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## THE ST. PAUL'S PROPOSAL.

IT is very satisfactory to find Grand Lodge so emphatically laying down, as it did on Wednesday, the position that Freemasonry occupies in regard to outside works of a charitable or benevolent character, and we hope that the stand then made will prevent others bringing forward any such proposals as that made in regard to the decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral, at least until such time as it can be clearly proved that the work of Freemasonry, in caring for the aged Brother, his widow, or his orphans, is completed in our midst.

The speeches of Brother Woodward and others at Grand Lodge in reference to this matter are given in extenso in our report of the proceedings, and from them it is very easy to estimate the absurdity of the whole proposal, the suggestion being that the Craft should contribute no less than £30,000 to a work wholly outside the scope of Freemasonry—and that too at a time when its three Institutions and its local Charity Funds are by no means overburdened with invested capital, and there are hundreds of deserving members of the Order or their families in want of the common necessities of life.

It is quite as well that no half measures were adopted on Wednesday—it must have been clear to all that Grand Lodge would not lend itself to the suggestion of Brother Woodward, and we hope the attention given to the matter will satisfy that worthy Brother's ambition, although it has hardly won him the full share of notoriety he probably looked for when he started his correspondence in the daily papers—an initial proceeding, in our estimation, far from dignified or courteous to the ruling body of the English Craft, from whom he appeared to expect so much, and probably now imagines he has received so little.

The leading speakers on the proposal found a ready means of securing its exclusion by referring to the generally recognised principle of the Craft to keep clear of religious controversy. To undertake the renovation of St. Paul's Cathedral, which is essentially a Protestant work, would, in a great measure, have associated Freemasonry with that creed, and on that ground alone it was wise of our leaders to decline the suggestion put forward, although we can fully believe that most of those who were present on Wednesday heartily sympathised with the scheme individually, opposing it only in their collective capacity as members of our great unsectarian Order.

## MASONIC HALLS.

A PLEASING event in connection with the celebration of the Jubilee of one of the Cornwall Lodges—the St. Martin, No. 510—was the presentation to the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, of the trust deeds of the Masonic Hall in which the meetings are held, and which is now the sole property of the Lodge, as recorded in the report of the proceedings we give elsewhere. While recognising the desire of Brethren in many quarters to acquire Halls of their own,

we are certainly surprised the movement does not become more popular, particularly in the Provinces, although it may fairly be urged that experience gained in many quarters, where Halls are by no means a success from a financial standpoint, is all but sufficient to deter Brethren from making a start in this direction. But it is fair to say that these non-successful Halls are in many cases owned by a Company, and require to earn a substantial amount year by year, in order to pay interest on capital. The Liskeard Hall, to which we have referred, is differently circumstanced, the building now being the unencumbered property of the Lodge, and it is in this form we should like to see Masonic Halls more numerous in our midst—what has been done in the fifty years existence of the St. Martin Lodge should certainly be possible elsewhere.

We have previously spoken of the zeal many of our Scottish Brethren display in the acquisition of Halls in which to hold their meetings, and last week gave another example, the Langholm Lodge of that Constitution having arranged a Bazaar and other means of raising money with such satisfactory results that we are told their new Hall, which is expected to cost over £1,000, is now nearly free from debt. Bazaars and Art Unions may not be viewed with unmixed satisfaction in this country, but it is very certain they are frequently put to good uses in Scotland, where several Masonic Halls really owe their origin to such means of raising money, and one almost feels disposed to hope for similar tactics here, for securing such desirable results as are referred to.

## GRAND LODGE.

THE September meeting of United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight in the chair. The position of Deputy Grand Master was occupied by Lord Addington Provincial Grand Master for Berks. Among the other Brethren who attended were Bros. the Revs. R. J. Simpson, J. S. Brownrigg, C. J. Martyn, and H. R. Cooper Smith, Sir Albert W. Woods, E. Letchworth, R. Loveland Loveland, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, W. Lake, Ald. Dimsdale, S. Cochrane, Wm. Stiles G. Treas., J. Balfour Cockburn, James Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, J. M. McLeod, C. E. Keyser, Henry Smith, W. F. Smithson, R. Clowes, George Lambert, C. J. R. Tijou, S. Vallentine, W. A. Scurrah, R. Clay Sudlow, J. S. Cumberland, H. Maudslay, and George Read.

After Grand Lodge had been opened and the minutes of the June Communication read, Bro. W. F. Lamonby proposed the non-confirmation of the minutes so far as the election of members of the Colonial Board was concerned, claiming that by Rule 285 of the Book of Constitutions, which states that "when practicable, three members of the Board shall be Past Masters of Colonial Lodges," he was entitled to be placed on the Board. The Acting Grand Master, however, held that it was a matter for the discretion of Grand Lodge, and that as Grand Lodge at its last meeting did not elect Bro. Lamonby, he could not be placed on the Board. The recommendations of grants by the Board of Benevolence as given in our last week's issue were then confirmed, and the General Purposes and Colonial Reports adopted.

Bro. W. Woodward 1920 then brought on his motion 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. He estimated that £30,000 would be required for the work, and he thought this could be got together without infringing in the slightest degree on the Charities of the Order, which all Masons desired to support. All he asked was that by a circular the opinion of Freemasons should be obtained on the subject.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Herbert T. Stewart Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson moved as an amendment "That whilst sympathising with the beautiful work of decoration which is being carried on in St. Paul's Cathedral, this Grand Lodge does not feel it expedient to vote a sum from its funds for such a purpose, however excellent in itself, and considers that it should be taken up by Masons in their individual capacity as more appropriate.

Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G.Reg. pointed out that the motion did not ask for a contribution from Grand Lodge funds, but only sought the assistance of individual subscribers.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson reminded Grand Lodge that when it was proposed to commemorate the safe return from India of the Prince of Wales Bro. Havers made a similar motion to Bro. Woodward's, but it was rejected by ten to one. But he did not mean to say that should be taken as a precedent. He thought, however, it was a most questionable proceeding to make a grant out of funds intended for charitable purposes to the decoration of St. Paul's. Sending out a circular as proposed from Grand Lodge was next door to voting a sum of money.

