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## A PERFECT ORGANISATION.

DESPITE the fact that the generality of the human race are striving day by day to secure perfection in their particular walks of life it very seldom happens that one is able to point to an instance of its realisation. However much an individual or an association may appear to fulfil all the necessary conditions there is usually some fault or flaw that cannot be hidden, and one is compelled to turn away from the idol disappointed and dissatisfied. Wherever we look, in fact, there is something to call for improvement, something remaining undone, or something which upsets all idea of the perfect, and we almost despair of ever finding anything that will, even for a time, stand the different tests that may be applied in this connection. Even in Freemasonry there is little that can put forth a claim to absolute perfection, much less sustain such a claim when criticised. But there are some among the special features of the Order which run very close to a realisation of perfection; would in fact, seem to attain it, were it not that, like all human organisations, they are dependent on human exertions for their maintenance.

In this connection we may include the Mark Benevolent Fund, which seems to more nearly approach perfection than any other organisation of a similar character in Freemasonry, as evidenced by the fact that for the whole period of its existence it has been able to carry out its mission to the letter, never once having failed to answer a legitimate call made on its resources, and showing at all times a readiness to relieve the orphan or the distressed member of the particular Degree of Freemasonry with which it is associated.

It may, perhaps, be urged that good fortune has attended the working of the Fund of which we speak, but that does not wholly account for the very satisfactory state of affairs associated with its past management. From the outset perfection in fulfilling its mission has marked its career; and if nothing unforeseen occurs to very materially alter its surroundings, we see no reason to anticipate any serious departure from the course it has hitherto pursued. The extent of its usefulness is limited, say some of those who are inclined to discount its success—but so is the extent of its supplies. If its benefits are reserved for Mark Masons and their families, the general field from which its support is drawn is also reserved, and to an almost similar extent, for although there may have been occasions when ordinary Craft Masons have subscribed to its Funds, we imagine such instances are remarkably rare, because the Mark Benevolent Fund has apparently no attraction to anyone outside the scope of Mark Masonry, unless it be to afford some unattached person an opportunity of expressing gratitude for some favour done, or some special service rendered.

In years gone by we have from time to time written

fully as to the working and management of this particular section of Masonic benevolence, and the fact that the twenty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Fund is to be held on Wednesday next, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Mark Master of Surrey, would seem to warrant our doing so again, were it not that we believe the claims of the Fund are so well known among Mark Master Masons as to render such a course wholly unnecessary. All we need do now is to repeat what may be described as the watchword of the Fund, that "all Donations and Subscriptions are divided equally between the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity Branches." From these the Mark Master Mason may seek casual assistance for himself or his family, his children may be educated and started on a useful career, or the aged brother and his widow may be provided with an annuity if other resources have fallen low. This is, without doubt, a most gratifying programme to set forth, and as we have already said, the Mark Benevolent Fund has been able to carry it out to perfection. Let us hope the Fund may always be as fortunate, and that the subscriptions to be announced on Wednesday next may be so satisfactory in amount as to allow of the good work being continued without trouble or anxiety of any description. Further, let us wish that although the Fund may be amply provided with means for affording assistance, the necessities of expending them may be few and far between. With these sentiments, and a special desire that the distinguished Chairman of Wednesday next may be fully and generously supported by his Mark brethren throughout the country, we leave the twenty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund as worthy the best consideration of the members of the Degree, not only on account of its marking a special epoch in the existence of the Fund, but because it is in so many ways entitled to be regarded as among the very few "perfect organisations" of the present age, not only from a Masonic view, but also judged from a general standpoint.

## MASONIC MISCONCEPTION.

IT is not to be doubted that among the Lodges and Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, occasions occur when for want of critical and careful consideration of questions, misconceptions arise as to the true interpretation of Masonic law and usage.

The several constitutions of Grand Lodges embody the rules and regulations that are intended to be in harmony with the needs of these Grand Jurisdictions. These enacted rules and regulations are interpreted or explained as the intelligence of the Grand Masters suggests as the proper meaning of these laws. They are, of course, circumscribed to each Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

In the several subordinate Lodges in these Grand Lodges, the Worshipful Master administers these rules and regulations as he understands them, or has been instructed to interpret them.

That any uniform meaning exists under these conditions is not likely. There are questions that come up for decision, not on the law, but on what is claimed not to be in harmony with the principles which the law ought to maintain. The misconception arises from a want of comprehension of a principle, and its misapplication in the practice of sound Lodge administration of the Masonic principle involved. It is not always possible, in the active work of a Lodge, to stop and inquire if some act of the Lodge is violative of the Masonic law, if it adopts the interpretation of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge owes allegiance.

Some Grand Lodges have large territorial jurisdictions. The subordinate Lodges located in different parts of this territory are not easily visited. Much instruction in the laws and usages of the Craft is not early afforded to the members. They, it may be, have been initiated in other jurisdictions and have a general notion of the regulations of the Grand Lodge under which they were admitted into the Fraternity. Most naturally the Lodge acts in the best light it has. There is no time to ascertain in advance of the need of correct knowledge what the Lodge ought to do in some unusual case. The error, if committed, is not discovered until the act is done which invites attention.

It is this class of cases that cause friction between Grand Lodges. When it is made apparent, the Grand Lodge desires if possible to support its subordinate. To do this leads unconsciously to the adoption as is suggested of a misconception of the principle which the Lodge ought to have considered before it acted in the case involving the criticism.

An example will better explain what is meant by a misconception now being considered.

A., a resident within the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, of his own free will makes application for the rights and privileges of Masonry to a Lodge selected by him near his residence. The regulations of that Grand Lodge require the application so to be made. That Lodge rejects him. When he selected the Lodge to which he applied, presented his petition to it, and it was acted upon by the Lodge and under the regulation sent to a committee to make inquiry as to his fitness for membership, then he and the Lodge were bound together by a Masonic law. That law obtains until, by law, the bond is annulled.

A. is therefore a rejected applicant, for cause.

A. then goes into another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, applies to one of its Lodges, and, it so may be, without careful inquiry, that Lodge gives this stranger in its territory the rights and privileges of Masonry.

A. then returns to his residence, claims to be a Mason and attempts to "visit" the Lodge that rejected him. This he never can do in Pennsylvania.

When criticism is made as to the action of the Lodge that initiated A. the general answer is, the Grand Lodge of which the Lodge that initiated A. is a subordinate, does not admit the right of "*perpetual jurisdiction*."

This is the explanation given for the act of the Lodge. This is a misconception of the only issue involved in the case.

It is not a question of *perpetual jurisdiction*; it is a principle of *perpetual objection*, till the objection is removed. A rejected candidate in a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons cannot on the principle of Masonic law be initiated in any Lodge, anywhere, of Free and accepted Masons while he is under the prohibition of a rejection.

He is not fit material, he is not of good report, he is prohibited from obtaining the rights and privileges of the Fraternity of Freemasons while the objection exists of record in a Lodge of the Craft. This is the principle of perpetual objection, not perpetual jurisdiction.

Herein is the misconception of the issue thus raised. The "*objection*" can only be removed by the Lodge that created it.

The law of Freemasonry in all Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons recognizes an *objection* in Masonic language as universal.

It surely cannot be maintained as a true construction of Masonic principle, that one Lodge can make a Mason of a man who has been rejected by another Lodge, and stands rejected.

The "*objection*" is fatal as long as it exists. It may be removed, but until it is removed, no Lodge governed by the Masonic jurisprudence recognized as universal by the consensus of opinions of all Masonic jurists, can absolve the rejected applicant from the disqualification of a rejection.

The principle of perpetual disability by an objection, while it exists, is so plain a Masonic teaching that it would be impossible to believe that one Lodge, bound by the Masonic law of the Craft, could destroy the force or validity of the disqualification by any lawful Masonic act.—*Keystone*.

## STATE OF FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

By Bro. JOHN YARKER P.M. P.Z., &c.

I AM indebted for the following particulars of the state of Freemasonry in Spain to Brother Isidro Villarino, of Madrid, whose accuracy may no doubt be relied upon. I am informed from other sources that, in some of these bodies, ladies have been admitted even up to the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The discussion existing amongst the Freemasons of this country, causing as it does a break in the fraternal chain, is much to be regretted, and more especially as it has been brought about in olden times by the political exigencies to which Freemasons were subjected. A perusal of the information which follows will show that there are various bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and only one Grand Lodge of Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch which is in consonance with the Craft Masonry of the English speaking races. I am of opinion that much good might be done in Spain if the better informed bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite would use their influence with the former series of bodies in order to promote union; and if the Craft Grand Lodges of the world would aid and encourage the development of the latter body, which in a very few years has assumed a position of some importance, and which if fostered might lead to a United Grand Lodge for Spain on the English system.

Don Isidro Villarino observes that it is very difficult to give an intelligent account of the state of Spanish Masonry, owing to the equivocal interpretations which have been given by the propagators of the active and dormant Masonries which have at various times been established. Bodies arise to-day and die to-morrow; and of those who are in existence, many are conducted without order, concert, obedience, even without formalities, and which are conformed with others that have a serious object. Symbolic Lodges exist in a confused manner with the higher degrees, since there are symbolic Lodges which are independant of any determinite organisation calling themselves Chapters, Consistories, and Areopagi, and even Genates. These are generally established without the authority of any Patent or Charter, and confer degrees without order or method, even without a proper understanding of that which constitutes them. Omitting such improper bodies, there are at present in existence the following systems, with organisations of more or less value.

