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DIVIDED LABOURS.

ON several occasions reference has been made in these pages to the desirability of dividing the ceremonial work in our Lodges, whenever there is sufficient business to be transacted to allow of it being arranged; and we are of opinion much greater enjoyment is possible by the adoption of such a course than is the case when the same brother takes everything on his own shoulders, and runs the risk of wearying his auditors by the continued sound of the one voice. The old time sentiment that "familiarity breeds contempt" applies to a great extent in this connection, and that this is recognised by the leaders of the Craft is manifest by the frequent apologies offered by Consecrating or Installing Officers, who feel that the brethren must have tired of hearing them speak, and often curtail remarks late in the evening, which would probably be both interesting and instructive, for fear of still further imposing on the good nature of the company. If this state of affairs was really necessary, and could not be altered, there would be an end of the matter, and we should be content to go on as we are; but when we know it is very easily remedied, the same feeling does not occur; indeed, the pleasant change of listening to a division of labour has created an appetite for an extension of the system, and we long for its general adoption because we know it is possible, and productive of such good results.

Let us take, for example, the case of a Lodge with three or more initiates—and such cases very often occur, one being referred to in another part of this issue. We will first of all acknowledge the desirability of admitting the new members up to a certain point singly, in fact we regard this as absolutely essential, for the ceremonies of the Order lose much of their impressiveness when two or more candidates are taken together. Now, if the Worshipful Master undertakes the whole of the necessary work it entails a tedious repetition which we can hardly believe he appreciates, and which, even in the very best of cases, is apt to tire the audience, and weary them, in spite of their best endeavours to appreciate the beauty and hidden meaning of the ritual. On the other hand, the division of this work among the Master and such Past Masters as are available makes a change, and lends pleasing variety to the work, without in any way interfering with the dignity of the chair, or the reputation of the Master for the time being. Later on there is the Charge to be delivered, and—if time permits (that awful proviso that so frequently robs our ceremonies of a portion of the ritual)—there is the Lecture to be delivered on the Tracing Board, duties which give the Senior and Junior Wardens the opportunity of taking a still more active share in the work than they now do, and which if efficiently carried through under such divided conditions, become very much more impressive than is

the case if only the one speaker is engaged in the ceremony.

We have so far referred particularly to the work of initiation, but the same arguments equally hold good in connection with the other degrees, and particularly so in the case of the installation ceremony which, to our mind, is much more impressive and interesting when divided between two or three speakers than when undertaken by the one Brother. We like the addresses to the Wardens and to the Brethren on such occasions delivered by Past Masters other than the Installing Officer, and when we remember the great change resulting from such a division of work, where it is practised, we wonder it has not been almost generally introduced into our London Lodges—for it is in Provincial Lodges alone we remember hearing it divided,—in view of the general desire of the metropolitan Craftsmen to excel, not only in the actual working of their Lodges, but also in the general effect produced by their proceedings.

In order to produce the best results in connection with the division of work which we advocate it is of course necessary for the different speakers to rehearse their parts, as any delay or confusion in the following on of one speaker after another would mar the general effect, if it did not altogether upset the desired object, but there are ample opportunities available for those who desire to test the desirability of adopting our suggestion, and we feel convinced there would be but one verdict if it became the custom to more generally ease the work of a busy meeting by dividing the labour among three or four of those present, instead of leaving everything to Worshipful Masters, some of the best of whom are apt to flag in their energies after the continual strain of our ceremonies, more particularly when the same degree has to be worked more than once at the same meeting.

RESPONSIBILITY.

SOME of the extracts from other journals which have from time to time appeared in our columns must have struck our readers as being hardly applicable to Freemasonry as conducted in this country, and we admit it would be somewhat difficult for us to justify all that was extracted and published in the past; but we hope the same will not be said of the contents of the CHRONICLE while it remains under our control, although with even the very best of desires and the most careful supervision it may occasionally happen that our intentions are misunderstood, and our motives for giving publicity to apparently extraneous matter are not fully appreciated by the general body of our readers. We are induced to make these remarks because one of our foremost supporters—a Brother who has known us long enough to feel he may unreservedly criticise the contents of

the paper, and who freely expressed the opinion that it would do no good unless it was materially improved—has asked us to justify the appearance of the extract given in our last issue from the *Masonic Record*, under the title of "Responsibilities of Committees."

In answering our critic in this public manner we do not lay ourselves under any obligation to adopt a similar course towards others who may favour us with their views on our selections, but at the same time we express our desire to be criticised by our readers, and we promise them that whatever they suggest shall be duly considered, and acted upon to the very best of our ability. But this question of responsibility opens up a subject for discussion, and although we admit the article referred to has little or no connection with English Freemasonry, on its surface, there is an undercurrent connected with it which provides food for reflection, and material for consideration. Our American brethren have many forms and ceremonies which appear to make their Freemasonry different to ours, and the same may be said with equal force of other newer organisations in Freemasonry, but we believe those who have lived in the States or in the colonies will endorse our remarks when we say that forms are necessary there which we are not accustomed to here, the surroundings being so strange and class distinctions so different as compared with those in the older country as to really necessitate the introduction of new ideas, and the enforcement of stronger restrictions.

Going back to the extract which forms the basis of our present remarks, is it too much to say that the opening words of our contemporary apply as much to us English Masons as to any foreign body? "There are certain duties," says the *Record* "which as Masons we are under obligations to perform, requiring time, a careful discrimination, judgment, and a straight-forward honest decision." Then our contemporary explains that the most important of these is the duty of the Committee appointed to investigate the character of the applicant who knocks at the door of our Masonic home for admission. That is purely an American way of putting it, as we in England know nothing of this Committee, in practice, although in theory each member of the Lodge is supposed to make himself member of just such a Committee, and seek to discover for himself, and on behalf of his fellow members, whether a candidate is worthy of reception or not. We consider a brief study of the extract under notice will teach the English Craftsman more of his duties under this head than he probably knew, or fully appreciated before. It will prove to him that the oft repeated caution to be careful who is admitted into our Order is something more than mere verbiage, and will show that our American and other distant Brethren adopt greater safeguards than we do in England, in the hope of admitting worthy men alone into the ranks of Freemasonry.

Proceeding onward our contemporary touches upon one or two other matters which apply with equal force to England as to the part of the world for which they were more particularly written. There is the injunction to fearlessly state the existence of any objection to the candidate rather than adopt the underhand course of seeming to appear favourable and then, "under cover of the secret ballot, accomplish the desired result." Brethren who act in such a way can hardly appreciate the responsibility they assume. Their objection may be a just one, and the exclusion of the candidate may be most desirable, and absolutely necessary, but we cannot admit they are fully justified in such a case in taking the matter entirely in their own hands. As has been so frequently urged in these pages they should explain their objections to the proposer and seconder of the candidate, and together they might form a

Committee of inquiry, proving the objections to be without foundation, or having convinced themselves that they were legitimate, they would be able to see that the candidate was withdrawn, and the Lodge and its members spared the unpleasantness of an unfavourable ballot. Viewed in this light there are some who would like to see Committees of Investigation a regular feature in our Masonry, but we have got along so far without it and shall probably continue to do so until the end of time, the responsibilities which would in the ordinary course fall upon the Committee being borne by the whole of the members of the different Lodges—individually, as well as collectively.

The stipulation as to the residence of the candidate within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, at least one year prior to his application, is another point deserving of consideration, not necessarily with any idea of its introduction into England, so much as to show to us there are responsibilities in that direction; but we have already said enough to justify our insertion of the extract, although, on the face of it, there does not seem to be much to identify it with English Freemasonry. Like many another Masonic lesson it will well repay the time spent in a diligent search for its hidden meanings.

THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

(COMMUNICATED).

IT is frequently remarked that, when the agenda of a meeting shows little likelihood of there being much to do, it often turns out there is a great deal.

The last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge is a good example of the truth of this theory. No one judging from the agenda could have guessed how important a meeting it would be. But it turned out a very important and remarkable one. The loyal address was, as a matter of course among Freemasons, agreed to *nem. con.* It equally goes without saying that the vote in aid of our distressed brethren in Queensland was passed with hearty unanimity.

Had these been all the matters before Grand Lodge the meeting, though noteworthy, would not have stood out as a particularly important one.

I wish that the rest of the proceedings could equally command the approval of the Craft. But, unfortunately, such is not the case. Two important matters came up, which, if passed by in silence, are fraught to my mind with great and evil consequences.

The first was comparatively unimportant, though by no means unimportant in itself. On the reading of the minutes of the June Quarterly Communication a brother rose to say that he had seconded Bro. Simpson's moving of "the previous question." The Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, to my surprise, simply said that he had not seen the brother rise! Can any of your readers inform us whether they have ever known a case in Grand Lodge where such a motion as "the previous question" has been allowed?

I am not aware of any case and should have expected the chair to say that such a motion could not be made.