Brother F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said: Most Worshipful Master in the chair, my good friend, the acting Grand Warden, will permit me, I am sure, to say, that I agree with him that if we send out a circular from Grand Lodge soliciting contributions we give the *Imprimatur* of Grand Lodge to the motion, and therefore the honour of Grand Lodge is committed. Now we have listened, I am sure with delight, to the very able speech of our Bro. Woodward. St. Paul's Cathedral dominates this great metropolis, and without entering into comparisons, which somebody has said "are odorous," it is a monument of which this country may justly be proud. At the same time, sympathising most heartily with much that has been said, let us remember that Masonry is universal. We have no right to lend the weight of this great assembly to anything that may be tortured or misconstrued into a departure from that great principle; and while I, for one, am not afraid of my convictions, I yet feel that Grand Lodge might be involved in a position it could not in all cases justify if it lent itself to the restoration or the adornment of a building of a distinctly Protestant character. I would rather that we maintain the catholicism—and I am not using the word "catholicism" in the sense of Protestant and Roman Catholicism—but I would rather that we maintain the catholicism in the sense of the universality of the Craft by saying that though we might sympathise greatly with any movement to extend the usefulness or increase the beauty of a national monument, yet, when it is distinctly ear marked with the religion of the State, as Masons we do not feel that we can entirely associate ourselves with it. I know the view is not popular; it does not express my own internal sentiments—I mean as an individual; but I am bound to be honest as your adviser and to express what I feel as a Mason; and therefore I would suggest that if Masons like—and there are many reasons why they should, admirably set forth by our Bro. Woodward—why they should promote the ornamentation of a great national monument—the temple which distinguishes us as a Protestant nation, yet still as a Craft, the proudest boast of which is that we banish all those questions of politics and religion which divide people outside, but who unite on the broader basis on which we can shake hands and meet with a Brother, grip the Jew, the Catholic, the Protestant, ignore all minor divisions, rising superior to all those which separate the so-called Christian bodies, and resting on the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man, I think this Grand Lodge will do well to abstain from supporting this movement.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. spoke in favour of the motion, and thought if Freemasons associated themselves with a movement of this kind it would redound to the honour of the Craft.

Bro. Richard Eve for once agreed with the Grand Registrar most thoroughly. Masonry made no distinction of creed or colour so long as a man believed in the Great Architect of the Universe. If Grand Lodge associated itself with a movement of this kind what was to prevent it being asked to contribute to the decoration of mosques, those men who worshipped therein being also members of the Masonic Fraternity.

Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. suggested that Bro. Woodward should follow the example of the Herts Brethren, who twenty years ago, by getting up a special Committee, with the Grand

Master at their head, obtained sufficient subscriptions to supply a pulpit for St. Alban's Abbey. He thought Bro. Woodward might, with St. Paul's, act similarly for a portion of the decoration.

Alderman Dimsdale P.G.T. could not support the resolution as it stood, but he hoped that the moral weight of Freemasonry would be given to this great national undertaking. Feeling strongly on this point he trusted that Grand Lodge would permit this matter to be deferred, with the hope that Bro. Woodward would re-adjust his resolution and bring it before Grand Lodge in some manner in which they could receive it. He should deprecate as much as any Brother the hypothecation of funds which should go legitimately to our Masonic Charities, but he failed to see why the great moral strength of Freemasonry should not be utilised and legitimately utilised to furthering this great national undertaking. Whatever might be said, they could not ignore the fact that Masonry was established upon religion—a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe.

The motion was ultimately withdrawn, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

## MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master presiding in the absence of the Prince of Wales.

The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg acted as Deputy Grand Master, and the Wardens' chairs were filled by the Earl of Portarlington and Bro. Frank Richardson. Among other Brethren present were Bros. Richard Eve, Charles Belton, R. Loveland Loveland, S. R. Baskett, C. F. Matier, C. F. Hogard, J. Balfour Cockburn, Percy Wallis, Gordon Miller, James Speller, Major Carrell, R. Clowes, Will. E. Chapman and W. Vincent. The report of the General Board, given in our last issue, was adopted.

Bro. Matier announced that Charity Jewels and bars were awaiting distribution in his office to Brethren entitled to receive them.

The Earl of Euston, before closing Grand Lodge, addressed the Brethren. He said: Considering that this is the off-time of the year, and that not many persons are in town, I take this opportunity of saying that although there are not a great number of Brethren here, I am only too pleased to meet those who are here, for it shows that they take an interest in the Degree. I may also say that we are going on prosperously, which must be very gratifying to all of you. Our receipts last year were exceedingly good in comparison with what they were the year before. I trust that we shall still go on and prosper, and that the Brethren will give that support to the Mark Degree in the future that they have given it in the past. You know that I personally take very great interest in the Degree, and that everything that occurs which is in its favour gives me extreme pleasure. Its best interests are always my first concern, and I experience great delight when I see that other Brethren evince as much interest in it as you have shown to-night.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

GENERAL regret has been expressed at the death of Bro. John Lyle, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. He had been known for years as a man of strict integrity, and one whom to know was to respect. Born half a century ago in the county of Yorkshire, he has borne the characteristic of a true "Tyke" in being open, straight-spoken, clearly understood, and fearless for the right. He had never entered the matrimonial state, but held strict views of such a condition of life. About 30 years ago he came to London, and, until seized by that which proved a fatal illness last year (Bright's disease), was a zealous servant of Her Majesty, and also of the public, and his cheery face will be much missed at the General Post Office. When the Freemasons of Clapham decided to found the Duke of Fife Lodge he was one of its most zealous advocates. He had been initiated some time before, and never had Bro. Westley a more attentive pupil at the Lodge of Instruction. As a founder of the Lodge he took office as Steward, and, as in all he did, was a complete success there. Gradually he rose, and when he was taken ill, he was Senior Deacon, and every member longed to see him continue until he was Master. He sang a song with all the heartiness of his nature, and his place will be hard to fill, says the "Clapham Observer." He was interred at Tooting Cemetery, on Friday, 23rd ult., and there were present to mourn for him those who were nearest and dearest to him, including his brother, Mr. George Lyle, and Mrs. Lyle, his nephews and niece, Mr. Robert Steele (Treasurer of the Duke of Fife Lodge, and an old friend), Mr. Brown (from the G.P.O.), Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gosling, &c.

# ROYAL ARCH.

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## DURHAM.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Sunderland, on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace. The Provincial Grand Superintendent Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided, and was supported by a number of Provincial Grand Officers and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comps. H. J. Turnbull, Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, and F. H. Bennett, after which the Chapter received the Provincial Grand Superintendent.

The Treasurer's statement was received, and certain sums were voted to the Masonic Charities, on the motion of Dr. Hill Drury, seconded by Comp. F. H. Bennett. The roll of Chapters was called, when the chief Officers of each Chapter present read their statements, which were generally very satisfactory.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent then briefly addressed the Chapter, and congratulated the members upon its steady progress. He was sure all mourned the loss of Comp. J. A. Witter, of Jarrow, and condoled with the St. Bede's Chapter on their loss.

Comp. John Robson Cutter was elected Treasurer, on the motion of Comp. J. R. Pattison, seconded by Comp. J. C. Moor.

Comps. Dr. Biggam and F. W. Ingram were elected as Auditors.

