, J. D. Murray, Armitage, Barrow, H. Thomas P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, and others. Bro. the Earl of Lathom performed the ceremony of consecration, and Bro. J. D. Murray afterwards installed the Mayor of Liverpool as first Master of the Lodge, Bro. G. A. Harradon as S.W., and Bro. G. L. Lewes as J.W. Other Officers were subsequently appointed. At the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held afterwards, the subjoined were appointed:—

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| Bro. J. de Bels Adam | ... | ... | Senior Warden           |
| J. B. Carter         | ... | ... | Junior Warden           |
| A. Hall              | ... | ... | M.O.                    |
| E. Powell            | ... | ... | S.O.                    |
| R. Phillips          | ... | ... | J.O.                    |
| Rev. J. H. Harris    | ... | ... | Chaplain                |
| J. S. Scott          | ... | ... | Registrar               |
| J. Chadwick          | ... | ... | Secretary               |
| J. Williams          | ... | ... | Senior Deacon           |
| J. Hilton            | ... | ... | Junior Deacon           |
| J. Betley            | ... | ... | Inspector of Works      |
| W. S. Weeks          | ... | ... | Director of Ceremonies  |
| Bristowe             | ... | ... | Assistant Dir. of Cers. |
| T. Milton            | ... | ... | Sword Bearer            |
| J. H. Shelfield      | ... | ... | Standard Bearer         |
| W. Platt             | ... | ... | Organist                |
| W. Crossley          | ... | ... | I.G.                    |

The sum of thirty guineas was voted in aid of the Masonic Charities. On the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Bear's Paw, Lord Street, where they sat down to a well served banquet, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Fletcher.



## NO THINK.

**T**HE meaning of the word Think is variously understood. It belongs in almost all languages. To accept the general definition of this word in our language, explains the significance which attaches to its general use.

When the mind is engaged in considering some subject, in deliberating, in resolving impressions or ideas, reflecting, meditating, the mental action evoked, is thinking.

A proposition or statement, presented to the mind, a fact, the reason for a conclusion as to any expressed reflections on a question discussed inviting deliberation in its consideration, give a comprehensible concept on the description of to think.

This probably may be taken as the popular understanding of thinking.

Mental action, the exercise of the reflective, reasoning faculty, is a conscious mental condition. It is produced as a consequence of prior causes. Therefore, to think requires a subject to be thought on, so presented to the mind as to set in motion the meditative, reflective, reasoning powers. This action of the mind is called thinking, as popularly understood.

To form an opinion, to arrive at a conclusion, to accept or reject a given statement, to decide on the reasonableness of a theory, to justify a decision on a question, or determine any action on a question requiring judgment, are results that must flow from thought applied to the determination reached, or settled.

The scope of the reflective power must include the consideration of the subject in various aspects. The deductive and inductive process of reasoning, the thinking which uses either process, is not to be here considered.

To reason from generals to particulars, or from particulars to generals, is a process of reasoning well understood. But the need of thinking on subjects of importance to associations of persons which relate to the objects, methods, and aims of such associations, is essential to the best interests of the society and its members.

So it is apparent that in Freemasonry those who are devoted to preserving and perpetuating the truths, teachings, and foundation principles of the Institution, must think on those subjects so indissolubly connected with the imperious duty.

There are many questions which arise in the jurisprudence, ritual, laws, traditions and customs of the Craft, that can only be decided by reflection, deliberation, reasoning on these subjects. It is not wise in such cases to assume, what ought rather to be the result of thinking out the relation the question holds to the historic teachings of the Fraternity.

It is in such cases, and these are not infrequent, that thought is a positive necessity to a proper judgment. The officers of Lodges: the W.M., the P.M.'s especially, are liable to be called to give advice and counsel on such questions.

To think, is a needed mental qualification for those who are placed in such positions. Those who are installed in the station of Lodge Officers will find that these views will be realised in their official service. To be admonished of the need of qualifying themselves will be of value to them. Then among these qualifications it is shown that how to think is among the highest acquisitions. One or two examples of a practical application of these views will more fully elucidate the contention presented. It is an axiom that "in Freemasonry what is not permitted is prohibited."

To determine what is prohibited, requires thoughtful consideration of what is permitted. To deliberate, to resolve, to reflect on the principle which permits, must be carried out by the reasoning faculties to decide the prohibited. Again take the declared law of our jurisdiction on page 60 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, Section 59. To decide on a law presented to a Lodge, the W.M. must reflect, deliberate, think out, the intent of the law and determine his action. Again, an applicant for initiation must be of "good report." To determine the intent of his condition precedent, to action by a Lodge, a most important condition very little understood, the W.M. must deliberate, reflect on the purpose for which those words are used. What is "good report," how is it to be determined, from what sources must it come? and then to decide that not being under good report disqualifies the applicant. Yes, as much so as if he was physically disqualified.

