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THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Agenda of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, although meagre in extent is not without interest. The report of the Board of Benevolence recommends four grants of £50 each and two of £100 each, while the Report of the Colonial Board further deals with the unfortunate grievance with New Zealand, to which we devote attention elsewhere, under the heading "Secession."

There is also a renewal of Brother W. Woodward's proposition that the Freemasons of England should contribute to the Decoration Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral, a scheme we consider to be outside the scope of Grand Lodge, and one which we hope will be negatived by those present at next week's meeting.

The new Lodges warranted during the quarter are sixteen in number, and carry the Roll up to 2581.

A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

YEARS ago a talented English writer told the world that "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and although there may be few among us who care to admit they are "fools," yet we think there are very many who share with us the desire to rush into that inner circle of Freemasonry of which the Roman Catholic press so frequently tells us, and which appears to be beyond the ken of the "angels" of our secret Brotherhood. We should most certainly like to witness the immense power ascribed to its votaries.

The quotation we have selected from Pope may well be applied to the fools who rush into print in the Romanist papers in regard to Freemasonry, and we certainly envy the patronage of readers such as those prints possess, if they really show a relish for the nonsense provided for them. Would that we could find readers equally gullible as those of the "Catholic Times" must be, if they take any interest in the matter given under the heading "Freemasonry in Great Britain," which we reproduce in our pages as showing the idiocracy of its compilation, and wherein we are told, with apparent sincerity, that Lucifer himself has his vicar on earth (in the form of a prominent Freemason we believe is the popular legend) with whom he visibly held conference at Charleston, South Carolina. We are not usually inquisitive, but we must confess to a great thirst for knowledge of the particular branch of Freemasonry viewed through the Roman Catholic spectacles. But unfortunately Lucifer does not visibly appear to ordinary members of the Masonic Order, any more than do the saints and other luminaries of the Romish Church to ordinary members of that creed. Bigotry and superstition may do much, but they cannot perform such miracles as to bring departed spirits back to earth. The position of affairs may be best expressed in the words of Shakespeare:

. . . . "I can call spirits from the vasty deep.
. . . . Why, so can I, or so can any man;
But will they come when you do call for them?"

We have previously said these senseless utterances of the Romanists are beneath contempt, and would be unworthy of notice, were it not that uncontradicted they appear unanswerable, besides which we hardly think it right to deny our readers the enjoyment to be derived from the reading of such wild stories as are from time to time put forward by the Roman enthusiasts, and the statements in which we should very much like to verify, not only for the purpose of convincing our readers, but also to satisfy our thirst for knowledge.

SECESSION.

OUR views in regard to the split among the Brethren in New Zealand, and the establishment of a local Grand Lodge there, are known to our readers, and it will therefore occasion them no surprise when we say we very much regret the terms of the Report of the Colonial Board, which appears in this quarter's Agenda of Grand Lodge. Therein we are told that twelve "seceding" Lodges of New Zealand had been duly erased from the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, and that the Warrants of the said Lodges had all been returned to the District Grand Master of Canterbury—this being an outcome of the action of the members of these Lodges, who joined the "so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand."

How long is this absurd and most un-Masonic exhibition of temper on the part of the Grand Lodge of England to continue? Can anyone actuated by true Masonic spirit, and uninfluenced by the lawyer-like disposition that seems to govern much of the affairs of English Freemasonry at the present moment, believe that these New Zealand Masons would continue in their "secessions" without good cause? or can anyone explain why the large body of Masons who have formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of New Zealand should be treated as outlaws and designated as seceders?

If our Grand Lodge was engaged in a contentious law suit, with eminent lawyers twisting Acts of Parliament and other documents this way and that way the case might be different, but here we have the Grand Lodge of England holding itself up to the world as the truest exemplification of all that is good in Freemasonry, and at the same time being led by the nose by a body of Brethren who quibble and quarrel over a few forms and ceremonies, and seem to derive as much pleasure in maintaining what has come to be a grievance among members of the Craft, as they would from a snatch verdict in a law court. It should be possible to approach this question as a Masonic one, altogether ignoring the purely "legal" aspect of the case, if it is necessary, in order to arrive at a settlement of the existing condition of affairs, which is a disgrace to Freemasonry, and a reproach to all who take any part in upholding the un-Masonic position at present occupied by our Grand Lodge, which really

seems to be jealous of a large section of its subordinates, who have, in the ordinary course of events, proclaimed their independence, and are now firmly established on their own account. How can we preach Brotherly Love to the world when we have such a glaring illustration of the direct opposite being practised by the governing body of English Freemasonry?

SOUTH WALES.

THE new Masonic temple at the corner of Guildford Crescent, Cardiff, is rapidly approaching completion, the work of converting the building to the purposes of the Craft having been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Evans, Cathays.

The Brethren will shortly be in possession of what will undoubtedly be one of the finest Masonic Temples out of London, says the "South Wales Daily News." The alterations necessary in adapting the building to its new uses have met with the entire approval of the local Lodges, while the furniture and appointments will be of the most sumptuous character, the whole of the former being of the best old English oak. Perfect harmony in the matter of colour and arrangement has been studied, and the interior will be in every respect luxurious in the extreme.

It is understood that the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock has fixed the 26th September as the date for the performance of the inaugural ceremony, on which occasion it is expected that there will be a large gathering of prominent Masons from all parts of South Wales. The Provincial Grand Lodge will hold its meeting on the same day, upon which also it is intended to consecrate the new Duke of York Lodge. Bro. C. E. Dovey Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden is to be the first W.M., and several of the Past Masters of the Bute Lodge are co-operating with him to make the event one memorable for its success in the annals of local Masonry. All the Lodges of Cardiff will hold their meetings in the new Temple when it comes into regular use, it possessing ample ante-room and general accommodation. Everything, in short, is being done to promote the comfort of the Masonic Fraternity conducting their gatherings there. Extensive preparations are being made for the event on the 26th September, when an unusually influential assemblage of Craftsmen is looked forward to.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Pro G.M. Prov. Grand Master has summoned a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, for the transaction of the annual business, to be held at the Town Hall, Bootle, on Friday, the 20th September. Included amongst the ordinary business of the meeting, says the "Liverpool Mercury," will be several proposals to grant substantial sums in aid of the funds of the three Masonic charities of the Province, the Educational, Hamer, and Allpass.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE Installation of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., P.G.D. England and Provincial Grand Master Designate will take place in the Shirehall, Worcester, on Thursday, 12th proximo, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master being the Installing Officer.

Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1:30 p.m. and the Pro G.M. and other Officers of Grand Lodge will enter at 1:45. A banquet will be subsequently held in the Guildhall, at 4:30 p.m.

We tender our heartiest congratulations to the new chief of the Province, and hope his reign will be both a prosperous and a lengthy one.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE death is announced of Bro. John Winkley W.M. of the Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport, who expired on Wednesday of last week, and was interred in the Borough Cemetery of that town on Saturday last, a special meeting of his Lodge being summoned by Bro. John Fields S.W., to meet just prior to the interment, so as to afford the members an opportunity of paying a last sad tribute of respect to their deceased Master.

THE Brethren of Fowey Lodge, No. 977, met in their Lodge Room on Monday, to attend the funeral of the late respected Brother W. B. Graham, age 86. There were present several Past Masters and other Brethren. The Rev. H. N. Purcell read the burial service, after which Bro. W. Tonkin P.P.G.S. of W. gave, in an impressive manner, the Masonic funeral service.

THE BLUE BLANKET.

AS promised in my notes of last week, I now present the reader with another account of this remarkable banner. According to the particulars which have been forwarded to me, it appears that a number of Scotch mechanics followed Allan, Lord Steward of Scotland to the holy wars in Palestine, taking with them a banner on which the following words were inscribed, taken from the 51st Psalm:—"In bona voluntate tua edificenter muri Jerusalem." Fighting under this banner these gallant Scotsmen were present at the capture of Jerusalem and other towns in the Holy Land, and, on their return to their own country, they deposited the banner, which they styled "The Banner of the Holy Ghost," at the altar of St. Eloi—the patron saint of the Edinburgh tradesmen—in the Church of Saint Giles. It was occasionally unfurled or worn as a mantle by the representative of the trades in the courtly and religious pageants that in former times were of frequent occurrence in the Scottish capital. In 1482, James III., in consequence of the assistance which he had received from the craftsmen of Edinburgh in delivering him from the Castle, in which he was kept a prisoner, and paying a debt of 6,000 merks, which he had contracted in making preparation for the marriage of his son, the Duke of Rothsay, to Cecil, daughter of Edward IV. of England, conferred on the good town several valuable privileges, and renewed to the Craftsmen their favourite banner of "The Blue Blanket."

James's Queen, Margaret of Denmark, to show her gratitude and respect to the Crafts, painted on the banner with her own hands a St. Andrew's Cross, a crown, a thistle, and a hammer, with the following inscription, viz., "Fear God and honour the King with a long life and prosperous reign, and we (that is, the trades) shall ever pray to be faithful for the defence of his sacred Majesty's royal person till death." The King decreed that in all time coming this flag should be "the standard of the Crafts within burgh," and that it should be unfurled in defence of their own rights and in protection of their sovereign. The incorporated Crafts were therefore ever ready to hoist this banner when any of their privileges were assailed; and hence James VI. in his work entitled "Basilicon Doron," which he addressed to his son Henry, Prince of Wales, says:—"The Craftsmen think we should be content with their work, how bad soever it should be; and if in anything they be controlled, up goes the Blue Blanket."

The Crafts nevertheless showed no less alertness in bringing it forth to uphold the honour and independence of their country, and to protect the life and liberty of their sovereigns. It is said to have flaunted amid a thousand streamers of all shapes, devices, and hues on the borough muir when the Craftsmen rallied under the Earl of Angus, the Lord Provost, to accompany James IV. to the disastrous field of Flodden. It was displayed to assemble the incorporated trades to protect Queen Mary, when she was insulted and her life placed in jeopardy by the incensed populace, after her surrender to the confederated nobles at Carberry Hill; and it went up to rescue James VI. himself from a rabble that assailed him in the Old Talbooth, for refusing to listen to a petition presented by the Presbyterian ministers complaining of his undue leaning in favour of the Popish party.

The last time it was publicly exhibited was on the visit of George IV. to Scotland in 1822. The privilege of displaying it at the Masonic procession was granted to the journeymen in consequence of their original connection with the Masons of Mary's Chapel, one of the incorporated trades of the city. It was delivered to the assembled journeymen on the morning of the procession by Convener Tibbetts (who was the custodian of it during his term of office), in presence of several of the deacons of the trades, and a large concourse of the citizens. In performing the ceremony, the Convener referred to the historical character of the banner, and the important occasions on which it had floated above the heads of the citizens, and he expressed a hope that while it was in the hands of the journeymen it would be protected with scrupulous care.

Mr. William Hunter, master of the journeymen, in reply, said that the whole journeymen felt honoured in being entrusted with so precious a civic relic on that auspicious occasion; that it would be guarded by two of the Brethren armed with ponderous Lochaber axes, and that every journeyman would feel his honour at stake in returning it safe and sound to the keeping of the Convener.

The "Blue Blanket" was long in a very tattered condition, but was repaired by lining one of its sides with blue silk, so that it can now be exposed without subjecting it to much injury. It was inspected by the Duke of Athole, Lord Panmure, and other notables taking part in the procession, who expressed their gratification at seeing a relic so famous in the annals of the city.

STREBO.

A new volume of "Chums" was commenced with the number published on the 28th inst.

BRO. KEYSER AT HOME.

ACCEPTING the fraternal invitation of Bro. Keyser, a distinguished member of the Masonic body, the Officers and Brethren of the Reading and Newbury Lodges passed several hours most pleasantly at Aldermaston Court on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The majority of visitors from Reading drove over in brakes, but the Newbury Brethren travelled by rail, the whole party reaching the stately residence in detachments between three and four o'clock. Brilliant weather favoured the outing, and the natural beauties of the picturesque and richly wooded domain were seen at their best.

