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## MASONRY IN SEASON.

AS is generally the case at this period of the year, reports are appearing in the press in different parts of the country, of efforts made by local Lodges or individual members of the Craft, on behalf of the aged in needy circumstances or the children of the poor in their midst, the beneficiaries including, not only those associated with the Masonic Order, but many outside of it, the sole qualification for help being the need for it at this special season of the year, and the sole desire of the donors being to do a kindly action for as many of their less fortunate fellow creatures as is possible.

Such seasonable consideration for those outside our ranks may certainly be regarded as one of the brightest characteristics of Freemasonry, and a fitting conclusion to the year's work of our Brotherhood, even were there nothing else to point to in such a connection, but this is but a very small part of what is going on around us at this season of the year, for although outsiders are receiving attention in many quarters those within the fold are by no means being forgotten, as the events of the near future will amply demonstrate, we looking forward to the pleasure of publishing within a few weeks from now the result of the efforts of the year's Stewards of the Benevolent Institution, many of whom are doubtless very busy at this period of goodwill and benevolence, on behalf of the army of annuitants who are already elected on to the funds of the Institution, or the many old people who are candidates for its bounty.

It is very certain the instances of such thoughtful consideration for outsiders, on the part of members of the Craft, as come under our notice, represent but a very small proportion of what actually occur, and we have heard criticism offered in regard to the cases that are actually noticed in the different papers, the opinion sometimes being that such benevolence is best practised in private, and not published to the world, but we are not of that opinion, rather believing that records of such kindly consideration for the needy serve more as examples for others to copy than as evidence of desire to appear favourably in the eyes of the world. We are convinced that many of the movements now in force for the relief of distress at this period of the year are the direct outcome of previous announcements published in regard to such action on the part of others, and we feel no hesitation in giving as much publicity as is possible to benevolence practised just now, in the hope that others who are able to, will go and do likewise—imitation in so good a cause being the sincerest flattery.

## THE CHIRGWIN MEMORIAL.

PART of the memorial dedicated to the late Bro. Chirgwin (more than once Mayor of Truro) by the Freemasons of Cornwall and other friends, has just been placed in Truro Cathedral. It consists of a stained glass window filling one of the two lights in the partially-built first bay of the nave on the north

side of the building. The subject of the window (which forms one of the series of historical persons and events, planned from the first for the formation of a complete history of the Christian Church) includes in the upper part the figure of the Venerable Bede, Church historian and divine, who was born at Jarrow A.D. 673, and died there A.D. 735. He is commemorated in the Kalendar of the Book of Common Prayer on 27th May. His remains still rest in Durham Cathedral, under a stone marked "Hac sunt in fossa bedæ venerabilis ossa." On each side of him are depicted St. John Damascene, the last great father of the Eastern Church, and Aleuin, the founder of Christian education in Western Europe. Below is given Bede, on his death-bed, concluding his great work of translating the Gospel according to St. John, and being raised up to catch sight once more of the Church of Jarrow, endeared to him by many holy memories. The design and execution of the stained glass by Clayton and Bell leave nothing to be desired. The other part of the memorial, consisting of an inscribed marble tablet, will be fixed in a few weeks.—"Western Morning News."

## MASONIC TREAT TO THE AGED.

ON the 20th inst. the annual treat to the aged of Cleckheaton, provided by the members of the Zetland and Friendship Lodges, took place at the Town Hall. A substantial tea was served in the afternoon to about 120 old folks, and afterwards there were short addresses and an entertainment. Bro. S. Law presided, and gave the aged guests a hearty welcome, and later on the Rev. W. Leicester also spoke. Songs were sung by several friends, and Mr. S. Blackburn showed his phonograph. As the guests left each received a parcel containing a Christmas loaf and a packet of tea, and also a shilling presented by Mr. Alfred Law; and arrangements were made for parcels to be sent the following day to a number of old folks who could not attend.—"Bradford Observer."