All this requires, that to think, is the necessary qualification of Lodge Officers. These examples will direct attention to some essential needs that are often overlooked on the superficial consideration of Lodge work.

The best interests of the Craft, the integrity of the administration of Masonic law, the maintenance of the law and the Landmarks, the proper discharge of the most important duties of Officers of Masonic Lodges, the true instruction that is to be given to the Members of Lodges, the prosperity of the Fraternity, and the effective influences that grow out of work well done, and ritual properly administered, depend in a greater degree than is often admitted in the capacity, the faculty of Lodge Officers, to think.—*Keystone*.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**Terry's.**—Mr. Sydney Alport may be congratulated upon his first venture on theatrical management, though after a time as he gains more experience we may reasonably expect something better than the farcical comedy, "A Lucky Dog," by Mr. W. Sapse junior, which, however well received at its initial production at a matinee performance, is hardly likely to bring a run of luck to the new manager. The most interesting item in the production is the appearance of Mr. G. W. Anson, who returns to London after a long absence in Australia, and who received a warm welcome. We hope soon to be able to chronicle the production of some play more worthy of the capital company engaged, which includes the names of such excellent comedians as Messrs. Fred. Thorne, John Tresahar, Charles Fawcett, Miss Helen Forsyth and Miss Norreys.

**Empire.**—The latest attraction, "Round the Town," is not a ballet in the ordinary acceptation of the word, but a most brilliant spectacle, which is drawing "all London" to the handsome house in Leicester Square. It has been designed by Mr. George Edwards, and worked out by Madame Katti Lanner with extraordinary effect. There are five tableaux, representing well-known places in the metropolis, and there is a slight story of humble life meandering throughout. The scenes of the Royal Exchange at noon, and the Thames Embankment lead up to a military apotheosis of "Our Empire," in which representatives of the United Kingdom and the several Colonies appear in idealised costumes, and move about in a wealth of colour that is absolutely dazzling. Mr. Leopold Wenzel has composed the music which is admirably interpreted by the magnificent orchestra. It is perhaps needless to say that the spectacle is received with loud applause, and that the principal performers are cheered to the echo as they appear before the curtain, for certainly the scene has never been equalled at this theatre.

"Cigarette," with Miss Geraldine Ulmar and Madame Amidi, as the heroine and the Countess respectively, is doing excellent business at its new quarters at the Shaftesbury theatre, and Mr. W. H. Griffiths is happy accordingly. Mr. Haydn Parry's music now goes smoothly, and decidedly improves upon further acquaintance.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Devonshire is to assemble at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 4.30 p.m. Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, will preside, and be supported by Bro. Captain G. S. Strode Lowe Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. Everything points to a most successful gathering, and the two local railway companies have granted the usual favourable terms by any trains for the day. After the routine business has been transacted, the report of the Bye-Laws Committee will be received, and a vote taken on the rules as amended. The formal vote will be taken to recommend a Brother to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Provincial Grand Master of Devon for the ensuing term of three years. Of course, there is but one name possible, and no other would be so acceptable to the members as the present genial and honoured ruler. A Provincial Grand Treasurer will have to be elected, and the Officers appointed, after which, at six o'clock, Sir Stafford H. Northcote and the brethren will dine at the Victoria and Albert Hotel. Those intending to be present and to dine with the Provincial Grand Master are requested to notify their intention to Brother John Lane Past Grand Overseer of England, of Bannercross, Torquay, on or before the 14th inst. According to Bro. Westcott's "Masonic Register," there are 24 Mark Lodges in Devonshire, but two or three are rather inclined to lie dormant. If the Provincial Grand Master or his respected Deputy would intimate their desire to visit such Lodges, it is likely the present unsatisfactory condition of those referred to would be amended, and a revival take place. The Provincial Grand Secretary is Bro. Henry Stocker P.G.D. of Exeter.—*Western Morning News*.

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**A**T A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 13th October 1892,

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Esq., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks, V. Patron, Treasurer, in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 21 GIRLS into the Institution, from a list of 36 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

| No. on Poll. | Name                   | No. of Votes. | No. on Poll. | Name.                 | No. of Votes. |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1            | Rath, K. L. ...        | 4515          | 12           | Dean, D. ...          | 2814          |
| 2            | Ruddle, D. K. A. ...   | 4004          | 13           | Caton, W. F. M. ...   | 2779          |
| 3            | Nichols, E. H. ...     | 3803          | 14           | White, V. M. ...      | 2654          |
| 4            | Anthony, A. M. ...     | 3184          | 15           | King, E. L. ...       | 2650          |
| 5            | Primrose, M. E. ...    | 3100          | 16           | Brown, M. M. ...      | 2529          |
| 6            | Scantlebury, L. A. ... | 3070          | 17           | Loewenthal, E. F. ... | 2444          |
| 7            | Marsh, L. ...          | 3062          | 18           | Kilpin, E. H. ...     | 2424          |
| 8            | Yockins, M. W. ...     | 3030          | 19           | Mathew, A. V. ...     | 2170          |
| 9            | Collins, L. M. ...     | 3023          | 20           | Bonner, C. ...        | 2021          |
| 10           | Castle, C. M. ...      | 2941          | 21           | Shaw, E. ...          | 1867          |
| 11           | Pavey M. R. ...        | 2876          |              |                       |               |

The number of votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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13th October 1892.