The following were then appointed the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

|                           |   |   |   |                            |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| Comp. Rev. J. J. Brown 80 | - | - | - | H.                         |
| Rev. R. Coulton 111       | - | - | - | J.                         |
| R. Hudson -               | - | - | - | Scribe E.                  |
| Lionel Boothe 124         | - | - | - | Scribe N.                  |
| J. Robson Cutter 97       | - | - | - | Treasurer                  |
| J. Metcalfe 531           | - | - | - | Registrar                  |
| J. Abbey 764              | - | - | - | Principal Sojourner        |
| James Sedcole 240         | - | - | - | First Assistant Sojourner  |
| W. Richardson 48          | - | - | - | Second Assist. Sojourner   |
| L. R. Davies 949          | - | - | - | Sword Bearer               |
| J. Taylor 1119            | - | - | - | Standard Bearer            |
| T. Dunn 124               | - | - | - | Director of Ceremonies     |
| J. W. H. Swan 94          | - | - | - | Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| J. H. Hart 509            | - | - | - | Organist                   |
| J. R. Pattison            | - | - | - | Assistant Scribe E.        |
| T. Grieve                 | - | - | - | Janitor.                   |

After further business Prov. Chapter was closed in due form, Comp. J. C. Moor acting as D.C., in absence of Comp. Dunn.

In the evening the Officers and members sat down to a banquet at the Grand Hotel, Bridge Street, Sunderland.

## NORTH WALES.

BY direction of Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West Grand Superintendent, a Provincial Grand Chapter of North Wales was held on Wednesday, at Newtown, and was largely attended.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed the following as the Officers for the year:

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| Comp. Col. H. Platt 384    | - | - | - | H.                      |
| T. Mark Taylor 998         | - | - | - | J.                      |
| J. Tuxford 1509            | - | - | - | Scribe E.               |
| W. C. Logan 1509           | - | - | - | Scribe N.               |
| Donald Cameron 384         | - | - | - | Treasurer               |
| Rev. W. Morgan 606         | - | - | - | Registrar               |
| Robert Owen 384            | - | - | - | Principal Sojourner     |
| R. Jones 998               | - | - | - | 1st Assistant Sojourner |
| R. M. Greaves 1509         | - | - | - | 2nd Assistant Sojourner |
| D. W. Davies 606           | - | - | - | Sword Bearer            |
| E. G. Humphreys 384        | - | - | - | Standard Bearer         |
| A. T. Benbow 998           | - | - | - | Director of Ceremonies  |
| J. Jones 1509              | - | - | - | Assistant Dir. of Cers. |
| Dr. Hugh Jones Roberts 606 | - | - | - | Assistant Scribe E.     |
| T. Westlake Morgan 384     | - | - | - | Organist                |
| W. Fendick 384             | - | - | - | Janitor.                |

## THE CRAFT AND THE LATE GERMAN EMPEROR.

ON Sunday, which was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Sedan, the Emperor William Memorial Church was consecrated at Berlin, with all the pomp and splendour usual on such occasions. The five windows on the left of the imposing memorial hall are presented by the Imperial couple and the Royal family. They represent scenes from the life of the Prophet Elijah. An equal number on the right, with scenes from the life of John the Baptist, are the gift of the three Grand Lodges.

The installation meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, will be held on Thursday next, Brother Edwin M. Jeffery being the Worshipful Master Elect. In addition to the regular annual business there are an Initiation and three Passings on the Agenda. Lodge is called for 4.30 p.m., banquet at 7.30.

## MASONRY CONDONES NO CRIME.

FROM time immemorial the slander against Masonry has been steadily promulgated that Masons will condone crime, and assist the criminal Mason to escape from the grasp of justice. Never was a lie permitted to survive so long as this, and without a particle of evidence be resurrected from time to time. Last week here in Detroit this slander received what ought to be a death blow, in the case of Col. Farnsworth, city assessor, who stood charged with having personal knowledge of some "boodling" matter, which he refused to expose on the grounds that his information was received from a personal friend whom he would not betray. The police judge in Detroit is vested with grand jury power to investigate crime. Farnsworth was brought before him, questioned, and flatly refused to answer. The prosecuting attorney insisted upon judgment, and the Colonel was sentenced to thirty days in jail for contempt. Now, the point is just here. Colonel Farnsworth, Prosecuting Attorney Fraser and Police Justice Sellers are all three personal friends and Masons, belonging to the same Masonic bodies of the more advanced degrees, and if any possible favour was to be shown it might naturally be looked for from each to the other. But on the contrary, a court officer escorted to the common county jail the assessor—by the way one of the most respected gentlemen in the city—and to get out of serving his sentence the supreme Court of the State must first pass upon the justice of his sentence. Now, here is a clear case in which Masonry had no disposition to intrude its presence between the law and its transgressors, and we insist that the same rule is ever observed, all slander to the contrary notwithstanding. Now, there is a serious moral attached to this incident, which we seek here to emphasize. Freemasonry is not organised to sustain and protect its membership in wrong doing. It is based upon obedience to the moral law and that of the land in which it is located. It throws no shield about the criminal, nor has it any use for such. The commission of a crime is a serious infraction of a Masonic obligation, and is punishable with suspension or expulsion. No Mason is obligated to shield or condone crime, else would ninety-nine hundredths of the membership leave the institution in disgust. On the contrary, it seeks to make men pure, true, clean, law-observing and law-abiding citizens.—"The American Tyler."

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General Excursion, Saturday, 14th September.

Cheap Trains will be run from London (St. Pancras and City Stations) to Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Matlock, Buxton, Stockport, Southport, Liverpool, Manchester, Accrington, Blackburn, Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, Lancaster, Morecambe, the Lake District, Barrow, Whitehaven, Carlisle, Stoke, Hanley, Burslem, Macclesfield, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Pontefract, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newark, Lincoln, Sheffield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Halifax, Leeds, Bradford, &c. Tickets will be available for returning on Monday, 16th September, or Thursday, 19th September.

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To Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Carlisle, and the English Lake District, for three and six days.

On Saturday, 14th September,

To Douglas (Isle of Man), for ten days, and to Blackpool, Birkenhead, Chester, Northwich, Blackburn, Bolton, Southport, Wigan, Preston, Crewe, Whitechurch, Hereford, Leominster, Ludlow, Wellington, Stafford, The North Stafford Line, Ashton, Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Rochdale, Oldham, Runcorn, Stalybridge, Stockport, Warrington, Widnes, Burton, Derby, Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Kenilworth, Leamington, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, &c., for three and six days.

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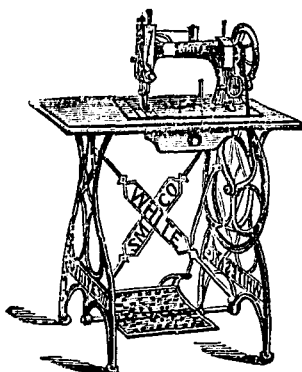
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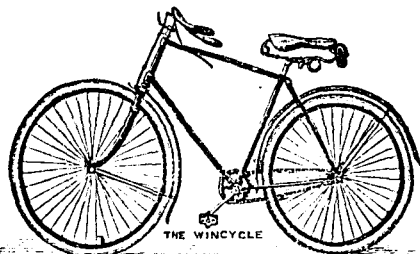
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Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.  
Prince of Wales's.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice.  
8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Thursday, 3.  
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Criterion.—8.20, All abroad.  
Strand.—8.15, A Youngster's Adventure, and New York Divorce.  
Lyric.—8.15, The revised version of An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Vaudeville.—8.20, Between the Posts. 8.55, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.  
Garrick.—8.30, Alabama.  
Toole's.—8.45, Thorough-bred.  
Avenue.—9, The Private Secretary.  
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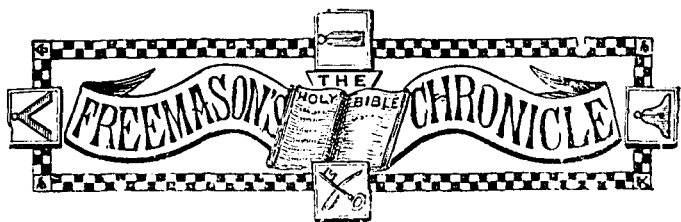
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SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 1895.