Bro. Keyser gave his guests a hearty reception, and when they had all assembled beneath the shade of the wide spreading trees on the lawn overlooking the lake, the worthy owner proceeded to communicate to the visitors a mass of interesting information relating to the Manor of Aldermaston (Alderman's Town), of which there are authentic records dating back to the time of Harold. The existence of a mansion on this commanding and delightful site is traceable to the eleventh or twelfth century, and Bro. Keyser spoke of the various families who successively held possession here down to the ownership of the late Mr. Higford Duval Burr, whose son, Mr. Higford, sold the property to the present squire, who has materially enlarged and improved the mansion, and opened up new drives.

A gentleman of high attainments and refined taste, and also an accomplished antiquarian, Bro. Keyser has judiciously utilised his knowledge of architecture and art in rendering his new home extremely beautiful and comfortable, and he has, withal, manifested much hospitality since his residence here, and has shown the deepest interest in everything associated with the estate and its surroundings, realising to the fullest degree the truth of the maxim that the holding of property imposes upon its possessor certain responsible duties as well as recognised rights. Bro. Keyser gave proof of this by freely intimating that after he had "got over" the new works at the Court—which, by the bye, must have involved an expenditure of many thousands of pounds—he hopes to undertake the restoration of the parish church, which possesses some Norman carving, and examples of nearly all the later periods of architecture, rendering it an unusually interesting, although somewhat puzzling, object to antiquaries, the presence of whitewash and plaster making it difficult to define the original design, or trace out the subsequent additions and alterations.

Bro. Keyser's remarks upon the manor and mansion were supplemented with some observations on the early history of the place by the Rev. J. M. Guilding, who complimented Bro. Keyser upon the graphic way in which he had presented the facts.

Bro. Keyser also conducted the party through the principal rooms of the house, pointing out the additions and alterations that had been effected. After tea had been served, Bro. Keyser led the way through some of the wildest and most romantic portions of the park, halting to point out several of the venerable oaks which had braved the storms of a thousand years. The "snakery" which existed in the late Mr. Burr's time has disappeared, but the attractions of the park remain intact, and one and all of the visitors were charmed with the sylvan scenery, the stroll along the broad avenues, through the mossy yew tree walks, the curiously wooded dells, or along the banks of the lakes. Deer, disturbed by the approach of strangers, bounded away to their secluded retreats, and countless rabbits disappeared from view almost as soon as they were seen.

The Masons thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and tendered their warmest thanks to their host. Bro. W. J. Maurice W.M., speaking on behalf of the Union Lodge, observed that it was a matter for congratulation that such a splendid domain had passed into the possession of a gentleman who had already shown how much he appreciated it. Bro. the Rev. J. M. Guilding W.M. of the Greyfriars Lodge, Brother A. S. Cooper W.M. of the Kendrick Lodge, and Brother S. Knight P.M. of the Lodge of Hope, also added a few words of thanks, and Bro. Keyser, in reply, said he regarded it as a privilege to have become the owner of such a beautiful estate in the Royal County of Berks, and it had given him much pleasure to receive the Brethren of the Masonic Lodges at Reading and Newbury, in two of which he had the honour of holding high office.—"Reading Mercury."

FREEMASONRY IN GREAT BRITAIN.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—I am glad to see by your notice of the anti-Masonic Congress that Catholics in Britain as well as abroad are beginning to wake up to the mischief which surrounds them. Masonry in this country is by no means the harmless thing people imagine. For many years I have carefully studied all the anti-Masonic works published, from Abbé Barruel up to the July issue of "La Révue Mensuelle," and that of Miss Diana Vaughan, inclusive of those of Leo Taxil and Dr. Charles Hacke (Dr. Bataille), and am a correspondent of their publishers in Paris. Granted that the great mass of Masons in England and Scotland are what the French call "gogos," i.e., mere tools, there are in every large town certain "Arrières Loges et Triangles" in direct communication with Charleston and Rome, and the exact calibre and utility of even every "gogo" is well known. All the agitation in England for secular education, land and labour agitation, strikes, and all social and Anarchist disturbances are distinctly got up by the secret heads of Freemasonry. All the leading professors of Materialism in our colleges, all our leading Parliamentary democrats and Freethinkers are far up in Masonry, which is working for a terrible social revolution in England and Scotland. It is all very fine to say, "Oh, but Royalty and aristocracy is Masonic." Ah! poor "gogos!" if they only knew the "underneath!" I am not romancing in telling you that Lucifer himself is the admitted head and director of Masonry. He has his vicar on earth with whom he visibly held conference in the Sanctum Regnum at Charleston, South Carolina, and which is now transferred to Rome. Diabolic evocations are quite a usual thing in the Triangles of the Arrière Loges, all over the world, from Charleston to China, and, if I am not mistaken, in many of the large towns in Britain, or at least there are those there who have assisted at them when visiting elsewhere. In proportion to its population Scotland is, perhaps, the most Masonic country on earth. Presbyterianism, being a revolt against all authority, lends itself especially to Masonry, to say nothing of more or less true traditions of Masonry, and "Le Rite Ecossais" in connection. No one there can get on really well in trade unless a Mason. I suggest that England and Scotland join the anti-Masonic Congress. Full particulars are given in the last July number of the "Révue Mensuelle," and by Miss Vaughan. The English Catholic Press will probably receive an invitation, and information, direct from Paris. My own communications being on press matters, have been to MM. Delhomme et Briquet, 83 Rue de Rennes, but I see the name of M. Varaigne, 80 Rue Lauriston, Paris, in the Conference notice. Miss Vaughan's agent is M. A. Pierrett, 37 Rue Etienne-Marcel, Paris.—"Catholic Times."