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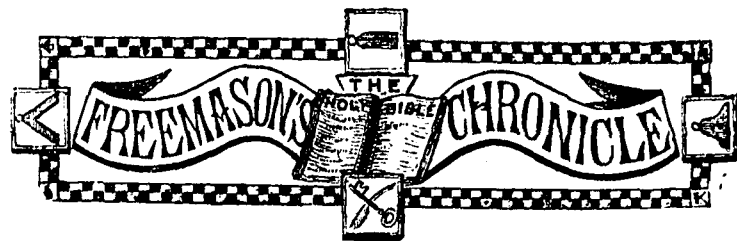
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## QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

**T**HE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the Chairmanship of Brother Henry Smith P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire. The business before the brethren was merely formal, and when this routine had been observed the Court elected, out of a list of 26 approved candidates, 21 girls for admission to the



school. The successful list will be found in our advertisement columns, while the following are the names of the unsuccessful children :—

## UNSUCCESSFUL.

| Name.              | Polled. | Total. |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Whitaker, Dorothea | 1779    | 1779   |
| Coffey, Winifred   | 1424    | 1424   |
| Taylor, Marion     | 753     | 753    |
| Norris, Maud Mary  | 111     | 111    |
| Tabbs, May Aline   | 9       | 9      |

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

YESTERDAY, the Quarterly Court of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. Brother Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Patron of the Institution and Chairman of the Committee of Management, presided. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, G. Everett P.G.T., C. E. Keyser, and others supported, and in the body of the hall were, among others, Brothers J. Bodenham, Col. Radcliff, James Stevens, James Brett, J. Glass, J. S. Cumberland, J. G. Stevens, W. H. Saunders, H. Pritchard, Henry Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, T. Bateman Fox, C. E. Money, and George Fairchild. Bro. McLeod (Secretary) read the minutes of the last Quarterly Court, which were confirmed, and then Bro. Le Feuvre called attention to the fact that since the last Court the Sustentation Fund had been merged in the general funds of the Institution, and consequently that the trustees of that Fund had been obliterated. He thought, therefore, that a vote of thanks should be passed to those brethren for their services. The brethren were Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Leigh, John Clabon, and Richard Eve. He therefore moved such vote of thanks. The motion was seconded by Bro. Everett P.G. Treasurer, and carried. Afterwards the Chairman informed the brethren of the loss by death of Brother William Roebuck, one of the Trustees of the Institution, and when he had passed a high eulogism on the deceased Brother for his services to the Institution in which he was most closely identified, moved a vote of sincere sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Roebuck and family in their bereavement. The motion, which was seconded by Bro. Homfray P.A.G.D.C. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Monmouth, was therefore put and carried. Bro. John Glass moved the election of V.W. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, as Trustee in place of the late Bro. Roebuck, and said that all the brethren so well knew Bro. Eve's virtues that he need not occupy time by recommending them. He was in constant touch with the Council, the Quarterly Court, and the Board of Management, and a short time ago was elected a Trustee, with all the honours attaching to that office, of the late Sustentation Fund. Bro. Pritchard seconded the motion, and on its being carried *nem con.*, the Chairman returned thanks for this renewed proof of the brethren's confidence. Bro. J. S. Cumberland moved—

That Law xlviii. be altered as follows :—

"The Council shall meet at the office of the Institution on the last Friday of every month (except when that day shall fall on the Friday immediately before a Bank Holiday, when the meeting shall be held on the next following Friday), August excepted, at five o'clock in the afternoon, elect a Chairman, being a Freemason, at each meeting, and may adjourn from time to time. Five shall form a quorum."

In doing so he said, however, that he did not bind himself to the hour of five, if the brethren thought another hour more convenient. Bro. James Brett seconded, and Bro. H. Smith supported, as the country brethren could attend and get home by Saturday. Brother Le Feuvre suggested four o'clock, the hour of three having been mentioned. Bro. James Stevens seconded four o'clock. This was adopted, and the motion in that form was carried. One brother suggested that the country brethren very rarely came to these meetings.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treas., Patron, Chairman Board of Management, proposed the following motion :—

- (1) "That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Institution during the past 30 years as Honorary Surgeon Oculist, the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon the W. Bro. Jabez Hogz, F.L.S., M.R.C.S., &c., P.G. Deacon, in accordance with Law XI."
- (2) "That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Institution during the past 25 years as Honorary Medical Officer, the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon Brother Wharton P. Hood, M.D., in accordance with Law XI."
- (3) "That the distinction of an Honorary Vice-Presidency be conferred

upon the W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. for Middlesex, as an acknowledgment of the services rendered by him in his gift of 130 guineas to found Prizes for History for deserving pupils in the Institution."