**NEXT YEAR'S GIRLS FESTIVAL.**

WE are pleased to learn that the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire has kindly consented to preside at the 108th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May of next year, and take this opportunity of urging Brethren to at once undertake the office of Steward on behalf of the Institution, and in support of the nobleman who has consented to preside on its behalf next year.

**JUBILEE OF ST. MARTIN LODGE.**

THIS Liskeard Lodge, No. 510, was consecrated on 19th August 1845, and on Monday evening, 19th August 1895, an emergency meeting was held to celebrate the jubilee. The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Bro. R. A. Courtney, who has been Secretary of the Lodge for three and twenty years.

The Worshipful Master Bro. W. Hammond, before proceeding with the other business, said he thought they ought to acknowledge the presence that evening of the sole surviving founder of the Lodge, Bro. Henwood. They were pleased to see him, and he moved that the fact be recorded on the minutes of the meeting.

Brother Harris seconded the motion, and Brother Henwood acknowledged the compliment. He was delighted, he said, to be able to attend the jubilee meeting, and he hoped the next fifty years of the Lodge would be as successful as the last.

The Secretary next read a long and interesting account of the history of the Lodge. The Lodge was named "St. Martin" after the patron saint of the parish church. The Warrant was dated 5th March 1845, and was granted on the petition of Edward Lyne, Simon Peter, Samuel Binney Serjeant, William Henwood, Samuel Julyan, Samuel Lang, Philip Lean, and others. At the first meeting Brother John Luckraft P.M. of Charity, No. 270, Plymouth, presided; five were initiated, and Charles Buller, who had represented Liskeard in Parliament from 1832, was the first joining member. The first W.M. Bro. Lyne was Master of "One and All," Bodmin, and was in practice at Liskeard as a solicitor. The consecration of the Lodge took place on Tuesday, 19th August 1845, on which day the Provincial Grand Lodge met for the first time at Liskeard, an account of which had been supplied by Bro. Sach from the file of the "Royal Cornwall Gazette," Truro, of 24th August 1845. It stated among other things that "a band of music paraded the street soon after nine, and about ten, a splendid carriage from Devon, containing about twenty of the Brethren from that Province from Plymouth and Devonport, chiefly from Lodge Brunswick, entered the town drawn by handsome greys, four-in-hand, with the coronet of the Grand Master of the Province (Earl Fortescue) and the Masonic arms emblazoned on its panels, and banners floating on the roof. The party alighted and partook of a champagne lunch at the residence of Edward Lyne, Esq., who was to be installed Master, and afterwards went to Church." Bro. Courtney gave many interesting details of the subsequent history of the Lodge, and concluded by stating he thought they might congratulate St. Martin Lodge on its past career and present position, and wish it every success in the future, and when, he said, members yet unborn should celebrate the centenary of the Lodge, might they look back on the records of the Lodge and say that the present and past members had maintained the honour and dignity of the Lodge during the first fifty years of its existence. Bro. Courtney having presented the trust deeds of the Masonic Hall to the Master of the Lodge, he afterwards read letters regretting inability to attend from the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe (who had gone to Denmark as a member of the Royal Commission on coast communication); from Bro. Sir Henry Waring, who said he was one of the Brethren who drove in the four-in-hand coach to attend the consecration of the Lodge with other members of Lodge Brunswick; from Bro. Anderton Prov.G.Sec., and others.

The Worshipful Master next moved:—"That it be entered on the minutes that this Lodge recognises the untiring energy of, and the truly Masonic work accomplished by W. Brother R. A. Courtney P.M., and unanimously accords to him its best thanks on the completion of his work in handing over to the Lodge the

Freemasons' Hall, free of debt, and trusts that he may live long to continue his twenty-three years work as Secretary of 510." Bro. Hammond said he moved this in the name of the Lodge in order to record their sense of the unwearied and valuable services of Bro. Courtney, one of the best of Masons, through whose efforts the Lodge had attained its present high position.

Bro. Thomas White Treasurer seconded the motion, and expressed the great pleasure he had felt in sitting side by side with Bro. Courtney during the last twenty-one years.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Courtney with a gold watch, suitably inscribed, "in token of the esteem and love of the Brethren" and mentioned that an illuminated address was to follow. The watch is a fine keyless English lever, first-grade quality, compensated for positions and temperature, in heavy eighteen carat case, engraved with an inscription on the dome, and monogram on the back, "R.A.C."

Bro. Courtney, in reply, said their kind expressions and flattering remarks, and the presentation of that watch in recognition of his humble services, had placed him in an embarrassing position; and he could not adequately express his sense of the honour conferred. He very sincerely thanked them. Both the present and the address would be highly valued, though he needed nothing to assure him of their regard. For twenty-five years he had been permitted to hold Offices in that Lodge, and he hoped he had endeavoured to discharge all of them with fervency and zeal.

A vote of thanks to the surviving trustees of the hall, Messrs. Thomas Lang, Courtney, Chegwidde, Childs, and Harris, was also passed.