In the first place there existed two Masonic powers named *Grand Oriente de Espana*, of which it is not possible to define where functionally existing, nor of which does there remain any Lodges in activity. One of these was presided over by the Brother Ricardo (Juan Antonio Perez), who gave himself the designation of *Regular*, and placed its origin in the year 1804, but which in reality was no other than a detached branch of the other *Grande Oriente de Espana*, over which presided Zorilla, Sagasta, Romero Oritz, Baccara, Carmona, and Rogo Arias, which was said to have had its origin in 1811. Both these bodies termed themselves *Escoces*, and Supreme Councils, but neither exist at this day.

After this we have two other Grand Orients, both terming themselves *Grand Oriente Nacional de Espana*, and claiming their origin from the constitution of a Lodge by the Duke of Wharton, and the Patent of the mother Lodge, No. 50 of the Grand Lodge of England, but this affirmation is not demonstrable by any authentic document. These organisations, termed *Patriarcado de la Masoneria Espanola*, assert that a Grand Chamber was constituted in 1728, which became a Grand Orient in 1780, and a

Supreme Council in 1808. This what is claimed, but it is only proved by their own writings. They term themselves *Escoces*, and claim that they have Grand Lodges, but as the President assumes the title of Grand Commanders and as the Patents of the Symbolic degrees and those of the Chapters are expedited by the same authorities without numerical variation, it is demonstrable that the Craft and high-grades are confounded. The first of these Orients is presided over by the Illustrious Brother José Maria Pantoja as successor of the Illustrious Brother the Marquis de Seoane. The second body is presided over by Brother Francisco Rispa as the successor of Brother the Viscount del Ros, but that he was so without justification was shown in 1888 in giving himself the title of Grand Commander.

We have, therefore, the "National" of Pantoja, which shows a numerical catalogue of Lodges created approaching 300 or perhaps more, but of which we believe not more than 100 are active or effective.

The "Nacional" of Rispa took at the beginning of this year the title of *Oriente Iberique*. Its catalogue of Lodges is not exact since those of the two Nationals are confounded, but it is considered the body has about 70 Lodges, more or less. The proceedings of this body is exactly the same as the other, the symbolic grades, in each Oriente, as well as those of the Chapters are granted by one and the same authority termed *Escoces*.

Then follows a third body entitled *Grand Oriente Espanoe* under the presidency of Brother Mignel Morayta, established from the two other Orients and some detached Lodges. It terms itself *Escoces* and has the same proceedings as the two others, and was born, created, and authorised by its members; its origin being an excitement between the Viscount del Ros, and Monsiem Miguel Morayta. This body has also confused the numerical register of its Lodges, but we can say that it has about 80 Lodges.

These three Orients have established the *Escoces* Rite of 33 degrees, but, in general, all they know of its customs are obtained from the works of Monsieur Kassard. Though terming themselves Grand Orients they are little able to define their own denominations, since one considers itself to follow those inspirations which accept the supposed constitutions of Frederick of Prussia, whilst the other, says that it adjusted itself to that which was concerted at the Paris Convention of 1889.

In Cuba there exists a body entitled *Consejo de Colon y Cuba*, also appropriating the title of *Escoces* and Supreme Council, and giving 30 degrees. For the symbolic degrees they have a Grand Lodge which governs the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees denominated Blue-Masonry. They had recently 40 Lodges.

Following this, a Grand Lodge was created at Seville in 1871 under the name of *Independente Espanol*, which has constituted over 25 Lodges, of which there remains at present not more than 10. It was created for the defence of symbolism, but as it soon formed a compact of friendship with the Oriente Pantoja and accepted the Chapter grades, this was, without doubt, sufficient to arrest its progress, and cause its decline.

There is also a *Gran Lodgia Regional* in Galicia and an *Independente* in Andalusia. The first has five and the second eleven Lodges. Both are termed Symbolic, but use the 33 degrees of the Scottish Rite.

We leave for the close of our remarks on Freemasonry in Spain the Oriental Rite, because this body from its appearance merits special attention from its progressive and rapid march. Orientalism in Spain had its origin in intention in the year 1887, and as a matter of fact on the 10th January 1889. A medal embodying the dates has been struck, and accepted by a few English and Irish Masons. The introducers of this Rite into Spain proceeded in its pre-eminence the *Oriente Nacional* Pantoja, and the *Oriente de Espana* Becarra-Arias. Far from presenting itself as an excitement, it denies plagiarism and usurpation of names and jurisdiction. A body of Craft Masons purchased from the head of the Rite at Naples a Charter which constituted them the only body existing in Spain under a regular Patent. The Rite takes the name of *Soberano Gran Consejo General Iberico*; which governs, administers, and rules the grades from the 4th to the 33rd degree by means respectively of Chambers, Chapters, and Philosophic, properly authorised.

The Craft degrees, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and Past Master, are governed, administered, and ruled, by a *Gran Lodgia*

*Simbolica*, which is sovereign and independent, as independent and sovereign as is the Chapter of the Royal Arch for Past Masters or Masters who have passed the chair of a Craft Lodge. This Grand Lodge and this Chapter of the Royal Arch have jurisdictions perfectly determined, and in their attributes, their labours, and their administration, are never confounded with the Councils of 4th to 33rd degree. The President takes the title of Illustrious Grand Master, and the office is exercised by a different person from the one who is Grand Master General of the Council. In four years, or less, it has established two *Grand Lodges Regionales*, 21 *Gran Lodgia Provinciales*, and 123 *Symbolic Lodges*. The two first work their functions with all regularity. From the second 16 and 80 of the Symbolic. Each hieratic organisation has a different order, and its own functions which is expressed clearly in the legislation of *Ahiman Rezon*.

The Oriental organisation is considered to be solid and perfect in Spain as worked from the Craft basis; and is detached in the pursuits unrolled in the two bodies, since according to its opinion it was good policy to detach Symbolic Masonry from the Capitular; notwithstanding which the two bodies, the *Grand Council* and the *Grand Lodge Symbolic*, are attached to each other by a pact of solid friendship, which converts them into a true Fraternity, but with absolute independence and separation in their government and in their administration.

## MASONRY'S GRANDEUR AND GOODNESS.

MASONRY A TEMPLE—A SYMBOL—A SCIENCE OF EMBLEMS AND SYMBOLS—A SOCIETY OF RITUAL AND OF IDEALS.

An Address by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, 8th February 1893.

STANDING out from the Campagna as over the waves of an undefined sea, lifting its dome seemingly above Monte Maria, which lies against the horizon, is the superb temple, the Cathedral of St. Peter's at Rome. In its carved and massive strength it is a symbolized history of the ancient and mediæval city, the visible form of a thousand thoughts and aspirations, the expression of the noblest ideals, the embodiment of force and splendour, of religious sentiment and law. From rock foundations to the pinnacles which quiver in the tremulous sunbeam, from the curve of its colonnades to the cross which crowns its dome, it passes on the heart and vision as humanity's offering to the Creator of all, as the Temple for the worship of the universal race. Beneath its poised roof there is a wealth of glory and light, the beauty of which appeals to the heart of mankind, to its most aspiring hope and to the loftiness of faith. The tumults and sounds of the world without are hushed or heard only as the murmur of a farther ocean in the hollows of the sea shell. They break not the serene stillness; they jar not the pulseless calm which broods as a summer cloud within. An atmosphere rises and fills the temple as with the incense of spirituality. Genius wrought into marble, gold blending with sculptured stone, art expressing its sacred passion in brilliant mosaic, luster, magnificence abidingness are homed within its walls. The ascending swell of its cupola, elevating the mind, carries on the vision to thoughts of boundless space until it seems a spiritual dome rising above this great earth and making the marble house the majestic symbol of what is great in aspiration, of what is worthy, so far as human places can be worthy, for the worship of God and communion of the spirit of man with Him who cannot be confined in temples made with hands.

So stands Masonry, a temple of morality in the Great Republic of States and in the great world of civilization. It is not indeed the august Temple of Divine worship in the imperial city. No robed processions may sweep through its spaces with anthemed song, no chanted adoration may rise and fill the church of the living God with the breath of spirituality or higher festival. But it is a Temple where Faith, Hope and Charity are homed within its walls; a shrine where temperance, justice and truth are its ceaseless processions, and where the incense which rises and fills the moral structure is the incense of brotherly

love and the Fatherhood of God, the two grand realities for which the soul yearns in this age of venture into all knowledge sacred and profane, into every department of science and matter, and the philosophies of the immortal mind.