- (4) "That W. Bro. Stanley James Attenborough, Vice-Patron and Member of the Board of Management, be appointed Honorary Solicitor to the Institution."

He laid before the brethren a statement of the great services the brethren above named had performed in connection with the Institution, and in the case of Bro. Thrupp said that the 130 guineas was voted to him as a testimonial from the brethren of Middlesex. Presenting it in the form he did to the Institution, he would not be entitled to votes, and therefore to give him that privilege the Council had proposed to make him an honorary Vice-President, and the rank would carry the votes. All the motions were carried, and the election of 24 boys out of a list of 37 was then taken.

## DEAF AND DUMB SCHOOL FOR NORTH AND EAST LANCASHIRE.

AT Preston, on Saturday afternoon, the 1st instant, with full Masonic ritual, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire, laid the foundation-stone of the new Cross Deaf and Dumb School. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Town Hall, at three o'clock. There was a large attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, and a goodly number of Masonic brethren. After the Lodge had been duly opened, a procession was formed in Masonic order, headed by the band of the 5th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers, which marched through the streets for about a mile in the direction of the intended structure, when a number of carriages and trams, which had been engaged for the occasion, were filled by the brethren and conveyed the remainder of the distance to the field in which the ceremony took place, which is just beyond the tram terminus on the Blackburn Road, but within the borough. Here, a large marquée had been wisely erected over the site, for during the proceedings the rain came down heavily. Indeed, the weather throughout was wet and gloomy. Among the Masonic brethren present, in addition to the Provincial Grand Master, were the Rev. T. B. Spencer P.G.C. England acting as D.P.G.M. for the day, J. D. Murray Grand Treasurer England, T. B. Forrester P.G. Standard Bearer England, W. Goodacre P.G. Sword Bearer England P.G.S. West Lancashire, W. Johnson G.S.W., John Christie G.J.W., Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw P.P.G. Chap., W. Savage P.G.T., W. H. Cunliffe P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs., C. Wadsworth P.P.G. Std. Br., T. Adams P.P.G.D., M. J. Walker P.P.G.S.W. of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, Rev. J. Pimblett P.G.C., J. Christie P.P.G.J.W., J. W. Burgess G.S.D., T. Nevett P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Rev. Hesketh Knowles P.P.G.C., T. R. Jolley P.P.G.T., Rev. Dr. Stainer P.P.G.C. (Surrey), Buxton P.P.G. Treas., W. Platt P.P.G.T., J. Rigby P.P.G.I. East Lancashire, R. Armitage P.P.G. Registrar, W. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.S.W., C. Heywood P.G. Dir. of Cers., Councillor Humber (Mayor of Preston), Lord Skelmersdale, and many others. Among the non-brethren were the Ven. Archdeacon Rawstone, and representatives from kindred institutions.

The Ven. Archdeacon Rawstone, Chairman of the Committee of the Cross Deaf and Dumb Schools, stepped forward, and requested the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master, to lay the foundation stone. In doing so, he said he had the honour of presenting his lordship with the trowel with which to assist him in performing the work. In giving a brief outline of the circumstances connected with the establishment of the schools, he said that 18 months ago, Miss Cross, of Broughton, near Preston, generously promised £5,000 for the purpose of building the intended structure, on the condition that £2,500 should be collected within a year from the date of her noble offer. A committee was formed for that purpose, the members of which canvassed North and East Lancashire. The appeal was very liberally responded to, which he trusted was an earnest of the continued support which would be given to the schools in the future. In six or seven months about £2,500 was collected, so that they had a fund approaching £8,000 towards the building and endowment of the schools. The site extended over five acres, plans had been prepared by Messrs. Sames and Green, of Blackburn, designing a building calculated to supply every requirement for the education of 50 children, and capable of being enlarged, at any future time at comparatively small additional cost, for the accommodation of 100 children. They learned from the last report of the North and East Lancashire Deaf and Dumb Society that the two missionaries employed by the society had under their care 378 deaf and dumb, of whom 93 were children of school age. It had been decided to stick to the oral system of training for the first year, in order to find out by practical experience whether its continuance would be justifiable; and after that, if necessary, to classify the pupils, and carry on the institution under the dual system. The religious instruction to be given would be on the same lines as at the Harris Orphanage.

Lord Lathom, after expressing his thanks for the trowel, said that often as he had been asked to lay foundation stones for schools, churches, and public institutions, nothing had given him greater pleasure than to perform that ceremony in the present case, inasmuch as it was for the benefit of a class of people who were unable to help themselves.