The second matter, however, was one of much greater importance, and led to a decision which should not, in my opinion, be allowed to pass unchallenged. Bro. W. F. Lamonby had given notice of a motion with which, as your readers will remember, you could not altogether agree, and in your leader of the 2nd inst., you had rather spoken against. Still, Bro. Lamonby is a brother of great experience, and as a colonial brother and a Past Grand Warden of Victoria and a former member of the Colonial Board I was anxious to hear what he had to adduce in favour of his motion. Before Bro. Lamonby could speak, however, the Grand Registrar rose, and as a point of order asked the acting Grand Master to rule that it could not be discussed. As far as I could understand his argument the real gist of it was that notice of the motion had only been given at the "Board of Masters" and no previous notice of intention to hand in such a motion had been given to the Grand Secretary

so that it could not be considered by the officials beforehand. It was admitted that Bro. Lamouby was within his rights in giving the notice, but it was spoken of as if this was a straining of his rights, and the suggestion was that if longer notice had been given it would have been ruled out of order at the General Committee and not have been allowed to be placed on the paper. The Grand Registrar pointed out what he considered to be a flaw in the motion, and the acting Grand Master eventually ruled that the motion was out of order and could not be discussed. He said very fairly that he had consulted the Pro Grand Master, who agreed with him.

It is with some diffidence that I venture to differ from such great authorities, but as you have never shrunk from expressing your opinion, however much it may differ from the leaders in the Craft, I think you would be failing in your duty if you hesitated to allow me to express my views now. I cannot but think the decision was wrong, and unconstitutional in the highest degree.

I do not want to be captious, and am aware that a certain degree of laxity has sprung up as to the name of the General Committee. I do not know any such body as the "Board of Masters." The Constitutions provide for a *General Committee* and it is not an empty distinction. The General Committee acts under the authority of the Book of Constitutions and its functions are clearly defined by Articles 49 to 59. This body is, or should be, what it professes to be, a General Committee of Grand Lodge, a representative, democratic body, and to it, and to it alone, belongs the power to say what motions are improper to come before Grand Lodge. The President of the Board of Benevolence has the right to preside over its meetings (Art. 49) and no doubt any opinion he, or the Grand Registrar, or the Grand Secretary, or any other brother of high standing might express, would have great weight with the Committee in deciding on the propriety or regularity of any given motion. But neither the President of the Board of General Purposes, nor the Grand Registrar nor the Grand Secretary has any right or power that I can find to rule in that Committee that such and such a motion cannot go on the paper. That is a matter for the Committee alone, and their vote must decide it.

In the present instance the Committee had passed the motion and had allowed it to appear on the Agenda paper, and I fail to see where the Constitutions give power to the Grand Master, or acting Grand Master, to intervene and prevent discussion of a motion thus regularly placed upon the Agenda.

It seems to me, with all due deference I say it, that the acting Grand Master acted unconstitutionally in preventing the motion being discussed.

And as a matter of *fairness* I think he was wrong. Granted, for the sake of argument, that the V.W. Grand Registrar was right in his contention that the motion was irregular in the shape it was placed on the paper, it seems to me that the proper course would have been to have allowed Bro. Lamouby to make his motion. If seconded, the Grand Registrar or any one else could, after hearing Bro. Lamouby's reasons, have pointed out where it was wrong, and either spoken against it as a whole, and let it go to the vote in its entirety, or could have suggested such amendments as would have put it in correct form, and let it be accepted or rejected as amended.

I am not arguing for Bro. Lamouby's motion; you may, and probably would, dissent from it, but on broad grounds of public policy I think it should not have been snuffed out unheard. If Bro. Lamouby had reason to think that even one brother suffers injustice he should have been allowed to plead his cause.

The time has, in my opinion, come to speak out plainly. We are in danger of losing our rights as members of a great democratic body. After all, the Grand Master is only the annually elected executive head of the Order, and the power of government of the Craft belongs to Grand Lodge as a whole, not to a "Board of Masters" or a "Grand Council," or any other unrecognised or self-elected body. Unless the Craft is prepared to give itself over blindly to be dragooned by officialism some stand should be made, and made boldly before it is too late. I have spoken strongly but I feel strongly, and I ask you to invite Brethren who have studied the question of the historical origin and development of our great Institution to come forward and discuss the matter either in your columns, or, where it should more properly be discussed—

within the walls of Grand Lodge,—and not to allow motions affecting the rights of Lodges or individual Brethren to be "ruled out of order" without a fair hearing.

The Earl of Londesborough was to be installed as Worshipful Master of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, on Thursday, a grand banquet being arranged to follow the ceremony.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. Councillor John Bradshaw P.M. Charity representative of the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, has had assigned to him the position of Provincial Grand Deacon, and will be invested as such by the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire, at the Provincial meeting to be held at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on Wednesday next.

The Duchess of York Lodge, No. 2482, was consecrated on Wednesday at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie officiating, and being supported by a large number of his Officers. Col. Starkie having to leave at 4 o'clock Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. 1219 assumed the chair and installed Bro. T. A. Lowe as the first W.M. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings next week.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham is to be held at Bishop Auckland on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at half-past three o'clock. The Charities and other Committees will meet at 12.30 and 2.15 respectively. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., will preside, and will be supported by the Deputy of the Province, the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and other Officers.

With full Masonic ceremonial, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, proposes on Thursday, the 21st inst., to lay the corner-stone of the new parish church of Millbrook, to the Building Fund of which his lordship has been such a munificent contributor. For the accommodation of Cornish Masons, whom the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. T. Chirgwin) has invited to be present, a steamer will meet the up train arriving at Saltash at 11.11 a.m., and convey brethren from Cornwall direct to Millbrook and back to Cremyll after the ceremony. Luncheon will be served in the Orangery at Mount Edgcumbe, and steamer arrangements will be made so as to enable Cornish brethren to return by an early train from Devonport.—*Western Morning News*.

The supporters of Effie Rolph Rankin, No. 23 on the list of candidates for election to the Girls School, ask us to publish the following particulars:—The father, Brother Dr. M. A. Rankin, left a widow and eight children, seven of whom were entirely dependent on their mother. Mrs. Rankin's mind completely gave way under the burden, and for many months she was under restraint at St. Luke's Hospital. She is still an invalid, and will be so, it is feared, for the remainder of her life. The case is strongly recommended by Lord Amptill Provincial Grand Master, and the following influential members of the Province of Bedfordshire:—C. E. Prior, M.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce Prov. Grand Chaplain, F. W. Webb Prov. G. Treasurer, E. A. Cumberland P.P.G. Treasurer, J. W. Green P.G. Steward, J. Gladwell P.P.G.W., E. F. Green P.P.G.W., William Austin P.M. 475.

THE SEVEN ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE WORLD, together with one of the chief wonders of modern times, may be appropriately classed as follows:—The tomb of the king of Ceria; the Temple of Diana; the walls and hanging gardens of Babylon; the Colossus at Rhodes; a brazen statue of Apollo seventy cubits high; the statue of Jupiter, sculptured in ivory and gold; and the marble watch tower at Alexandria. These comprise the wonders of ancient times, but amongst the chief and perhaps the most important of modern wonders to persons in delicate health may be classed Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which for over fifty years have performed most wonderful cures in all parts of the world.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Squire the Worshipful Master of the past year, who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. John Stait S.W. and W.M. elect, T. J. O'Brien J.W., T. Lovell P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Ferry P.M. Secretary, W. J. Wall S.D., H. C. Lonsdale J.D., Harry Watts I.G., H. G. Park D.C., and the following, among other Past Masters—E. Marlet, J. Mitchell, F. Keamey, Lewis A. Leins. There was also a goodly number of lay members of the Lodge, with the following visitors—Bros. J. Roberts P.M. 65, G. Schadler P.M. 65, G. Dickinson P.M. 1681, H. J. Harriss P.M. 65, E. Bateman P.M. 180, T. W. Allsop 88, W. G. Hallows P.M. 861, C. H. Woodall 861, J. J. Cattle P.M. 1791, F. Ferris 1563, W. J. Cattle 1361, W. Ward 1257, H. Berghoff 201, W. H. Toye W.M. elect 1278, &c. Bro. W. Lane was the officiating Tyler.

The first business was the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of Emergency held in June. These disposed of, the report of the Audit Committee was received, and the ballot was taken for the initiation of Mr. H. C. Dumbrill, who was regularly elected, and will come forward for initiation at a later meeting. Then followed the installation of Worshipful Master, the ceremonial work being well performed by the retiring Master. The assistant Officers having been appointed, and various matters of minor business disposed of, the Lodge was closed, the company subsequently dining together under the presidency of the new ruler of the Lodge.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal toasts were given, and heartily acknowledged. The Immediate Past Master submitted the toast of the W.M. He did so, he said, with very great pleasure, as he knew by actual experience the capabilities of Brother Stait. The new Master, as most of them were aware, was a thoroughly good and substantial man, and a thoroughly good brother, a man with a big heart and a Mason they could thoroughly depend upon. In him the Lodge had one who would do his duty and who might be relied on to persevere and conquer. He was a very busy man, and had but very little time, but at the same time he could be relied upon to carry out his duties in the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members and with ultimate benefit to them. He felt that whatever words were uttered in praise of Brother Stait they would be no more than he deserved, and he also felt no one could more sincerely wish him success than he did in proposing his health as Master of their Lodge.