Masonry, whatever its origin, has built itself as a temple into the history and chief works of mankind. Its high regard for human rights, its fealty to true government, its loyalty to the golden rule of doing to others as you would have others do to you, its ideal of fraternity, have given to it width and altitude in the movements of civilization. It has been the constant advocate of Science, the promoter of knowledge, the teacher of the wise and pure laws of living, and so it has become a large and integral portion of the best governments. Its spread has been as the spread of man on islands and continents. For the better growth of its commonwealths of lodges and chapters, it may, it is true, have been confined to special places; but its finer essence, its atmosphere of brotherly love, has not been confined, but like the air that breathes from the north and south, the east and west, breathes upon and touches all. Its dominion is in the great moral nature, and therefore among the changes of empires or the noiseless march of time, it cannot be changed like outward dominions. Its government may be assailed and has been assailed, but cannot be permanently overturned by any human revolutions; its truths, if not victorious in one place, move calmly on to achieve victories in other places. The principles which sustain it have been fountains pouring forth waters to refresh the disciples who tended the fires on the altars in the past, and still pour forth waters to refresh the thirsting lip and the yearning heart of those who wait upon its altars in the present. For as a power in history, a society for mankind, amid difficulty and the barbarity of persecution, it has been unbroken in its course through the centuries. As such a society, with such a power, it has, as by the working of a natural law, achieved a character of its own, and a speech of its own, and that speech, uttering itself in special sign, in dramatic form, in the rich vesture with which it clothes its truths, is understood by all the congregations of its temple. A light in darkness, it has enlightened times when knowledge was hidden from view and even religion clouded by ignorance, and has moved on as through the firmament which overarches man's labors, like electric fires which flash now and then into a supreme brightness; but unlike electric fires, it flashes and never dies.

Masonry is not the religion of Israel; it is not the revelation of Jesus of Nazareth. It has drawn largely and wisely from both, and so has gained its universal character. To take away its Hebrew teachings, to take away its Christian teachings, would leave it a slender and fragile thing indeed; but the truths which fills its temple with the incense of devotion; its charities, however old, are truths and charities transfigured by the doctrine that came from the manger cradle of Bethlehem, from the Hill of Calvary, and the broken tomb in the Olive Garden. Its emblems and symbols are old among the oldest, and yet many of them are from the Temple of Mount Zion, but the large and magnificent spirit which breathes in them is the inflowing of the glorious gospel of the living God. Types, shadows, ceremonies, ritual of the altar, sacrifices, have all been taken up in the Person of One, and by His life and death and resurrection have become spiritual blessings for the spiritual blessings of man, and have fallen like drops of the clouds on man's moral nature, and so have penetrated and refreshed all the moralities and teachings of Freemasonry.

Out of this has grown a distinct grandeur of the Institution. The greatness of Masonry has sprung from the principles which underlie it and have wrought themselves into the characters of its members. This is a truth manifest in all societies which have benefited mankind; as it is a truth manifest in those nations which have impressed themselves as a power in history. Their great principles have infused themselves into all the body and circulated as blood through the frame, giving life and health and vigour. Those nations of antiquity which have educated the world were strong because their ruling thoughts were strong; as learning, culture, philosophy, art in stone in Athens; as strength, dominion, power and law in Rome. These were the vassals to their magnificence, to the fadeless splendour of the deeds they accomplished as empires. And this is true of Masonry. Its principles have been wrought into all its frame and gave it a glory of

character; its emblems and symbols, shrouding great truths, have circulated as blood through its body and given it life and strength, and made it a superlative moral influence. Masonry has been as the shadow of a rock in a weary land; a refuge from the storm for the burdened life, and has been the resting place for the light that rejoices, the light of that love which hopeth all things and endureth all things. This is the grandeur of the Fraternity.

It is a science of emblems and symbols. By its very nature as a society Masonry is in itself a symbol. The ancient Greek societies from which the word comes, were men gathered together for the purpose of pleasure, for religion, or for those things that could be accomplished only by the agency of association, or by mutual agreement and harmony among those so united in one body. A symbol, therefore, meant things thrown together as in associations or societies.

Symbols are the speech of all men; the one great speech unbroken into Babel tongues; the one universal tongue heard in the highest civilisation, in the dwelling of the barbarian and the hut of the savage. They picture to the mind ideas of oftentimes more fully and strongly than words. Symbols are silent educators, even moral forces, and breathe with inspirations for those who use them. A great heart beats in them with the perpetual movement and order of the tides. Speech may change and has changed in every nation, and may be the record of the decay or progress of a people; but symbols, the special clothing of special ideas, special facts, special principles, are unchanged. Venerable with age, they are ever fresh with youth and meaning, and strong by the great things they contain.

To promote human friendship, to gather men into fellowship and sympathy, Lodges and Chapters were formed and rules laid down for their guidance and instruction. In the passing of the years they naturally became academies of learning, schools of morality, teachers in the gentler philosophies of life; powers to enlarge, ennoble the mind, by law, by wisdom and integrity; supports and pillars of strength in the family, in the great world of traffic and commerce, and in the State. The Masonry of the chisel, the hammer and the trowel were accordingly transferred from the quarry, the carved stone and builded wall to the mind of a man and became speculative, and was from that hour a moral architect fashioning the great interests of the intellect and heart. The instruments of worldly toil became, through this transformation the symbols of magnificent truths. The threes so common in Masonry, clothed with higher attributes, spoke with a fuller voice and wrote themselves as the visible expression of the inner and enduring forces of the brotherhood. The constant monitor, the Holy Bible, with its accompanying square and compasses, is ever visible to the Masonic eye. Faith, hope and charity shaped themselves for every brother as the threefold defense and sustaining powers in the moral temple. Brotherly love, relief and truth sound on the ear and heart as grand guides in the walk and conduct of life. The three steps, the five and seven steps, which are but combinations of the threes, are for the advancing Mason the paths to ampler light and knowledge. The triangle, in its united three, passes for him into a glorious suggestion and symbol of God, and the attributes of God. Wisdom, strength and beauty, in their ever repeated utterance, are to his spirit no longer unmeaning words, but sublime realities, reflecting that divine wisdom which designed in His own infinite mind the structure of this manhood; the divine strength which supports it; the divine beauty which adorns it as the Creator adorns the work of His hands.

The Holy Bible has been spoken of more fully in the past. The square and compasses are left, therefore, for a brief consideration. Looked at in their true light, they shine into large and beautiful meaning. The first has to do with earth and the measurement of the things of earth, and has a close relationship with man's physical nature. From earth he arose a body at the word of God; from earth he is sustained and nourished; to earth he returns to await the resurrection of the body in a more glorious form. The second has to do with circles and the measurement of spherical bodies, and so passes beyond the earth. It points to a special truth in man's inner nature. From heaven the spirit descended, and man, by the inbreathing of the Almighty became a living soul, and the moral and spiritual were fashioned into a likeness of the Creator. These are the great truths told out by these emblems of the Fraternity, and witness to a reality and a religion in Masonry.



But, placed together, they are suggestive of an august fact. They are symbols of the most stupendous event in the great moral world, the sacrifice on the cross; that sacrifice redeemed the world, introduced into it a vast spiritual power, gave a higher character to human relationships, and made charity or love the bond of all virtues; the divine power which holds the brotherhood of man to the central truth that of one blood God made all men, and was the grandest revelation of the everlasting Father.

In the changes of time the compasses and squares took the form of the cross of the Greek, or of Rome, with its transverse and upright beams. That which was once the badge of shame became, by that sacrifice on it, the most magnificent symbol of all symbols. The instrument of Roman punishment and Roman torture wrought the sublimest revolution in human affairs, and, as it stands in the Holy Bible, is prophetic of the highest reward man can accept or receive—the crown of life immortal.

The cross, as it is the most magnificent symbol, is also the most universal. In all ancient mysteries it is found in some form. It has a place in all creation. Common life is illustrated by it through every age even the wild bird, as it flies through the air, pictures the cross to the vision. The trees which spread abroad their branches assume its shape, and on the lonely sea the vessel which amounts the waves presents it in its yard and tapering mast. All this is not the dream of the imagination, but the recognition that the cross was to be the symbol of some great purpose of God for man whom He created.

The compasses and square, in their moral significance, mean the control of the passions and the command of the body. As such they are the well known badge of the Master in the Fraternity; and, foreshadowed by the blood sprinkled on the door posts and lintel in Egypt, through which Israel passed in safety, they have assumed the form of the Tau, and as a triple Tau or Cross, have become the badge of the Royal Brotherhood. Thus the compasses and square possess all the mystery and marvel of man's moral and bodily nature, and occupy a splendid position in the regard of the members of that society whose symbols are laws and illustrations of divine truth.

Symbols have a vast power over the human mind. An incident, simple but touching, will attest this fact. It is related by a writer who witnessed it in a children's hospital in an English city. The child's faith spoke more beautifully in it than it could have spoken in words. In one of the rooms of the hospital there was a little one awaiting an operation by the surgeon which meant life or death, but which meant suffering first. The other little sufferers in the room had agreed among themselves to plead for her that she might be spared the pain. But how shall the angel of God know this little one from those in the neighbouring beds, when he comes to visit her? How can those little maimed and wounded children meet that difficulty? At length a way is found. The sufferer is placed in a position for sleep, and the tiny withered arms are folded in the form of a cross. The feeble prayer that broke from the lips and hands of the patient was heard, and before the morning dawned on that pale and wasted face, the angel of death came and took the little one to walk in the Paradise of God, no longer halt and lame. How beautiful, how appealing the trust of her tender companions. How simple and yet how grand was their choice in the sign they made for the visiting angel! the sign which reveals the infinite love of the Father; the symbol of his measureless pity for the sorrows and sufferings of humanity. It was a sublime exhibition of faith; a splendid manifestation of the power of symbols, though it came not from the mature heart of the stronger man, but only from the gentle pitiful heart of a little child.