The ceremony was then proceeded with in regular Masonic order. The Grand Chaplain having offered prayer, the choir and brethren sang the anthem "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it." The Provincial Grand Secretary next read

the inscription on the plate recording the event, after which the foundation stone was placed in position and declared by the Grand Master to be well and truly laid, and that the Craftsmen had worked well. He also urged the workmen to proceed with the erection and completion of the building without loss of time. Corn was strewed, and wine and oil poured upon the stone. The choir next sang to an air from Haydn's "Creation," an ode commencing:—

"The spacious firmament on high  
With all the blue ethereal sky,  
And spangled heavens,—a shining frame,  
Their great Original proclaim."

After another prayer the ceremony was further proceeded with, and then the Masonic version of the National Anthem was sung. After the offertory, the Rev. J. Harris proposed a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his attendance, and said that it had been thought well, under the circumstances, to give the name of "Cross" to the title of the school in consideration of Miss Cross's generous offer towards its foundation. After the building had been erected, there would not be much left towards the endowment fund, but they hoped, by donations, by collections in churches, and by legacies which they hoped to receive after the institution had been found to be successful, to carry on the charity which had been so happily inaugurated that day. When Miss Cross heard that Lord Lathom had consented to lay the foundation stone with Masonic honours she was greatly pleased, and though unable to be present on that occasion, he knew her thoughts and sympathies were with them. An economic and efficient carrying on of the new schools would create public confidence in the work hereafter, and he had no fear of the happy results to many of their unfortunate fellow creatures who needed such aid as the institution would give.

Mr. Byrne seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Lord Lathom, in reply, said, as he had told Archdeacon Rawstone at the beginning of the proceedings, it gave him great pleasure to come there that day and take part in such a good work, which he hoped would soon be completed, and not suffer from lack of funds. He was glad to see his Masonic brethren rally round him in such goodly numbers that day, and hoped the institution would flourish, and be a boon to those who needed it for many years to come.

The Rev. Dr. Stainer, a brother of Dr. J. Stainer, the late organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, occupied a front position on the platform, and while the ceremony was being proceeded with interpreted it throughout, in the deaf and dumb language, to a number of mutes present, for which they were evidently very grateful.

The ceremony being concluded, the procession was formed in inverted order, and returned to the Town Hall, where the special Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

J. J. J.

#### A MEDITATION ON A MASTER MASON'S JOURNEY.

WHAT an exhaustless subject for thought is found in the symbolical teachings of Masonry? In conveying to the mind the hidden meaning covered by the many object lessons, in which the moral philosophy of the Craft lies concealed, every activity, every organ, every sense, is called into operation—all as feeders to the spiritual existence of men. The eye, the ear, the touch, the posture, the gesture, the movement of feet, hands, head, body, all are enlisted in one harmonious whole to form a conduit from the physical visible without, to the mental invisible within, whereby the intelligence is quickened, the comprehension taught, and the soul fed and strengthened.

In the first degree the physical darkness illustrates the mental condition of the mind. The neophyte is pre-supposed to be mentally blind. He may have the wisdom of a Nestor, the eloquence of a Demosthenes, the calculation of a Euclid, the erudition of a Archimedes, the comprehension of a Aristotle and the wealth of a Croesus, but he must begin his Masonic journey poor, naked, penniless and blind.

His initiatorial degree concludes with the restoration of his worldly goods to the body and light to the mind by which his mental vision is directed to the far distant goal of his journey. He is instructed that as yet he is but inside the gate. A long and toilsome road stretches out before him, but he learns that the end may be achieved and the ambition gratified in what he has set out to attain. On the presumed vacuum of his mind are placed the three great foundation ashlar—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The crude material, to be used in the formation of character, are to him pointed out. The Bible is to be his trestle board, his rule and guide—and the tools of an Entered Apprentice Mason are given him, with directions for their use, and this is the first degree in Masonry.

In the second degree he is brought into contact with the higher branches of intellectual attainment. The arts and sciences are presented and severally explained, with the relation each branch holds to the moulding of character, and the perfection of a moral manhood. As the first

degree may be termed the primary school, so the second takes the place of a college, from which graduation can only be had when proficiency is shown in the several lessons taught therein.