The Worshipful Master tendered his hearty acknowledgments. On rising for the first time in the chair of the Lodge he desired to thank the members most sincerely for their reception of him, and also for having elected him to the position with unanimity. He trusted that during his year of office there would be no discordant note to disturb the harmony that now existed in the Lodge, but that all would go on with the good feeling that was now manifest. The members might rely on his carrying out the work they had that evening placed under his control in the most thorough manner it was in his power to command, and he hoped for the very best results.

The toast of the Visitors was next given from the chair. The Master expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many guests that evening, as the Lodge has always made a feature of extending a hearty welcome to visitors, and the members were glad to know that their efforts in that direction were appreciated. On behalf of the Lodge he expressed gratification at the attendance of their friends, and hoped they had all enjoyed themselves.

Responding on behalf of the Visitors Bro. Roberts P.M. of the Prosperity Lodge made some flattering remarks. The Perseverance, he said, was, in reality, the offspring—the daughter of the old Lodge of Prosperity, and he was naturally gratified at its present very satisfactory position. He well remembered being present, some seventeen or eighteen years ago, at its consecration, and considered the founders had every reason to be proud of the work that had taken place in it since that event. He felt sure the recently installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge would have the support of the members, just as they in turn would have the very best attention Bro. Stait could give them, and continued success should be the result. Bro. Bateman Past Master of the St. James's Union Lodge, was next called upon, and in the course of his reply he spoke in the same eulogistic terms of the Lodge, and expressed the especial pleasure he had that night experienced in seeing his cousin installed into its chair. Bro. Cattle followed in similar strains. He knew enough of their Worshipful Master to regard him as certain to prove a credit to the Lodge. He hoped the members would give him sufficient work to keep him fully employed and enable him to demonstrate what he was capable of; it would be a grand thing for Freemasonry if every Master was as fit and as fully qualified for the work as he. Bro. Hallows next responded. He congratulated the Lodge on its Master, its efficient Officers and its good array of really capable Past Masters. Bros. Cattle and Allsop also acknowledged the toast.

In proposing the next toast, the Master said it was one sure to be received with hearty good feeling, being that of the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge and the Installing Master of the evening—united in the one member, their Bro. Squire, who was so well known by every one in the Lodge that no words were needed to induce them to sing his praises. He was well deserving of every kind thing that could be said of him, and fully deserved every praise that could be showered upon him. The Master had much pleasure in investing him with the Past Master's jewel the Lodge had unanimously voted

in recognition of his services, and in doing so he sincerely expressed the hope that Bro. Squire might live long to be among them—an exemplification of a right good and worthy brother.

In responding, Bro. Squire first tendered his heatiest thanks for the very kind reception just accorded him. He felt this especially at the end of his year of office, when he was enabled to look back upon an event in his life—the occupancy of the chair in their Lodge. The position of Master was an event which all Masons looked forward to, but when they were placed in the chair they were often taken aback at the responsibilities that seemed to face them; gradually they gained a little more confidence, and then just as they were settling down to the work they found themselves transferred to the rank of Past Master, with responsibility removed on to the shoulders of their successor. Looking back he could truly say he had tried to do his best in the Lodge, and had acted to the utmost of his skill and ability. He only hoped the brethren were satisfied. He felt they were, as they had been good enough to vote him a Past Master's jewel, a presentation for which he tendered them his heartiest thanks.

In submitting the next toast the Worshipful Master said it was one always received with cordiality in their Lodge—the health of the Past Masters, and on this occasion he intended to couple with it the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The best he could say of the brethren included in this joint toast was that they were always ready and willing to assist any Master in the work of the Lodge. Each of the brethren he referred to was ready at all times with co-operation and advice which was very necessary for a Master to have, especially when starting on his year of office. The Treasurer was a particularly good Officer, looking after the finances of the Lodge with the greatest of care and managing their affairs in such a way as to be able to hand over this year a much larger balance than any previously known in the Lodge. Of the Secretary he could not speak in too eulogistic a manner. He was second to none in London and had been of great service in the Lodge. He attended to every part of his duty in a satisfactory manner, but beyond that he possessed abilities others did not enjoy, inasmuch as he was able to lecture to them in Lodge on Masonic subjects in a manner that was really a treat to listen to—unique, or almost so, among the Secretaries of the metropolis and making them proud to possess such a Secretary.

Past Master Kearney was the first to respond. One of the most pleasing duties afforded to the Past Masters was that of acknowledging the toast proposed on behalf of the former Masters. It had always afforded him great pleasure to respond, but he had especial pleasure in doing so on that occasion when they had in the chair a brother with whom he was well acquainted, and whose character he fully appreciated. He also expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so many old friends around him, brethren he had known in the Lodge of Prosperity and elsewhere.

Bro. Lovett Treasurer felt that the Lodge of Perseverance had been as unique in its Treasurers as in its Secretaries, as of the two brethren who had preceded him in the office one had been a Grand Officer. He sincerely wished the Master a successful year, and hoped the good fellowship and good feeling that now appeared to exist between their Lodge and the Lodge of Prosperity would continue.

Bro. Ferry acknowledged the toast as Secretary, thanking the Master and the members of the Lodge for the reception they had accorded him. He had that night the pleasure of entering on his 12th year of office as Secretary, and he did so most willingly and heartily. He also thanked them for the very kind way in which they had referred to his efforts as a lecturer in the Lodge, and assured them he was ready and willing to fulfil a similar duty again, whenever it was convenient for the members to listen to him. He might say he had not only a lecture all ready, but also had some most interesting diagrams and models to bring under their notice at the first opportunity.

Bro. Marlet also spoke as a Past Master, expressing gratification at the position of the Lodge, and pleasure that their Secretary was so much appreciated. He felt especial interest in Bro. Ferry, as he had originally appointed him to the office he had so ably filled ever since.

The toast of the Officers was next given and acknowledged, after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THE winter session of this Lodge commenced with the meeting of the brethren at the Freemasons' Hall, W.C., last Saturday, when, according to its bye-laws, the installation of the new W.M., who was elected so long ago as last March, took place. The retiring Master (Bro. John Culver) presided, and was supported by the following members and visitors:—Bros. W. H. Foot S.W., W. H. Lowry J.W., Joseph Bladon I.P.M., J. C. Barrette P.M. 245 and 590, Rev. W. Tylor-Jones P.P.G.C. Kent and P.M. 181, Henry Pick P.M. 1920, C. J. Davison P.M. 1897, Henry Massey P.M. 1928, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, J. Spencer 765, A. M. Phillips W.M. 1812, J. Dyer 754, G. H. Nyburgh 183, A. P. Fynn 1381, H. H. Wardell 32 and Laconia U.S.A., J. W. Brooke P.M., C. H. Cox P.M., Hy. Cattermole P.M., T. C. Corpe P.M., H. Sinclair P.M. 1816, J. Newbold, J. W. Dewnap P.M. Secretary, &c. Letters of apology were received from several Grand Officers who were unfortunately unable to attend.

The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last regular meeting in March and of two subsequent emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Elithorn, Toon and King being candidates for the degree of Master Mason, answered the usual questions and were entrusted and retired. They were afterwards raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., the ritual being very impressively rendered. The next business was the installation of Brother William Henry Foot, which was also undertaken by Bro. Culver, after Bro. Foot had signified his adherence to the ancient charges and

regulations. The addresses were admirably delivered and elicited the hearty approbation of the brethren present. The new Master having been saluted in the various degrees, then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year. They were Bros. John Culver I.P.M., W. H. Lowry S.W., E. Mussard J.W., T. C. Corpe Past Master Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, C. Heinekey S.D., C. H. Knuth J.D., W. Wright I.G., A. T. Baschinski Dir. of Cers., F. H. Stollery and W. A. S. Staley Stewards, W. Bowler Tyler. The reports of the Audit Committee relating to the Lodge and Benevolent Funds were considered and accepted. Bro. Thomas J. Jackson, formerly a member of the Lodge, was re-admitted as a joining member. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M., in the name of the members, presented Bro. Culver with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of appreciation from the brethren, whose love and respect he had gained. Bro. Culver suitably returned thanks and added that he should always regard the jewel as a pleasant souvenir of a very happy year of office.

The company then adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Culver resumed the gavel to propose the toast of the new Master, in whom, he said, they had an excellent and good brother, who had only one end in view and that was to ensure the happiness of the brethren and the prosperity of the Lodge. They all knew that he would discharge his duties zealously and efficiently, and he was sure that Bro. Foot would leave the chair with the same golden honours as those who had preceded him.

The W.M. in response said that it was with feelings of great pleasure that he looked around him and saw so many friends and brothers, and they might depend upon him to do all that lay in his power to promulgate the genuine principles of Freemasonry. He had been initiated in the Lodge and had never taken office in any other, and trusted when the time came for him to quit the chair they would receive him with the same cordiality as they had extended to him on his installation. In returning the compliment to the I.P.M., the W.M. said that Bro. Culver left the chair in complete harmony and concord. He had done good work during his year of office, which had culminated in the services rendered that evening.