Through symbolism the Mason enters the gates of the imperial brotherhood; through symbolism he views the glory of the temple, and receives the treasures from the altar, and through symbolism he beholds, with opened eye, the mysteries which burn behind the veils.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 5th inst., the annual gathering of the Freemasons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire took place at Beverley. The event was a red-letter day to the Beverley brethren as the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, is now celebrating its Centenary, having been founded on the 17th June 1793, and it was at the brethren's invitation that the Marquess of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of the Province, decided that Provincial Grand Lodge should be held this year at the old minster town. A more important event was the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge on the eve of the marriage of the Duke of York, son of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Most Worshipful Grand Master. We do not know whether this approximating date to the royal wedding was designedly fixed or not, but in any case it was a very pleasing coincidence, and one which the noble Marquess took advantage of in his brief allusion to the happy event. The gathering took place in the spacious Assembly Rooms, the Masonic Hall not being large enough to accommodate the numbers attending the interesting occasion. In the enforced absence of the popular Worshipful Master elect, Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, the officials of the Lodge were assiduous in their attentions to the comfort and convenience of the influential brethren attending the meeting, and it must be a matter of gratification to them, as also to the esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother M. C. Peck, that everything passed off so satisfactorily. An interesting event has taken place in connection with this hundredth anniversary, which exhibits in its truest aspect the fraternal and kindly feeling existing between the English and American brethren. The members of the Beverley Lodge, also held at Beverley (Mass., United States), had recently forwarded to their brother Freemasons at the East Yorkshire town a magnificent three-handled solid silver cup, weighing 52 ounces, artistically designed, decorated and suitably inscribed as a memento of this Centenary Festival. It is almost needless to say that the Beverley brethren appreciatively accepted the gift, and immediately sent a cablegram expressing their sincere thanks.

The proceedings commenced shortly after two o'clock, the *entre* of the Marquess of Zetland being of a very enthusiastic character, his first appearance at Provincial Grand Lodge, after his retirement from his arduous duties as Viceroy of Ireland, giving additional *eclat* to the festive gathering. The Lodge having been opened according to ancient custom, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother M. C. Peck P.G. Standard Bearer England, read various letters, and the minutes of the last meeting. The annual report of the Board of Benevolence, of the Charities Association, and of the Educational Fund, were duly presented and adopted, being of a very satisfactory character. The Provincial Grand Master having fittingly acknowledged the honorary services rendered to the Craft for upwards of a quarter of a century by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Peck, Brother J. Todd (York) P.P.G.S.W. moved certain alterations in the rules of the Educational Fund, which were agreed to. Brother T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.B. of England P.P.G.W. then moved the following resolution standing in his name, which was carried unanimously, viz. :—

1. "That the York Lodge, No. 236, be requested to permit the Ancient Rolls of Constitutions, in its possession, to be re-printed, with photo-lithographic illustrations, in a uniform manner with those lately published by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, in order that the whole of such documents, at present known to exist in the country, may form one volume available to Masonic students."

2. "That a sum not exceeding £40 be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of defraying the cost of such publication."

3. "That a Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master of the York Lodge, Bro. J. Todd P.P.G.W., the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the mover, be appointed to superintend the publication."

The Grand Lodge Charity jewels were duly presented

to brethren who had served Stewardships in two of the London Masonic Institutions.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. Dr. W. Jones Williams 1818	...	Senior Warden
Joseph Henderson 57	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Clement Linley 236	...	Chaplains
Rev. Egbert Fox Thomas 312	...	
Randolph R. Hawley 250	...	Registrar
M. C. Peck 250	...	Secretary
Col. H. Fawcett 1010	...	Senior Deacons
Joel Edgar 291	...	
Thomas Raven 1248	...	Junior Deacons
Henry C. Clarke 731	...	
B. Nicholls 660	...	Supt. of Works
Henry Foster, M.D., 236	...	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas H. Pexton 1	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Amos Peat 1605	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Nathaniel Shaw 630	...	Sword Bearer
George Leigh 2131	...	Standard Bearers
George Manten 1991	...	
Arthur B. Redfearn 2134	...	Assist. Secretary
Frederick William Sykes 566	...	Organist
W. J. Bruce 602	...	Pursuivant
Thomas Fidler 513	...	Assist. Pursuivant
Fredk. Lambert 1010	...	Tyler

The Marquess of Zetland then alluded to the royal wedding—an event which, his Lordship said, he hoped they would look back upon with feelings of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction for many years to come. This royal wedding would ever be memorable in the minds and hearts of every patriotic Englishman and every Freemason. He had therefore much pleasure in moving the following resolution to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, from Provincial Grand Lodge:—

"The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire beg most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highnesses their sincere congratulations upon the marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of York with her Serene Highness the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. They pray that the G.A.O.T.U. will enrich this happy union with every blessing, and they embrace the present opportunity of testifying their loyal attachment to the Royal House of England, and especially to your Royal Highness as the exalted head of the ancient Fraternity. Given at Beverley, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, this 5th day of July 1893."

W. T. ORDE-POWLETT D.P.G.M.  
ZETLAND P.G.M.

The address was voted with enthusiasm, and other formal business having been transacted the brethren adjourned for the annual banquet, which was served in first class style.

#### SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.

THE annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd instant, in the Masonic Hall, College Street, Whitehaven. The Lodge was opened by Brother J. Cant W.M., supported by his Officers, Members, and many Visitors. Nearly all the Lodges in the west of the Province were represented. On the usual formalities having been gone through, Bro. G. W. Kenworthy P.M. 119 P.P.G.S.W. took the chair, and Brother Rev. James Anderson W.M. 1002 P.P.G. Chaplain and W.M. elect was presented by Brother J. Cant, and he was duly installed by Brother Kenworthy, assisted by Bro. J. Barr P.M. 119 P.P.G.S.W., in their usual able manner. The following were invested Officers:—Bros. J. Cant I.P.M., G. Dalrymple S.W., W. H. Chapman J.W., Rev. J. Tyson Chaplain, W. C. Johns Treasurer, J. Lachlinson Secretary, I. Maxwell S.D., H. Burns J.D., S. Woodley Director of Ceremonies, H. C. & O. G. T. J. Walker I.G., T. Richardson Tyler, J. Roan S. J. St. J. The following members and visitors also attended:—Bro. G. Starkey P.M. 119 P.P.G.S.D., P. M. P.P.G. Pursuivant, William Gaffney, Robert Miller, W. J. A. B. Pence, W. H. Kelly, M. A. Simpson, R. A. Clarke W.M. 310, D. Ackison P.M. 872, Dr. James E. Muir P.M. P.P.G.S.D., H. Kerr 872, F. Hodgson P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Clarke Assistant Secretary, J. Paterson P.M. 962 P.P.G.J.W., J. Purser W.M. 962, J. Bouch, James Fletcher S.W. 962, H. Smith 1267, Thomas Robinson, Thompson Weir 872, J. Cowan 1267, H. McEwan, R. Morton 1400, John Walker 1400, W. Shaw W.M. 1660, H. Hartley P.M. 1660 P.P.G. St. J. St. J. E. Jackson Secretary, G. Rumney W.M. 1989, J. B. F. J. D. Bell, J. Cross, J. Forrester, G. Watson 1989, J. Maudern, W. Kelly, J. W. Scott 2285, and others. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Masters, Brothers Kenworthy and Barr. One candidate was proposed. Brother Cant referred to the success that had attended his Mastership, and hoped well for the future. With the usual congratulations from the many visitors to Bro. Anderson, the Lodge was closed in due time, and all were invited to the Globe Hotel, where about 50 sat down to a first class banquet provided by Bro. and Mrs. Cowan. The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair by Bro. Anderson, who presided, supported by the Past Masters of 119. The toast of the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, also that of the present Officers, was proposed by Bro. Chapman J.W. in an able speech, and

responded to by the Officers of the year present. That of the newly-installed Master, Bro. Anderson, was proposed by Bro. Dalrymple S.W. P.G. Secretary, who said it was one hundred and twenty-five years since the warrant was granted, and there was not one similar to it in the Province, it having been issued by the authority of the Duke of Athole in the year 1768, and Bro. Anderson's installation was quite as great an exception to the rule as the warrant, because in no former time in the history of the Province had the Most Worshipful Grand Master's authority to be asked for a brother to be installed Master of a Lodge while acting as Master for another the same year; but the universal opinion is it will be for the good of the Lodge and the Craft, and wish our brother's year may be a prosperous one. Bro. Anderson replied, and thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him unasked in any form. They themselves had done it without solicitation, and nothing would be wanting on his part to work for the good of the Lodge and the harmony of its members. The Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Rev. J. Tyson, and responded to by Bro. Barr. The newly invested Officers was proposed by Bro. J. Cant, and responded to by Bros. Chapman and Dalrymple. With other toasts and songs from Bros. Starkey, Johns, Hodgson, Clarke, and Jackson, a most enjoyable evening was spent, worthy of the said Lodge.

#### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on the 10th inst., at Stonehouse. Bro. George Dunsterville the W.M. elect was installed the 12th Master of the Lodge. Bros. the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Chap. and A. S. Hendry, were the installing Officers. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Sterling Graves I.P.M., F. E. Sach S.W., J. Parker J.W., the Rev. Dr. Lemon Chaplain, George Hawken Treasurer, A. S. Hendry Secretary, T. Plain S.D., S. H. Duff J.D., F. S. Hodge D.C., W. H. Mayne O., F. Strick I.G., J. J. Holcombe, J. Wainwright, N. Hill, G. H. Parker, P. Hamley Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler. Dr. Lemon and A. S. Hendry were re-elected the representative at the Committee of Petitions and the Charity Steward respectively. The Treasurer's account seemed very satisfactory. In the evening the brethren dined at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, where they were joined by Bros. Sterling Graves I.P.M., George Jackson, F. Thomas and J. B. Moulder P.M.'s, Bros. P. Hamley, H. Woodward, H. Parker, E. W. Moody, J. G. Skinner, J. W. Bickle, W. H. Addiscott, all of 189, J. S. Jacobs 70, R. Elliott Steele 1515. The Grand Master of England and Officers of Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. Hawken. Bro. Jackson gave the P.G.M. of Devon and the P.G. Lodge, for which Bro. Lord replied, and said a few words on the Devon Educational Fund. Brother Dr. Lemon proposed the P.G.M. (Lord Mount Edgcombe), and the Grand Lodge of Cornwall, and referred to the fact that the Earl of Mount Edgcombe is the senior P.M. of Lodge Sincerity. The W.M. was proposed by the Senior Warden (Bro. Sach), who spoke of the ability and experience which Bro. Dunsterville could bring to bear upon the discharge of his duties. Bro. Moulder gave in hearty style the I.P.M. The W.M. replied and proposed the P.M.'s, for whom Bro. Lemon responded. Bro. C. F. Dunsterville proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, which was followed by that of the Assistant Officers, and Bro. Sach S.W. and Bro. Peain S.D. were called upon to reply, the absence of Bro. Mayne who is on holiday, being regretted, the Lodge being indebted to Bro. Mayne for the excellent way in which he carried out his duties. Bro. Steele replied for the visiting brethren, which was proposed by Bro. Thomas, the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, which was made the more pleasant by songs by Bros. J. Jacobs, R. White, and Mr. A. Wright, cornet solos by Bros. Elford, and a recitation by Bro. Brockman. Mr. J. N. Pearse ably accompanied.

#### FAITH LODGE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Higher Openshaw, on Wednesday, 21st ult., was the last of a very successful session, closing as it did with a quintette of ceremonies, viz., an initiation and four raisings. Lodge proceedings commenced at the early hour of 3 p.m., Bro. Barnes W.M. offering up solemn prayer. There was a very sparse attendance of members to take part in the ballot for a joining member (Bro. Wm. Whyte MoLeod), and also to witness the initiation of Mr. Samuel Andrew by the W.M. Despite this depressing circumstance, however, Bro. Barnes manfully performed his work, being assisted in the ceremony by Bro. Brown S.W., who presented the working tools. This concluded, it was announced that Bros. Joseph Harrison, Charles H. Griffiths, Harry Grellin, and J. G. Hewson were desirous of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, and the W.M. put the usual interrogatives, which were satisfactorily answered by the candidates, who then retired for preparation. Bro. Barnes retaining his position in the chair, now performed the ceremony of raising so far as concerned Bro. Harrison, being succeeded by Bro. P. Swift P.M., who raised Bro. Griffiths, and by Bro. Samuel Whittaker I.P.M., who performed a similar duty towards Bro. Grellin. An adjournment now took place, and tea, which had been provided in an adjoining room, was partaken of by something like forty brethren, the major portion of whom had just opportunely arrived upon the scene. This over, Lodge business was again resumed, Bro. Joseph T. Richardson P.M. P.P.G.S.D. assuming the principal chair. All the brethren seemed anxious to participate in the work after it had been thus intermitted, the consequence being that Bro. Richardson had a very large audience to witness his raising of Bro. Hewson into the sublime degree. He afterwards delivered the historical charge, and presented the working tools of this degree to the four candidates. Of the ceremonies we can say that they seemed to go with a crescendo regularity; the initiation and raising performed by the W.M. were fine, the raising of Bro. Swift was excellent, the following one by

Bro. Whittaker being admirable, and the last by Bro. Richardson claiming to be considered as remarkably good. At the festive board which followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, being followed by that of the newly-initiated brother, proposed by the W.M., Bro. Swift proposed that of the newly-raised brethren, the W.M. that of the newly-joined member, and Bro. J. Greenup P.M. that of the visitors, the latter being responded to by Bro. T. C. Lilley in a very admirable speech. Glees and songs were rendered by brethren who had attained a somewhat eminent position in the musical profession, prominent among whom were Bros. Blacow, Lewtas, Crellin, and Hewson. Bro. Cuthbert Howard presided at the piano. There were present Bros. G. H. Barnes W.M., Samuel Whittaker I.P.M., Henry B. Brown S.W., H. J. Harrison J.W., Joseph Lever S.D., Robert Adshend I.G., J. C. Brown Treasurer, J. M. Frost Secretary, John Greenup D.C., Joseph Richardson P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Hy. Dawson P.M., P. Swift P.M., Thomas Tyers P.M., J. H. Keighley P.M., William Kay P.M., Arthur Painter P.M., Jas. Robinson P.M., Joseph Harrison, J. T. Moorehouse, John Baxter, H. Crellin, J. G. Hewson, Joseph S. Scott, Charles H. Griffiths, Alfd. Ashton, James Pollitt, Geo. Ashworth, John Chadderton, Fr. Connor, F. Lord. Visitors—Bros. John Bladon P.M. 317 P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Ridsdale Bowley W.M. 2216, E. Southern P.M. D. of C. 1219, Cuthbert Blacow S.D. 2156, T. C. Lilley J.D. 2185, W. J. Hunsley 1993, C. Harwood 1993, and Edward Roberts P.M. Prov. G.D.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

#### TRAFALGAR LODGE, No. 971.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, St. James Street, Batley, on 6th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Broughton, Bro. Solomon Baines I.P.M. occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. George Wrigley as I.P.M., Will Akeroyd as S.W., James Collbeck P.M. as I.G., George Hollis P.M., J. W. Banister P.M. Secretary, D. J. Blakeley J.W., George H. Wilks S.D., W. H. Riddlesworth J.D., J. Lindley, James Pearson, Ephraim Sykes, W. Akeroyd, and James Law. Visiting brethren G. Ellis P.M. 264, Charles F. Forshaw, LL.D. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer, and Bro. Akeroyd having been pronounced proficient, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Wrigley, who also, in a most masterly manner, gave the working tools peculiar to the degree. Bro. Dr. J. A. Erskine-Stuart, L.R.C.P. L.R.C.S. and F.S.A. Edinburgh, was proposed for initiation by Bro. Lindley, and the proposition was very cordially received. A resolution was also passed that a congratulatory address be forwarded from the members of 971 to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Bro. Baines gave the Visitors, and their healths were drunk in true Masonic fashion to the tune of "Worthy Mason's they." Bros. G. Ellis and Dr. Forshaw responded in suitable terms.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1736.

THE Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated in this Lodge on Wednesday, the 5th inst., by the members and a large number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. W. F. Smithson P.G.D. of England, W. J. Waugh Prov. G. Registrar, T. Bateman Fox President Charity Committee, J. Matthewman Provincial Grand Assistant Secretary, J. W. Monckman P.P.G.D.C., John Marshall P.P.G.P., William Cockroft P.P.G.P., William Asquith P.P.G. Standard Bearer, William Shackleton Prov. G.S.B. East Lancashire, T. E. Rigby P.M. 287 and 1055, and W. D. Fosdike 1239. The W.M.'s of Lodges 61, 219, 288, 974, 1302, viz., Bros. Riley Patchett, Frank Saville, James Bulcock, Walter Beverley, W. Bailey, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by the W.M. Brother Greenwood Howarth, and in addition to the ordinary business the first and third ceremonies were rendered. Apologies from invited guests for inability to be present were received from about thirty brethren of Bradford, Leeds, Todmorden, Blackpool, Liverpool, Slaithwaite, London, Sheffield, &c. Bro. Joseph Henry Bolton P.M. then took the chair, and in a very beautiful and impressive manner installed Brother Newton Brooke as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Brooke then invested the following as his Officers, viz.:—Bros. W. J. Morris S.W., Henry Jenkinson J.W., C. E. Law P.M. Treasurer, A. E. Dalzell Secretary, G. P. Sunderland Charity Representative, F. Bancroft S.D., W. H. Sykes J.D., J. P. Roberts Director of Ceremonies, C. Hack I.G., Thomas Hodgson Outer Guard, C. A. Wilson Organist, N. J. Ginman, D. Mitchell, W. Crossland, John Booth, and J. Firth Stewards. Before the close of the Lodge, the Secretary read a letter from the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Newton Brooke, asking the brethren to accept from him the endowment of the W.M.'s chair to one of the Masonic Charities, and several other valuable gifts of practical use to the Lodge. This information was received with applause, and the gifts suitably acknowledged. The brethren, to the number of seventy-five, then adjourned to the White Swan Hotel, where the banquet was admirably served at 6.30 p.m. The Worshipful Master presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The brethren separated at 12 p.m., and will have good reasons long to remember the meeting of this St. John's Lodge both for the hospitality and the generous donations of Bro. Newton Brooke.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., a goodly gathering of the brethren with their wives or sweethearts and guests, among whom were many high and distinguished brethren from various parts of England, making a total of over 70, left Halifax, at 8.27 a.m., in four saloon

carriages, and travelled by the Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North-Western Railways, via Manchester and Warrington to Chester, arriving there at 10.50 a.m. Luncheon was served in the Albion Hotel at 11.30 a.m. The whole party then visited the places of interest named in the carefully-prepared and splendid programme, which included the Cathedral, Castle, Water Tower, and King Charles Tower on the walls, Palace of the Stanleys, and God's Providence House. At 1.30 p.m. the party went aboard the new twin screw steamer, "Ormonde," and proceeded up the river to Eaton Hall, where they were received by the officials of the Marquis of Westminster, who showed the interior of this palatial residence. Returning back to Chester by the "Ormonde," dinner was served at the Albion Hotel, at 5.30 p.m., and the return journey was commenced at 7.35 p.m., arriving at Halifax at 10.30 p.m. The whole of the proceedings were carried out under the indefatigable attentions of the Worshipful Master Bro. Newton Brooke, and his Officers, particularly Bros. Dalzell, Daniels, Crossland, Booth, Hack, and Maxwell, and this pic-nic will long live in the memory of those whose pleasure and privilege it was to be present.