The third degree opens up an entirely new line of thought to the Masonic pilgrim. The two former degrees were largely attached, in their course of instruction, to the wants and requirements of the *physical* and *mental*, but now an entirely new line of thought is opened up, in which the *spiritual* in man is exemplified. It is shown that man, in a state of nature, was destitute of that knowledge of the imperishable principle within, which demanded to be fed. Blind to the fact that he is still far from that knowledge sought, he is permitted to rest content for a time, with the idea that he is finally a Master Mason. But he awakes to the surprising knowledge that man is by nature in a state of darkness. The jewel about his neck may signify to him all that may be outwardly obtained by the seeker after soul food, but the vacuum within is still a void. He now seeks to fill it with a *promise*. The symbolism of types and metaphors as represented in the Mosaic dispensation are presented to him, but all they can bestow upon the soul, hungry for a knowledge of itself, is a symbolical evidence of things hoped for, things not seen. With all his accumulation of knowledge, gathered on his journey so far, the great fact of the immortality of the soul is still hidden from him. He may have scaled the heights of heathen philosophy and with Socrates or Plato may be possessed of a faint dream of a life beyond the tomb; yea, will go still farther and permit him to rest on the dimly sublime assurance of the man in the land of Uz, when he confidently exclaimed: "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." But even with all these inklings of a possible futurity of joy he cannot *surely* know that.

Beyond this vale of tears  
There is a life above  
Unmeasured by the flight of years,  
And all that life is love.

And so unknowing he lives and dies. Kind hands place him in the tomb. Loved ones drop the regretful tear of blighted affection, and all is over. But not so. "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah" has brought life and immortality to light in the Christian dispensation, and this he is now to learn.

Ah! We may strive as we may to take the *Christ thought* out of Masonry, but there it is, brethren, and we cannot take it away. Life and immortality is brought to light through Him. On the strength of this dogmatic fact the third degree of Masonry has been founded and cannot be altered, without an entire elimination of the whole.

But before the Master Mason learns this grand fact (so graphically illustrated in the last part of the second section), he has to traverse a rough and thorny road, where his weaknesses are to him made apparent in the conflict, to which he is forced to finally succumb.

He has reached the third terrace on the Masonic mountain, and on this brief plain must be fought out the conflict in which the seeming defeat will eventually in immortal victor.

Assured by the grandeur of his attainments, and the exercise of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which has characterised his actions along his Masonic journey so far; confident in his knowledge obtained in the second degree that he is qualified to impart knowledge to others, he unshrinkingly enters upon the third stage and meets with the first "J."

This may be termed *Jeopardy*, and alarmed he finds hidden foes, when confronted with what threatens his peace, his reputation, his self confidence. He, surprised, awakens to find himself in *Jeopardy*. He realises what false friends and malicious foes can do. Even those obligated with himself, as brothers bound by a common tie, turn traitors. Those he has befriended become ingrates. Ingratitude assails him. Scandal smirches him. Falsehood stabs him with a serpent's tooth. Malignity seeks to traduce him. Vile calumny enfolds him in its foul embrace, and wounded and bruised he barely escapes to only meet a second "J."

This can be termed *Jealousy*. Here, he finds himself surrounded by those who would fain beat open his breast, thereby could be torn out the power which

has raised him a little above his fellows, or the ability God has given him to benefit the brotherhood of men. Bleeding from the jeopardy from which he has so lately escaped, he now finds himself subjected to the stings and arrows of a "green-eyed monster," to which mercy or justice is unknown. Alone he stands, to be assailed by foes in the dark. Bitter is his anguish to find that *Jealousy*, urged on by its inducing cause, *Envy*, has torn from him the only adornments his previous Masonic studies had decorated him with, and in anguish of soul he cries: "Lover and friend hast thou put far from me." Ah! the terrors of that conflict, thus presented in the third degree! Ah! the horrors of the hour, when *Jealousy* succeeds in tearing the flesh from the bones and burning the marrow!

Bleeding afresh from these soul wounds, he rushes aimlessly forward. He has proved man's weakness by nature; his inability by symbol and man-created metaphor, to fight the severe battle. All has failed, and he has nothing to look forward to but the last and final "J."

This may be termed *judgment*. He has fought the unequal battle and lost. He has no knowledge of the arm able to keep him from falling, or the Strong One, mighty to save. This was not imparted in his natural condition, nor did he realise it in that of a religion of *sign* and *symbol*. In his own strength he fought life's battle, and now the end has come. It is appointed for all men to die, and he cannot escape. The hammer of *Justice* falls, and for him no vicarious interception stays the blow. Blind, malignant revenge may weight the hammer, and vicious bloodthirsty spite may close up the tragedy, but it is nevertheless the *Judgment* for which the soul—tired of the weak, rickety casket in which it has lodged so long—calls for the stroke of *Justice* in the hands of *Judgment*, to, at one fell blow, pronounce the divorce. The soul to God, the casket to the dust from whence it sprung.

It is a cruel picture of life thus presented in the spectacle of the third degree tragedy, but still truthful when thus allegorically viewed. It is a revelation of man's weakness when in soul beset by ruffians and murderers. But such utter prostration is intended to convey the opportunity of God to man. Entombed, the body rests. The dissolution of mortality takes place, but from the vileness, stench, and putrescence of the charnel vault, arises the flower of hope, in the acacia to show that out of death and hopelessness can arise—by the strong clasp of the hand, which had snatched the black plumes from the head of the fell Destroyer—the body, restored to pristine youth and vigour, to never more know decay; to dwell forever where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest; to find the victory, born of defeat; to learn the lesson that where Nature and Symbol, he who tasted death for every man, can from the grasp of the grave win back the soul who trusts in him. For

That Saviour has passed through its portals before thee,  
And the lamp of his love is a guide through its gloom.