Bro. Culver said it was very gratifying to find that the brethren appreciated his efforts during the past year, but he had met with nothing but kindness, so that his task had been an easy one and he should always regard his mastership as being one of the happiest in his life.

The Rev. Taylor Jones P.P.G.C. returned thanks for the Visitors, who, he was sure, were equally gratified as himself in witnessing the ceremonies that afternoon. He had sat in the same chair as the W.M. when he was Master of another Lodge, and had visited several Lodges, but he had never seen the working more admirably performed. Bros. Davison and Philips also responded. Brothers Williams, Cattermole, Bladon, and Cox acknowledged the toast of the Past Masters.

The W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary in eulogistic terms, referring to the valuable services rendered by those brethren. The toast was replied to by Bro. J. W. Dawson, who stated that he was one of the founders of the Lodge some fourteen years ago; and of those brethren who were associated with him in that pleasant business only Bros. Brooke and Corpe remained. It was an honour to him to be Secretary of such an important Lodge, and he was always ready to assist the Worshipful Master in its well ruling and government.

The W.M. then said they ought not to part without pledging the Masonic Press, of whom they had two old representatives present. The Craft in general was indebted for their services, and the brethren in particular owed them special thanks for not only reporting their meetings but for bringing under their notice all matters that concerned their Masonic interests. Brother Massey in reply thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment, and expressed the pleasure it was to come among them year after year and see the ritual so well conducted and the Lodge increasing in prosperity. Bro. Cooper, while re-echoing Bro. Massey's remarks, urged upon the brethren increased support of the Masonic journals, which, whatever might be their value to the Craft, were not a financial success. In these days when every profession, business and society boasted of its special organ it surely behoved Masons to assist those devoted to their interests.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy conclusion. During the evening the Lyric Vocal Quartette gave a capital selection of songs, which were much enjoyed.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE members of this Lodge having agreed to a resolution that the Lodge should be removed from its present quarters at the Welsh Harp, are just now without a regular home, and the installation meeting falling on Saturday last it was deemed desirable to apply for a dispensation, which was granted, and enabled them to meet in the city at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Most of the members of the Hendon Lodge are associated with other Lodges meeting under Bro. Clemow's roof, and they were, as a consequence, quite at home in their temporary quarters, which will probably be adapted as the future home of the Hendon Lodge.

The proceedings of the day were carried out under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Scurrah Worshipful Master, who was well supported by Officers, lay members and visitors. The dispensation allowing the meeting having been read, Bro. W. W. Langley the former Senior Warden, who was initiated, passed and raised in the Royal Savoy Lodge when under the Mastership of Bro. W. M. Stiles, the Treasurer of the Hendon Lodge, was regularly installed as Worshipful Master, the outgoing Master ably performing the ceremony. The assistant Officers were subsequently appointed, and a Past Master's jewel

was presented to the retiring W.M.—who was the sixth holder of the office. The jewel bears the following inscription:—

"Presented by the brethren of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, to Bro. ARTHUR H. SCURRAH P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, as a mark of respect and in recognition of his services as W.M. September 1893."

Following the closing of the Lodge the company sat down to the installation banquet, after which the customary toasts were given and acknowledged.

Bro. A. H. Scurrah proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, describing him as a Mason who had really earned the good opinion and the esteem of every member of the Lodge. He had worked up in each office from that of Inner Guard, and the satisfactory way in which he had performed his duties in the minor offices induced them to believe he would excel in the higher one. He was one they could fully appreciate and rely on, and it was with that feeling they had installed him in the chair of the Lodge that night. He had great pleasure in wishing him success, and felt convinced he would leave nothing undone to secure the future success of the Lodge. In reply the Worshipful Master tendered his most hearty thanks, both to the Immediate Past Master for the way in which he had proposed the toast and to the brethren for their reception of it. He had for many years past been striving to reach the proud position he had attained that evening and fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren which had placed him at the head of the Hendon Lodge. They had been good enough to elect him to the office unanimously and he should do his utmost to make his year of office in the Lodge as successful as possible. He looked forward to some busy times in the Lodge, as was evidenced by the fact that one member alone had handed in five propositions for new membership. He should do his utmost for the Hendon Lodge, and, feeling sure he might rely on the assistance of the members, was fairly confident as to the result.

The toast of the Installing Master was next given from the chair, the healths of the other Past Masters being coupled. The Installing Master, Bro. Arthur Scurrah, could not be too highly spoken of, while it was very difficult to adequately thank the other Past Masters for what they had done. It was really a privilege to preside over such a Lodge as theirs, and he only hoped he might prove as successful as those who had preceded him in the high office of Master. He should certainly strive to emulate his predecessor, and really hoped he might be able to instal his successor as he had been installed that night; but it was not only on that occasion Bro. Scurrah had excelled—he was indeed a marvel as an Officer, and had been very busy during the period of his presidency. Then they had their older Past Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who was universally loved and respected in the Lodge, for which he had done very much in the past. Among the others he had to refer to were Bros. Lewis and Nottingham, who had each taken a share in securing for the Lodge its present reputation and position.

The toast was acknowledged and followed by others in regular order, the evening being concluded with the usual closing sentiment.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

AFTER a two months' adjournment, the above Lodge commenced its labours at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 1st inst. Bro. Cyril H. Beever W.M. took the chair shortly before 7 p.m. The opening hymn was sung, and Lodge business began. The name of Mr. Howard Curtis Sacré was successfully put to the ballot, and was followed by his initiation into the Craft. Bro. Beever undertook the ceremony, being assisted by his principal Officers, and at the festive board which followed, the W.M. and his Wardens were highly commended for the finished manner in which their various tasks had been performed. Brother Sacré is an undoubted acquisition to the Lodge, and we shall watch with interest his progress through the remaining degrees. There were present:—Bro. C. H. Beever W.M., W. Dyson Fryer I.P.M., James Morrison Jun. S.W., Alfred Pickford J.W., Henry Nail P.M. Treasurer, Jno. G. Bromley P.M. Secretary, Thomas A. Holland S.D., Charles Rawle J.D., W. Hesketh P.M. Director of Ceremonies, William C. Flint I.G., A. Redfearn and T. R. E. Birkett Stewards, Conuncillor John Bradshaw P.M., James Laidlaw P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Arthur M. Moss P.M., A. G. Bateman, Hugh W. Bloomer, John Coupland, William Rushton, John M. Crone. Visitors:—Bros. C. Heywood P.M. 1387 Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., Edward Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. C. P. Billing, who was well supported by the following Officers and brethren of the Lodge:—Bros. A. J. Tonkin S.W. and W.M. elect, C. Hazell J.W., J. R. Thebridge P.P.G.D. Treasurer, C. L. Thomas P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, H. M. Appleton P.M. D.C., T. Turner A.D.C., A. Jefferies S.D., E. Tedder J.D. pro tem., J. W. Hall Steward, E. Davey I.P.M., W. Rice P.P.G.D., George Dando P.P.G.P., W. K. Thomas P.G. Supt. of Works, F. G. Dimery P.M., the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly P.G. Chaplain, W. Glasspoole P.P.G.S., W. T. Shapland P.M., R. O. Coleman, W. Roberts, G. Daltry, F. G. Warren, T. Lowther, J. Southwood, Josiah Green, C. Morgan, and W. Maby.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset and P.G. Deacon of England, E. Fry Wade P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, John Gard P.P.G.S.W. Bristol, W. J. Wilcox W.M. 1388, E. J. Grubb P.P.G.D. Bristol, C. Pfeiffer P.M. 1833, W. J. Rorke I.P.M. 1749, D. Edwards P.M. 1052, Ernest J. Machon J.W. 68, A. J. Mott 68, J. Stoate 610, C. Sindry 610, W. H. Frank.

ham S.D. 973, F. V. Braizier Secretary 1296, R. A. Shrapnell S.W. 1833, Herbert Fielding S.D. 326, and J. W. Powell A.D.C. 103.

The ceremony of installation was performed in the able and impressive manner for which the revered D.P.G.M. of Somerset (Bro. R. C. Else) is so celebrated, the beauties of the ritual being intensified by his earnest and graceful delivery.

The newly installed Master, Bro. A. J. Tonkin then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bos. C. P. Billing I.P.M., C. Hazell S.W., E. W. Harvey J.W., the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly Chaplain, J. R. Thebridge P.M. Treasurer, W. T. Shapland P.M. Secretary, A. Jeffries S.D., F. G. Moore J.D., E. Davey P.M. Organist, T. Turner Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Hall I.G., E. Teddor and F. J. Warren Stewards.