MASONIC FREE-WILL

IT is perhaps unnecessary to urge a single argument, in addition to what I has already been adduced, to prove the beauty and excellence of our Sublime Institution; but we cannot refrain from saying to those who are not members of the Fraternity, and especially to those who, in their ignorance, have traduced the Masonic Order, that there is not a single advance made—no step taken by the noviciate in its mysteries, but must, according to the principles of Masonry, be of his own free-will. This principle is inherent in the laws, is one of the landmarks of the Institution, which the candidate for the degrees is made acquainted with, prior to his entrance. And connected with this landmark is a privilege that all candidates possess, of stopping at any stage they have arrived at; it being altogether a matter of choice with them to proceed. Masonry uses no compulsory means to cause the candidate to advance in the Order. And it is right that he should enjoy this privilege; for did he see, or was he obliged to conform to any rite or ceremony that was opposed to his views of religion or morality, he would be violating his conscience if he proceeded. Masonic degrees are usually conferred at stated intervals of time, and the candidate has ample opportunity for reflection; and were he to see anything in the progress he had already made, that he conceived to be inconsistent with the duty he owed to his God, his country, or his fellowman, it would be his duty, as it is his right, to remain away and make no further progress. This right being accorded to all, and understood by the candidate, is surely one of the strongest evidences that Masonry is all that its friends claim for it. Were it otherwise, the great and the good of all ages, who have not only been the ornaments but the patrons of the Institution, and who have delighted in their connection with the Craft, would not have given their countenance to, or aided in the teaching of its principles to others.—"Keystone."

The Brethren of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, are looking forward to their Installation meeting, to be held on Thursday, 12th prox., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, where the regular meetings of the Lodge are held on the second Thursdays of September, November, January, March, May and July. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting some of our old friends on the occasion, and give a report of the proceedings.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire has been asked to lay the foundation-stone of the new academy in Dumfries, and 21st September has been fixed for the ceremony.

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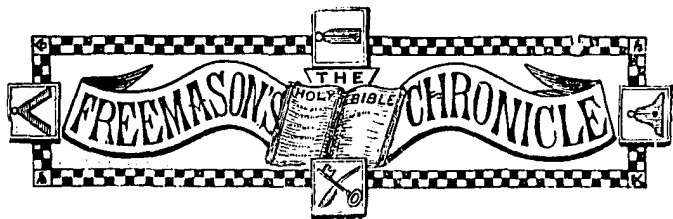
To Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Warwick, Kenilworth, Dudley, Dudley, Port, Walsall, Wednesbury and Wolverhampton, for one and five days.

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FRED HARRISON, General Manager.

London, August 1895.

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SATURDAY, 31st AUGUST 1895.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the Agenda of Business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday next, 4th September, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Waveney Lodge, No. 929, Bungay ...	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Chrichton Lodge, No. 1641, London ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, Upper Norwood ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, Birkenhead ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge Albert Edward, No. 1429, Newport, Mon. ...	100	0	0

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that the following Presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks.

TITLE OR OBJECT. BY WHOM PRESENTED.

Three Old Medals.—L. F. Little Past G.Pur.
Twelve volumes of Masonic Works.—James Brett Past G.Pur.
Six Photographs of Masonic Certificates.—F. F. Schnitger P.M., &c.
Two Masonic Jewels.—Lennox Browne P.D.G.D.Cer.
An American Tour.—John Chapman P.M. No. 1402, &c., P.P.G.D.Devon.
Minute Book of Lodges Nos. 12 and 54, 1756-1772.—St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142.
History of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia.—John Curtis P.H.P. Sec., &c.
An Essay on the R.A. Ceremonies.—Dr. L. M. Bonn P.M. No. 261, &c.
Historical Sketch of the Warrant of Lodge No. 7 Ireland.—Dr. Chetwode Crawley S.G.D. Ireland.
Twenty-five volumes of Masonic Works.—Thomas Fenn P.P.B.G.Pur.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1858-1894.—Hon. W. H. Upton Grand Orator.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1880-1894.—Stephen Berry Grand Secretary.
Some Account of a Short Tour in Canada, &c.—Henry Smith P.G.Deacon D.P.G.Master W.Yorks.

The Board also submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £7,435 11s 2d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

20th August 1895.

4. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Board beg to report that they have received from the District Grand Master of Canterbury, New Zealand, a formal notification that the following Lodges, which had seceded from the United Grand Lodge of England and joined the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, had, under the Authority delegated to the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury by Art. 106 of the Book of Constitutions, been duly erased from the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, and that the Warrants of the said Lodges had all been returned to the District Grand Master of Canterbury.

The New Zealand Lodge of Unanimity ...	No. 604
The St. Augustine Lodge ...	609
The Southern Cross Lodge ...	760
The Progress Lodge ...	1651
The St. George's Lodge ...	1856
The South Rakaia Lodge ...	1857
The Ashley Lodge ...	1877
The Lincoln Lodge ...	1918
The Malvern Lodge ...	1919
The Concord Lodge ...	1925
The Phoenix Lodge ...	1959
The Kaikoura Lodge ...	2336

The Board have further to report that: "The Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, Constantinople, having returned the Warrant, and having been duly summoned under Rule 73, Book of Constitutions, to show cause why it should not be erased, a letter has been received from its late Worshipful Master stating that the Lodge was finally closed in February 1894, and that the Warrant had been returned with the consent of the Members, who were unable to carry on the Lodge any longer."

(Signed) GEO. D. HARRIS,

Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

6th August 1895.

5. RENEWED NOTICE OF MOTION.

By W. Bro. William Woodward P.M. 1920.

That a Circular be issued from Grand Lodge setting forth the scheme suggested by him, under which the Freemasons of England would contribute to the Decoration Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral a sum sufficient for the completion of the Cupola and Transepts, that the opinion of the Craft be ascertained through such Circular, and that such steps be taken thereafter to secure the end in view as may commend themselves to Grand Lodge.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- 2566.—The Buluwayo Lodge, Buluwayo, Africa.
- 2567.—The Acacia Lodge, Meiktela, Burma.
- 2568.—The Delavel Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 2569.—The St. Trillo Lodge, Colwyn Bay.
- 2570.—The Llewellyn Lodge, Cardiff.
- 2571.—The Holmes Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 2572.—The Tyldesley Lodge, Tyldesley.
- 2573.—The Corinthian Lodge, Childers, Queensland.
- 2574.—The Southern Cross Lodge, Southern Cross, Western Australia.
- 2575.—The Fairclough Lodge, Mandalay, Burma.
- 2576.—The Coorg Lodge, Coorg, Madras.
- 2577.—The Wynberg Lodge, Wynberg, South Africa.
- 2578.—The National Artillery Lodge, Piccadilly, London.
- 2579.—The Lewisham Lodge, Lewisham, London.
- 2580.—The Crouch End Lodge, Highgate, London.
- 2581.—The Empress Lodge, South Kensington, London.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday next, 3rd September, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, at 5 for 6 p.m., the following being the Agenda of Business:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm Minutes of Quarterly Communication of 4th June 1895.

2. REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the three months, ending 30th June 1895, there have been issued: Mark Certificates, 283; total number registered, 34,472.

Warrant for one new Lodge, 486 Star of Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Orange Free State, to be attached to the District of Natal.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 78; total number registered, 4,591.

Warrant for one Ark Lodge—Abbey Lodge, to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 225.

H.R.H. the Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years:—

Bro. Col. A. B. Cook as Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

H.R.H. the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint:—

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow P.G.W. Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

The Board have to report that the following Warrants have been returned: Economy, No. 52. Finnemore, No. 258.

Royal Ark Mariner:

Finnemore attached to No. 258.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Festival was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 10th of July, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. the Lord Skelmersdale Past Grand Warden and Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Lancashire. The sum of £2,110 was announced as having been paid and promised—a result on which the Board have great pleasure in congratulating the Board of Stewards.

The R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire has most kindly consented to take the chair at the twenty-eighth Annual Festival, which will be held in July 1896, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board recommend to Grand Lodge a grant of

£25 to the Widow of a Brother of the Henniker Lodge, No. 315.

(Signed)

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

3. A Motion will be made that the Report be taken as read.
4. A Motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the Report:—
Fund of Benevolence.—Grant recommended :
£25 to the Widow of a Brother of the Henniker Lodge, No. 315.
6. A Motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.
7. Presentation of Charity Jewels to the Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival.

NEW HALL AT LANGHOLM.

ON Thursday of last week a Masonic demonstration took place at Langholm, the occasion being the inauguration and consecration of a new Masonic Hall for the town, and the opening of a bazaar in aid of the building fund by the Duchess of Buccleuch.

The proceedings began at noon, with a procession, in which a large number of Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire, Carlisle, Dumfries, Melrose, &c., took part; amongst those in the procession being Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, Colonel Campbell G.S.W. Scotland, the Rev. George Dunn Grand Chaplain Scotland, Bro. Johnstone-Douglas Prov. Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, &c.

The consecration of the hall afterwards took place, Sir Charles Dalrymple taking the leading part in the ceremony. A very largely-attended luncheon followed in the Buccleuch Hall, Bro. Graham, of Holmwood, Master of the Langholm Lodge presiding, supported on the right by Sir C. Dalrymple and the Duke of Buccleuch, and on the left by Lord Henry Scott and Colonel Campbell.

After lunch the Chairman gave the Loyal toasts, and then proposed in suitable terms the health of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Sir C. Dalrymple said he had travelled from London to take part in the proceedings, but he had not done so by one of the racing trains, and had enjoyed a good night's sleep. He had frequently to travel long distances in connection with Masonry, and he was thankful that he had now had occasion to visit the beautiful district of Eskdale. He urged the local Freemasons not to rest satisfied with what they had achieved, and advised them to get as many young men to join the ranks as possible. He did not know if his noble friend the Duke of Buccleuch could be induced to become a Freemason, but at least he hoped that a member of his family might join their Brotherhood.

Other toasts followed. In the afternoon a great crowd assembled at Langholm Public School, where the Duchess of Buccleuch opened the bazaar in the presence of a large company. The Duchess was accompanied to the platform by the Duke of Buccleuch, Lady Katharine Scott, Lady Constance Scott, Miss Thynne, Sir C. Dalrymple, and Bro. Johnstone-Douglas, who, in introducing her Grace, said they could not have secured anyone to open the bazaar more calculated to cause it to pass off successfully. He was sure no lady was more highly thought of in that district or throughout Scotland.

The Duchess, who was warmly greeted, expressed the pleasure she had in being present and her regret at the recent decease of a well-known Langholm Freemason, Mr. Scott, of Ashley Bank, whose many unostentatious acts of kindness would cause his memory to be long cherished in the district. The ladies of the neighbourhood had been kept very busy for several months preparing for the bazaar, and she trusted their exertions would be amply rewarded.—“Scotsman.”

The bazaar was opened on the second day by Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, who in his speech said that the Province of Dumfries was specially distinguished in having so many halls of their own for Masonic purposes, which was more desirable than being indebted to temporary quarters or the shelter of a licensed house. In these circumstances the erection of a Masonic hall in Langholm was specially gratifying to him. He had seldom seen a Hall better suited for its purposes or more graceful and becoming in proportion. The Duchess of Buccleuch and Lady Katharine Scott were again present. Wednesday's takings were £247.

The bazaar closed on Saturday evening. It proved a great success, all the articles being cleared off at an early hour on Saturday. The total receipts amounted to £543 19s 4d, and a sum of £23 was received as the proceeds of a concert in aid of the scheme, making the aggregate receipts £566 19s 4d. The cost of the building is expected to be over £1,000, but as there was a large sum in hand from subscriptions, and as the proceeds of an Art Union, the building is now nearly free from debt.

The new volume of “Cassell's Pocket Library” is from the pen of Mrs. Gertrude Atherton. It is entitled “A Whirl Asunder.”

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ADVERTISING FREEMASONRY.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not think it is at all unusual to hear the most startling utterances from those in high places, and on that account I am not so much surprised at reading the words of the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, reported in your last issue, in regard to the advantages of Freemasonry, as I should have been if those same remarks had been made by an ordinary individual at a private Lodge meeting. Lord Egerton of Tatton is reported as having said “He felt sure that the number of members of the Order would increase more largely than it did if the advantages of Freemasonry were more widely known . . . there were distinct advantages in the matter of provision for the aged and infirm, and the education of the young.”

Now I venture to think this remark was most unwise, and as I have seen it quoted in more than one of the local papers, I fully believe it is calculated to do more harm than good. In plain English it implies that Freemasonry is a Benefit Society pure and simple, and it invites outsiders to join the Craft for the “distinct advantages in the matter of provision for the aged and infirm, and the education of the young.”