#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 14th June, Bro. Alfred de Botton W.M. That this Lodge continues to increase in popularity was evidenced by the fact that the principal work of the evening consisted in balloting for two joining members, viz., Brothers Charles J. Sassoon and A. Sgal, merchants, and the initiation of Mr. Frederick Stern, a gentleman well known in the commercial circles of Manchester. The ceremony was undertaken by Bro. L. Frankenstein P.M., he being assisted by Bro. George Board P.M., who presented the working tools, and Bro. S. Mamlock P.M. who rendered the ancient charge. It would almost be an act of supererogation to attempt to criticise Officers like these, whose work is of a superlative character, the surest indicia of earnest study and careful preparation. At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which Bro. Frankenstein proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brother, and Bro. Board proposed that of the newly-joined brother, Bros. Stern and Sassoon responding to the respective toasts. Bro. Sassoon said he regretted that, being a foreigner, he could not speak as fluently as Bro. Board, but he hoped the time would soon arrive when he would be so coached that he could take his place among the brethren. Other toasts followed, which were agreeably relieved by songs, sketches, &c., from Bros. Kramrisch, Ley, Frankenstein, Rideal, Steel, and Roberts. The were present:—Bros. Alfred de Botton W.M., Geo. Rideal P.M. S.W., Walter Fowden J.W., S. Mamlock P.M. Treasurer, Leon E. Levy Secretary, Geo. Board P.M. P.P.G.D., E. Roberts P.M. Prov. G.D.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), L. Frankenstein P.M., E. Nathan P.M., Walter Marshall, S. Kramrisch, Chas. J. Sassoon, B. Steel, and A. Kirkwood.

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## Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey.

R.W. Bro. Col. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B. (Past Deputy Dist. G.M. Punjab),  
R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

July 1893.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, on Friday, the 21st day of July 1893, at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,  
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M. P.P.G.R.  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.  
Albert Institute Chambers,  
Charles Street, Blackfriar's Road, S.E.]

### BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To call over the Roll of Lodges in the Province.  
To read the Minutes of the last Lodge.  
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.  
To receive the Report of the Charity Committee.  
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.  
Notices of motion by W. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G. Sec.  
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually, at the Constitutional Club, High Street, Guildford.

The Entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, and the Onslow Lodge, No. 2234.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken tickets.

## Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey.

The M.E. Comp. Col. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B.  
Grand Superintendent.

July 1893.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, in the County of Surrey, on Friday, the 21st day of July 1893, at Three o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,  
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.  
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.  
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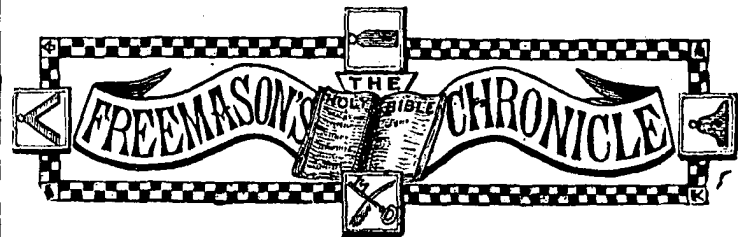
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## PIC-NIC OF THE ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE majority year of the Architect Lodge was celebrated by a pic-nic, which took place on Monday, 19th June, the same being attended by 46 members and friends, 23 of the latter belonging to the fair sex. Our representative (Bro. Edward Roberts P.M.) has furnished us with the following particulars. Saloon carriages had been provided for our party, and upon arrival at Skipton, wagonettes awaited to convey us to the Devonshire Arms Hotel, where an excellent luncheon was partaken of, after which we were driven to Bolton Abbey and Woods, a neighbourhood rendered classical by the writings of Samuel Rogers, and our lake poet Wadsworth.

One of the objects of interest to be observed at the commencement of this truly delightful drive, is the fine statue of Sir Matthew Wilson, a former M.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, which is erected in the Market Place, Skipton. Then, in the language of Hans Breitmann, "Oh! it's high hooray!" for the lovely scenery, which includes Skipton Castle, and rocks, and a fine pastoral stretch of country, as yet undesecrated by the financial speculations of the jerry-builder. Passing through the valley of Embsay, distant two miles east from Skipton, the view increases in interest and magnificence. On the left are the hills leading to Barden Tower, now a mere shell of its former glory, but once the seat of that remarkable martial family the Cliffords; there is Bolton Hall, a residence of the Duke of Devonshire; and the memorial fountain, erected by public subscription to the memory of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish. Our party now arrived in sight of the famed Bolton Priory, one of those mediæval and religious landmarks, the associations of which date back almost to the twilight of English history. The picturesque remains of this once magnificent monastic establishment are situated in the West Riding of Yorkshire, on the banks of the river Wharfe, six and a half miles from Skipton. A priory had already been built at Embsay, but was translated from thence to Bolton, though a melancholy event which happened to a youth, called from the place of his birth, the "Boy of Egremond." This youth, who was the youngest, and only remaining son of his parents, Adeliza Romille and William Fitz Duncan (nephew of David King of Scotland), was one day roaming through the Bolton woods, dressed in the garb of a forester, with a greyhound in the leash. Coming to the Strid, which is a narrow passage torn by the river through a bed of solid rock, along which the waters, at ordinary times rush impetuously, he attempted a feat which visitors are warned not to emulate, both on account of the slipperiness of the rocks, and the deception to the eye: its real width being much greater than its apparent one; a single slip of the foot meaning an involuntary leap into eternity.

Young Romillé imprudently took this leap, and as he bounded over, the greyhound hung back, drawing his unfortunate master into the foaming torrent. In Wordsworth's poem, "The Force of Prayer," the accident is thus alluded to:—

"He sprung in glee, for what cared he  
That the river was strong and the rocks were steep?  
But the greyhound in the leash hung back  
And checked him in his leap."

To perpetuate the memory of this event, his bereaved mother determined to move the priory from Embsay, and accordingly erected a magnificent structure at Bolton. It was one of those religious establishments which succumbed to the mighty change wrought by the English Reformation, being dissolved 11th June 1549.

A delightful short walk brings us to the celebrated Strid. The weather was balmy and delicious, and in perfect unison with the general feeling of light-heartedness which prevailed amongst the company; the sun shone overhead, its glorious rays glancing through the branches of the tall spreading trees, and sparkling upon the waters of the river Wharfe, where they glistened like silver; the sky was

bright and sunny, and the air seemed laden with all the freshness of spring.

The Strid possesses a peculiar savage grandeur, and at once impresses the beholder with a sense of its mighty power; it looks tempting to the adventurous and foolhardy, and in fact gained its name from a feat often exercised by people of more agility than prudence who strode from brink to brink regardless of the destruction which awaited them.

At the time of our visit, the long drought of an exceptionally dry season had robbed it of somewhat of its savagery, but the writer has seen the river under the conditions above stated. The party having been photographed by Bros. Dunbar Murray P.M. and Alfred Pickford J.W., we returned on foot to the Abbey, when Bro. J. R. E. Birkett entertained us with a carefully prepared description of the ruins, pointing out every object of interest when possible. As this description, which differs entirely from that of the guide books, may be of use to visitors to this lovely spot, we give the following synopsis of it. Bro. Birkett said: Ladies and gentlemen, as we are commemorating the majority of the Architect Lodge by visiting this charming neighbourhood, I trust you will excuse me if I trespass upon the limited time at our disposal by touching upon some of the principal objects of interest in our excursion, my excuse for so doing being to increase your interest in what remains of these beautiful and romantic buildings. I will endeavour to be brief, and as far as possible avoid most of the information usually obtained in the ordinary guide books. I will also try and sketch the priory as it appeared in those by-gone days when it was at the height of its prosperity and grandeur.

We know little about the monks at Bolton, good or bad. They were of the Augustine order, the priory being originally founded in the adjoining bleak and rugged land of Embsay in 1120, but after a residence of about 33 years they made a pleasant change, and commenced these stately priory buildings, which were nearly 100 years in progress, and so settled in these cosy and charming quarters, formerly occupied by the Saxon cure. The waters of the Wharfe hurry past the graceful ruin now, as they did past the priory in its splendour five or six hundred years ago. Here for more than 300 years it stood in security and peace, and it was only at last that the violence of man did what the elements were powerless to accomplish: the storm of a mighty controversy beat upon the place, which fell, leaving it a monument of interest and romance. Here dwelt in the olden time something like 200 persons; the prior had his own house, and even his own chapel distinct from the conventional structure, and that he was a sportsman we must assume from the fact of his keeping a pack of hounds.