After labour the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where they sat down to a really sumptuous repast, prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Boulter, the W.M. presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. Rice P.P.G.D., who congratulated the W.M. upon the high honour that day conferred upon him, and said he felt sure from his knowledge of Bro. Tonkin that he would be a worthy successor of a long line of P.M.s who had preceded him in the chair, and had no doubt but that the Lodge would prosper under his guidance. The W.M. replied in a few well chosen words. During the course of the evening a very capital selection of songs and recitations was given. Among those contributing to the enjoyment in this way being the W.M. Bro. Tonkin, the I.P.M. Bro. Billing, and Bros. W. K. Thomas P.M., F. G. Dimery P.M., C. Pfeiffer P.M., R. H. Shrapnell, &c.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Club Room, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 6th instant. Bro. Councillor Thomas Uttley W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Hy. Grimshaw S.W., William Gadd J.W., Fredk. G. Berry Treasurer, John Phythian Secretary, William Hy. Wilson Assistant Secretary, Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom S.D., Hy. Sheard J.D., E. H. Ritson I.G., F. W. Lean P.M. Prov. G.S.D., George Makin, Thomas Plampton. Visitors—Bros. James J. Lambert 1387 P.P.G.R. West Lancashire, George Sam Smith Prov. G.O. 2447, John Moffatt P.M. 1140, James E. Smith S.W. 210, Charles Kay 152, William Keating Taylor 204, T. Smith 361, Henry Clulow Secretary 993, E. Loebell 1161, Thomas Glynn 1219, James Hamer Crossley 993, Edward Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

There were three candidates for initiation, who, after having been duly balloted for, were admitted to the mysteries of the E.A. degree, the first, Mr. Charles Sinfield Cotton, being initiated by the W.M., the second, Mr. Henry Wood, by Bro. Lean, and the third, Mr. Frederic Grammer, by Bro. Fred. G. Berry Treasurer. In each case the first portion of the ceremony terminated with the N.E. corner, being resumed by Bro. Gadd J.W., who presented the working tools, and the S.W. who reached the apex of a very excellent performance by delivering the Charge.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the same being varied by songs which were rendered by Bros. Lambert and Taylor. The toast of the visitors was proposed by Bro. Lean in a spirited, well-measured speech, which, although somewhat didactic in character, was received with the enthusiasm it deserved. He spoke of the sociality which was engendered in the Craft, which, properly used and combined with temperance, is delightful; reverted to its good and abiding principles; its mutual interests and its mutual ties; how it brought men together and assisted them to estimate each others' virtues. He strongly advocated the carrying into practice through one's daily life those principles which had been inculcated that evening, by which the brethren would emerge from their trials possessing hands clean, minds clean, and thoughts reverent and pure, which qualifications would gain them the respect of those who knew them, and as for those who did not know them,—why their opinion did not so much matter. Of the visitors generally, whom he regarded as an important adjunct, he spoke in very flattering terms, contending that by their presence they were capable of bestowing advice and encouragement. The visitors responded, and were unanimous in according the highest possible praise to those Officers who had performed the various ceremonies.

Bro. Phythian proposed the toast of the Initiates, stating at the onset that he did so with the sincerest pleasure. They had joined a Lodge of a historic character, and he pointed out the various responsibilities which they had incurred in so doing, finishing a remarkably trenchant address with an admission that the principles by which Masons are actuated, viz., benevolence, truth, and charity, were worthy of being proclaimed from the house tops.

Bro. Cotton, in reply, said that upon his first entry into the room, his feelings had alternated between surprise and wonder, and he could not imagine what would become of him before the night was over. During one portion of the ceremony, which he mentioned, he was forcibly reminded of the following biblical quotation:—"As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of a man that of his friend," and this inspired him with confidence to continue to the end. He characterised the ancient charge which was rendered by Bro. Grimshaw S.W. as superb, and divinely conceived in thought and words. He was sure that the outside world could not know much of Freemasonry as he had seen it that night, and which had impressed him with a sense of its beauty and sublimity, but he supposed that in time the outside world would become better acquainted with it. For his own part, taking the ceremony all through, he was extremely well pleased, and thanked those, who, by their efforts, had tended to produce this impression upon him.

Bro. Wood said he stood in an awkward position, and felt that he was not sufficiently versed in the phraseology of Masonry as to be able to orate very much; indeed he supposed he was not expected to do so. What he had seen that evening had convinced him that it

would be impossible for any candidate to pass through such an ordeal with a feeling of levity. He was charmed with the manner in which the Senior Warden had given the charge, and he would endeavour to carry out the precepts laid down to the best of his ability.

Bro. Grammer stated that to follow as third speaker upon a topic which had now become familiar to them, might cause him to indulge in repetitions. Like the other candidates, he had been very much impressed with the ceremony through which he had passed. He described the feelings which had animated him during the process of preparation, and how curiously, interestedly, and puzzledly, he had followed the various preliminaries, wondering at each phase what was in store for him. If he might draw a parallel, he thought that light was wanted by the outside world with regard to Freemasonry, and concluded a very creditable prolation by thanking the Officers for their indulgence, hoping at the same time that he would ultimately become a credit to the Order.

Bro. Lean interpolating, said that he was not surprised at the sentiments which had been expressed by the candidates. He spoke of the early days of Freemasonry, and traced its development and effect upon the world's history. He spoke with regret of the absence of Bro. Baxter, who was away through ill health. Bro. Baxter had taken an active part in the formation of the Lodge, and he (Brother Lean) took that opportunity of drinking to his immediate recovery.

The W.M. proposed the next toast, viz., the Officers of the Longsight Lodge, naming them individually, and dwelling at some length upon their various characteristics.

After the Officers had responded, Bro. Grimshaw S.W. mentioned that Bro. Barlow P.M. had upon the preceding Thursday suffered a sad bereavement by the death of his wife. He proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that a vote of condolence should be given to him upon the melancholy event.

The Tyler's toast, which was given by Bro. Gadd, concluded the business of the evening.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—At the Castle Tavern, Holloway Road, on Friday, 8th inst., Bros. Robson W.M., Wareham S.W., Bailey J.W., Wilks S.D., Godwin J.D., Pearsell I.G., Cull Preceptor, Brown Treasurer, Angell Secretary, Lee, Hislop, Edmunds, Cooper, and Culver P.M.s, and others. Bro. Robson having taken the obligation as Master elect was duly installed into the Master's chair in the most admirable and perfect manner by Bro. Cull, the esteemed Preceptor. Bro. Robson then invested his Officers. Bro. Culver acting D.C. then gave the addresses in very earnest and impressive terms, reflecting the very highest credit on him. Bro. P.M. Lee proposed that the members have a dinner to commemorate the thousandth meeting of this popular Lodge of Instruction, and this will take place at the beginning of December.

THE SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

AS is our custom from time to time we like to place before our readers the many advantages to be had from the different railways of the United Kingdom, and in dealing with the South Eastern Railway we find many places of beauty and of interest that are to be reached by the line. In mentioning a few it will give our readers some idea of the vast amount of ground over which the line works. First of all the Company undertake to reach Paris from London in the quick time of 7½ hours, and this by means of the mail and special express trains and steamers, via Folkstone and Boulogne or Dover and Calais. By these routes the South Eastern Company say they save a matter of 28 miles, and in this time of bustle and hurry that is a great consideration. Another point in favour of this route to Paris is the reduced rate of fares; for instance, the charge via Boulogne by the Express service trains is 55s single and 89s return first class, 40s single and 68s 6d return second class; via Calais by the same service, 60s single and 89s return first, 43s 6d single and 68s 6d return second class. For third class passengers the fares are—by the Night Mail service—24s and 42s via Boulogne, and 26s 9d and 42s via Calais. The return tickets are available for the term of one month and can be used for either route on the return journey. Besides the continent this line serves many of the most popular English watering places, notably Folkestone, Hastings, Dover, Deal, Walmer, Margate, and St. Leonard's-on-Sea. To reach these places every facility is given, cheap excursions being run to them all, while the good service of ordinary trains are something to the credit of the Company. A few more of the better known places reached by the South Eastern line are Sandgate, Hythe, Ashford, Canterbury, Tunbridge Wells, Chatham, Dorking, Aldershot, Littlestone-on-Sea, Shorncliffe, Whitstable, Maidstone, Redhill, Guildford, while those ever popular places—Gravesend and Sheerness—are easily to be reached.

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In conclusion, we would recommend those of our readers who are in doubt where to go for their holidays to obtain the South Eastern Time Table, which will give some useful information, and if they then require any farther particulars to write to Mr. Myles Fenton, the General Manager, who will be glad to answer any questions put to him.

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THE RECENT "OUT OF ORDER" RULING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You have entirely misconceived the ground on which Bro. Lamouby's motion was ruled out of order. That notice of it was given to the Board of Masters had nothing to do with it. The right to leave it till the last moment was admitted, though the convenience of that course was questioned. It was ruled out of order because the District Grand Lodges were dissolved, and there was no person or body over whom or which Grand Lodge had any control. At any rate "District Grand Secretaries," as mentioned in the motion, were not the responsible persons according to Rule CXI., for "District Grand Masters" of existing English District Grand Lodges were responsible for returns.

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

MORE LIGHT FOR MASONRY!