Now, whatever may be said to the contrary, this is the Masonry of the Master's degree. If there is in Masonry anything, it is found in its teachings of an immortality, brought to light by the "Lion of the tribe of Judah." Eliminate from Masonry, under the spacious guise of "obliterating sectarianism," and the soul of the Institution has been divorced from the body. We may dress that body in purple and fine linen; we may deck it with jewels; build for it costly palaces, and sound a trumpet before it, crying: "Behold, what kings delight to honour!" but if the significance of the "Lion's paw" be absent, all is a hollow mockery—a sham—and we be engaged but in bestowing upon *nothing*, a local habitation and name. Such, therefore, is the lesson drawn from the analogy of the three "J's" in the pathway of a Master Mason.

—American Tyler.

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

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## Saturday, 15th October.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney  
1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1732 King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 112 St. Thomas, Cannon Street Hotel  
R.A. 2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, N.W.  
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton  
2319 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill  
R.A. 1194 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court  
R.A. 1851 Ewell, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
R.A. 2098 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon

## Monday, 17th October.

21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
1657 Aldersgate, The Albion, Aldersgate St., E.C.  
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.  
1728 Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet St.  
2265 Barnato, Cafe Monico, Piccadilly.

R.A. 1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
R.A. 2060 La France, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney  
M.M. 239 Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham  
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick  
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whitby  
1359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton  
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gatheshead  
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron  
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry  
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven  
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth  
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris  
1113 Anglesea, Victoria Hotel, Carnarvon  
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham  
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury  
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse  
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover  
1238 Gooch, Town Hall, Twickenham  
1255 Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1973 Saye and Sele, Mas. Rooms, Belvedere, Kent  
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport  
2086 Dacre, Assembly Rooms, Stevenage  
2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth  
2289 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.

2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields  
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shore  
Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.

R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.  
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham  
R.A. 264 Nelson of the Nile, M.H., Batley  
R.A. 296 Loyalty, F.M.H., Surrey St., Sheffield  
R.A. 428 Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich  
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport  
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury  
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

## Tuesday, 18th October.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4  
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark  
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1420 Earl Spencer, White Lion, High St., Putney  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant  
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden  
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.

R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 284 High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot, Tottenham

213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth  
384 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor  
402 Royal Sussex, George Hotel, Nottingham  
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
418 Menturia, Masonic Hall, Hanley  
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuncaton  
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
660 Camelotdunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton  
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield

1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall  
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Shoerness  
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness  
1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe  
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton  
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
1787 Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham  
1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness  
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth  
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Ruzeley  
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows  
2351 Ermine, County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln  
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath  
R.A. 715 Royal Pavilion Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 456 Dove, Town Hall, Uxoteter  
R.A. 615 Humphrey Cheetham, F.M.H., Manchester  
R.A. 792 Oliver, M.H., Osborne St., Basingstoke  
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos  
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull  
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone  
R.C. 54 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## Wednesday, 19th October.

General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4  
Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.  
140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. E.C.  
619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich

1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
1150 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H., W. 1.  
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leamhall Street  
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town  
1507 Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1624 Ecclestone, Criterion, Piccadilly  
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
2266 Gator, Public Hall, Beckenham  
2361 Cricklewood, Crown Hotel, Cricklewood  
2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice, Forest Gate

R.A. 141 Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street Hotel  
R.A. 1598 Ley Spring, Anderson's, Fleet Street  
R.A. 219 Savage Club, 33 Golden Square, W.  
M.M. 144 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance  
127 Union, King's Head, Margate  
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole  
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.  
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
221 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton  
243 Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey  
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham  
311 South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
376 Perfect Friendship, M.H., Soane St., Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
591 Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury  
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
682 Dartmouth, Masonic Hall, W. Bromwich  
683 Isea, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford  
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells  
889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston  
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield  
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield  
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
1136 Carew, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall  
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freem. Hall, Manchester  
1246 Holte, Victoria Hall, Aston  
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse  
1334 Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Durham  
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Lancaster  
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull  
1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsgate  
1774 Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1983 Mawddack, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales  
2050 St. Trinitians, M.H., Loch Parade, Douglas  
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Consett  
2153 Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen' Hotel,  
North Camp, Farnborough  
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall,  
Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
2330 St. Lawrence, M.R., New Inn, Pudsey.  
2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield

R.A. 78 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester  
R.A. 219 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields  
R.A. 218 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike  
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyle  
R.A. 371 Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Maryford  
R.A. 381 Star of Gwynedd, Masonic Hall, Bangor.  
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R.A. 1223 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
R.A. 1347 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Liary  
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alwicks

## Thursday, 20th October.

House Committee, Gir s' School, Battersea Rise, 4  
49 Gihon, Guildhall, Tavern, Gresham Street  
55 Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford  
179 Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1320 Blackneath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
1716 All Saints, 117 High Street, Pinner  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich  
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.  
R.A. 34 Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
R.A. 217 Stability Auditor's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 1393 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square  
R.A. 1814 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
M.M. Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury  
56 Howard, Town Hall, Arua Isl  
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Birstein  
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth  
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport  
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
247 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
322 Peace, Vernon Arms, Stockport  
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth  
367 Probita and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale  
425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester  
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn  
802 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1011 Richmond, Old Bull's Head, Manchester  
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland  
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
1134 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle  
1299 Pembroke, Shiel Park, near Liverpool  
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross  
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crofton, Devon  
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry  
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton  
1470 Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf, Dunstable  
1512 Hemming, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton  
1534 Concord, Local Bar Rooms, Preston  
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Risca, Mon.  
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1872 St. Margaret's, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton  
2153 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe  
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Sarre's 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, Oatham  
2352 Universities, Masonic Hall, Durham

R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester  
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R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Pough  
R.A. 516 Eurusean, Masonic Hall, Wigan  
R.A. 633 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Wigan  
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead  
R.A. 1324 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
R.A. 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet  
R.A. 2099 St. George's, Mas. Rooms, Hattie Bay  
R.A. 2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover  
M.M. Canyages, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

## Friday, 21st October.

1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.  
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
R.A. 1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern  
M.M. 176 Era, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.  
K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
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152 Virtuo, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
511 De Lorraine, F.M.H., Grainger St., Newcastle  
663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., D. vizca  
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1096 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal  
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds  
1330 St. Peter, Three Swans, Market Harborough  
1644 Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.  
2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford,  
Stretford.

2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.  
2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.  
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 170 All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth  
R.A. 414 Union, M.H., Grayfriars Road, Reading  
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
R.A. 555 Honniker, Crown Hotel, Framlingham  
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
R.A. 1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull  
R.A. 1503 Francis Burdett, Albany, Twickenham  
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., Wigan  
R.C. 120 White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield

## Saturday, 22nd October.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew  
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham  
1871 Goshing Marray, Town Hall, Hove  
R.A. 308 Affability, Station Hotel, Todmorden



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## Saturday, 15th October.

- 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', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

## Monday, 17th October.

- 23 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood Road, N.W., 8  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30  
976 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1939 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30  
1426 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 232 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30  
1536 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1608 Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

## Tuesday, 18th October.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8  
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wanworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30  
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30  
1472 Hanley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 8  
1540 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Browarigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.  
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, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 19th October.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30  
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8  
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  
761 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Bardett Rd., 7'30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1289 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30  
1791 Creton, Whentsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30  
2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30  
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

## Thursday, 20th October.

- 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, Wimbled., '30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, Gt. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., 8  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1802 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
1812 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45  
1814 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1822 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1825 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30  
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5'30  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7'30  
1877 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

## Friday, 21st October.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
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  
1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30  
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke 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

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179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
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2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Notwithstanding the maledictions of Archbishop Walsh, the great centenary festival in connection with the Masonic Female Orphan School, held in Dublin in May last, was a decided success. The report just presented to the governors by the committee shows that the net profits of the undertaking were £21,629 19s 4d. We congratulate the committee on being able to hand over such a magnificent balance, and we are tempted just a little to thank Archbishop Walsh for that letter of his, which had the effect of making the Freemasons more than ever determined that the bazaar should be the biggest effort ever seen in Dublin.

—Belfast Evening Telegraph.

Referring to the fact of Sir Polydore de Keyser being technically excommunicated because he is a Freemason, I asked an Irish friend of mine how it was that the Nationalists, who were so steeped in treason and secret societies, managed to retain their connection with the Church. "Ah," replied he, "they make it all right. They confess, and get off with a light penance—say, less meat and more whisky." So you see an English Freemason may not look over the wall, but an Irish conspirator may walk into the field and carry off the horse, certain that the Church will bless the deed.

—The Birmingham Gazette.

Viscount Ebrington, as Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Devonshire, has issued a circular calling their attention to the circumstances and requirements of the Fortescue Annuity Fund. His lordship points out that the fund has a special claim on the Province, having been established for Devonshire Masons. The number of recipients, as well as the amount of benefit to be conferred, must depend on the Province. The fund was designed to benefit Masons who, from no fault of their own, find themselves, in their old age, in reduced circumstances.

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