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## THE TIME LIMIT IN FREEMASONRY.

ONE of the most important features in connection with the admission of new members into the Masonic Order is to be found in the restrictions made by the Craft, and also by the Royal Arch, as to the time at which the several steps in Freemasonry may be conferred on a candidate; and it is a matter of considerable surprise to many that slips in this direction so frequently occur. We publish in our correspondence column a letter on this subject, which calls for notice and supplies some interesting points on the question.

In considering the subject in all its bearings it is necessary to start with a candidate's original qualifications for admission, and here we find questions of time recognised as being of paramount importance. A candidate cannot be proposed until he is of the full age of twenty-one years, while it is further enjoined (Rule 184) that: "no person shall be made a Mason without having been proposed and seconded at one regular Lodge, and balloted for at the next regular Lodge." Rule 185 provides that in case of an emergency this procedure may be departed from, as follows: "any two members of a Lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the name, age, profession or occupation, and place of abode of any candidate whom they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and if in his opinion the emergency be real, the Master shall notify the proposition to every member of his Lodge, . . . . . if the candidate be then approved on the ballot, he may be initiated. The Master shall, previously to the ballot being taken . . . . . state to the Lodge the cause of the emergency, which shall be recorded in the minutes." We have only referred to this law in regard to proposition in cases of "emergency" because it has a direct bearing on the point now at issue—the time question—but having done so we may say a word in regard to its pretty general violation, especially as some may recognise in this first departure from the "time laws" the cause of much of the trouble that occurs later on. It is fair to say that most of our Lodges pay little regard to Rules 184 and 185 of the Constitutions. Candidates are regularly balloted for without previous proposition in open Lodge, and not in one case in a hundred is any explanation of the "emergency" vouchsafed from the chair, much less entered upon the minutes, as is required by the laws of the Craft. We have previously urged the impropriety of allowing such a procedure, but the evil is too deep rooted to yield to mild measures of reform, and we imagine nothing will be attempted in this direction unless the whole question of "time qualification" comes forward for consideration.

Having been admitted into the mysteries of the first degree the candidate finds his further progress barred by fresh time limitations, it being specially

prohibited by Rule 195 that "a higher degree be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree." Violations of this Rule are not of frequent occurrence, for the reason that most of our Lodges only hold meetings at intervals of a month, but some of those whose dates of assembly are fixed by the phases of the moon do occasionally get meetings at intervals of less than twenty-eight days, and if they have candidates for advancement on those occasions their preferment must be postponed, or there is an infringement of the law—in fact, if not in spirit. There are some who argue that a meeting held on, say, the Tuesday before the full moon in one month is virtually a month before the Tuesday equally situated in the next, although there may not have been an interval of twenty-eight days between the two.

Where we find the most frequent violations of the time rule is in connection with the superior degree of the Royal Arch, candidates for which must have been twelve months in Craft Masonry before being eligible for exaltation. As is pointed out by the correspondent to whose letter we have already referred, the meeting of Grand Chapter on Wednesday last affords two instances of infringement of this law, and many other instances have preceded them. This year's probation in the Craft is really the first essential qualification in a candidate for Royal Arch Freemasonry. Every member of the degree is aware of it, or should be, just as every member of the Craft knows he must not propose an underaged candidate for initiation, and yet violations of the law are common. As our correspondent argues we think the time has arrived when something more than mere "censures" and "reprimands" should be imposed by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in such cases. Such "moral" persuasion has no material effect on those who err, and by so doing bring disgrace on our Order, the work of which should be conducted regularly and in full recognition of the laws which govern the Institution. The old Constitutions laid it down that a violation or neglect of any of the laws as to proposition and probation, to which we have referred, should "subject the Lodge offending to erasure, and no emergency can be allowed as a justification." The modification of these penalties was no doubt brought about as a result of their being regularly disregarded, but there is no reason why the authorities should allow their leniency to be taken advantage of. Without being too severe on offenders, something might be attempted to uphold the dignity of the Masonic Order in this direction.

The Longsight Lodge, No. 2464, was consecrated on Wednesday by Col. Le Gendre Starkie Provincial Grand Master East Lancashire. Bro. Thomas Uttley was installed as first Master. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings next week.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## P.G. LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire was held at Wolverton, on Wednesday of last week, under the banner of the Scientific Lodge, No. 840. In the unavoidable absence of Brother Lord Carrington, G.C.M.G., Provincial Grand Master, Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Past Grand Chaplain presided. Bro. Thomas Taylor P.G.W. occupied the position of acting Deputy Grand Master. About seventy brethren of the Province were present, including Bros. Williams Provincial Grand Treasurer, J. K. H. Fowler, F. Edgington, Payne, Hodgkinson, Rev. F. R. Arnett, J. E. Bowen Prov. Secretary, Woollett, Swabey, Stevens, Lee, Hattersley, Weston, James, W. Morris, Bliss, Soper, Hearne, Dickens, Flint, Coppock, Wilford, &c.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in the usual way, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes.

The Acting Provincial Grand Master announced that a telegram had been received from Lord Carrington regretting that his State duties prevented him at the last moment from being present to preside over the Lodge.

The report of the Charity Committee was received and adopted.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his report and statement of accounts, the latter showing a substantial balance to the credit of the Province.

The next business was the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers, the principal offices being filled as under:—

Bro. Chapman . . . . .	Senior Warden
Weston . . . . .	Junior Warden
Williams . . . . .	Treasurer
Osborne . . . . .	Registrar
Bowen . . . . .	Secretary
Stevens . . . . .	Senior Deacon
Swabey . . . . .	Junior Deacon
Hudson . . . . .	Superintendent of Works
Ipsley . . . . .	Director of Ceremonies
Hipwell . . . . .	Assist. Director of Cers.
James . . . . .	Sword Bearer
Hill . . . . .	} Standard Bearers
Carr . . . . .	
Wilford . . . . .	Organist
Woollett . . . . .	Assitant Secretary
Soper . . . . .	Steward
Payne . . . . .	Tyler

An Audit Committee, consisting of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Wardens, Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bros. T. Taylor, J. Bliss, and J. Hattersley was appointed.

Some discussion took place as to the appointment of a Charity Committee, and, ultimately, the Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Chaplains, Provincial Grand Wardens, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Secretary, with a representative from each Lodge in the Province, were appointed a Committee for the purpose, with power to appoint a Secretary or joint Secretaries.

Bro. Brown proposed that a Masonic calendar should be compiled for the Province, and a sum of £20 was voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose. It was stated that Bro. Jowett, of Aylesbury, had the materials for the work.

The business of the Lodge concluded with the presentation of Charity jewels and bars to a number of brethren entitled to them.

Slough was provisionally decided upon as the place of meeting for the next Provincial Grand Lodge.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when the catering of Mr. Nichols, of Northampton, gave the utmost satisfaction.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master gave the Queen and Craft. The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., was the next toast, and in proposing it the Deputy Provincial Grand Master referred to the keen interest which the Prince took in all matters affecting the welfare of the

Craft, and his desire to be kept informed of everything connected with it.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed the Pro G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the D.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and Grand Officers, present and past. He pointed out that the number of Grand Officers was increasing year by year, and he felt sure they should have cause in the Craft soon to build a much larger place. He was quite sure if the Craft in the Provinces would furnish the authorities in town with something like £200,000, or say a quarter of a million—they should be very glad to build something worthy of Freemasonry on the Embankment.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was sorry there would be no personal response to the next toast, which was that of the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Carrington, G.C.M.G., but he was sure that the Provincial Grand Master fully intended, so late as the previous afternoon, to be present, and he had taken the trouble to get to him (the speaker), who was now living at Brighton, a message, in order that he might convey to the Lodge his sincere apologies. He had received two letters and a telegram from the Provincial Grand Master to assure him that it was only the imperative duties connected with the office he held which prevented him from being present. He was naturally very proud of meeting their excellent Provincial Grand Master because he (the speaker) had the honour of proposing him to Masonry some years ago, and he was a Junior or Senior Warden when he took his first degree. He hoped that when they next met, the Provincial Grand Master would occupy a more important office in the State than he did at present, which would not require him till later in the day. Owing to his being Lord Chamberlain his duties required him early in the day, but had he been a Secretary of State they should have had him with them, and he could then have been in his proper place later on.