AT the ordinary meeting of the Brighton Town Council last week, Alderman Botting, referring to the proposals with reference to the installation of the electric light in the Masonic rooms, said he did not think this was necessary. He moved that the electric light be not used by the Masons. Councillor Sutton rose to order. Was it right that they should discuss what the Masons were going to do. Alderman Sendall was of opinion that Alderman Botting's remarks were quite superfluous, and Alderman Abbey suggested that Freemasons could not have too much light on their proceedings. Councillor E. A. Dell asked what the Masons paid for the rooms; he would very much like to know that. He believed there was an impression in the town that the Masons did not pay anything for the rooms. Councillor Broadbridge protested against any discussion of the business of the Masonic body. The Town Clerk, in reply to Councillor E. A. Dell, said that up to now the Masons had paid about £200 for the rooms. Councillor Booth thought it should be stated how much the Masons paid for the rooms, as against the charges made in the case of other persons. He maintained that the Masons had no more right than the Druids or the Oddfellows to have the rooms at a reduced price. Councillor Broadbridge and other members again rose to order, and Councillor Edwards called out "I thought these Masons were all gentlemen; they seem to be very disorderly." Councillor Booth went on to say that the Masons only paid £3 for the use of the banqueting-room, but other people had to pay £9. Councillor Booth spoke amid a continual fire of interruptions, against which he protested, saying if they thought he was going to be put down they were mistaken; and Councillor Edwards again observed, "I thought you were gentlemen!" Alderman Reeves asked if there was not an Act of Parliament which prohibited members who were pecuniarily interested in a subject from taking part in a discussion? and the Town Clerk answered that this was so; but the present was not a case in point. Councillor Daniel, after assuring Councillor E. A. Dell that there was no noisier man in the Council than he was, suggested that a full statement of the Town Council's dealings with the Masons should be submitted, and he felt sure this would show that Mr. Booth had made very great errors. The Mayor said he thought the matter might now come to an end amicably, but Councillor Robert Dell insisted on yet another speech. He considered that the charges made to the Masons were perfectly fair; and Councillor Berry supported this. The Mayor then put the proceedings, which were adopted.—*Sussex Daily News*.

Fancy our old friend *Punch* asking for information! We always thought he or his faithful dog knew every thing, and yet the following appeared this week:—

NOAH'S ARK MASONRY.—For the first time Bro. *Punch*, G.A.U.W.G.M., and Past Grand Everybody, met with mention of the "Royal Ark Mariners." Do they belong to an off-shoot, or rather an olive branch, of Freemasonry? "There are 3980 of them," says the *Daily Telegraph*. Where do they meet? In an Ark? Do they enter in pairs? Of course, NOAH himself was a Mason, seeing that abroad his own vessel he was Sailing Master of the Craft.

We have heard of "Gauwgmandisers," but, Bro. *Punch*, what does G.A.U.W.G.M. mean?

Spiers and Pond (Limited) notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of declaring dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March 1894, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st October next.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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The dramatic season is about to commence in real earnest, and next week promises to be a busy one. The Court, Globe, Gaiety and Trafalgar Square Theatres have already started apparently on successful careers. The Strand is announced to open to-night (Saturday), with "The Lady Killer." On Tuesday the Augustine Daly Company return to town, and revive the comedy, "Dollars and Sense," which was played with success a year or two ago. On Wednesday, Mr. Beerbohm Tree will attract a full house to the Haymarket with Mr. H. A. Jones' new play, "The Tempter," which has aroused considerable excitement in theatrical circles. The next evening Sir Augustus Harris starts his autumn season with "A Life of Pleasure," of which report speaks favourably. The Adelphi continues its run of luck with "A Woman's Revenge," and at the Criterion Madame Angot's daughter still draws overflowing houses to witness her vagaries.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom has summoned the brethren of West Lancashire to meet for the transaction of the annual business of the Province, at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on Wednesday next, when a large assembly may be expected.

At the World's Masonic Congress, which assembled at Chicago, and met for routine business on Tuesday, the 14th August, the first paper that was read, says the *Western Morning News*, was from Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, the well-known Masonic Historian. Judge Speed proposed, in accordance with the suggestions of Bro. Hughan, that "the conclusion of the Congress is that Grand Lodges have and retain sovereignty over Lodges chartered by them, notwithstanding the subsequent establishment of a Grand Lodge in territory occupied by such Lodges." Various amendments were then offered, the one by Past Grand Master Dr. Robbins being preferred—"That a Grand Lodge duly organised in a State or other autonomous territory is rightly possessed of absolute sovereignty therein." This is not quite all that was wanted by the English advocate, but full particulars are not yet to hand.

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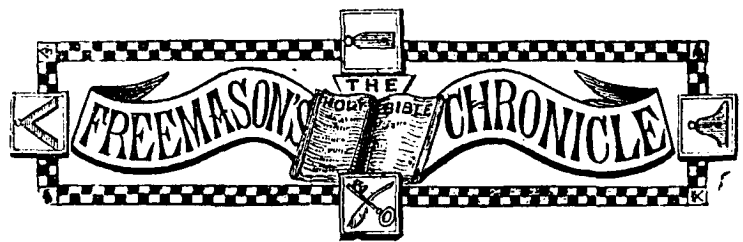
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SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 1893.

In our correspondence column we publish a letter from "PAST MASTER" which necessitates a slight modification of some of our notes of last week. In connection with it we may say we have found out we were not alone in misunderstanding the "out of order" ruling. The error into which many appear to have fallen goes far to prove that in discussions of this character it is often very difficult for Brethren at a distance from the Chairman to fully appreciate the force and intention of official remarks, and hence it is that mistaken ideas sometimes get abroad. In this case there is not much harm done—the proposition was ruled out of order, and as a consequence its discussion was disallowed, although in all probability a free consideration of the subject would have ended as the authorities desired, with the additional advantage that then the subject would have been disposed of, whereas now it remains an open question, and is hardly likely to be left long at rest.

Our comments of last week in regard to the action of Bro. Lamonby were certainly based on an erroneous idea of what took place, but that mistake is of a minor character only, and our remarks would have been almost, if not quite as applicable, had we exactly understood the ruling of the acting Grand Master. We still disapprove of the attempt to upset the traditions of the past by desiring to rush the question past the attention of the Committee of Grand Lodge, and no doubt there is a pretty general opinion that the attempt met a just fate, judged from that particular standpoint.

It seems to us that if Bro. Lamonby's notice had been submitted first of all to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Registrar—in an ordinary sort of way—it might perhaps have been put in order; for we cannot tolerate the idea of the "burking" which seemed to be expected. But as Bro. Lamonby admitted, he delivered it at the last moment intentionally—no doubt with the object that it should not be ruled out of order before the Board of Masters, and so declared not to be admissible on the agenda paper for the September meeting. The whole matter might very well have been put in order, but even then if a discussion had taken place upon it the Grand Lodge of England and the outside body primarily concerned, which are at present on the most amicable terms, would, in all probability, have been placed at variance, and a greater evil would have been created.

What a pity it is that members of the Masonic Order cannot keep Freemasonry out of their business transactions, and vice versa. The proceedings at the last meeting of the Brighton Town Council, of which we give a report elsewhere, supply evidence of the folly of mixing the two. Read from a Mason's standpoint and giving the Masons of the town the full benefit of every doubt, we cannot compliment them on the stand taken by their champions in the Council; but what must be the feelings of those who are opposed to Freemasonry, and those who accuse its members of helping each other to the detriment of their fellows? In our opinion the report in question is a Masonic scandal, and one which should

form the basis of an inquiry by the Provincial Grand Lodge. To pass it by unnoticed is to admit that there is some truth in the charges put forward, whereas we hope there is some way of satisfactorily explaining the apparent discrepancies.

Some interesting details of the past year's work were submitted at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, held on Wednesday, at Nantwich. Although the Cheshire grants to the London Charitable Institutions only reached £63 during the year the local brethren had not been idle in the cause of benevolence, the contributions to the two county funds: the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, added to the amount sent to London, bringing up the total of the year to £3,007 14s 6d actually paid by Cheshire brethren in the cause of charity. The particulars given in regard to the newly established local Benevolent Institution as well as the older Educational one were most gratifying, and gave evidence of sincerity and great zeal on the part of the members of the Province.

The report of a Scottish Lodge meeting supplies the idea for a novelty which might find some supporters this side the border. Interspersed between the toasts and the songs of the evening was a Masonic address, rendered by one of the Past Masters. We do not mean the rendering of an address is anything of a novelty, but the time at which it was here delivered; and although such subjects may be best discussed within a tiled Lodge it is certain there are many who would appreciate a brief address on Masonry during the period set apart for recreation after a quiet meeting, particularly as it would not then delay the closing of the Lodge and the commencement of the after proceedings.

A strange admixture of things is found in the announcement of a billiard match for a whisky bottle, "with a Masonic charm attached." The terms were that it should be played for by Freemasons or the sons of Freemasons only, but we think the Masonic enthusiasm of the donor carried him a little too far, as we cannot see what need there was for this association of Masonry, billiards and whisky, although we have heard of members of the Masonic Order for whom a whisky bottle had a certain amount of charm—apart from the attachment provided in the case under notice.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 70.