## THEATRICAL HELP.

BRO. F. W. PURCELL annually gives the proceeds of one performance to the Masonic Charities, and his generosity in this respect is not confined to Bury, but is shared by other towns in which he has theatres. This year his efforts, so far as this borough was concerned, were with a characteristic generosity supported by the renowned troupe of amateur minstrels known by the name of Minnehaha, who have, during a period of fifteen years, contributed by means of their performances no less a sum than £11,062 16s 10d to Lancashire Charities, and the laudable object, together with the admirable bill of fare, was a guarantee of a large house on Tuesday evening (17th instant), when this Ethiopian troupe occupied the boards of the Bury Theatre. The gathering was not only a large one, but brilliant, dispensation having been granted for the Brethren to appear in Masonic Craft and Royal Arch clothing. The performance was under the patronage of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov.G.M. of East Lancashire, and many other prominent Masons.

The performance was unfortunately delayed in starting, owing to a mishap on the railway which delayed the troupe in their arrival, and the audience were kept waiting three quarters of an hour longer than the time announced before the proceedings commenced. Brothers V. Brown and F. W. Purcell asked the indulgence of the audience, and it was readily granted, but the programme, which was a lengthy one, had necessarily to be curtailed.

Though opportunity prevented gratitude being expressed it was doubtless felt both for the kindness of Brother Purcell and the Minnehaha Minstrels for their entertainment.—"Bury Guardian."

## PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF W.M.

By Bro. Dr. E. H. Williams. Read at a meeting of the Masters and Wardens' Association, Victoria (extracted from "Masonry").

THE subject I have undertaken to discuss in this paper is one which grows with acquaintance. I will not attempt to deal with all the privileges and responsibilities of a W.M., but will, from the date of his election to the time of his leaving office, endeavour to place before you the most prominent of those duties and obligations in the order in which, according to my humble opinion, they occur to the W.M. Under each of the headings I propose to mention a very long paper indeed could be written. I intend, therefore, to merely make such remarks as may lead to profitable discussion amongst ourselves as Masons, and as an association of Masons enjoying privileges and bearing responsibilities.

I make no apology for having borrowed sentences or parts of sentences from the ritual, as where this may have occurred I feel certain none could improve on the import of our antient doctrines and exhortations. Brethren, it is said that many heads are better than one. In writing this paper I am the one head; I trust that when fully considered and fully criticised by the many some profit may result to all who have the interests of Freemasonry at heart. The first, and apparently one of his greatest privileges occurs to the Worshipful Master immediately after he is elected to office, and before he is installed. I refer to the privilege of appointing his own Officers to assist him in his work. Although it is not until after his actual installation that he is formally asked to appoint and invest his Officers, is it not, in all but exceptional cases, a fact that these appointments have been made and the offer of office accepted by the various Brethren, days beforehand? Great then as this privilege must be acknowledged to be if fully exercised, does it not bear a responsibility sufficient to make even a man of nerve hesitate before accepting it? Let us see then, Brethren, how this responsibility is usually met, and then let us consider how far the privilege really extends? The usual proceeding is for the Worshipful Master-elect to confer with his Past Masters, and act strictly according to their decision (I nearly said dictation, and he is wise even if he realises the meaning of the latter word in its fullest sense). This decision usually is that every Officer shall have a step upwards; for amongst Past Masters, who may reasonably be expected to have no axe to grind, it seems to be taken for granted that once a member has held the lowest Office in his Lodge he has an absolute right to advancement each succeeding year, even if he has neglected the most important duty of paying his dues. Brethren, if I am correct in this premises, the only privilege attached at this stage to this apparently autocratic office, is the opportunity of appointing some Brother (perhaps a personal friend of the Worshipful Master, or in any case a particular friend of one or more of his advisers the Past Masters), to the lowest Office in his Lodge, well knowing that the splendid system in vogue will carry this Brother steadily forward, and finally land him at the goal of his ambition, the zenith of his possibilities in Craft Masonry. True, the Worshipful Master is not compelled to consider anything except the best interests of his Lodge in this matter, but let him once deviate from the well-beaten path, and he will require to be a man of peculiarly great ability to pilot his Lodge through his year of office without running perilously close to breakers, without "dooming" its very Masonic life, and without laying down a precedent for his successors, which, if followed, will give the Lodge a bad name, as one in which personal influence is of no avail, in which personal friendship counts for nothing; in which even the absolute equality (mental and educational) of the Brethren is questioned; and finally and apparently worst of all, the Lodge will be stigmatised as one in which merit and merit alone is the only key to advancement. Brethren, such are the Worshipful Master's privileges, and such his responsibilities in this matter, and excellent as our system of course is, I almost feel that some apology is due for having included this amongst his great privileges, much more so for having stated that the responsibility is a grave one.