Bro. Taylor, in proposing the very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and Provincial Grand Officers present and past, expressed an opinion that a better man could not occupy the position of Deputy than the one who occupied it that day.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in reply, said his position though pleasant was not without its difficulties. He pointed out that he belonged to the Privy Council who recommended brethren for Provincial Grand honours. They had to start with the presumption that every brother deserved to be Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and that if they overlooked him he would be insulted, but he was quite sure that the good sense of the great majority of the brethren would recognise that it was quite impossible to be absolutely perfect in any recommendation.

Bro. Chapman also responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers. After thanking them for the honour they had done him that day, said he he was very sorry that the Provincial Grand Master was absent. He sincerely trusted that his duties might permit him to be there next year, and for Masonic reasons—he was speaking Masonically, not politically—he hoped he would not be a Secretary of State next year. He trusted he would have no office at all, but that he would be able to be in his place there.

Bro. Weston also responded, and also expressed the hope that no duties of State would prevent the Provincial Grand Master attending to his Masonic duties next year.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Lee and Crowther, of London, who suitably replied.

The toast of the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary (Bros. Williams and Bowen) was next proposed from the chair in eulogistic terms, and suitably acknowledged by the Officers named.

The concluding toast was the W.M. and brethren of the Scientific Lodge, 840.

The proceedings then terminated, the Wycombe brethren being conveyed that part of their journey between Aylesbury and Wycombe by special G.W.R. train.—*South Bucks Standard*.

## PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

THE Grand Lodge for the Province of North Wales was held at Rbyl, on Tuesday, 1st inst., under the presidency of Lord Harlech Provincial Grand Master. There

was a large gathering of brethren, representing the whole of the Lodges of North Wales. Among those present were Bros. Sir W. Grenville Williams, Bart., J. M. M'Leod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, C. W. Richards Grand Registrar, R. Langford Jones, J. W. M. Smith, J. Parry Jones, Rev. W. J. Caxodine, J. Lloyd Griffith, James G. Tuxford, Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, James Salmon, S. J. Amos, F. H. Groshoby, and others. In the morning a meeting of the Committee of the North Wales Masonic Charity Association was held, when business pertaining to various charities was transacted. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the Town Hall at half-past one, a procession of Grand Officers being formed from the County Club. In his address to the brethren the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Province upon its numerical strength. Compared with seven years ago, the number of members showed an increase of 256. He could not impress too strongly upon them the desirability of looking into the characters of the candidates, of seeing that they were free and honourable men. He deplored the loss during the past year of several prominent members of the Craft in the Province, and alluded to the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Col. Platt) through the drowning of his son. A vote of condolence was passed to Col. Platt in his bereavement. The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following as his Officers:—

Bro. The Dean of St. Asaph	Senior Warden
C. H. Rees	Junior Warden
J. Salmon	Treasurer
E. Roberts	Secretary
Rev. Dan Edwards	Chaplains
Rev. Thomas Edwards	
C. W. Richards	Registrar
F. H. V. Groshoby	Senior Deacon
R. Langford Jones	Junior Deacon
Jos. Hall	Supt. of Works
Lt. F. Cox	Director of Ceremonies
Thos. Williams	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Griffith Richards	Sword Bearer
James E. Hughes	Standard Bearers
Jno. E. Davies	
C. Rowland	Assist. Secretary
W. D. Henderson	Organist
W. A. Nott	Pursuivant
James Cutts	Assist. Pursuivant
J. H. Ellis	Stewards
A. L. Clews	
A. S. H. Bromwich	
W. Rowland	
H. L. Stabington	Tyler

The business of the Lodge was brought to a close in the usual manner. Afterwards the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Town Hall.

#### CEDEWAIN LODGE, No. 1594.

At the anniversary festival Brother William Balfour Fergusson was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Brothers Milnes and Danily P.M. P.G.W. North Wales. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers. After the business of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet given in the Public Rooms, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. A strong appeal was made to the brethren by a South Wales representative on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the Prince Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday. Bros. Robinson W.M., Ashton S.W., Holding J.W., Ferguson Preceptor, Gregory Secretary, Pinckney S.D., Wright J.D., Underhill I.G., Edmonds, Taylor, Haines and Frost. Bro. Wright took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Edmonds P.M. candidate. Brother Ferguson worked the fifth and sixth sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees and closed down. Bro. Ashton was elected as Master for next week.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—At the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Monday, the 31st ult., there were present—Bros. Ellinger W.M., Hose S.W., Godwin J.W., A. Sourrah S.D., H. Smith J.D., Johnson I.G., W.M. Stiles Preceptor, C. Scales Treasurer, Lewis Deputy Preceptor, Saunders Secretary; P.M.'s—Bros. Edmonds, H. Stiles, D. Smith, D. Whiting, W. Sourrah, Elliot, Pargiter, Leonard, and Price. Lodge was opened to the second degree, Brother Pargiter was entrusted and subsequently raised. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. P.M. Stiles proposed Bro. Hose S.W. to be Worshipful Master next meeting, which was agreed to. Brother Stiles then expressed the great pleasure the whole of the members felt in welcoming back Brother Saunders after his long and painful illness, and hoped that for many years to come he would enjoy good health and prosperity. Bro. Saunders replied, thanking the brethren for their kind sympathy and for the many letters he had received, cheering him up in his lonely hours. He

had ever been with them in mind; he was now gaining strength, and the brethren would find him again punctual in his duties.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 29th July, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith. Present—Bros. A. Williams P.M. W.M., Whiteley S.W., Reid J.W., M. Spiegel P.M. Secretary, Powell S.D., Hide J.D., Baxter I.G., Hillier acting as Immediate P.M., and Craggs. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and resumed to the second. Bro. R. H. Williams being a candidate, was examined and entrusted; the Lodge was resumed and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The first three sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Hillier.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### GRAND CHAPTER.

**THE** Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the Prince of Wales and the Earls of Lathom and Mount Edgecumbe, the Grand Principals' chairs were occupied by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, and Comp. Thomas Fenn. After the opening ceremonies had been performed, Comp. Beach, by desire of the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, apologised for his lordship's unavoidable absence. When the minutes of the May Convocation had been confirmed, the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., who was unable to be present at the previous meeting, was invested with the robe and insignia of Scribe N. (an office which follows the Grand Wardenship in Grand Lodge of Craft Masonry), conferred on the Right Hon. Companion by the Prince of Wales. Warrants for two new Chapters were afterwards granted, and other business set out in the agenda, as published last week, having been disposed of, Grand Chapter was closed.