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

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Inspired by God—Israel's loved Psalmist sang
Of many things which thrill the human breast;
His harp ne'er sounded with discordant twang,
Yet tells all tales e'er yet we go in quest.
Freemasons love one Psalm surpassing well,
And 'tis well known to all their vast community;
It tells how good for Brethren 'tis to dwell
Together bound in bonds of Love and Unity.
Let us, my Brothers, ever cultivate
Affections golden and all-hallowed tie;
Harbouring no feelings that can separate
The unison which tends to glorify.
Let us clasp hand and swear by help divine
To e'er uphold sweet Unity's design.

Winder House, Bradford,
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The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Devonshire will be held at Exeter on Thursday, the 28th inst. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Provincial Grand Master will preside.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM (VI. PART 2).

By BRO. R. F. GOULD.

BY the recent publication of part 2 of our *Transactions* for the current year, Bro. Speth has presented us with what I shall venture to term, both in regard to the temporary cessation of his own arduous labours, and the general Masonic inactivity at the present season, as the "Holiday" number of *ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM*.

It commences with "A Sketch of the Earlier History of Masonry in Austria and Hungary," by Bro. Ladislas de Malczovich, the first portion of which appeared in Vol. IV. (pp. 20-24), and therefore the article or essay has entered upon the third year of its existence.

The writer began by informing us (Vol. IV. p. 20) that "the particulars were taken from the historical work of Brother Louis Abafi, which was founded on the best sources, in part not generally known," and the promise of new matter, thus held out, has been faithfully carried into execution. But authorities are too sparingly cited, and unless Brother Malczovich is content that the entire sketch should practically rest on the faith of the compiler, he will do well to marshal—before finally parting with his subject—the array of testimony by which the general body of his remarks are supported.

The idea to which I have just given expression has been very forcibly suggested by a perusal of our brother's latest contribution. The point he has now reached is a deeply interesting one. The full story of the STRICT OBSERVANCE has never yet been told, nor from the nature of things can we suppose that it ever will. But a sketch of the "Earlier History of Masonry" in any part of Germany, professedly based on materials not generally accessible, and therefore imperfectly known, even if it does not sensibly add to our information, ought at least to render our ignorance with regard to the subject less profound. The strange adventures of Baron Von Hund, the mystery relating to Johnson, and other curious features of the greatest of "Masonic aberrations," are left, however, by Bro. Malczovich, very much in the same obscurity as when he commenced to dilate upon them. It may be, of course, that there is no new light which can be shed upon the familiar story, though since our brother promises to return, in a later contribution, to Von Hund and his Rite, let us hope, that in the fulness of time, the curiosity of those readers who are interested in the marvellous though fleeting triumph of the STRICT OBSERVANCE over all other continental Rites, will be amply satisfied. Bro. Malczovich, however, would do well to accelerate the pace at which he is proceeding. "It is the business of a good antiquary, as of a good man, to have mortality always before him." Also, to repeat what I have hinted at before, a more frequent reference to authorities, would be gratefully welcomed by the numerous admirers of his excellent paper.

The *Tau as a Key-stone*, "by the (late) Bro. H. J. Whympier," serves at once to illustrate the versatility of the writer, and to accentuate the grief of both Circles at the loss they have sustained. The latter sentiment is admirably voiced by Hughan in the very next article, and a speaking likeness of our deceased brother, which appears with it, will be very generally appreciated.

The Grand Secretary of Holland, Bro. J. P. Vaillant, furnishes a highly interesting description of *Les Chevaliers des Cinq Epées*. The degrees were Aspirant, Chevalier, Commandeur, and Grand Cross, and in the last three, were used the words, "Union, Vertu, Simplicité." There was also a catechism. The society or club existed during the latter part of the 18th century among the students at the University of Leyden.

The first paper read before the Lodge (5th May) was *The Tracing Board in Modern, Oriental, and Medieval Operative Masonry*, of which the W.M., Professor T. Hayter Lewis, said,—"It is a paper which very few men, whether within our circle or out of it, could have written: for the practical knowledge and aptitude to decide and apply it to our purpose is in the possession of very few, whether Freemason or not."

The I.G., Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., in his instructive discourse, touched on many points of deep interest to the *litterati* of Freemasonry, and his essay is entitled to rank among the best and most scholarly productions that have adorned the *Transactions* of the Lodge.

He tells us,—“To the popular world the necessity for secrecy seems a weak point in our structure, but when examined by the light of practical working in the past and in Oriental Communities where ancient systems still survive, the concealment of their methods of working is shown to be a necessity of the greatest importance.”

“It was the discovery of the uses and construction of the square, level and plumb rule, and a few powers in geometry, which gained by ages of experimental working were regarded as precious jewels of knowledge. These raised their possessors above other men. The builders often became the masters of the situation, and did not fail to bargain for and obtain privileges, which together with their mysteries they safeguarded with jealous care.”

“So well concealed are the methods used by Oriental Craftsmen to produce the work, which often puzzles us by its complexity, that travellers have been deceived into believing that by some intuitive faculty the Eastern master-builder is able to dispense with plans, elevations and sections, and start the foundations of the various parts of his structure without a precise predetermination of the bulk and requirements of the several parts. To all appearance the Persian master-builder is independent of the aid of plans. When engaged to build a house he first of all roughly levels the ground and then traces out the position of the walls (full size) with powdered ‘gatch’ or plaster of Paris, apparently without other measurement than foot paces. Actually he has first of all worked out the general scheme, not as our architects do on plain paper, but on a sectional lined tracing board, every square of which represents either one or four square bricks. These tracing boards are the key to the mystery of their craft, and Masons will understand the significance of the discovery that they represent in miniature scale the floor of the master-builder’s workroom.”

“The surface is ruled both ways with fine lines parallel to the sides, like the sectional paper used by engineers. It is then protected by a coat of varnish, which allows the drawing to be washed off when done with. The system of planning is simple, as in Persia the bricks are square. A reed pen or brush is used to dot with Indian ink each small square which represents either one or four bricks, and when the design has been found to work out satisfactorily, the squares are filled up with black and the plan is ready. It is then copied by an assistant onto similar squared paper and the work is set out by laying bricks corresponding with those on the plan. Error is not possible, as the squares confine the sizes to brick dimensions, and as only one system of bond is used the number of bricks required for the intended structure is easily computed by counting the squares and multiplying by the height after deducting the openings. When transferred to paper for future references a curious custom is followed which bears signs of great antiquity. These drawings are not kept separate nor bound as books, but are fastened together side by side with gum, like the Hebrew rolls of the Law, and are preserved in rolls which, when open, extend to about 20 feet. This points to a western origin, as the Hindus, and I believe the Chinese have always used the book form with folding or separate flat leaves for their records. As a binding each roll terminates with a piece of leather cut in the form of a mason’s apron with a string fastened to the peak.”

“The floor of the workroom is generally a space within the building in progress, and here the full-size details are worked out either by enlargement by squares or geometrical methods mostly empirical. The preparation of this floor requires their greatest care, as its finished face is fine plaster of Paris evenly laid. The patterns, once worked out, are incised on the plaster, which being greased, is ready to serve as a mould for slabs of plaster which are cast from it. These, which take the place of tracings of full size details with us, are given out to the workmen and serve as templates to shape the work to. Perfect accuracy and fitting of the several parts are thus assured, as all emanate from one original.”

“In those parts of India influenced by Mohammedan art and architecture I noted empirical methods for drawing the curves of foliated and pointed arches, similar to those used in Persia and modern Egypt. The weavers also had a system of recording both the colour and pattern of a design by cryptographic writing arranged in horizontal parallel columns, and from these records they could reproduce line, curve, and colour with perfect exactness. But in the South, at Madura, a different system was

used, and here I had a great advantage in being able to study Craft work in progress, carried on by men who were conforming strictly to rules which, at the least, possessed an antiquity of a thousand years, and what is of more interest to us, a body of Craftsmen claiming to be possessed of peculiar privileges, divinely accorded, and which, though often prejudicial to the interests of the Braminical priesthood, were usually although unwillingly conceded, these master-builders occupying a position in their hierocratic society from which, any attempt to dislodge them might endanger the whole structure of the Community.”

Bro. Purdon Clarke next refers to the account of the Architect Caste in the well known essay by Ram Raz (1828), who observes of this class,—“They have been long denied the benefit of Sankrit literature and the consequence has been, that while the practical part of the science continued to be followed up amongst them as a kind of inheritance from generation to generation, the theory became gradually lost to the whole nation, if not to the whole world.”

“In 1881 at the great temple at Madura [1] found the ‘Sthapati,’ or architect, able to read as well as apply the instructions of the *silpa-shastra* relating to temple building and decoration. In my presence he worked out on the tracing board, by a curious system of centre stem and off sets, a design for a full sized figure of one of their deities.”