The W.M. said Bro. W. J. Hughan, who was announced to deliver an oration, was prevented from attending. He had, however, sent the following address:—So many Lodges in England have already been able to celebrate their centuries, that jubilee celebrations are not much in fashion. The manner in which St. Martin Lodge is to commemorate the fiftieth year of its existence, however, is worthy of being followed by many of its contemporaries, for, to present to the Master and Wardens, on behalf of the Lodge, the deeds of the Masonic Hall entirely free, and to be the proud possession of the members in perpetuity, is beyond question a truly Masonic form of commemoration, and a great credit to all concerned. The Lodge was warranted 5th March 1845, by the authority of the Right Hon. the second Earl of Zetland M.W.G.M., and the parchment is duly signed by his lordship, as well as by the Grand Secretary Bro. Wm. Henry White. Lord Zetland was G.M. in my time, having acted in that honourable capacity from 1844-1870, and was Prov. Grand Master of N. and E. Yorkshire for even a longer period. The Rt. Hon. Lord Howe, who was Deputy Grand Master in 1845, was Prov. Grand Master Leicestershire 1856-1869. Sir John Warton Hayes, Bart., one of the G. Chaplains 1844-45, is, I believe, the only Grand Officer of that term whose name is still on the roll. The Grand Secretary Bro. W. H. White was first appointed to that office to assist his father, Wm. White, in 1810, being sole Secretary from 1813 until his resignation in 1856. St. Martin is the ninth oldest of the existing Lodges of Cornwall, and has long been noted for its steady adherence to the laws and customs of the Fraternity, both locally and generally. One of its best and truest friends, Bro. R. A. Courtney P.M., has been its Secretary for nearly half the period of its existence, and I hope will be spared to serve at least the silver anniversary in that most useful office. As a Secretary he has no superior and few equals, and much of the prosperity of the Lodge has been due to his unremitting attention and able management. The members may well be proud of the position which the Lodge holds in the county, for the high character of its work, the good social status of its Brethren (the present Mayor is my esteemed friend, Bro. M. H. Stanton P.M., other Past Masters having also honourably filled the civic chair), and the satisfactory financial basis on which it rests, owning as it does the Masonic Hall, furniture, and other effects on the completion of its jubilee. Its support of the Provincial and Central Masonic Charities has long been most generous (as I know well from experience of the Lodge extending over thirty years), and I have never known the Lodge to fail once in its duty, or decline to meet any fair demand on its funds. The prosperity of our beloved Fraternity has been most marked during the last fifty years. When No. 510 was warranted in 1845, there were nine Lodges in Cornwall, with some 500 members, and under Grand Lodge of England but 680 Lodges or so. Now, Cornwall has thirty active Lodges, returning 1,771 members and, notwithstanding so many have left to form new Grand Lodges, the English roll now contains nearly 2,100 Lodges. Our charities abound, over £250 a day being spent in England for their maintenance alone, and since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (our beloved Duke of Cornwall) became M.W.G.M. our danger arises from having too many members, the Craft being so popular, so that there is greater need than ever to guard our portals, and admit only "good men and true." Fraternity, loyalty, and charity are our watchwords: God grant that we may all become more worthy of our privileges.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Public Rooms, Bro. Cleave catering in his usual good style. The W.M. gave the regular toasts.

Bros. Edyvean and Truscott responded for Provincial Grand Lodge, the former remarking that Bro. Courtney's name was known from one end of the county to the other, for the services he had rendered to Masonry.

For the Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges Brother Major Shanks said he had visited almost every Lodge in the Province, and he could safely say that in no other Lodge had he derived greater pleasure and profit than in Lodge St. Martin. He did not wish to introduce politics, but certainly in that gathering they were "all for Courtney."

Bros. Henwood, Crossman, Sach, Thomas, and Mabin also acknowledged the toast.—"Cornwall Gazette."

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## MASONS' ADVANTAGES.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I observe your contemporary falls somewhat stale and flat on Lord Egerton's remarks as published by you last week and by the "Freemason" this week. It seems to be somebody's pleasure to din into our ears that what we have been taught as Masons is not genuine. Is there no topic of general Masonic interest just now, or is this phoenix a mere idiosyncrasy that we must shake our heads at and pass on?

It is not necessary to beat about the bush. The R.W.Prov.G.M. made the remark attributed to him quite innocently, no doubt. He believes as most Masons do, and as I do, that every candidate is offered some inducement to join the Order. What this may be, and even whether only implied or expressed, is immaterial—it is hardly conceivable that in 1895 anybody enters Freemasonry without due enquiry, and it is not creditable that instead of a direct answer a correspondent seeking light should be gratuitously informed "that it is contrary to Masonic principles to ask anyone to join the Fraternity." One may as well be told it is against Masonic principles to deny our Brother Mason relief for his necessities, and sympathy under his afflictions, or that we must act on the square! As a Mason, I protest against hypocrisy as the worst enemy of the Craft, and am inclined to think nineteenth-twentieths of the Fraternity, including the R.W.Prov.G.M. for Cheshire, are of my opinion.

What the latter meant to say was that there were distinct advantages in entering the Order which (naturally) were not too widely known outside; and amongst these might be named provision for the aged and infirm and the education of the young. And if this be not true I have been a Mason over five and twenty years to little purpose.

Permit me also to protest against the constant use of negative evidence against positive fact in matters of charity. The status of a Freemason as such is fixed when a Lodge accepts him, and not, as is nearly always sought to be made out (with what object I know not), when he has the misfortune to need that assistance which he has been solemnly assured was his right. I have been seriously told, that however successful, or the reverse, a Mason's application for relief may be, it is invariably a most humiliating process. Well may the Romish Church say we are governed by wire-pullers, and that therefore the rank and file of Freemasons know nothing about it. Certainly I have always understood that a Mason must not regard Craft relief as Charity; and it seems we shall soon require a Grand Interpreter of Facts as well as a Very Grand Jester. The latter will be a desirable addition to Grand Lodge, and provide another available collar; besides, if we cannot laugh at any of his jokes, he can honestly laugh at us. He might be sent to represent Grand Lodge at the coming Anti-Masonic Congress at Brussels; this would, perhaps, allay the fears of your contemporary, and permit "bubbles" nearer home to claim some attention.

Yours fraternally,

A CHESHIRE P.M.

## WOMEN AND MASONRY.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You have called attention from time to time to "Lady Masons," and I have exercised myself occasionally on this matter in consequence. What does it all mean? Perhaps nothing, but if so, why does it keep coming to the fore in this desultory fashion? What is to prevent women setting up an opposition show? The mythological fables are only partially worked out, and there is no reason why any other name than Freemasons should not answer their purpose. I have no doubt that were a handful of earnest Englishwomen to set about it they could form an Order which would spread far more rapidly than our Fraternity over the world, and if built upon the rock of "Sisterhood" would very soon put us men in the shade! Now I am not in favour of Adoptive Rites, nor would I admit women as members of Masonic Lodges. But my objections are such as they would themselves approve, and they are certainly not founded on women's unfitness for the best part of Masonry. In fact, as I cannot explain them, I will be fair, and candidly own that I am certain women would make far better Masons than men! By this I must not be understood to mean that there are few good Masons; what I do mean is, that there is no grander institution than Masonry in its purity, and women would not allow the reputation to stagnate as many men do. They would care to know more about it than is sought for by men, and their interests generally would be less personal. Add to these qualifications their eminently superior talents in works of charity, and we have, as I think, a far better material in women than the opposite sex will ever attain to. But why want to call themselves

Masons? Many more suitable names could be found, and whereas Masonry is bound by time immemorial (?) traditions, and still more by old customs and duties, which even when most ignored cannot be denied, all these might be taken into account, avoiding obligations which could only be carried out partially. Humanity and Philanthropy has never changed; but the world changes, and it has changed Freemasonry; not in its essence, which cannot be, but in the latter-day construction of its obligations and duties, and still more by the influence of a larger section whose interest in Freemasonry is not, and never was, in bona-fide Masonry. Here, then, is woman's opportunity; let them strike out "on their own hook" if they want to imitate Masons; for there is no limit to the needs of the distressed, and no path through this world more cheering than that of the Benevolent. I do not, of course, overlook essentials in forming such a sisterhood, in the way of organisation and government; but there will be time enough to express an opinion on that if need be, hereafter. Meanwhile, "Lady Masons" will never be admitted into English Masonic Lodges as members, and the idea had better be given up as a real waste of time.