#### MARK MASONRY.

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#### PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

**THE** Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland and Durham held its annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool, on Monday, the 31st ult. The chair was occupied by the Provincial Grand Master (Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.), who was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. (Bro. R. B. Reed P.G.S.B. Eng.), C. F. Matier Grand Secretary of England, Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., G.J.W. England, and many others. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted on the motion of the Deputy P.G.M., and after the roll of Lodges had been called, the P.G.M. Rev. Canon Tristram addressed the Lodge, and commented upon the steady and prosperous growth of Mark Masonry in the Province. He subsequently expressed his pleasure at re-appointing Bro. R. B. Reed as his Deputy, and the great honour it gave him to appoint Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., as the Senior Grand Warden of the year, and he was greatly pleased that Sir Matthew had done them the honour to attend on that occasion amid his very many public and other duties. The Committee of General Purposes recommended that next year, on the completion of 21 years' service as P.G.M. by the Rev. Canon Tristram, the annual meeting should be held at Newcastle, a recommendation the P.G.M. had pleasure in complying with. The following were appointed the other Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. J. S. B. Bell	Junior Warden
J. Newby Tayler	M.O.
J. A. Armstrong	S.O.
T. F. Pearce	J.O.
Rev. A. F. Sim	Chaplain
T. Purvis (re-appointed)	Treasurer
George Robson	Registrar of Marks
C. B. Ford (re-appointed)	Secretary
Thomas Dinning	Director of Ceremonies
S. Bousfield	Inspector of Works
F. S. Cowper	Senior Deacon
C. E. Moore	Junior Deacon
J. E. R. Husworth	Organist
S. M. Harris	Inner Guard
T. R. Short	Sword Bearer
W. Barlow	Standard Bearer
J. S. Appleyard	Tyler

Bros. J. S. Bell, F. S. Corder, C. S. Lane, and W. Brown were appointed the Committee of General Purposes; Bros. Seymour Bell and J. C. Moor were appointed auditors. The meeting afterwards terminated. In the evening a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., supported by the Deputy Prov. G.M., and also by Bros. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary of England P.G.W., A. B. Cook P.G.M. Middlesex, C. D. Hill Drury P.G.S.W., Hans B. Olsen P.G.J.W., C. S. Lane P.G.D. Eng., Rev. Canon Kynaston P.G.C., and other Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

### CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE 30th annual report of this Institution for 1892, which has just been circulated in the Province, is of a very satisfactory and gratifying character. From the balance sheet of the Treasurer (Bro. G. H. Brown Prov. G.D.C.) we gather that the donations and subscriptions from the Lodges and Chapters, &c., of the Province, amount to £300 5s 6d, interest from investments £201 4s 1d, and other small items £8 7s 4d, making a total income for the year of £509 16s 11d. Against this we have payments for the education and clothing of 47 children £335 19s 5d, printing and stationery £24 9s 4d, and sundry expenses £25 6s 10d, being a total expenditure of £386 5s 7d, leaving a surplus on the year of £123 11s 4d. There is a sum of £731 3s 6d in the Bank, and £1 17s 7d in the Treasurer's hands, which with the invested funds of the Institution total up to £6,254 3s 0d. The Committee of the Institution (of which Bro. F. K. Stevenson P. Prov. G.S.B. is the indefatigable honorary Secretary) remark that it was feared that the efforts which were being made to inaugurate a fund in the Province for the assistance of aged Freemasons or their widows would seriously affect the amount usually subscribed to this Institution, but, on the contrary, though the brethren have responded to the appeal which has been made to them on behalf of the new fund in a most generous manner it has not materially reduced the amount they have given to the Educational Institution, for this year the donations and subscriptions from the brethren and the fees from the Lodges, &c., have reached the handsome sum of £300 5s 6d as against £278 2s 5d received last year, thus showing the great interest the brethren take in the affairs of this Institution and the appreciation they evince for the object it has in view. Of the 47 children on the foundation during the past year, the time of 8 expires, and there are 8 or 10 new candidates for election. The report concludes with an expression of sympathy with the R.W. Prov. Grand Master on the death of Lady Egerton of Tatton, who was a Patroness of the Institution. Seeing that the Cheshire brethren have contributed some £2,500 to inaugurate the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, £300 for the Cheshire Educational Institution, besides some smaller contributions to the London Schools, it would appear that the charitable effort of the Cheshire brethren during the past year amounts to over £3,000, which must be acknowledged to be a very satisfactory record for the Province, which numbers 45 Lodges.

### OPENING OF THE WEST MALLING MASONIC HALL.

THE brethren of the Malling Abbey Lodge, of which Bro. H. M. Apps is W.M., lately acquired the entire premises of the old Assembly Rooms at West Malling, for a Masonic Hall. Under the supervision of Messrs. Ruck and Smith, of Maidstone, the Assembly Rooms have undergone thorough repair and alteration, and the opening ceremony took place on Friday of last week, Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master, attending and consecrating the building. The noble Earl, who was accompanied by his Provincial Officers, was met at Malling Station by Colonel E. T. Luck, and driven to the Bear Hotel, where a luncheon was partaken of, Bro. Apps W.M. presiding. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured at the instance of the W.M., Colonel Luck P.M. submitted the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst. His Lordship suitably acknowledged the compliment and gave the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Apps. The latter replied, and at three o'clock a move was made for the Assembly Rooms, now the Freemason's Hall, and Earl Amherst in suitable terms declared the Hall duly opened and consecrated.

An imposing procession of Freemasons belonging to the English and Scotch Lodges at Karachi was witnessed on Saturday evening. The members marched from the Masonic Hall to Trinity Church in aprons and sashes, blue, red, and green. A special service was held, and the Rev. H. Griffiths preached. There were altogether 63 Masons present, including two Parsis. The offertory was for the Sind Masonic Benevolent Institution.—*Indian Daily News*.

"ENGLAND MYNE SHALL BE TRUE TO THE CORE," is a saying that every patriotic Briton will heartily echo. Whatever may be said by disaffected stump orators as to the degeneracy of the present day, our country continues to progress in her old majestic style, preserving her best traditions and gaining fresh laurels. She keeps true to herself and thus is true to all men. In the same manner Holloway's wonderful remedies keep the reputation they have earned for over half a century all over the world, as the greatest wonders of modern times. At the present time thousands of testimonials come to hand showing that in no case where fairly tried have they failed to relieve pain or cure disease.

### 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.*

(Continued from page 35).

IN the vatican at Rome there is a fresco wrought by one of the world's great artists. It is "Philosophy, or the School at Athens," painted into an immortality by Raphael of Urbino. The figures of the philosophers are arranged in groups which mark their attainments in mental greatness and the victories of genius. On a dais, as if superior to all, and to commend all, are enthroned Plato and Aristotle, the philosopher of the Ideal and the philosopher of the Real. With aspiring eyes and upstretched arm, Plato directs those whom he would teach to the firmament, as if to tell them that amid its splendid pageantry they would find ideals higher and more enduring than this earth with its vanishing glory and decay. There, he would seem to say, is the sphere for the exercise of your minds, the enlargement of your faculties, the elevation of your powers. There shall your spirits commune with the spiritual, and there in your aspiring thought you will learn the marvellous greatness of being a man. With outstretched arm, Aristotle, the philosopher of the Real, directs his disciples to the world about them, as if to tell them, there is the sphere of your labour; there the place for the exercise of your reason; there the place for the outflowing of your sympathies, and there, in this place of toiling man, you are to act and live as earth's most wondrous creation, and testify by the force and command of mind that you have dignified the claim to be men indeed.

Masonry, the philosopher of the Ideal, points its disciples to the firmament and the ennobling study of astronomy. There, it seems to say, you shall discover and find the laws that rule those wondrous bodies which cluster the heavens into beauty, there you shall behold the magnificent things revealed to the inner sight, and ideal after ideal shall be suggested to your mind, and as you follow them in reverent aspiration, you shall in some degree be made really great. But reach farther in your ever lengthening vision, farther than where world burns to world, and constellation shines to constellation, farther and yet more far, through space whose flame-lit processions are brilliant stars, until you reach the throne of that Being, the Eternal Architect of the Universe, Who, out of His infinite fullness, fashioned all things visible and invisible. Then, by your sublimer ventures, by your looking up, your aspirations and believing, you shall learn that the crown of this scene creation, the splendour that dropped from His shaping fingers, is the thinking, the spiritually adventurous, sympathetic being, immortal man.