“At the celebrated Pagoda at Cochin at Travancore, a further discovery was made—a room specially set apart for the temple architect, the walls of which were covered with full-sized tracings of figures and temple furniture of all sorts, and here again, at my request, the *silpa-shastra* was produced and worked from. This concession of a special room within the precincts of the temple should be noted, as in European medieval records the setting apart of a portion of a building in course of erection for the use of Masons is frequently mentioned, and the practical necessities of their Craft and its mysteries led, I believe, in course of time to the peculiar arrangement and ornaments of the modern Lodges of Speculative Masonry.”

“It may be objected that several of my instances apply more to the arts of painting and sculpture than to architecture and Masonry, but this is met by the answer that all these arts were formerly considered but as parts of the one science, architecture. In the present day the Eastern architect is generally a man well skilled in one of the trades, usually that of the most important of those directed by him. In Persia he is a plasterer; in India he combines the trades of carpenter and mason, in both of which he is a carver.”

“Both at Madura and Cochin I witnessed a scene similar to which has been often described in our medieval annals, that of a party of workers directed by one reading from a book, and more recently by M. M. Didron and Durand (*Manuel D’Iconographie Chrétienne*), who in a Greek Monastery found a group of semi-ecclesiastical Craftsmen working to directions read from a book by one of their number.”

At the conclusion of the paper, some very interesting additional information was contributed by the I.P.M., Bro. Rylands, a comparison between the ancient and modern tracing board was made in an instructive speech by the Secretary, and the W.M.—who wound up the discussion—was successful in unfolding the real name and title of the Chaldean Master of the Tracing Board, for which he received the thanks of the I.G.

(To be continued).

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, of which Bro. W. W. B. Beach is Grand Master, and Bro. Richard Eve Deputy, will assemble at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, at 3.15 p.m. on Wednesday next, when the usual Provincial business is proposed to be transacted. A hot dinner will take place at 4.30 p.m., tickets, 4s each, exclusive of wine. The attendance of visiting brethren is particularly invited. Black morning dress to be worn. The Albany Lodge (Time Immemorial) will be affiliated, and the W.M. elect installed by the M.W. the Provincial Grand Mark Master before the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge. This ceremony commences at 1.15 p.m.

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, 16th September.

1320 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Victor, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Mount Moriah, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1597 Musgrave, Greyhound, Hampton Court
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
2381 Bushey Park, Greyhound, Hampton Court
2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Monday, 18th September.

720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whitby
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham
1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
1255 Dundas, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport
2268 Horse, Masonic Hall, Bonnamouth
2260 Blundellands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.

2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Street, Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2425 Eccleslure, White Hart, Duffield

R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 42 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 71 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, F.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 19th September.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
R.A. 43 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
354 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor
418 Menturia, Masonic Hall, Hanley
452 Frederick of Unity, F.M.H., Croydon
484 Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
624 Abbey, Hall, Union St., Burton-on-Trent
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
780 Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Llanecston
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
670 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hotel, Crews

1006 Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrior, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle,
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms Inn, Bedlington
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows
2390 Exmoor, Town Hall, Minehead
2407 Hicks-Bench, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 119 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton

R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarum Hill, Gt. Grimsby
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
R.A. 1151 Unity, Town Hall, Twardreath, Cornwall
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hall
M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncroft Street, York.
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 20th September.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Taw, Victoria Park
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Chibitt Town
1540 Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
2241 Cordwainer, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon St.

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86 Loyalty, King's Arms Ho., Prescott, Lancashire
121 Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hookmondwike
311 South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
341 Wellington, George Hotel, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
378 Perfect Friendship, M.H., Soane St., Ipswich
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
580 Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Grosvenor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester
591 Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
633 Yurborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
662 Dartmouth, Masonic Hall, W. Bromwich
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
677 United, George Hotel, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Harnistw
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropemakers, Pontefract
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Wokingham
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffild
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkstall
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1136 Carew, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freem. Hall, Manchester
1248 Holte, Victoria Hall, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighouse
1334 Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Darham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsbottom
1638 Brownrigg, The Sun, Kingston-on-Thames
1774 Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1783 Albert Edward, F.H., Huddersfield
1888 Mawdduck, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Gosport
2153 Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel, North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall, Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse
2266 Cantor, Public Hall, Beckenham
2283 Euston, New Inn, St. Neots.
2434 Anderida, Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne

R.A. 680 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 691 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 663 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 726 Royal Chantry of Fortitude, N.W. Hot, Staff
R.A. 847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Houghton
R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Sandhead
R.A. 1060 Marmon, Masonic Rooms, Llanwrth
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. 123 Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

Thursday, 21st September.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kensington
1365 Clapton, 191 Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9 Albion, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
56 Howard, Town Hall, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
203 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Caelmsford
283 Amity, Grey Mare Hotel, Huddersfield
322 Peace, Warren Berkeley Hotel, Stockport
332 Virtue & Silence, White Lion, Huddersfield, Suff.
337 Candour, New M.R., Uppermill, Saddleworth.
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale
325 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
630 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Howden
659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Institute, Blyth
663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., Devizes
710 Pleiades, Masonic Hall, Totnes
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
787 Beaureper, Lion Hotel, Belper
802 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
1011 Richmond, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1032 Townley Parker, Town Hall, Chorley
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1164 Eliot, Masonic Hall, St. Germans, Cornwall
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
1299 Pembroke, Shiel Park, near Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnastay Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Ho., West. Gorton
1534 Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Biscot, Mon.
1576 Dee, Union Hotel, Cheville
1594 Cedewain, Masonic Temple, Newtown, Mon.
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2091 Castleberg, Ashfield Hotel, Settle
2158 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell, Notts
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield
2316 Princes, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldgs., Southport
2341 Clemency, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham

R.A. 38 Cyrus, Council Chambers, Chichester
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Huddersfield
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
R.A. 603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Farnley, York
R.A. 1130 De Mowbray, George Hotel, M. Mowbray
R.A. 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1295 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1273 St. Michael's, M.H., Sittingbourne
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17 Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T. William de la More, Rooms, St. Helen's

Friday, 22nd September.

Board of Management, Boys' School
R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell

318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Holston
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bunty Inn, Slaidburn
445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle under-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Huddersfield
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth

1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Masonic Hall, Kirkby-in-Landale
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Masonic Rooms, Otley
1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Salisbury
1712 St. John, F.M.H., Grandgeorge Street, Newcastle
1739 Carnarvon, Market Hall, Swallowcliffe
2078 St. Lawrence, Masonic Hall, Scitars
2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Salford
2431 Kugsley, Masonic Hall, Northampton

R.A. 152 Virtue, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
R.A. 1085 Walker, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkstall
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 23rd September.

1679 Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's, Fleet Street
R.A. 176 Caveat, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 1622 Ross, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
398 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Staresos
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1579 St. James, George Hotel, Enfield
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
2333 Broxbourne, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne
2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 16th September.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.
1298 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
1621 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 18th September.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
382 Royal Union, Choquers' Hotel, Uxbridge
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 212 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
 1586 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon'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, 19th September.

25 Robert Burns, Frascoati, Oxford Street, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 920 Lily of Richmond, Station Ho., Richmond, 7:30
 929 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
 1446 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, 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 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 20th September.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30

65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider St.
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall 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
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8

1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30

1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creaton, 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
 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, 21st September.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
 764 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 Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1300 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 8:30
 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, 41 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1623 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1741 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, 22nd September.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 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
 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, 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

Saturday, 23rd September.

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

ROBES AGAIN.

THE Grand Master of Texas considers the wearing of robes in conferring degrees an innovation, and accordingly they were ruled out. However the Grand Lodge voted in direct opposition and the robes are still to be used.

To a Pennsylvania Mason the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas seems to be a strange proceeding, for in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania a ruling or decision of the Grand Master would have settled the question, and we fail to see how he can be Grand Master if the Grand Lodge is greater than he.—*Keystone*.

This "robe business" seems to bother our *Keystone* friends very much. It is like Banquo's ghost, "it will not down," and also like the same unearthly visitant, it is unwelcome when it does bob up. The good brethren of Pennsylvania may disapprove of robes, and they have a perfect right to do so. Texas brethren approve of robes, and they have a perfect right to do so. Texas does not try to stuff robes down Pennsylvania's throat, and why should Pennsylvania try to force its antiquated notions upon Texas, or find fault with the brethren down there because they have the temerity to differ in opinion with those of the *Keystone* state.

Another point in the above extract from the *Keystone* is the fact that the creature is greater than the creator. The Grand Master is elected by the Grand Lodge a servant of the Grand Lodge, an Officer of the Grand Lodge, but yet greater than the Grand Lodge. Truly they have wonderful things in Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the *Keystone*, is the great Pooh Bah of Masonry. By the wave of his imperious sceptre he commands silence and all creation ceases to throb. By his edict the voice of the Grand Lodge is stilled. He calls into being and he destroys. For the life of us we do not see why they ever elect a Grand Master in Pennsylvania, or upon what principle any brother can aspire to the position. The divine right of succession ought to be established somehow, and the incumbent ought to have the right by will, aye, by the inherit rite of his un-assailable position, to transmit his title and "prerogatives" to any brother he thinks would uphold the dignity of this "unrobed," "uncrowned" dictator.

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