THE INSTALLATION.—Here the new Worshipful Master experiences, for the first time, the glorious opportunity of setting his sails for the capture of every Masonic breeze that blows, and, unless a man of self-restraint, may lure himself into the belief that on the eclat with which the ceremony of installation, with its appended fourth degree, passes off will depend the entire future of his Lodge. Ceremony at all times should command due observance, but in no case should a newly elected W.M. cripple his Lodge by making the night of installation the one meeting of the year. Some newly-elected Worshipful Master will probably say, what if he is prepared to relieve his Lodge of pecuniary liability by paying the entire cost himself? To such Brother I can only say that, if such steps are taken by him as to make his

installation an unusually imposing one for that particular Lodge, he is not only making use of our Order and of his Lodge for self-glorification, but he is doing inestimable damage to those who may in the ordinary course of events be expected to succeed him in his high office. Feelings of delicacy have kept, and may in future keep, worthy Masons from accepting the highest office when they know how impossible it would be for them to entertain as recklessly as their predecessors, or some of them had done. The installation of Worshipful Master should be carried out on even lines each year, the expense being regulated by the financial position of the Lodge, but never varying to the extent of allowing the possibility of one annual meeting being contrasted unfavourably with another. If the Worshipful Master feels disposed to contribute to the Order, how much stronger are the sacred claims of charity than the allurements of transient revelry. Brethren, herein lies one of the greatest privileges of a Worshipful Master; also one of his greatest real responsibilities; unfortunately neither is always recognised.

WORKING IN THE LODGE.—This has, I am well aware, already been fully and ably dealt with in a paper read some months ago by a Worshipful Brother before this Association. It would, therefore, be attempting to "paint the Lily" to again refer at any length to this subject; suffice it to say, it is the great privilege of a Worshipful Master to do all the ritual work in his Lodge, and to do it in such a manner as to prove to all that Masonry is indeed a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. But in this connection let us not forget his grave responsibility for the performance of this duty, and, if through any cause whatever he does not actually do all the work himself, let him be positively assured that the Brother or Brethren whom he requests to assist him are thoroughly capable of maintaining the good reputation of Freemasonry, the dignity of the high office they are called on temporarily to fill in doing his work, and the prestige and honourable record of the Lodge whose destinies are placed for the time being in his hands.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.—Under this heading the great responsibility of a Worshipful Master can be stated in a few words by simple reference to the ritual and the Book of Constitutions. If the Worshipful Master is satisfied that certain questions put to the candidate after he has been duly elected and before he is obligated are answered truly and sincerely, he need feel no qualms of conscience as to his possible dereliction of duty in this respect. If these queries can be so answered, no one can ever afterwards say that that particular Worshipful Master boomed his Lodge. Every candidate received and initiated by such a prudent W.M. may be counted a distinct gain to our ancient Order. What more satisfactory recollection can any true Mason enjoy than the fact that he joined the Order entirely "of his own free will and accord."