Such a line of argument is not only wholly in direct opposition to the principles of the Craft, but would, I venture to assert, prove most illusory in practice. I am aware that Cheshire does much for the relief of the aged and the education of the young, but I think few will venture to assert that the Province can deal with every case of distress within its borders, much less afford to attract new members with the promise of caring for the aged and infirm, and paying for the education of the young, who in years to come might be left by these new members.

I have had the pleasure of listening to Lord Egerton of Tatton as President of more than one meeting at which I have been present, and I have the greatest respect for his Lordship, but like most mortals I presume he is liable to err, and I think it must be admitted he has erred in this respect, not perhaps so much in the actual words he has used, as in the construction that may be put upon them by some of the Brethren under his rule, who, it seems to me, should be warned not to advertise Freemasonry on the lines set out by their chief at the recent Provincial meeting.

Lord Egerton also referred to the “advantages arising from the good fellowship which Freemasonry brought about,” and in doing so pointed out a feature of the Craft which might legitimately and widely be used to popularise it in our midst, although I am one of those who believe that Freemasonry will extend best if allowed to take its course, without any puffing on the part of its members, and particularly without any promises as to the relief of distress that may unfortunately occur among its members in years to come.

Yours, &c.,

ON THE ROAD.

Manchester, 27th August 1895.

PROGRESS OF THE ARCH DEGREE.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letters of your two correspondents last week under this heading are interesting, as each contains a review of the case; and a suggestion. In the one letter “C. W.” is of opinion that the highest Offices in our Chapters should be thrown open to active members of the Arch Degree, without the qualification of having passed the chair in a Craft Lodge, and he certainly makes out a good case. In the other letter “P.S.” is of opinion the Degree might be improved by more frequent meeting of the different Chapters, so that the various Officers might have more opportunities of displaying their knowledge of the ceremonies.

Both may be described as good suggestions, and if the Royal Arch Degree is really in so bad a state as some seem to imagine, they may justifiably be considered in any enquiry that may be deemed necessary in regard to its present and future conduct.

It seems to me that as any Master Mason is eligible for admission to the Royal Arch Degree, any Master Mason should also be eligible for Office in his Chapter, without any outside qualification or restriction such as is now imposed, and I could quote instances where apparent hardship has resulted from the present system, just as “C. W.” does, for it is by no means an easy matter for every Brother who desires it to have the opportunity of passing the chair in the Craft. I am not an Office seeker, and on that account probably it was my own fault my chance went by in my Lodge, with the result that I am now out of running for Office, and see no chance of passing the chair in the Craft. But as a member of a small Chapter I was asked to take a minor position, accepted, and have gradually risen until now I find myself in regular order for the third Principal's chair—but I am not an Installed Master in the Craft, so I presume I shall have to stand aside, in order that a formal ceremony may be observed. I do not quarrel with the Regulations, only endorse what “C. W.” has said on this point, and support him in the opinion that an alteration of the law might add to the success of the Arch Degree.

As far as “P.S.” is concerned, I have already said his suggestion is a good one—there ought to be more meetings each year if popularity is aimed at, but in this respect I think he and the members of his Chapter are the best judges of what best suits their requirements. Let him suggest a greater number of meetings in his own Chapter, and if it is agreed to, and success results I have little fear but that the example will be followed elsewhere.

Yours, &c.,

ROYAL ARCH.

Mr. Stanley Weyman's new book, entitled “From the Memoirs of a Minister of France,” will be published by Messrs. Cassell and Company on Monday, 2nd September.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

AT the usual monthly meeting, held on the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, a circumstance of great interest occurred. Major Shanks P.M. of Nos. 7 and 12 Scotland, also of No. 189 and 1887 England, and P.P.G. Warden of Devon, visited the Lodge and produced for the inspection of the Brethren his grandfather's clearing off certificate from Lodge Fortitude (then No. 160) dated 12th August 1782—exactly 113 years ago. This link, connecting the present with the remote past, was the more interesting to the members from the fact that the records now in possession of the Lodge do not reach further back than fifty years, says the "Western Mercury." The certificate is written on parchment, and is believed to be the oldest document of its kind in the West of England.

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ST. BEDE LODGE, No. 1119.

ON the 27th inst. the annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Jarrow. Bro. J. Rigby W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren.

The W.M.-elect Bro. R. Madgshon was presented by Bro. John Taylor to the Installing Master (Bro. Rigby), and the latter performed the ceremony in an able and impressive manner. Bro. Madgshon afterwards appointed and invested his Officers.

The musical portion of the ceremony was admirably rendered by the Lodge choir, Bro. Wilkinson officiating at the organ.

Subsequently the new W.M. presented, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, to Bro. Rigby, a handsome jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge as W.M. during the past year, and as a mark of esteem and regard. Bro. Rigby suitably replied, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. J. Rutherford's, the County Hotel, Ormonde Street, Bro. Madgshon W.M. presiding. An excellent dinner was served, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being pleasantly varied by musical contributions from several of the Brethren.

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OBEDIENCE LODGE, No. 1753.

THE installation of Worshipful Master took place on Monday, 26th inst., at Okehampton, Bro. W. A. Gregory P.M. P.P.G. Treas. ably performing the duties of Installing Master.

Owing to the state of Bro. J. W. Reed's health, he was not in a position to proceed to the chair, much to the regret of the Brethren, among whom he is exceedingly popular. The choice of the Brethren then fell upon J. W. Bro. W. Calmer Moon, who will prove a fitting successor to W.M. Bro. C. Piper.

The ceremony of installation being completed, the W.M. appointed his Officers, and other business was transacted.

Bro. Wm. A. Gregory, of Exeter, P.M. 1254 P.P.G. Treas., who has for so many years installed the Masters of Lodge Obedience, again performed the duty.