Masonry, the philosopher also of the Real, with arm out-pointed, directs its disciples to the world about them. It bids them go work in this moving, restless society, for human good, for the moral elevation of the lives that so closely surround their own. There, it seems to say, you, my disciples, shall find the sphere for the exercise of your reason, for the growth of your sympathies, for the pouring forth of the gifts so largely given you. And yours will be a higher and blessed service; yours a humble but majestic work; yours will be the tender ministry of cleansing the disfigurements of this modern life; the healing of the wounds made by evil hearts and evil hands; the comforting of the distressed by pouring in the anointing oil of Masonry. Yours, the superb position in the ranks of the benefactors and reformers of the age; yours, the interpreting of their loftiest dreams for spiritual progress; yours, the founders with the good and great, of a Republic, not of Plato's gorgeous imagination, but a Republic of a wiser, staltier manhood, of a purer civilisation, of nobler action; a Republic where law shall not be a letter on a book, but a manifestation of integrity, right and justice; yours, to stand amongst the best in the forefront of the teachers of a large and saintlier knowledge; yours to be the harbingers as the watchmen on the hills, to proclaim the foremost rays of the sun which shall usher in the coming day, and with the temple of the living God to welcome to a more



potent advent Him who is the Life and Light of men, who shall change this world to a world in which the human shall be more grandly human, and the divine in every soul reflect in righteousness, the image of the Creator. And until this work is well begun and advanced to its highest issues, yours it will be to cry with herald voice that yearning cry which shall echo through the nations for that light which shall vanquish darkness; and to ring in with bells of sweeter music and harmony unbroken that new era of man's regeneration and moral peace:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out the old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,  
Ring out the thousand wars of old;  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Light that is to be.

—Voice of Masonry.

### AN OLD SERMON.

[There is a pleasant suggestiveness in the thought that the brethren who organised the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, 27th June 1791, attended church in a body and listened to a discourse specially prepared for them, and for the occasion. The preacher was the Rev. William Smith, Rector of Trinity Church, Newport, and his sermon, designated as "entertaining and very suitable for the occasion" in the vote of thanks passed by Grand Lodge, was afterwards published in pamphlet form. We take pleasure in presenting herewith certain portions of this old sermon.—*Freemason's Repository*.)

I Cor. viii, latter part of the 1st verse—"CHARITY EDIFIETH."

**B**EFORE a fraternity whose leading characteristic is Love, Charity is a theme no less suitable than profitable and pleasant. To every son of humanity and peace, the tidings "Charity edifieth," must needs be highly grateful, and awaken in his ear the angelic hymn, "peace on earth, good will towards men, glory to God in the highest."

Charity hath been continually employed in doing the will of Him from whom she proceedeth, and her voice has always been heard in His councils. What Solomon hath said of Wisdom may with equal propriety be said of Charity;—and the language of the former is highly befitting the lips of the latter:—"The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old; I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there was no depths I was brought forth; when there was no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled; before the hills were brought forth; while as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when he set a compass upon the face of the deep; when He established the clouds above; when He strengthened the foundations of the deep; when He gave to the sea His decree that the waters should not pass His commandment; when He appointed the foundations of the earth; then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him; rejoicing in the habitable parts of His earth, and my delights were with the sons of men."

With the sons of men Charity always took delight to dwell. She first prepared the grand dome of the world, and then appointed the image and representative of his Maker the subordinate master of all things.

If we desire to form adequate ideas of the original dignity and glory of man, hear what the prophets have spoken concerning him: "Man was made in his Maker's likeness, to be an image of his own eternity;" "every precious stone was his covering; the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and fine gold."

But all this magnificence, great as it was, was nothing more than a shadow or representation of that most

excellent majesty and glory prepared for him in the heavenly mansions, had he continued mindful of the precepts of Charity. Forsaking these, the goodly fabric of his nature fell under the power of the destroyer; and henceforth it became necessary that his earthly tabernacle should be taken down and reduced to its original state, in order to be rebuilt a glorious fabric, in the day of His tremendous and final manifestation; who, by the power of his God-head triumphing over the destroyer, rebuilt the temple of His own body, as an earnest and pledge that He will not suffer our bodies to continue forever in ruins; but that His Charity will finally call them forth from the enclosing tomb, as stones are dug from the pit, and build them up, temples of glory everlasting.

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"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion;" therefore doth He "all things for the edification" of Zion's children; and so He taught the builders of the sacred temple to erect that divine fabric "according to the pattern shown to Moses in the mount."

With this pattern or model before his eyes, and Charity enthroned in his heart, the sapient King of Israel undertook to build a Temple for the God of Jacob:—"Jehovah having made him understand in writing by His hand upon him, all the works of the pattern."

And not less remarkable was the method of copying after the model itself; for in building the temple according to the proportions of the tabernacle, there was neither the sound of hammer or saw or axe to be heard. Prepared in the mountains by the hand of honest labour, measured out by the never-failing proportions of Geometry and Architecture, as also polished by the skill which wisdom inspireth, every part was taught in religious silence to take its appointed place among the fellow-members of that spacious and mystical edifice—thereby teaching us that all societies are most strongly compacted and best built up in one grand unity, when each member hath cast away all his roughness, irregularities, and surd disproportions, before he presume to offer himself to become a part of the building.

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And as upon a well cinctured and consequently perfected base of human architecture, any of the Orders may stand with becoming dignity and grace,—so the several orders and grades of mankind shall not fail to rise up an orderly and acceptable building, fit for the Great Master's use, when once they have taken their station and remain firm upon the well squared and perfectly levelled base of Charity.

Moreover, Solomon's temple was not only well based, but the arch of its glory was strongly supported as well as beautified by the two pillars—Jachin and Boaz—the one the pillar of beauty, the other the pillar of strength. In like manner, the fabric which hath Charity for its base is strengthened and beautified by the two pillars, Faith and Hope. These are the continual attendants of Charity, and without these she never undertakes to build.

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Deriving instruction from the various works of God, man hath acquired the knowledge of building himself "goodly cities and places of defence" from the hand of the enemy and against the inclemency of seasons; nor hath the Sovereign Giver been sparing in granting him materials; the great abundance and variety of which loudly proclaim that they were not given merely for man's necessity, but even for the purpose of adding convenience and elegance to human existence.

Thus sanctioned by Heaven and sacred to Charity, the Edifier, long may the art be held venerable, which, by erecting spacious temples to God, and joyous dwellings for men, daily admonisheth the world of the gracious designs of "Charity, which never faileth, nor is weary in well doing;"—but which, in spite of every discouragement and opposition, will go on building and to build, with timber from the forest of the Jewish and Gentile world,—with stones and other materials from Judea and the remotest isles of the earth; sending her messengers day by day to request the King of the Jews and the King of the Gentiles again to unite in building up the families of their respective people, into one Holy Temple of Jehovah, that the Lord God may dwell among them in glory everlasting.

Finally, with lamps burning bright, kindled by a coal from the altar of Charity, and beautiful for order as the gates and pillars of Zion's Temple, go ye on, brethren,

squaring your actions by the eternal rule of equity and due proportion; measuring your designs by that ratio of analogy given you by Him who set his compass upon the face of the deep; and not forgetting to use the helps that patience offereth in leveling your desires with your circumstances; so that, at last, when beauty, strength, and order of the earthly edifice shall give way to that of the heavenly; when the destroyer, Death, in virtue of his delegated power, shall dash in pieces the earthen vessel which contains our jewels of science and immortality,—your victory over the enemy shall, like that of Gideon, be complete.

Now, unto Him who always worketh by love, and hath promised to build us up into eternal life—the Great Architect of the Universe, Jehovah Elohim, trinity of persons in unity of essence,—be ascribed, by men and angels, all glory, honour, dominion, and praise, now, henceforth and forevermore! AMEN.

### A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION.

THERE is a tradition among Freemasons that the site upon which the Temple of Solomon was built was owned in common by two brothers, one of whom had a family, the other none. On the evening after harvest the elder brother said to his wife: "My younger brother is unable to bear the heat and burden of the day. I will arise, take some of my shocks, and place them without his knowledge among his shocks." The younger brother, being actuated by similar kind motives, said within himself: "My brother has a family, and I have none. I will contribute to their support. I will take of my shocks and place them with his without his knowledge." Great was the astonishment of both when, on the following morning, they found their shocks undiminished.

This happened several nights in succession, when each resolved to stand guard and solve the mystery. They did so, and on the following night the two brothers met half way between their respective shocks, with arms full of golden grain.