VISITORS AND VISITING.—Circumstances over which I have no control having prevented me from being anything approaching a regular or consistent visitor to Lodges, I would gladly have left the consideration of this matter to the hands of Brethren better qualified to deal with it, were it not for the fact that the privilege of visiting as Worshipful Master of his Lodge is one of the most important appertaining to his high office. When addressed as a newly invested Warden the Worshipful Master was advised that what may have appeared praiseworthy in others he should himself carefully imitate, and what in them appeared defective, he should himself amend. In his high office the Worshipful Master has the honour of knowing that he absolutely represents the Lodge. How better then, than by visiting, can he be in a position to observe praiseworthy features in the working of others or, possibly, anything "defective." No Mason, much less a Worshipful Master, should visit the banquet table of a sister Lodge unless invited by the Worshipful Master, or by some member of that Lodge in good standing. But as for the purely Masonic part, the Worshipful Master enjoys the great privilege, and must recognise it as his duty, to welcome worthy Brethren who may care to witness the working of his Lodge. Whilst his heaviest responsibility is to see that his Officers carefully perform all their duties relating to the admission of visitors, he must also see that each visitor to his Lodge is honoured according to his Masonic position, and that every Brother in the Lodge Room is made to realise that Masonry is universal, and that while tolerating in its meetings no political nor religious creed it commands every one of its members to act unto others as they would wish others to act unto them.

DUTIES OF GRAND LODGE.—His privileges and responsibilities in relation to Grand Lodge need not be dealt with here, as when invested as a Warden these were fully pointed out to him.

GENERAL Demeanour OF A W.M.—Brethren, probably if the most crude and undeveloped of socialistic doctrines were to become law to-morrow, and if in accordance therewith every man and woman were to start from a position of absolute equality, as far as this world's riches are concerned, inside of twenty-four hours we would have as many millionaires as we

have to-day. In Masonry there is, of course, no such antagonistic struggle for celebrity, nevertheless we must recognise the fact that there are Masons good and true, letter perfect in their ritual work, honest, straightforward and highly respected in their daily life, who are lamentable failures as Worshipful Masters. Why is this possible? The only answer is another query, viz., why, if the condition of absolute equality were enforced, would it not remain stable for 24 hours. It is the privilege of the Worshipful Master to so manage the affairs of his Lodge, to conserve its best interests financially and otherwise, as to amply repay the Brethren for the confidence reposed in him. It should be, in the matter of general management, his constant care to give the Brethren no cause to regret the loss of his immediate predecessor, nor to look forward with hope to the date of election of his successor. Let the Worshipful Master remember that every word of praise that may fairly be given to his Lodge during his term of Office will reflect credit on himself. Let him not forget that any justifiable censure will be laid at his door with equal weight. Let him then see that his Officers are instructed in such a manner as to ensure the performance of their duties to the very best of their skill and ability. Let him also be assured that the personnel of his Lodge is above reproach. It is his privilege to preside over a body of Masons as almost absolute ruler; but it is his deepest and most sacred obligation to see that the Brethren, while pledged to obey him, are not, by virtue of his indifference, compelled to fraternise with any one who may have forfeited his right to be called a Mason. The Worshipful Master should be the first to act in the direction of excluding from his Lodge any one who has proved himself an unworthy member. If that unworthiness amounts to gross violation of his Masonic obligations, it is the Worshipful Master's solemn duty to do all in his power to invoke the aid of Grand Lodge in purging our antient Order of such an impurity.

**LEAVING OFFICE.**—At the termination of his period of office it is the privilege of the Worshipful Master to instal his successor, and, although under our Constitution I fail to find that it is legally any more than a privilege, I believe it should be the ambition of every Worshipful Master to thus attach the final ornament to his record of Office. Brethren, when the night of installation is, as it should be, a very important meeting of the Lodge, but only equal in importance to the other regular meetings of the year, the necessity of importing fossilised "talent" to perform this threadbare ceremony of installation (better known as it is to most Master Masons than the beautiful work of even the first degree) will cease. The necessity does not even now exist, as any Mason thought worthy of being endowed with the great privileges of this high office of Worshipful Master should certainly assure himself that he is capable of grasping all his responsibilities, and should recognise this as one of them, although an unwritten one. If the Past Masters of his Lodge have neglected their opportunities, it is not the fault of the present Worshipful Master, nor any reason why he should neglect his. If Masonry is to be progressive it should aim at a point of development where none of its members who shall have occupied the exalted office of Worshipful Master will require to occasionally act as Installing Master, in order to remind Brethren that he is in reality a Past Master. When that time arrives the affix P.M. will have a meaning, honourable to the name it follows, not as in too many cases at the present day, figuring as a mere ornament. When the Worshipful Master realises in full his privileges, and recognises in like manner the inseparable element of responsibility in each one of them, he will indeed be able to leave office well knowing that he has discharged "the important duties of his high office with honour to himself and satisfaction to his Lodge."