The merry old rogues (the monks) knew how to enjoy and take care of themselves, for we gather that in one year they purchased 1,800 gallons of wine, consumed 8,000 bottles of the same good stuff, slaughtered 100 cattle, 140 sheep, 69 pigs, besides supplying themselves with venison and poultry, disposing of 113 stones of butter, 147 stones of cheese, and inundating the place with "ye goode olde English ale." But in justice to them we must remember their great hospitality to strangers, for they were very fond of merry-making, and must have their ears tickled to the tune of £60 per annum for "ministraller," also keeping a jester to whom they paid a large salary, as also a brewer and baker. We can imagine the size of the priory oven by the fact that about 100 years ago, a farmer having lost a flock of 60 sheep, discovered that they had during a heavy snowstorm taken refuge in the oven. The attention of the monks was divided between 43 estates, and the building and repairing of all necessary houses, roads, bridges, &c., connected therewith. And although their income reached the respectable sum of £10,000 per annum of our present money, yet they were always in debt.

The substantial tower which forms the last addition to the priory buildings commenced in 1520 by the last prior Richard Moone, is said to represent only one third of the height it was originally intended to be built. We enter the nave through a very handsome early English doorway (1220). It is an interesting fact in connection with this nave, that probably without interval, divine service has been performed in it since its foundation. It was restored in 1864, the walls being covered by whitewash and plaster, with which so many other ancient churches were in like manner defaced. The lancet windows in the south wall are of earlier date than the lower ones on the opposite side, and are filled with Munich glass said to have cost £3,000, and represent the life of our Lord from the annunciation to the resurrection. The oil painting which you observe is a copy of an altar piece at Magdalen College, Oxford, by Buckler, but the name of the artist of the original painting is uncertain. Originally the nave had no north aisle, but the canons craving for this adornment, the present one was commenced, the windows being beautiful examples of decorated work inserted at a later date, and retaining some fragments of original 13th century glass. The small window over the west door is supposed to be made of fragments of old glass, and was presented by the late John Gregory Cottingham, Esq., at a recent date. It is said to have cost £60.

At the east end is a vault supposed to be beneath the organ, and, according to tradition, the Claphams are here buried standing on their feet, while many years ago the last of this stout old race was said to have been seen, still keeping guard, all the rest having shuddered down to dust. The following lines suggest the custom just mentioned:—

"Pass, pass who will yon chantry door,  
And through the chink in fractured floor  
Look down and see a griesley sight,  
A vault where bodies are buried upright.  
There face by face, and hand by hand,  
The Claphams and Mauleverers stand;  
And in his place, among son and sire,  
Is John de Clapham, that fierce esquire,  
A valient man, and a man of dread,

In the ruthless wars of the white and red,  
Who dragged Earl Pembroke from Banbury church,  
And smote off his head on the stones of the porch."

On the outside of the north transept walls you will notice several kinds of Masonic marks, which with others that I will point out in Prior Moone's tower, bear a remarkable resemblance to similar marks at the Taj at Agra, and I am told on the best authority that they are supposed to have been brought over to England during the Crusades. The north transept, where we are now standing, was formerly divided from the side aisle by a wooden screen reaching as high as the capitals of the columns, and communicating with the choir through the semi-circular arched opening.

Try and imagine that you are under the ancient central tower, and suppose the time to be when the abbey was at the height of its prosperity. We are looking through the ornamental screen dividing off the choir: service is being held, and we dream of the vision as it then appeared. On each side of the choir are eighteen black monks of St. Augustine, sitting in their niches and stalls. Further east, near the altar, are four sedilia of exquisite carved stone trefoil work, also with their officiating priests. The light is stealing through the magnificent windows of stone tracery, throwing through its charming stained glass a thousand coloured lights on the pavement below; the lights blaze on the high altar, and the strains of the organ above blend the voice of sacred song through the long drawn aisles, at once delighting and captivating the senses.

Service now being over, let us enter the choir. It at once betrays its Norman origin, by having no aisles; the windows have been inserted at a later date, and their exquisite tracery has all but disappeared. The stalls were formerly enriched with trefoil panels, enclosed in triangles, the work being covered with armorial shields adorned with the rose, and richly carved.

During the year 1828, upon the removal of a quantity of rubbish, a flag of grey marble was exposed, and at a lower depth a perfect skeleton was discovered, the skull of which was entirely covered with light hair, which came off altogether in the form of a wig, the teeth being firm and sound. Beyond this spot is the mural tomb of Lady Margaret Neville, 1320.

We now pass under the arch in the south wall of the choir. Johnson, in 1670, states that under this arch he saw the effigy of Lady Romillé, and that this opening was then decorated with elegant tracery, having a triangular canopy above.

We have reached the chantry chapel which forms the last resting place of the lords of Skipton, traces only of the vault remaining, the arch having probably fallen in many years since. There was formerly another chapel between this and the south transept, but the appropriation of it has been forgotten.

Let us now hastily glance at the octagonal chapter house, 30 feet in diameter, in which, apparently, there were 35 stalls, similar in character to those of the choir, traces only of the foundations being now in existence. To the south we find foundations, probably of the priors' Lodge, to the south-east the priors' chapel, while to the east was supposed to exist the priory mill. We will now pass under the archway into the quadrangle. On three sides of this quadrangle, the cloisters were formerly situated, and built with pointed arches on cylindrical columns. Here we enter the dining hall, where our good old friends the monks, would, had we visited them in their day, have provided us with an abundant repast.

The lofty range of buildings formerly built against the western tower, was appropriated to the cellarer on the lower storey, the dormitory being above for the accommodation of the guests. On the east was a wide passage, leading to a much larger court situated behind, and about the site of the present rectory was arranged the kitchen to the west, certain offices to the south, and a long chamber, probably the guests' hall to the east.

We will return to the west tower and entrance. Here poor Prior Moone had built this west front, when the commission struck him, and stopped the work past all hope of completion. It is affirmed that Moone led the life of a hermit, some say in a quaint old house of timber near the abbey, and some in the celebrated old oven where his victuals were brought to him as he sat there in his desolation, waiting for that day which could never dawn for him.

The tower shows the statue of a pilgrim, indicating the hospitality of the priory to all weary and distressed brethren. Upon the buttresses are seen carved hounds, probably indicating the name of the founders, which in French meant "my dogs" (Meschines).

The exquisite tracery under the great window reads as follows:—  
"In the yer of our Lord M.D.C.X.X.R. be-gaun thys foundation,  
on whose sowle God have marce. Amen."

Our party reached Skipton shortly after 6 p.m., and we were not long before we sat down to a very substantial dinner at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, after which a short time was devoted to social enjoyment. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, Bro. J. G. Bromley P.M. proposed prosperity to the Architect Lodge, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Cyril H. Beaver W.M. Bro. Bromley said he stood that evening in the position of Senior Past Master of the Lodge, and he looked upon that fact with no small degree of pride. It was an honour to be so considered, for the Architect Lodge was one of the principal Lodges in the Province of West Lancashire. He reverted to the majority year, and also to the hold which the W.M. had obtained upon the members of the Lodge, adding that they were proud to acknowledge such men as Bro. Beaver.

The W.M. responded, saying that he had been more or less miserable since the previous Thursday, when it was intimated to him that he would be expected to make several speeches. He thanked Brother Bromley for the naïve and hearty manner in which he had proposed his health, and for the kind words of confidence to which he had given expression, although, like the majority of other Masons, he could only claim to have done his duty. He also thanked Brother Birkett for the interesting particulars which he had furnished in connection with the abbey, and Bro. Arthur A. Moss P.M. for unwearied efforts which had rendered the pic-nic so signal a success.

Bro. Beaver then proposed the toast of the Ladies, saying that this duty, though pleasant, was a very awkward one for a bachelor to perform. After a few apropos remarks upon this subject he concluded by giving a hearty greeting to all assembled.

Bro. Carse, in a very terse and dignified speech, responded on behalf of the fair sex, stating that he possessed one especial qualification for the duty—he was still single. But though not married, this did not militate against the fact that he admired the ladies, and perhaps equally as well as he did the married men.

Bro. James Morrison S.W. proposed the toast of the gentlemen guests, and expressed a hope that should those who were not Masons participate in next year's pic-nic, it would be in the character of brethren.

Mr. Ingram responded on behalf of the non-Masonic element, and Bro. G. Burslem on behalf of the guests who belonged to the Craft.

Bros. W. Rushton and Henry Nall distinguished themselves by a display of vocal ability, and Bro. Beaver treated the company to a few tunes on the fairy bells.

Shortly after 8 p.m. our party left the hotel for the station, and ultimately reached Manchester about 10.30, having spent a very happy day.

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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For the second time this season Sir Augustus Harris has received the gracious command of the Queen to give a special operatic performance at Windsor Castle. The event takes place to-day (Saturday), and the pieces selected for representation before Her Majesty and the members of the Royal Family are the second act of "L'Amico Fritz"—in which Signor de Lucia, Signor Anconea, Signor de Vasobetti, Signor Corsi, Mdle. Joran, Mdle. Biancoli and Madame Calvé take part—and "Cavalleria Rusticana." Signor Mascagni will himself conduct both operas. Some new and beautiful scenery, by Mr. W. Caney, will be provided, while all the arrangements will be under the direction of Sir Augustus Harris, assisted by Messrs. Arthur Collins and Fred. G. Latham.