Regret was expressed at the prolonged illness of Bro. J. W. Reed S.W., and a resolution of sympathy with him that this cause had at his own request prevented him becoming W.M. was passed. Hearty wishes were expressed for his restoration to health.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the large and handsome dining-room of the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Host A. J. Verdie. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

THE members had their annual summer outing on Wednesday, 14th inst., and it was very successful. The party, to the number of thirty, proceeded in a saloon carriage from York to Worksop. After partaking of a substantial breakfast, the members and their friends were driven round the Dukeries, a most delightful drive of twenty-six miles through woodland scenery. Lunch was served under the major oak, and after being photographed the party returned to Worksop and had dinner. Music on the homeward journey was freely indulged in, several Brethren contributing largely to the enjoyment of the guests. The party arrived in York at 10.5. The arrangements for the day were carried out by the W.M. Bro. J. W. Dow, the S. and J. Wardens Bros. R. Spence and G. H. Stott, assisted by a Committee, with Bro. J. P. Gill as their Secretary and Treasurer.

During the last three months, though virtually on holiday, a few Lodges have been active, but the meetings have been for the most part poorly attended. With more leisure there has been less rush, more circumspection and regard for the ancient landmarks of the Order. In the hurry of the work during the winter months, says the "Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," the ever-recurring fortnightly meetings, visitations, &c., there is great danger in a science veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols of overstepping rules and usages. The greater the danger the greater the need for watchfulness. There are many errors to be guarded against, and insidious practices, which by repeated use have come to be regarded as right, that should be avoided. Laxity in the past has resulted in ridicule being cast, not only upon Masonry in Scotland, but upon the Order. Be watchful then, Brethren, and ye W.Ms. be mindful of your obligation when installed in the chair of K.S.

HERE AND THERE.

PERPETUAL motion was a fantastic absurdity of the last century. A certain Joseph Willan, of Mossley, addressed a letter to Mr. Titus Hibbert, Yarn Merchant, St. Ann's Square, Manchester, dated 10th August 1779, in which he reverts to an invention of his own, using this expression "My machine is what commonly bears the name of perpetual motion."

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"She measured out the butter with a very solemn air,
The milk and sugar also, and she took the greatest care
To count the eggs correctly, and to add a little bit
Of baking powder which, you know, beginners oft omit.
Then she stirred it altogether,
And she baked it for an hour,
But she never quite forgave herself
For missing out the flour!"

The above lines upon the first efforts of a young housekeeper in cake making may bring to mind many instances of forgetfulness on the part of would be imitators of the great Vatel. A lady friend of mine enthusiastically desirous of proving the truth of Dr. Johnson's words that "one of the arts that aggrandise human life is cooking," indicated an intention of attempting to elevate the much abused "pea soup" into a dish which should be sufficient to gladden the heart of a Dr. Kitchener, or even of Heliogabalus himself. She accordingly filled a pan with water, and placing it upon the fire, carefully put in all the essentials necessary for making the soup—with the exception of one. The table was prepared, the expectant diners were seated, and the liquor which was to prove the excellency of her cooking was poured out, when, to the lady's chagrin, it was discovered that she had forgotten to add the peas!

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Many of our readers may be aware of the fact that to-day is the anniversary of the death of John Bunyan, into whose sixty years of life, which ended on the thirty-first of August 1688, was crowded more of stirring romance than it has been the lot of men to experience. When Horace Walpole had nearly attained his sixtieth year, he thus expressed himself:—"As I was an infant when my father became Minister, I came into the world at five years old; knew half the remaining courts of King William and Queen Anne, or heard them talked of as fresh; being the youngest and favourite child, was carried to almost the first operas, kissed the hand of George the First, and am now hearing the frolics of his great-great-grandson;—no, all this cannot have happened in one life! I have seen a mistress of James II., the Duke of Marlborough's burial, three or four wars; the loss of America; the second conflagration of London by Lord George Gordon—and yet I am not as old as Methuselah by four or five centuries."

But even Walpole's retrospective did not embrace anything like the scenes which were compressed into the life of Bunyan, the tinker of Elston (Bedford), author of the "Pilgrim's Progress," a book which has its compeer only in the Bible, and the works of England's dramatist William Shakespeare, who died just twelve years before Bunyan saw the light of day.

Born in the riotous age of the first Charles, John Bunyan was familiar with the doings of the Star Chamber, and of the High Commissioner; he was a contemporary of Laud with his Papistry, and Strafford with his scheme of Thorough, of Pym and Hampden, Russell and Sydney, of Blake and Falkland. Charnock, Owen, Howe, Henry, and Baxter were doing their best to regenerate the world; Cudworth and Henry More were living at Cambridge, South was at Oxford, Prideaux in the close at Norwich, and Whitby in the close of Salisbury. Sherlock preached at the Temple, Tillotson at Lincoln's Inn, Burnet at the Rolls, Stillingfleet at St. Paul's Cathedral, Beveridge at St. Peter's, Cornhill; Waller, Cowley, Butler, and George Herbert were busy with the poetic pen, and Brother John Milton was preparing those works which were to immortalise his name as the divine bard.

Bunyan's days were those of the long intestine war; of Edgehill, Naseby, and Marston. Events which included a monarch dethroned, tried, and executed, were followed by the Protectorate of powerful, iron-willed Cromwell. Then came the Restoration; the mad orgies of Oates and Dangerfield, who revelled in blood; the Act of Uniformity, "framed in true succession to take effect on St. Bartholomew's Day, by which at one fell swoop were ejected two thousand ministers of the gospel; the Conventicle Act, two years later, which hounded the ejected ones from copse and from the glen;" the great plague; the death of the dissolute king—the accession of James; the wild conspiracy of Monmouth; the butcheries of Kirke and Claverhouse in connection with the army, and of the notorious Jeffreys on the bench; the martyrdom of Elizabeth Gaunt and Alice Lisle; the acquittal of the seven bishops; the final eclipse of the house of Stuart, and England's last revolution.

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The regular meetings of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, are held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, every Monday evening at 8 p.m., comfortable quarters, good company and able instructors being special features.

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St. Louis has a Masonic employment bureau to secure work for worthy Masons. This is an innovation that violates no landmark, and is worthy of imitation the world over, and should become an institution in every city of any consequences in the United States. It is a thoroughly practical relief association that redounds to the glory of the Order.—"Texas Freemason."

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A contemporary, in answer to a correspondent, offers the following, which might well be taken to heart and acted upon by some of the more enterprising members of the Craft, who at times allow their zeal to outrun their discretion: "You will find it very convenient in Lodge to be occasionally both blind and deaf, and it may add to the comfort of the Brethren if you are occasionally dumb."

NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

- 144 St. Lukes, Anderton's
61 Probity, Halifax
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven
135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgwater
156 Harmony, Plymouth
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
613 Unity, Southport
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
986 Alexandra, Lincoln
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neytune, Liverpool
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Lincoln
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1564 St. John, Woking
1573 Caradoc, Swansea
1575 Clive, Market Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
1995 Thames, Henley
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Calstock
2187 Adur, Henfield

Tuesday.

- 1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Bristol
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
158 Adam's, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
294 Constitutional, Beverley
315 Royal York, Brighton
364 Cambrian, Neath
366 St. David, Milford
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John and St. Paul, Erith
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londresborough, Bridlington
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
804 Carnarvon, Havant
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
847 Fortescue, Honiton

- 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalfa, Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1002 Skiddaw, Cookermouth
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1134 Newall, Manchester
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1336 Square & Compass, Wrexham
1422 Olicana, Ilkley
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1537 St. Giles, Cheadle
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1904 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2136 St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford.
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2475 Border, Blackwater

Wednesday.

- 74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Preston, Lanc.
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
168 Mariners, Guernsey
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Rochdale
320 Loyalty, Mottram
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, Carnarvon
643 Royal, Filey
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
838 Franklin, Boston
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Lower Broughton
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-St.
1335 Lindsay, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, Camborne
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2120 Abbey, Chertsey
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesbrough
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2490 Amptill, Amptill

Thursday.

- 1155 Excelsior, Crystal Palace
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge Ho. Hot.
1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns H.
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
57 Humber, Hull
110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
132 Unity, Ringwood
195 Hengist, Bournemouth
215 Commerce, Haslingden
219 Prudence, Todmorden
230 Fidelity, Devonport
249 Mariners, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
295 Combermere Union, Macclesf'd
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
317 Affability, Manchester
324 Moira, Stalybridge
361 Industry, Hyde
362 Doric, Grantham
446 Benevolent, Wells, Somerset
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
509 Tees, Durham
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
625 Devonshire, Glossop
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
971 Trafalgar, Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1231 Savile, Elland
1234 Brent, Topsham
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1504 Red Rose Lancaster, Padiham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1552 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1829 Burrell, Brighton

- 1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2169 Osborne, East Cowes, I. of W.
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2312 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester

Friday.

- 1275 Star, Greenwich
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbidge.
306 Alfred, Leeds
355 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyne
521 Truth, Huddersfield
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
444 Union, Starcross
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
2077 Epping, Chingford
2148 Walsingham, Wilmington
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2442 St. Clement, Leigh
2473 Molesey, E. Molesey

The "Freeman's Journal," writing under the heading "United Italy," says there is a grim irony in writing the word, in view of the actual state of affairs in that unhappy peninsula, and continues: the "Liberals" and Freemasons are doing everything in their power to galvanise into life the forthcoming fêtes in celebration of what is officially called "the twenty-fifth anniversary of the liberation of Rome."

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We have just read of a case in a Tasmanian Lodge, where a Brother received his third degree, his Grand Lodge Certificate and Clearance, in one evening. Some sister Constitutions appear to be able to provide for a case of emergency in a very satisfactory manner. Had this happened under the E.C., the Brother (who was leaving the country) would have been forced to wait for his G.L.C. for an indefinite period and, possibly, lose interest in the Order in the meantime.—"Indian Freemason."

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Messrs. Cassell and Company have decided to issue their well-known illustrated serial, "Heroes of Britain in Peace and War," in monthly parts at one penny, to be completed in twenty-two numbers. The price at which this work is now issued is less than one-fifth its original cost. Each number will contain no fewer than thirty-two quarto pages, handsomely illustrated and enclosed in a neat wrapper.

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In reference to Mr. F. J. Cross's work, "Beneath the Banner," recently published by Messrs. Cassell and Company, of which a third edition is now in preparation, Lord Wolseley has written to the author, "I am much obliged to you for your little book, which, as far as I can judge from looking through its pages, seems to be one well calculated to inspire young people with an admiration for heroism, and therefore with the desire to imitate the examples of the heroes and heroines whose deeds are described in your little work."

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In "The Quiver" for September the Editor makes a special appeal on behalf of the children of the slums in London, and other large cities. He hopes, with the assistance of his readers and the co-operation of those interested in the subject, to open up playgrounds for children and places of rest for weary toilers in the over-crowded portions of the metropolis and large provincial towns. The proprietors of "The Quiver" will head the list of subscriptions with a donation of £100, in addition to bearing all the expenses connected with the organisation of the fund.

HALF-DAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.

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MASONIC HOSPITALITY.

A BANQUET was given by Bro. H. H. Parry of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 338, at his residence, Harewood House, last week, when the members of this Lodge and the Palladian Chapter (Hereford) were invited.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Parry for his kind reception, by the heads of the different bodies, and to this Bro. Parry suitably responded.

After the banquet the Brethren inspected the beautiful grounds and park, and also the handsome church adjoining Bro. Parry's residence, which was built by a Brother Mason.

Candidates for the Institutions.

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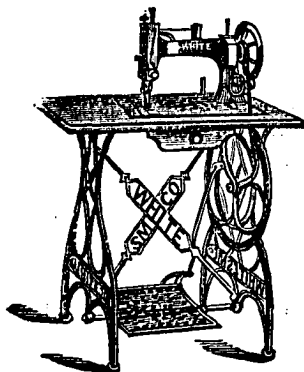
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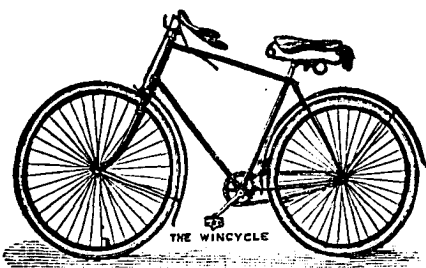
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8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Thursday, 3.

Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Criterion.—8.20, All abroad.

Strand.—8.15, A Youngster's Adventure, and New
York Divorce.

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Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

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