Yours fraternally,

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## THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AGAIN.

THE following letter appeared in the "Weston Mercury" of 31st ult.

SIR,—Knowing so much of the secret design of the Freemasons, of which the uninitiated members of the Brotherhood know so little (or the clergy of the Anglican Body, instead of becoming Chaplains, would scorn the idea and repudiate their very existence), allow me to ask them to read Mons. Dillon's "War of Anti-Christ" (Burns and Oates, London), or else Greville's "Memoirs," vols. 3, 4, 5, &c., which may be had at the free libraries. These, if read with honesty of purpose, would very soon thin the ranks of the Craft throughout the whole country. I cannot but hail with joy the formation of an Anti-Masonic League to counteract the satanic designs contemplated by the former. May the league be speedily established in the Metropolis, with innumerable branches in every provincial town. Procrastination has too often been the ruin, not only of souls, but of nations. Let us hope that at the "International Anti-Masonic Congress" shortly to be held in Rome, the league may become fully established throughout Europe. All the most estimable and conscientious men—men of position and influence in the land—who are Freemasons, are so in total ignorance of the fact that they are furthering the cause of Anti-Christ. May they read the works I have named, and ponder on the subject ere it be too late.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. H. SHAW.

Weston-super-Mare.

## HERE AND THERE.

OUR issue of 27th July, in recording the death of a member of the Concord Lodge, No. 1534, mentioned the fact that he was buried at Prestwich Church. Are our readers aware that in January 1817, while on a visit to that great Manchester merchant, Sir George Phillips, who resided at Sedgley Park, Sydney Smith, wit and divine, preached a sermon at Prestwich old church? In a letter to Lady Mary Bennett (daughter of his friend, the Earl of Tankerville), he says:—"I am going to preach a charity sermon next Sunday. I desire to make three or four hundred weavers cry, which it is impossible to do since the late rise in cotton."

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In these days, when the doings of our Fraternity are not only zealously watched, but often atrabillously and unjustly criticised by officials of the Romish Church, it may be interesting to reproduce a singular instance of an ancient office which occurs in the title of the Pope of Rome. The term "Pontifex," or "Bridge Builder," was applied to an order of priests said to have been founded by Numa, the second King of Rome, and was probably transferred to the Pope on the very foundation of his chair. What the origin of this title was has been a matter of dispute even among the Romans themselves; but the general opinion is that it related to bridges in some way. According to Plutarch, the Pontiffs were commissioned to keep the bridges in repair, as one of the most indispensable parts of their holy office.

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Lord Cockburn, in his very pleasant and readable "Memorials," reverts to a trial before Lord Braxfield (the Judge Jefferies of the Scottish bench at the close of the last century), when the father of Sir Francis Horner happened to be one of the jury. The gentleman in question, as he passed behind the bench to get to the jury-box, was stopped by Braxfield, who whispered to him, "Come awa', Maister Horner, and help us to hang ane o' thae damned scoundrels!"

Although Lord Cockburn does not inform us who the "scoundrel" was, yet if I may rely upon an old MS. autobiography of a sailor (now in my possession), it was Thomas Muir, one of the Scottish Political Martyrs. He is described as an "advocate," and was tried before the Justiciary Court, Edinburgh, on the 30th of August 1793, being charged with sedition. The sentence which the overbearing Lord Braxfield pronounced upon him was that of "transportation for fourteen years, on pain of death if he returned before that time."

Of Muir's subsequent career I may have more to say later on. Certainly if the MS. previously referred to is to be relied upon, and I have every reason to believe in its authenticity, the Scottish advocate met with adventures, which were marvellously surprising and extraordinary, in upholding principles of reform which were then considered criminal, only because they happened to be in advance of the times.

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Mark Twain, whose unfortunate financial position I mentioned the other week, has just been interviewed. He says that he is on the point of leaving America on a lecturing tour round the world, with the laudable object of repaying whatever debts he may have incurred. After an explanation which does infinite credit to him, he adds:—"The law recognises no mortgage on a man's brain; and a merchant, who has given up all he has, may take advantage of the laws of insolvency, and start free again for himself. But I am not

a business man, and honour is a harder master than the law. It cannot compromise for less than a hundred cents on the dollar, and its debts never outlaw. I had a two-thirds interest in the publishing firm, whose capital I furnished. If the firm had prospered I should have expected to collect two-thirds of the profits. As it is, I expect to pay all the debts. My partner has no resources, and I do not look for assistance from him. By far the largest single creditor of this firm is my wife, whose contributions in cash from her private means have nearly equalled the claims of all the others combined. She has taken nothing. On the contrary, she has helped, and intends to help me to satisfy the obligations due to the rest. It is my intention to ask my creditors to accept that as a legal discharge, and trust to my honour to pay the other fifty per cent. as fast as I can earn it. From my reception thus far on my lecturing tour, I am confident that if I live I can pay off the last debt within four years, after which, at the age of sixty-four, I can make a fresh and unincumbered start in life. I am going to Australia, India, and South Africa, and next year I hope to make a tour of the great cities of the United States. I meant, when I began, to give my creditors all the benefit of this, but I begin to feel that I am gaining something from it too, and that my dividends, if not available for banking purposes, may be even more satisfactory than theirs." I have heard him read his "Playing Courier," and also selections from "The Tramp Abroad," and consider that those whose privilege it may be to listen to him have a perfect treat in store. What a pity his tour does not extend to this country! He is a born humourist, but one who can still exclaim in the midst of his trials, "Adversa virtute repello." Beneath his statement it is possible to discern a soupçon of grim earnestness, and with all my heart I wish him God speed in his efforts to redeem his position.

As I may not have another opportunity, I will here record a capital story which Clemens once told at a dinner of the Saturday Club in Boston, when William Cullen Bryant, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and John Greenleaf Whittier were present. He said, "I was in California at the time when I made my first boom, and thought I would try and see how far it had got; so when I pulled up at a roadside Inn I asked the landlord if he had ever heard of Mark Twain. Upon his admitting that he had, I told him that I was Mark Twain. "No you don't," he immediately retorted, "I've had that game played upon me too often. It's not so very long since a man came along—an awful looking tramp, too—and said, 'I am Longfellow.' 'Come in, Mr. Longfellow,' I said, 'You can dine and order whatever wines and cigars you like, and needn't pay anything in my house.' He thanked me, and took along two or three of my best cigars in his pocket when he went away. Soon afterwards Bryant came along, an awfuller-looking tramp than the last, but I said, 'Help yourself, Mr. Bryant; there's nothing too good in this house for you.' And away he went, but borrowed a five dollar bill just before leaving. Presently Whittier came along—the seediest-looking cuss you ever saw in your life. He looked as if he had a month's back numbers in food to make up, but I was good to him, and wouldn't let him pay for anything, but the spoons never seemed to be in their right places after he left. And so you're Mark Twain, are you! Well, I guess you'll pay for everything you take before you eat it, and clear out of this the minute you've finished. I can't do with any more of America's first-pick authors." "I looked at those three men while I was telling the story," said Clemens, when subsequently narrating it, "and not a ghost of a smile was to be seen on any of their faces, or on any of that blamed, down-East Boston audience's faces. It's too bad; I knew I was a fool all along; and now the world knows it."