"Amy Robsart," the new opera by Mr. Isidore de Lara, will be produced on Monday next, 17th inst., with Madame Calvé in the title rôle, M. Alvarez as Leicester, M. Lassale as Varney, Madame Armand as Queen Elizabeth, M. Castlemary as Lambourne, and M. Bonnard as Tressillian.

The new and original drama in four acts, by Sir Augustus Harris and Mr. Paul Merritt, called "Frailty," which was produced at the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, on Monday, 3rd inst., was received by the large audience who witnessed it with every token of approval. The scenery painted by Mr. James Hicks was said to be deserving of the highest praise, and the cast was an unusually strong one, including such names as Harry Nicholls, Arthur Dacre, Theo. Balfour, Henry Renouf, Charles Dodsworth, Alma Stanley and Louise Moody. The dialogue is considered to be smart and brilliant and the interest of the story is well sustained from beginning to end.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## Saturday, 15th July.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
2041 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Plumstead  
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 251 Mount Moriah, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1328 Lebanon, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon  
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton  
2228 Dene, Pr. Rms., Winter Hill, Cookham Dan  
2361 Bushey Park, Greyhound, Hampton Court  
2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham

R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
R.A. 308 Affability, Station Hotel, Todmorden  
R.A. 1194 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court  
M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

## Monday, 17th July.

255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham  
R.A. 1657 Aldersgate, Albion, Aldersgate Street

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
236 York, Masonic Hall, York  
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham  
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whitby  
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton  
362 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gateshead  
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton  
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven  
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth  
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury  
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse  
1255 Dundas, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley  
1973 Saye and Sele, Mas. Rooms, Belvedere, Kent  
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport  
2208 Horse, Masonic Hall, Bourne mouth  
2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield

R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham  
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
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  
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## Tuesday, 18th July.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4  
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark  
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road  
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.  
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth  
418 Menturia, Masonic Hall, Hanley  
607 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield  
1006 Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, Scorrer, Cornwall  
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness  
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton  
1670 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool  
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, Rugeley  
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows  
2390 Exmoor, Town Hall, Minehead

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath  
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe  
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich  
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull  
R.A. 2256 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford  
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York.  
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 July.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
700 Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav, Victoria Park  
1362 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town  
2140 Huguenot, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.  
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street Hotel  
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

121 Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance  
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
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  
591 Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury  
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford  
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington

1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield  
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
1136 Carow, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall  
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  
1838 Brownrigg, The Sun, Kingston-on-Thames  
1989 Mawddack, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales  
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel,  
North Camp, Farnborough  
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall,  
Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
2330 St. Lawrence, M.R., New Inn, Paisley.

R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester  
R.A. 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields  
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
R.A. 371 Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Maryford  
R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Walsall  
R.A. 580 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
R.A. 731 Truth, Maonic Hall, Derby  
R.A. 1024 Plume, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
R.A. 1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Markworth Hotel, Swansea  
R.A. 1350 Fernor, Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool  
R.A. 1375 Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alawick

## Thursday, 20th July.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4  
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate  
1320 Blackneath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kensington  
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 63 St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
R.A. 1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square  
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport  
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
267 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
367 Probity and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale  
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn  
802 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1011 Richmond, Old Boar's Head, Manchester  
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland  
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle  
1299 Pembroke, Shiel Park, near Liverpool  
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross  
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Old Falcon Hot., Gravesend  
1662 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Risca, Mon.  
1694 Cedewain, Masonic Temple, Newtown, Mon.  
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
2158 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe  
2261 Armigate, M.R., Market St., Milnsbridge  
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Salford  
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield  
2352 Universities, Masonic Hall, Durham  
2430 Runnymede, Anglers' Rest, Wraybury

R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester  
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne  
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Copper St., Manchester  
R.A. 327 St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Penrith  
R.A. 546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton  
R.A. 603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cheshire  
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead  
R.A. 9134 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
R.A. 2099 St. George's, M.S. Rooms, Broadway  
R.A. 2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover  
M.M. Canyages, Freemasons' Hall, Buxton

## Friday, 21st July.

Board of Management, Boys' School  
1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1591 Studholme, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.  
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth  
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds  
2005 Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury  
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
2417 Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester  
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
R.A. 555 Henniker, Crown Hotel, Framlingham  
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., L'pool  
R.O. Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## Saturday, 22nd July.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood  
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Murple  
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton  
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham  
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 8th July.

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

1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1298 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

## Monday, 17th July.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road,  
Notting Hill, at 8  
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.  
1319 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30  
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of  
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30  
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7'30  
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street,  
Walthamstow, 8  
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

## Tuesday, 18th July.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45  
177 Domestic, 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  
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, Station Ho., Richmond, 7'30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30  
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sribiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30  
R.A. 701 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting  
Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 19th July.

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, Lendenhall St.,  
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  
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1260 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30  
1475 Peckham, 618 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-  
ford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,  
S.W., 7'30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30  
1791 Creaton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell  
New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
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 July.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
749 Bolgrave, 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  
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford  
Row, W.C., 8  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,



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 Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30  
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 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 Hotel, New Southgate, 7.30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 8  
 1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

### Friday, 21st July.

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  
 1058 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7.30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, E. sex, 7.30  
 1612 E. Carnarvon, Lambrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road  
 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. 800 Horsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

### Saturday, 22nd July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7.30  
 170 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7  
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7  
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The 42nd annual meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held, on the 6th inst., at the offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane. The Report adopted states that the receipts during year which ended 31st March last reached £12,169,030, making a total from the commencement of the Society of £163,297,213. The deposits received were £9,857,817, and the subscriptions £215,871. The gross profits amounted £213,867. The Surplus Funds now stands over at £5,727,331, of which £1,670,210 is invested in Consols and other securities—guaranteed by the British Government. Upwards of two millions (£2,093,590) registered in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England. The cash in the hands of the bankers is £478,586. The Permanent Guarantee Fund stands at £150,000 and the balance £162,983, making together £312,986 in excess of the liabilities—the whole amount being invested in Consols. The subscriptions and deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £5,883,572. The surplus funds (which are invested in readily convertible securities) are sufficient to pay the depositors 111½ per cent. on the amount of their deposits. The new accounts opened during the year were 13,752, and there are altogether 67,244 shareholders and de-

positors on the books. Since its establishment, the Society has returned to the shareholders and depositors £135,302,265, the whole amount having been repaid on demand. In dealing with these large sums entrusted to the Society by the public the directors have exercised the utmost care and caution. They have refrained from locking up the whole of the funds in ordinary building society mortgages, with repayments spread over a number of years, and therefore unavailable in time of pressure; at the same time they have not neglected this department of their business having advanced to members on mortgage, since the foundation of the Society, £2,464,645. They have, however, adopted what they consider the wise policy of investing a very large proportion of the deposits in Consols, Indian, Colonial, and Corporation Stocks, and other liquid securities, available at the shortest notice, to meet any emergency that could arise in times of public financial embarrassment and distrust. The practice has been to retain large cash reserves, and to invest one-third of the deposits in Consols, and the remaining two-thirds in other liquid securities and freehold ground rents. The directors venture to submit that no better proof of the soundness of this policy and the strength of the Society's position could be afforded than that given by the manner in which it met the run brought about in September last by the collapse of the "Liberator" and its allied companies. In the early days of that month the office was besieged by members and depositors anxious to withdraw their money. Every facility was afforded them, the office hours were even extended for this purpose, and not a single applicant was disappointed, every claim being met on demand. The panic lasted eleven days, and during that period £1,587,005 was withdrawn. The sudden demand was met by a sale of a portion of the Society's Consols, pending the realisation of which the Bank of England advanced £500,000, and there were, besides other convertible securities in hand, sufficient to have paid every depositor in full. This becoming generally known the panic subsided. A large proportion of the money withdrawn was re-deposited, and, attracted by the evidence of stability thus afforded, the number of members and depositors has largely increased, and the Directors have every reason to believe that the Birkbeck now stands higher in public estimation. The Consols sold during the panic has been repurchased, the advance made by the Bank of England has been repaid, and the business is now pursuing its normal course. So large has been the amount of deposits received since the panic that the Directors have thought it prudent to reduce the rate of interest on Deposit Accounts from 31st March 1893 to two and a-half per cent., a step which they believe has materially strengthened the position of the Society, and which will enable them in future to invest a still larger proportion of the funds entrusted to them in Consols and other British Government securities.

Brother W. Oxtoby, Borough Surveyor of Beverley, has just been appointed Surveyor of Ramsgate, after a severe competition.

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Our Brother Sir Courtenay Boyle, K.C.B., who, besides being the able Secretary of the Board of Trade, is an excellent authority on the game of cricket, writes to *The Times* on the subject of the follow-on rule. There are many players who are not all satisfied with the present regulations, and his proposed modification will be approved by many cricketers. This is his view:—"I submit that the minority necessitating a follow-on should be proportioned and not absolute; and I suggest for consideration and discussion that when the second side are 40 per cent. behind they should have the option of following-on, and that when they are 50 per cent. behind, their adversaries should have the option of making them follow-on."

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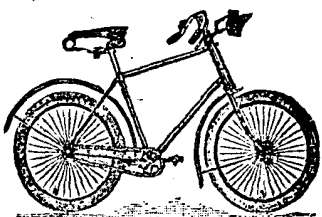
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