Upon ground hallowed by such associations was the Temple of Solomon erected—that Temple so spacious, so magnificent, the admiration and wonder of the world. It is only on ground hallowed by love that any enduring structure can be built. On no other basis can peace and goodwill, justice and righteousness be established among men for all generations. Other foundations for all the interest of mankind can no one lay than those which are laid in the best affections of the heart.

The Temple of Solomon has long ago crumbled to ruins, and the place where it once stood can hardly be pointed out to the pious pilgrim; but Freemasonry, which exemplifies the beautiful tradition of the location of the Temple, and transmits the legend of its building, has defied the ravages of time and the persecutions of ignorance, bigotry, and intolerance, and survives in all the plenitude of youthful vigour and activity. Malignant priests may fulminate, and harmless popes may howl, but Freemasonry, whose foundations are laid deep in the God-given principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, whose empire is the world, and whose covering is the clouded canopy or star-decked heavens, to be reached by the theological ladder of Faith, Hope and Charity, will live "as long as the cloud shadows shall rest on the mountains and the rivers roll to the sea."

Masons have just cause to love and reverence their ancient and honourable Fraternity. The eyes of the world are upon them. For untold generations they have been the friends and defenders of civil and religious freedom, and for this they have suffered persecutions and tortures. Duty still bids them be true to the eternal principles they profess.

—The Rough Ashlar.

### AN ANGLO-INDIAN FREEMASON AT DIDSbury.

THE subject of our brief sketch is Bro. Frederick Stretch, who was born "where the stream runs rippling by" at Brentford, Middlesex, in 1844. In 1857 he entered the railway service, and in 1865, by reason of his remarkable energy, was promoted to an important post in India. His services were so highly valued that he was further promoted by being made district traffic superintendent. He was in charge of the royal train during the visit of the Prince of Wales, our M.W.G.M., to India. He also accompanied the Duke of Edinburgh from Jubilee to Bombay in the year 1870. Being

anxious for the lights of Freemasonry he was duly initiated in Lodge Emulation, No. 1100, Bombay, remaining a member six years. In 1872 he became a joining member of Lodge Alexandria, No. 1605, and in the third year of membership was appointed Senior Warden. He was also unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., but was unable to accept the dignity owing to his transference to Sholapur, a distance of 1,000 miles. Arriving at Sholapur he immediately joined the Pleiad's Lodge, and in a very short time became S.W., but was again disappointed of Mastership owing to his services being required at Bombay, a distance of some 400 miles. In 1876 he returned to England with the most cordial best wishes from all who he came in contact. Arriving in his native land he proceeded to Barnsley, and was elected a member of the Friendly Lodge, No. 1530, and remained so until he was appointed the first Master, not of a Masonic Lodge, but of the central station, Manchester. Thereupon he resigned his Lodge at Barnsley and affiliated himself to the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, but although as a Past Senior Warden he was eligible for the chair, he was reluctantly compelled to decline office of any kind owing to the Lodge meeting night being unsuitable to his duties at the central station. These duties, however, he resigned in the Jubilee year. He received many handsome testimonials of his ability as a public servant, and of his uniform gentility as a man. Being then able to take a step at Urmston he was invested as D.C., followed by J.D., S.D., and he is now J.W. of a Lodge of which it will be seen he has been a member 14 years. In 1890 he marked his Masonic career by becoming No. 3 on the list of founders of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, and in its third year our respected and deserving brother, after twenty-two years of Masonry, received his reward by becoming Worshipful Master, a position that he filled with credit to himself, with pleasure to the brethren, and with honour to the Doric Lodge. In 1890 he was exalted in the Urmston Chapter, No. 1730, and is the present D.C. In 1890 he was advanced in the St. Andrew Mark Lodge, of which he is S.O. This event was followed by his becoming a Royal Ark Mariner, a Knight of Constantine, a Knight of St. Lawrence, also a Knight of the Red Cross of Babylon. By a strange coincidence it will be found by a brief calculation of the above facts that Brother Frederick Stretch has been practically a subscribing Freemason forty-nine years, therefore so from his birth. In conclusion, he was a filial son, a faithful servant, a true Mason and one who deserves the happiness he enjoys, surrounded as he is by a devoted wife and family.—[Indian papers please copy.—Ed. F.C.]

### MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 64.

By Bro. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

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#### CULTIVATING BROTHERLY LOVE.

No wrath, no rancour, e'er should find a rest  
Within the portals of a Mason's breast.  
No hateful malice ever should abide;  
No slander should his tongue attempt to say;  
He should be manly, with no fulsome pride  
To take his steps from off the beaten way.  
Scorning all wrong among the Brotherhood,  
He still must steadfast be in all his works;  
E'er promulgating deeds that tend to good,  
Remembering Right wherein no danger lurks.  
This the foundation is of our blest creed—  
The keystone, the cement, the building whole,  
By which we rear in that celestial mead,  
A habitation for the deathless soul.

Wiander House, Bradford,  
3rd August 1893.

### Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM LONGMIRE P.M. 1561

PROV. A.G.D.C.

WE regret to have to announce the death of Bro. William Longmire, proprietor of the King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe, which took place on Tuesday, 1st inst., from an attack of pneumonia. Bro. Longmire was widely known amongst visitors to Morecambe, and had an excellent reputation as a public caterer. He was a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, occupying at the time of his decease the office of Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, and was Past Master and Treasurer of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561. Deceased, who was only forty-four years of age, had been in indifferent health for some little time, but on Saturday last was actively superintending the catering for a large dinner party. While thus engaged he contracted a chill, was seized with inflammation of the lungs, which developed into pneumonia, and his condition was regarded as hopeless from the first. He leaves a widow and a numerous family. The funeral took place on Thursday, at Morecambe Cemetery, amid a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, the funeral cortege being followed by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge, who at the grave side paid the last Masonic tribute of respect to their departed brother.

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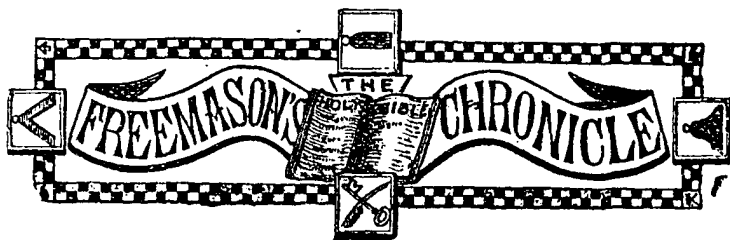
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Among the contents of the August number of "The English Illustrated Magazine" will be "Some Ruskin Letters," being some hitherto unpublished letters by Mr. John Ruskin; "Belvoir Castle," by Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland; "Poachers and Peaching," by "A Son of the Marshes;" "Lou and Liz," a complete story, by George Gissing; "Hartmann the Anarchist; or, The Doom of the Great City," Part III.; and the third part of "The Romance of Modern London," viz., "Round the Underground on an Engine."



SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST 1893.

The least said soonest mended, and on that account we do not intend to say much in regard to ourselves in renewing our labours on the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which starts to-day under fresh management. Up to within the last few years we had taken an active interest in the work of the paper, and even of late have not been wholly disassociated from it, although our connection has for some time been of a very slight character. Now, however, we take up full command, and we hope that in doing so we shall resume the friendly associations of the past, and make the paper even more successful than it has hitherto been.

A quarter of a million of money for a Masonic Temple in London is what the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire invites the Provincials to contribute—more as a joke, perhaps, than anything else, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg being a most jovial chairman, and generally succeeding in keeping an audience on good terms. But the proposal opens up matter for consideration; and the day is not far distant when the question will have to receive attention from the Craft. The present Temple is far too small for anything like a special assembly of Grand Lodge, overflow meetings having continually to be arranged whenever anything out of the common requires attention, and no Brother can possibly defend such a proceeding, no matter what the cost of remedying it.