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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### CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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#### HAULEY LODGE, No. 797.

THE members and friends of this Dartmouth Lodge had an enjoyable outing on Tuesday, over Dartmoor, the trip being arranged by Bro. R. Coombe Cranford.

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#### ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

THE twenty-ninth annual meeting of this well-known Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Hope Street, Liverpool, when there was a large gathering of its members and visitors, many of the latter being from the adjoining Province of Cheshire, where the incoming W.M. is well known to the Craft.

The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas P. Bathell W.M., who efficiently installed Bro. Proud as his successor, he, in turn, appointing the Officers.

Before the Lodge was closed a beautiful P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., on behalf of the members, by Bro. Proud.

The Brethren afterwards dined together, being well catered for by Messrs. Galt and Capper. A capital musical programme was carried out.

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#### ST JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1343.

AT the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, last week, Bros. Jas. F. Horncastle and H. H. Slater were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bros. William Daines and Charles Asplin were raised to the position of Master Masons. The ceremonies were admirably worked by Bro. Charles Westwood W.M., assisted by Bros. Spencer Guy, Ayers, Weymouth, and Rev. F. Haslock.

A proposition to hold the Lodge every alternate month was approved, and a sum of ten guineas was voted by the members for the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

The Lodge was draped in mourning out of respect to the late Bros. Geo. Cobham and W. Pinsent, and votes of condolence and sympathy were ordered to be sent to their respective families.

It was announced that at the next meeting in March there would be very likely four or five candidates for initiation.

#### SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

ON Tuesday the annual installation took place at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. The installation of Bro. C. M. Wilson was conducted by the outgoing Master Bro. David Wood, who was ably assisted by the Rev. Canon Cooper P.M. Chaplain.

The company sat down to an excellent repast, and on the conclusion of this a brief toast list was honoured, the toasts being of the usual complimentary character incidental to the Craft. A good musical programme was carried out by a quintette of vocalists, Bro. W. Wright P.P.G.Org. Middlesex being at the pianoforte.

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#### BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on Monday, when Brethren and Visitors, to the number of 30, assembled in the Lodge Room, at 4 p.m.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Thomas O'Neill into the chair of K.S. was impressively performed by Bro. Geo. Davis P.M. P.P.A.G.P., and the Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers.

The Brethren subsequently banquetted at the Assembly Rooms, Blue Boar Hotel, served by Mrs. E. Hickford.

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#### CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

THE Lodge was favoured with a visit by the Officers of the Province of Durham at their meeting on Wednesday, 28th ult. Brother W. T. Wanless W.M. presided, and was well supported.

At the after proceedings, Bro. R. Hudson responded for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England; Bro. T. G. Mabane and Brother G. Harland responded for the Provincial Officers of Durham; and Bro. G. W. Hudson for North and East Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

Brother Hardy P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. in a very pleasant manner, which was received with great enthusiasm.

Brother Wanless suitably responded, and thanked those who had come from a distance in particular. He referred to the steady progress of the Lodge at Crook.

## HOTELS, ETC.

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EALING—Feathers Hotel.

EASTBOURNE—Pier Hotel, Cavendish Place. View of Sea and Pier. A. TAYLOR, Proprietor.

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Votes and interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of  
CECIL HERBERT WORRELL (AGED 8 YEARS).

Whose Mother, the late Madame Worrell (Associate Royal Academy Music), died recently after a long and lingering illness. Father left with four children, entirely dependent upon him, has also a bed-ridden Mother over eighty years of age, whom he has to support on his small salary as a Clerk. Bro. William Worrell was initiated in the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, in the year 1869, and was a Member for twenty-four years, occupying the position of Secretary for eighteen years. Was one of the Founders of the William Preston Chapter, 766, and the first M.E.Z., also a Founder and second Master of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, and continued a member for some years, and Secretary of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, for a few years from its consecration. Proxies will be thankfully received by Bro. William Worrell, 102 Amesbury Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.



## 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.

- 1366 Highgate, Midland Grand Hot.  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell  
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green  
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton  
40 Derwent, Hastings  
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth  
104 St. John, Stockport  
105 Fortitude, Plymouth  
106 Sun, Exmouth  
151 Albany, Newport, I. of W.  
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, S. Shields  
292 Sincerity, Liverpool  
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield  
297 Witham, Lincoln  
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth  
314 Peace and Unity, Preston  
330 One and All, Bodmin  
411 Commercial, Nottingham  
589 Druid of Love and Liberality, Redruth  
632 Concord, Trowbridge  
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis  
721 Independence, Chester  
797 Hauley, Dartmouth  
827 St. John, Dewsbury  
884 Derwent, Wirksworth  
893 Meridian, Millbrook  
941 De Tabley, Knutsford  
1112 Shirley, Shirley  
1174 Pentangle, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Enfield  
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Liverpool  
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool  
1408 Stanford and Warrington, Stalybridge  
1436 Castle, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury  
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold  
1496 Trafford, Moss Side  
1611 Eboracum, York  
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court  
1730 Urnston, Urnston  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1792 Tudor, Harborne  
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Kidegrove  
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall  
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington.  
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham  
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2376 Carnarvon, Layland  
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom  
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea

## Tuesday.

- 167 St. John, Hampstead Heath  
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse  
1269 Stanhope, Camberwell  
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern  
93 Social, Norwich  
80 St. John, Sunderland  
131 Fortitude, Truro  
184 United Benevolence, New Brompton  
241 Merchants, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Boston  
293 King's Friends, Nantwich  
319 New Forest, Lymington  
371 Perseverance, Maryport  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
448 St. James, Halifax  
473 Faithful, Birmingham  
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster  
495 Wakefield, Wakefield  
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell  
567 Unity, Warwick  
573 Perseverance, Halesowen  
593 St. Ann, Alderney  
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton  
650 Star in the East, Harwich  
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury  
723 Pannure, Aldershot  
764 Harbour of Refuge, Hartlepool  
829 Sydney, Sidecup  
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey  
897 St. Helens Loyalty, St. Helens  
903 Gosport, Gosport  
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town  
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn  
973 Royal Somerset, Frome  
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

- 1073 Greta, Keswick  
1130 St. Milburga, Ironbridge  
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington  
1267 Kenlis, Egremont  
1314 Acacia, Bromley, Kent  
1402 Jordan, Torquay  
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, Newquay  
1545 Baildon, Baildon  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-Hill  
1782 Machen, Coleshill  
1837 Lullingstone, Wilmington  
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse  
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay  
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wilberforce, Hull  
2222 Frederick West, East Molesey  
2324 Horwich, Horwich  
2360 Victoria, Southport  
2492 Concordia, Wendover

## Wednesday.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4  
87 Vitruvian, Southwark  
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood  
2528 Lancastrian, Frasecati  
54 Hope, Rochdale  
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, Guernsey  
187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
146 Antiquity, Bolton  
204 Caledonian, Manchester  
225 St. Luke, Ipswich  
244 Yarborough, Jersey  
250 Minerva, Hull  
274 Tranquillity, Newchurch  
281 Fortitude, Lancaster  
283 Harmony, Todmorden  
323 Concord, Stockport  
463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon  
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Princetown  
679 St. David, Aberdare  
730 Ellesmere, Chorley  
731 Arboretum, Derby  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno  
852 Zetland, Salford  
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing  
854 Albert, Shaw  
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath  
1005 Zetland, Gloucester  
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford  
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham  
1064 Borough, Burnley  
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge  
1091 Erme, Ivybridge  
1094 Temple, Liverpool  
1107 Cornwallis, Chislehurst  
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton  
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor  
1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon  
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate  
1248 Denison, Scarborough  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot  
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curwen, Workington  
1403 West Lancaster, Ormskirk  
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool  
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford  
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-o-Tyne  
1798 Zion, Manchester  
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough  
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble  
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor  
1947 Stanford, Hove  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester  
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree  
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne  
2389 Avondale, Middleswich  
2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham  
2423 St. Mark, Connah's Quay  
2450 Loxfield, Uckfield  
2483 Hadrian, Westham

## Thursday.

- 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel  
1558 Duke Connaught, Camberwell  
1642 Earl Carnarvon, Notting Hill  
2168 Derby Alcroft, St. Pancras  
2417 Bolingbroke, Clapham Junction  
2509 Barnet, New Barnet  
35 Medina, Cowes  
97 Palatine, Sunderland  
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton  
139 Britannia, Sheffield  
191 St. John, Bury  
216 Harmonic, Liverpool  
333 Royal Preston, Preston  
344 Faith, Radcliffe  
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe

- 381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen  
437 Science, Wincanton  
442 St. Peter, Peterborough  
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth  
516 Etruscan, Longton  
561 Zetland, Guisborough  
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury  
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford  
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton  
739 Temperance, Birmingham  
816 Royd's, Littleborough  
991 Tyne, Wallsend  
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool  
1055 Derby, Manchester  
1061 Triumph, Lytham  
1099 Huyshe, Stoke Damerel  
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1145 Equality, Accrington  
1147 St. David, Manchester  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool  
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne  
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Harby  
1416 Falcon, Thirsk  
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Newport, Mon.  
1583 Corbet, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon  
1863 Priory, Tynemouth  
1915 Graystone, Whitstable  
1992 Tennant, Cardiff  
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor  
2132 Egerton, Seacombe  
2217 Windermere, Windermere  
2227 White Horse, Westbury  
2234 Onslow, Guildford  
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury  
2278 Kingswood, Elstree  
2285 Eden, Workington  
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitechurch  
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford

- 2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross  
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild,  
2428 Gracedieu, Colville  
Waddesdon  
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

## Friday.

- 780 Royal Alfred, Kew Bridge  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddleton, Islington  
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff  
81 Doric, Woodbridge  
170 All Souls, Weymouth  
458 Aire and Calder, Goole  
526 Honour, Wolverhampton  
815 Blair, Hulme, Manchester  
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-Wold  
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harrogate  
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard  
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield  
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland  
1289 Rock, Birkenhead  
1428 United Service, Landport  
1446 Mt. Edgcombe, Bridge Ho. Ho.  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1605 De La Pole, Hull  
1607 Loyalty, Fenchurch Street  
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-o-Tyne  
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's  
1983 Martyn, Southwold

## Saturday.

- 1685 Guelph, Leyton  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.  
2206 Hendon, Hendon  
869 Gresham, Cheshunt Park  
1755 Eldon, Portishead  
2069 Prudence, Leeds  
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham  
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray  
2246 Cyclist, E. Molesey  
2359 Doric, Didsbury

## SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY.

MUCH has been written—more has been said—concerning the symbology of Freemasonry—still the end is not yet. The more we learn of it, the more remains to be learned, and we find ourselves to-day, even at this age of "advanced thought," and living amid the teachings of those who have vaulted themselves on the platform of "higher criticism," still sitting at the feet of the Ancient Masters, who are whole encyclopedias of Masonic knowledge, and we would not give one hour spent there for whole centuries with these modern solons who have yet to learn the alphabet of symbolic Freemasonry.

Freemasonry as it was, in its purity, and the way its founders handed it down to their posterity, is one thing, but Freemasonry as some would have it, adorned with modern embellishments and gaudy coloured paraphernalia and theatrical mummerising, as though it were a drama, upon which the less informed might feast their longing eyes, is quite another and different thing altogether. There is not, neither can there be, anything progressive about it save as to a more perfect knowledge of it, and a fuller understanding of its sublime truths. We received it as Ancient Craft Masonry, and so it must remain—pure and unadulterated—without change or innovation from any source whatever, or by whomsoever ordered. The very moment the change is engrafted upon it, either in its Regulations and Constitutions, Ritualistic phraseology, Symbology, or Landmarks, that moment it ceases to be Ancient Craft Masonry, and we may write upon it "Ichabod."—Andrew H. Barkley, in "Voice of Masonry."

**Alhambra.**—A good entertainment is always to be found at this popular house, and at the present time the attractions are especially excellent. In the variety part of the programme there are Kennedy and Allen, humorous duettists; the Three Namedos, who make their first appearance in England, and whose performance is rightly deemed eccentric; Stelling and Revell, the acrobatic clowns who are always clever and amusing; and Kara, whose juggling feats are entirely novel and performed with a neatness of execution that is deservedly applauded. A new candidate for public favour appears in the person of Madlle. Emmie, whose trained troupe of tiny dogs exhibit a vast amount of intelligence. The Alhambra has always been noted for its ballets, but the management have broken new ground by selecting a Shakespearian subject for production, and none lends itself more readily for torpsichorean display than "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The comedy in condensed form is played with pantomime action in four tableaux, the interest centreing in the fairies. The aerial ballet is capitally contrived, and readily appeals to the imagination as to what fairies should be. The beautiful dresses, the brilliant scenery and grouping of colours form a highly picturesque ensemble, while the clever dancing of Signora Cerri and Madlle. Grigolatis is most delightful. But even then the programme is not finished, for there is a troupe of Wrestlers comprising some of the most famous continental athletes, who give specimens of their skill in the most approved style. We must not forget to mention Mr. Jacobi's splendid orchestra, which gives selections during the evening.

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