We cannot believe the brethren answerable for the motion to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the publication of certain "Notes for Freemasons" in a local paper were well advised in bringing the matter so prominently forward, and we await with some anxiety a record of what was done in answer to their proposition, which was to the effect that, "as such publications are contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and detrimental to the best interests of the Craft, to move Grand Lodge thereanent." It seems rather late in the day to attempt to curtail the liberties of the press, even in Masonic matters, although we are quite willing to admit that due decorum should be observed by those who chronicle the doings of the Craft in public prints. We shall refer to the matter at greater length when we have further details before us, but from a cursory glance at the "notes" complained of we imagine it is the facetiousness of the writer which is not appreciated. He is a little too "free and easy" in his remarks, but not sufficiently so to call down on his head the public interference of a Grand Lodge.

One of the events at the last meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, was the presentation by Bro. H. Stiles of a photo of our old friend Bro. A. Scurrah in his Provincial regalia, to some forty of those who were present. The likeness is first rate, and is one of the first produced under a new process which Bro. Stiles is carrying out with great satisfaction at his studio, 175 King Street, Hammersmith. We hope to have an early opportunity of spending an evening with our

old friends of the Metropolitan, and hearing more of their doings.

We cordially endorse the opinion expressed in the *Western Morning News* that the prosperity of the Craft in Cornwall has been most marked since the appointment of Lord Mount Edgcumbe. The central Masonic Charities, as well as the local Annuity and Benevolent Fund, are warmly supported by the members, who are not only favoured with an able ruler, but are also blessed with a most efficient Provincial G. Secretary and an excellent staff of helpers.

The whole of the papers published in Halifax, the *Daily* and *Weekly Courier*, the *Weekly Guardian*, and the *Mercury*, reprinted in their columns last week Bro. Forshaw's sonnet on the death of Bro. Alderman Davis, Mayor of Halifax, quoting it as from our pages, a courtesy for which we tender acknowledgment.

## MEMORY.

(Continued from page 59.)

**PRECOCITY.**—In a work published by Martini an account is given of that wonderful child, Christian Heinecker, who was born at Lubeck on 6th February 1721. The attainments of the infant would naturally inspire an utter disbelief in the story, but if true, as we are assured it is, no wonder can be expressed that it died when a little over four years old. It is said that when ten months old he could repeat every word uttered to him; that at the age of twelve months he knew by heart the principal events narrated in the Pentateuch; in his second year he learned the greater part of the history of the Bible, both of the Old and New Testaments; in his third year he was enabled to answer difficult questions on history and geography, and also to speak Latin and French; in his fourth year he could reason upon matters connected with religion and the church, being able to express his own judgment. At the request of the King of Denmark this prodigy was taken to Copenhagen, and examined before the court.

**A batch of prodigies.**—Zerah Colburn, a native of Vermont, in the United States, the rage of London at the beginning of the present century, was another of these prodigies; so was Vito Mangiamela, the Sicilian, who in 1839 was examined by the Academy of Sciences at Paris, and in the same category may be placed George Parker Bidler, the eminent Civil Engineer, and Blind Jamie of Stirling.

**Elihu Burritt.**—The aptitude for learning languages has rarely been so remarkably demonstrated as in the case of Elihu Burritt, M.A. (a native of North America), author of "Sparks from the Anvil." Of this extraordinary exemplar of the pursuit of knowledge, the following is a brief account:

He was born in Connecticut, in 1811, of humble but respectable parents; he attended the district school for some months yearly, until the age of sixteen, when, his father dying, he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, at which trade he worked until he was twenty-three, and after trying for a year or two teaching the other professions, which did not improve his health, he returned to the anvil, devoting all his leisure hours to literary pursuits. By dint of hard labour he became a proficient in the most difficult languages of Asia, and in many of those languages of Europe which are now nearly disused and obsolete; among them are Gaelic, Welsh, Celtic, Saxon, Gothic, Icelandic, Russian, Slavonic, Armenian, Chaldaic, Syriac, Arabic, Ethiopic, Sanscrit, and Tamul. It was stated at a public meeting in 1838, by Governor Everett, that Mr. Burritt by that time, by his unaided industry alone, had made himself acquainted with fifty languages. He usually devoted eight hours to study, eight hours to labour, and eight hours to physical indulgence and repose.

**Pitt's Memory.**—It has been said of the great statesman, William Pitt, that he could read off in English any passage in the "Cassandra" of Lycophron at sight, but those who are familiar with the original affirm that this would be an impossible feat, however learned the individual might be who attempted it.

**A Polylinguist.**—Sir John Bowring, who served his Government for ten years in China as Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade, was born at Exeter, in 1792. He will be especially remembered as a polylinguist, for as a clever literary man he used according to his own admission two hundred languages, of which he spoke one hundred. Forty of them he is stated to have known critically, and he retained his wonderful powers to the last, dying at his residence in November 1872.

**Sheridan Knowles.**—James Sheridan Knowles, author of "The Hunchback," and other well known plays, possessed such a retentive memory that he could repeat the entire gospel of St. John in the original Greek.

**Doctor and Poet.**—Dr. John Abernethy had a very excellent memory, which caused him to play off a joke upon a poetical friend who had composed some verses complimentary to Mrs. Abernethy, which he recited after dinner on her natal day. The doctor listened very attentively, but immediately the reading was over remarked, "Come, that is a good joke, to attempt passing those verses off as your own original composition. I know them by heart;" and Abernethy at once repeated the lines without a mistake. The embryo poet was amazed, and was only appeased when his host

offered to repeat verbatim any piece which the company might wish to recite.

**Scott and Macaulay.**—Sir Walter Scott possessed a marvellously retentive memory; so did Macaulay, who, it is said, could repeat the whole of Milton's "Paradise Lost."

**Mr. Roebuck's Memory.**—Mr. Roebuck, late member for Sheffield ("Tear 'em," as he was irreverently called), had also a remarkably retentive memory. He was taking part in a great debate concerning Mackenzie and others implicated in the Canadian rebellion. Anxious that his speech should be correctly reported, he had previously sent a copy of it, written in an elegant angular hand, to each of the reporters in the gallery of the House of Commons. The speech took nearly two hours in its delivery, and Mr. James Grant, who was following the speaker by the aid of a copy of the manuscript which he preserved, states that during all the time there was not the variation of a word between the written and the spoken speech.

**A Wonderful Feat.**—Mr. Emerson, afterwards Sir Emmerson Tennant, then member for Belfast, undertook the task of replying to the speech of Mr. O'Connell on the repeal of the Union between Great Britain and Ireland. Anticipating the figures and facts and arguments, judging by former speeches, which Mr. O'Connell would employ, he wrote out his speech at full length and supplied the reporters with copies. Incredible as it may seem, the speech, which occupied nearly four hours in delivery, and was overflowing with arithmetical figures and statistics, every word and every figure of it was repeated without hesitation or a single mistake.

**A Fisher-lad's Proficiency.**—William Roscoe, the historian, produced in 1822 the memoir of a poor Welsh fisher-lad by name Richard Roberts Jones, of Aberdaron. Although of weak intellect, the lad managed to become critically acquainted with Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, and spoke fluently French and Italian. Dr. Samuel Parr, the eminent scholar, in an interview he had with him, tried his subject in Chaldaic, and was amazed to find that his knowledge of it was not of a superficial kind.

**Notes as Aids to Memory.**—The following is related in Mr. Charles S. Miall's "Life of Henry Richard, M.P." "In 1863, 'the member for Wales,' as Richard was called, paid a visit to Cobden, at Midhurst, and in his diary he records a conversation concerning 'preparation for the platform.' Cobden expressed the highest admiration for Henry Ward Beecher's ability and skill as a popular speaker, and thought him an unmatched platform orator. 'Mr. Richard,' says Cobden, 'was much surprised when I told him that Beecher had a considerable portion of his speech at Exeter Hall written, and that he read it from the manuscript. I had seen his notes, which he had given to a friend of mine, saying he had no verbal memory.' 'Well,' said Mr. Cobden, 'I should not have thought that of Beecher, but that is precisely my case, and hence it is that I never write a speech. I could not remember the words, and it would confuse me.' I said that Bright did prepare carefully the sentences and words of at least some portions of his speeches, as I had seen his notes when I was with him at Birmingham."

**Failing memories.**—To a man of refinement and culture, a bad memory is a very serious drawback, and perhaps no one ever felt the loss of this important faculty more acutely than the American genius Nathaniel Hawthorne. He was once called upon to speak at a public dinner, but when he arose and looked around upon the audience his mind appeared to desert him, his memory became a perfect blank. In describing the circumstance he says:—"As I arose I tapped upon my mind, and it seemed hollow. It was quite empty. There was nothing in it whatsoever."

**William Hogarth, the great painter, though blessed with artistic abilities could not boast of a good memory. Dr. Hoadby, Chancellor of Winchester, who was a personal friend of the painter was very fond of theatrical performances, and often invited him to his residence for the purpose of witnessing them. Upon one occasion a laughable parody upon Julius Cæsar had been prepared for representation, and David Garrick and Hogarth were pressed into the worthy doctor's service as performers. The painter personated the Ghost, and had to appear as Brutus, but his memory was so unretentive, that, although the speech consisted of two lines only, Hogarth was unable to commit them to memory. A novel expedient was adopted however, for the letters were written in large characters on the outside of an illuminated paper lanthorn which Hogarth carried in his hand on to the stage.**

**Mr. Jas. T. Fields in his "Yesterdays with Authors," relates a very good story of Thackeray. "The author of 'Vanity Fair' has been described as 'the most finished and elegant of all lecturers,' and yet on more than one occasion he has come to grief after delivering the first few sentences, although the subject matter had received at his hands such careful preparation that the lecturer thought he was going to electrify his audience. On these occasions his listeners, instead of being annoyed, were often amused at the cool audacity he displayed under circumstances which to another man would have meant excitement of a most painful kind. However dismal the failure when he posed as a speaker, he would sit down with such utter sang froid that his audience became affected by the smile which he composedly assumed. He was invited to speak at a meeting held in connection with the founding of the Manchester Free Library, where Sir John Potter was chairman. On his way to Cottonopolis, the great novelist confided to a friend (Fields), the fact that although such eloquent speakers as Charles Dickens, Bulwer, and Sir James Stephen were to precede him, yet he intended to beat all of them.**

**"When Sir John Potter rose and introduced to the audience the author of 'Vanity Fair,' the novelist was welcomed with ringing plaudits. Thackeray began in a clear and charming manner, and was absolutely perfect for three minutes. In the middle of an elaborate sentence he suddenly stopped, gave a look of comic despair at the ceiling, crammed both hands into his trouser's pockets, and deliberately sat down."**

**"Book of Rarities," by Bro. EDWARD ROBERTS P.M. Assist. P.G.T.,**

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## VIOLATION OF MASONIC LAW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may perhaps be urged that with so many and such varied organisations existing in connection with our Masonic Lodges and Chapters, that mistakes in procedure may be expected, and that so long as these mistakes do not become more numerous than they have hitherto done there is no particular cause for anxiety, but I venture to think otherwise. A common fault, or at least the one most frequently brought under the official notice of the Craft relates to the infraction of the laws in regard to the time that must elapse between the initiation and the passing or raising of a Craft Mason, or the exaltation of a Royal Arch Companion. It is only necessary to refer to the agenda for the Grand Chapter to be held this week, as published in your Saturday's issue, for practical illustration of what I mean. There are to be found there two instances of subordinate Chapters admitting members before the expiration of the twelve months required by the Regulations of the Royal Arch, and although I am willing to admit that those two cases represent but a very small proportion of the whole number of Craftsmen exalted during the quarter under notice, I am yet inclined to think they are far too many to occur in so short a period.

I should have imagined that every Royal Arch Mason knew the rule as to 12 months Craft service, just as I imagine that every Craftsman knows it is not legal for him to introduce a candidate under twenty-one years of age, but it is absurd to even imagine that the Officers of our Chapters are not alive to it, even if one goes so far as to admit that ordinary members may be excused from knowing it. How then does it happen that mistakes so frequently occur? I am no advocate for excessive punishments, but as the programmes and notices of our meetings go forth to the world at large, I think it very wrong that these infractions of the Masonic laws should be allowed to continue, without any adequate notice being taken of them by the authorities, for although they may order the offenders to be reprimanded, I consider such punishment by no means coincides with the gravity of the offence, which gives evidence of a laxity in procedure which we, as members of the Masonic Order, should not be guilty of.

Might I suggest to Grand Chapter the desirability of requiring every candidate's date of Craft qualification to be entered on the summons with the usual particulars as to his candidature, just as in the Craft it is necessary to publish the candidate's age. To do this would not entail any serious trouble to any one, and would, I think, remedy a serious evil, which the record of Grand Chapter amply proves to exist. If this were done surely some one of the members of the Chapter concerned would notice the discrepancy, and the Masonic Order would be spared the pain of witnessing another display of that laxity in regard to our rules and regulations which is far from edifying, and is, in reality, a blot on our organisation.

Yours fraternally,

ON THE ROAD.

Bound north, 31st July 1893.

## WOMEN AND FREEMASONRY.

THE following, from the *Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine*, may interest our correspondent of last week, and others who take an interest in the subject:—

## EASTERN STAR CAUTION.

No man on earth has more profound respect for woman than I have. No one appreciates the tender care and helpfulness of woman more than I do. No one had a better mother to teach him that respect due woman than I had, and no one accords woman greater latitude of opinion as to what is for the best interests of this Order than I do. There are and have been many earnest, faithful sisters in Indiana to whom we owe much for their labours in behalf of the Order, and I would not if I could, and could not if I would, detract one iota from the meed of praise due them for the time, labour and strength they have so cheerfully expended to advance this Order; yet I trust that I may be permitted in this my final report, to remind you that the primary object of the Order of the Eastern Star is to afford facilities to the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Master Masons to make themselves known as such. Depart from or lose sight of that object, and you will ultimately destroy the groundwork upon which it is based. The primary object as stated being true, it follows as a natural sequence that you should seek to obtain and retain the hearty co-operation of all Master Masons, and you should on all proper occasions set at rest and discountenance the idea that this is a woman's Order, ever bearing in mind that a Master Mason must preside at every initiation, and that they are endowed with equal voice and vote with you in the management thereof, and unless you do secure their help and interest them in the work you will materially interfere with its usefulness. How can you make yourselves known to Master Masons unless they become

members of the Order? If you can make yourselves known to Master Masons who have not become members of the Order, then I am willing to concede that you are in a position to entirely ignore the Masonic Fraternity. I am glad to say, however, that the number of sisters who look upon this as a woman's Order only, are very few in number. Your chief source of strength will be to adhere strictly to the primary object.

WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, G.S. Indiana.

## FREEMASONRY IN THE WEST.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is to assemble at Wadebridge, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 11.45 a.m. At 12.30 the brethren will walk in procession to Eglosayle Church, Bro. the Rev. J. J. Gritex Provincial Grand Chaplain being selected to preach the sermon. It is anticipated that four "Lowises" will carry the "Volume of the Sacred Law" on that occasion, as was the case at Truro last year, an event in which considerable interest was taken, as the custom, usual in some Provinces, had never been observed in Cornwall before. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (Deputy Grand Master of England), the esteemed Provincial Grand Master, kindly presented to each of the lads on that occasion a copy of the Bible, suitably inscribed, as a souvenir of their participation in the proceedings. A collection will be taken at Eglosayle Church, and appropriated to certain Masonic and local objects, according to vote. On the return to the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting the business will be concluded in time for the luncheon, which is fixed for half-past three, and is to be held in a marquee near the Congregational Chapel, at which the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe will preside. If the attendance is in proportion to the gathering at Truro, the noble chairman will doubtless be much gratified. Arrangements have been made for the large assembly to be held in the Public Buildings, and as the usual privileges will be granted to the brethren by the Great Western Railway Company, a large attendance is expected. The Molesworth Lodge, No. 1954, Wadebridge, is next to the junior Lodge in the Province, and was warranted in 1882. There are thirty Lodges in the county, and all are in a flourishing condition, the oldest being the Love and Honour of the year 1751, and the youngest the Cothel, No. 2166, Calstock. The Provincial Grand Lodge was formed in 1752, the Provincial Grand Masters being William Pye 1752, George Bell 1764, Stephen Bell 1779, Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart. 1785, Sir Charles Lemon, Bart. 1843, Augustus Smith 1863, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe from 1872.—*Western Morning News*.

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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, 5th August.

- 1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead  
1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth  
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
2412 St. Clement's, Bell Hotel, Leigh  
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield

## Monday, 7th August.

- 1113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston  
1119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven  
156 Harmony, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth  
328 St. John, Masonic Hall, Torquay  
331 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Truro  
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, North Shields  
622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne  
977 Fowey, Masonic Hall, Fowey, Cornwall  
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
1071 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash  
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
1220 Solway, The Grapes, Aspatria, Silloth  
1230 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
1254 Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Exeter  
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax  
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea  
2166 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall  
R.A. 261 Nelson of the Nile, M.H., B. tley  
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

## Tuesday, 8th August.

- 80 St. John, Masonic Hall, Sunderland  
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Masonic Temple, New Brompton, Kent  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
319 New Forest, Bugle Hotel, Lymington  
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
603 Zetland Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton  
698 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walsbury  
784 Harbour of Refuge, M.H., West Hartlepool  
829 Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup  
877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
897 Loyalty, Mas. Chambers, Hall St., St. Helen's  
954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport  
973 Royal Somerset, M.H., North Parade, Frome  
1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick  
1250 Gilbert (Greenall), Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
1267 Kenlis, Oddfellows' Hall, Egremont  
1369 Bala, Plas Coch Hotel, Bala  
1402 Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay  
1476 Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall  
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate  
1713 Wilbraham, Black Horse, Walton, Liverpool  
1837 Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wokingham  
1847 Eltrington, Mas. Temple, Sandon, Devon  
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Hornsea  
2101 Waitwell, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wiberforce, Masonic Hall, Hull  
2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel East Molesey  
2324 Horwich, Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire  
2420 F. de Rothschild, Five Arrows, Waddesdon  
R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth  
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley  
R.A. 276 Essex, White Hart, Chelmsford  
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter  
M.M. 162 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

## Wednesday, 9th August.

- Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3  
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 84 Doyle's of Fellowship, M.H., Guernsey  
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, F.M.H., Bristol  
241 Yarborough, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull  
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Lancashire  
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
323 Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
661 Fawcett, M.H., Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Wes. School Rooms, Princetown  
679 St. David, Masonic Hall, Aberdare, Glam.  
731 Arboretum, Masonic Hall, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
906 Royal Albert Edward, Masons' Hall, Bath  
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1091 Ermo, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon  
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1140 Ashton, Reform Club, Heaton Moor  
1181 De la Pole, Masonic Hall, Seaton  
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Masonic Hall, Aldershot  
1342 Walker, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curwen, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
1647 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
1855 St. Maurice, Working Men's Hall, Plympton  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Masonic Hall, Amble  
1932 Whitworth, Masonic Hall, Spennymore  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester  
2294 Wavertree, Coffee House, Church Road  
2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich, Cheshire  
2423 St. Mark's, Rooms, Connah's Quay, S. Wales  
2450 Loxfield, Maidens Head Hotel, Uckfield  
R.A. 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun, Chatham

- R.A. 77 Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Hockley-on-Tyne  
R.A. 280 St. Wulstan, M.H., 91 High St., Worcester  
R.A. 298 Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale  
R.A. 350 Meribah, Church Hotel, Kewley  
R.A. 393 Berwick-upon-Tweed, M.H., Parals, B./T.  
R.A. 533 Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Cragston  
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## Thursday, 10th August.

- 97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland  
130 Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Southampton  
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
333 Royal Preston, M.R., Starkie Street, Preston  
369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe  
381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Over Darwen  
437 Silence, Masonic Hall, Wincanton  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Hall, Spalding  
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
816 Royd, Sun Inn, Littleborough  
991 Tyne, M.H., Willington Quay, Northumberland  
1099 Huyshe, Masonic Hall, Stoke Damerel  
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1213 Bridgewater, Oddfellows' Arms, Eccle  
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne  
1416 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Thirsk  
1583 Corbet, White Lion, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon  
1992 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Cardiff  
2231 Onslow, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford  
2285 Eden, M. Rooms, Portland Sq., Workington  
2321 Acacia, Masonic Hall, Darley St., Bradford  
2343 Sir William Harpur, Ass. Rooms, Bedford  
2428 Gracedieu, M.H., Coalville, Leicestershire  
2449 Duke of York, Palatine Hotel, Manchester  
R.A. 51 Patriotic, Three Caps Hotel, Colchester  
R.A. 213 Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
R.A. 251 Trinity, Queen's Hotel, Coventry  
R.A. 461 Hwlford, M.H., Haverfordwest  
R.A. 506 Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate  
R.A. 723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Rd., Aldershot  
K.T. 21 Salamanka, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax

## Friday, 11th August.

- 81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk  
170 All Souls, Masonic Hall, Weymouth  
458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Goole  
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton  
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Hall, Harrogate  
1087 Beaudesert, Assembly Ro., Leighton Buzzard  
1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
1428 United Service, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
1933 Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold  
R.A. 81 Royal York, Doric Place, Woodbridge  
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
R.A. 406 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
R.A. 1001 Harrogate and Claro, M.H., Harrogate  
K.T. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 5th August.

- 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  
1364 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, 7th August.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8  
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
382 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.  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 203 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  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho., Putney  
1608 Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1823 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Doan's 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, 8th August.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:15  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
189 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
211 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  
900 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
901 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1449 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
1448 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 8  
1549 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  
1849 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. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1385 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 9th August.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Pockham, 7:30  
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.O., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8  
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
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  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

## Thursday, 10th August.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
749 Belgrave, Alb on 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., 8  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
1428 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  
1603 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 Hot, New Southgate, 7:30  
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

## Friday, 11th August.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
1331 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke 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. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7



## GLEANINGS.

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**IMPROPER JUDGING AND DOING.**—Our point of observation controls our seeing, and has much to do with our opinions. It makes a great difference whether we walk shoulder to shoulder with our neighbour, or far in advance of him, or far above him, as to what we will really think of him. We often say, "If I were he I would not do so," and yet if we were placed in precisely the same circumstances, and were actuated by the same thoughts and motives, we would act just as he does. We see a part of the outward life of a brother and he appears to us as erring. If we saw his inner life, and knew all the whys of his conduct, we would not so judge him. The charity of Masonry requires us to give a brother, in every case, the benefit of every just and reasonable consideration of circumstances and motive, before deciding his conduct un-Masonic. For this reason all legislation affixing a penalty to an act, with no charges and no trial, but a mere dictum for a verdict, should be blotted out of Masonic jurisprudence. It is improper judging and doing.

**MASONRY'S UNIVERSALITY.**—Masonry's universality is not material or physical, but spiritual. Its tenets and principles are applicable to worthy men of all climes and nations, and, as they are accepted by them and practiced, they are universal in influence and effect. Truth is Masonic—truth is divine—and, in some sense, it is found in every mind and heart and soul, and in every moral and religious theory and practice. Thus it is universal. Just as faith in God, hope in immortality, and love to all become universal does Masonry's universality prevail. Not externally, but internally, must the application be, and so only as mankind becomes Masonicised is Masonry universal.

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## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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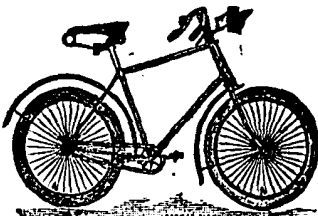
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