The Book of Constitutions will in most cases show the Worshipful Master his responsibilities, the faithful discharge of which will enable him to appreciate and enjoy his many privileges. There is, however, one great responsibility, which no general law can define for individual cases. I mean his great duty to himself, as a man and a Mason. If he recognises the fact that every privilege carries a responsibility, the discharge of which enables him to enjoy and duly appreciate that privilege, he will probably be entirely successful in his important undertaking. If he fails to recognise this he neglects his first duty. He neglects to render unto himself that justice which his high position places within "the compass of his attainments."

### WEST OF ENGLAND MASONRY.

**T**HE rapid growth of membership in the majority of Lodges located in the Western Counties discounts the idea that Masonry is decreasing in popular favour. At nearly every monthly meeting there are candidates for nomination or advancement, and the interest taken in the various institutions connected with the Craft is growing by leaps and bounds. In both Devon and Cornwall this pleasant condition of things is due

to the enthusiasm displayed by Brethren who have devoted many years of unwearied exertion to the cause they have at heart, and their example is creating a feeling of emulation among the younger men, which cannot fail to enhance the prosperity of one of the noblest objects humanity could support. A visit to any Lodge meeting will give ample evidence of this. Brethren vie with each other in taking a part in the work, which is accomplished in such an unostentatious, but none the less efficient, manner.

The Three Towns are particularly well served, so far as the number of Lodges is concerned, and very few of our largest centres of population possess such commodious premises as those which comprise the Masonic Club, in Princess Square. The arrangements in every respect are of the most complete character, and the eight Lodges which hold meetings there find the surroundings to be of the most congenial description, especially when they are compared with those associated with Masonic gatherings elsewhere. It might be advisable for others to concentrate at the same place, but presumably it is found more convenient to have premises within easy reach of the members. The Committee entrusted with the control of the building have been working for some time in the direction of improving the interior, and the work which has just been completed is calculated to make the premises more attractive than ever. A long corridor gives access to the large rooms used for Masonic and social functions, and this has just passed out of the hands of the artist who was entrusted with the contract for embellishing the walls. Bro. G. F. Hill, of Lipson, undertook to fill up panels with the coats of arms of prominent Masons connected chiefly with the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall, and the results of his labours are admired by all who have inspected them.

In the entrance lobby are the coats of arms of Her Majesty the Queen, and the Prince of Wales, and on either side of the corridor are those of Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. Devon 1879, Earl Mount-Edgumbe P.G.M. Cornwall 1873, the Masonic arms with the motto "Audi, Vide, Tace"; the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.P.G.M. Devon 1866, Earl Fortescue P.P.G.M. Devon 1820, Augustus Smith, M.P., P.P.G.M. Cornwall 1863, Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., M.P., P.P.G.M. Cornwall 1844, Sir Charles Bamfylde, Bart., P.P.G.M. Devon 1775, William Pye P.P.G.M. Cornwall 1752, and Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., P.P.G.M. Cornwall 1785. The pilasters are ornamented with shields of the Royal Arch, and the ceiling is panelled alternately with representations of the sun and moon and stars. By daylight the effect is of a most beautiful description, but when the soft rays of the incandescent light are utilised at night, and the floor covered with coloured carpet, nothing more delightful to the eye could have been suggested. It is gratifying to know that the club is in a prosperous condition, and that the large rooms are in great request for gatherings of a social character, Brother Harvey, the steward, having gained a reputation for the excellent manner in which he caters for all.—"Western Mercury."

### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

**R**EGRET is expressed at the death of Captain E. B. Penrice, of Maryport, which occurred on Tuesday of last week, after a long illness. Deceased, who was well known and highly respected by the townspeople, was a prominent Freemason, and the Maryport Lodges found in him an enthusiastic supporter, says the "Whitehaven Free Press." He was initiated a member of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, on 25th June 1867, was W.M. in 1886, and appointed P.G.S.B. in 1881. He was exalted in Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, on 25th July 1883, was installed M.E.Z. on 6th April 1890, and appointed Prov.G. Reg. on 1st March 1892. Deceased was also a Mark Mason in the Whitwell Mark Lodge 151 P.M. P.P.J.G.W. He was a member of the Collin Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, 11, and was a P.M. of the W.M. Sewell Council Allied Masonic Degrees 11. Deceased was a member of the Maryport Trustees for a short time, was a director of the Maryport and District Economic Building Society, and had acted as Secretary of the Maryport branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, in whose work he took great interest. He was of a kindly and generous nature, and was ever willing to relieve distress in an unostentatious manner. Deceased was accorded a Masonic funeral, and a good number of Brethren in their regalia preceded the hearse. On the conclusion of the Church service, Bro. the Rev. J. Anderson Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, Whitehaven, read the Masonic service, and the usual ceremonies were observed. The coffin was carried from the church to the graveside by Bros. T. Waite, J. Dickinson, J. Reed, J. Gardiner, R. Brown, and J. Ward, all Past Masters.

**T**HE late Bro. Daniel Davies P.M. of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, was interred on Sunday morning at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, in the presence of a large number of Masonic Brethren and others.



### MASONIC UNION.

A TIME seems to be rapidly approaching when something will have to be done towards unifying the various constitutions which are now working in Greater Britain. This want is not so much felt in Great Britain itself. There each constitution has its own territory over which it exercises sovereign rights, and in which it need fear no invasion from a sister constitution. In Greater Britain, however, and in India, the case is different. Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen all bring their own Masonry with them, and in this way we find the different constitutions working side by side, and often with a certain amount of rivalry. One objectionable form of this rivalry is often the assumed superiority of one constitution over the other. Under the English Constitution, the Master's degree is not recognised as a qualification for the English chair, or even as qualifying a Scotch Master to confer a degree in an English Lodge. Strange to say, however, the English Constitution recognises Scotch Masters as competent to form a Board of Installed Masters to instal an English Master in his chair. Elsewhere, in New Zealand, Australia, and the Cape we find a tendency abroad to establish independent Grand Lodges, yielding no obedience to any of the three Grand Lodges in Great Britain. All this points to an element of separatism, which, if it increases in strength, will gradually but inevitably lead to Masonry being a bond, not of union, but of disunion amongst those who should be Brethren. The time seems therefore to have come when the three British Constitutions should be joined under one Supreme Head. There is one man, and one man only, who could occupy this position, and whose popularity and uniform tact would ensure the success of the union. This man is the Prince of Wales, who as the future sovereign of the United Kingdom would most aptly fill the post of Supreme Sovereign of United Masonry in Great Britain, the Colonies and Dependencies. If we were once all joined under one head, there could be no longer any question of rivalry or of superiority, and the advantage to the Craft generally would be very great. Such an union need not necessarily bring about the abolition of the Grand Lodges as they now exist. They could still hold their territorial jurisdictions as far as Great Britain is concerned, and *modus vivendi* could easily be arranged for the colonies and India. This is an object for which all Masons should work, and we trust that the matter will be taken up and energetically pushed. What we want now is a joining together of the different bodies which are in danger of drifting apart. As an example of the feeling we allude to we will quote one passage from that eminent Masonic writer Gould, whose splendid history of the Craft is a monument of research and historical criticism. In speaking of the rise of Scotch Freemasonry in Bengal (Vol. III., p. 335) at a time when, from some cause or other, English Freemasonry was in a state of dormancy, he says: "There was no English Provincial Grand Lodge of Bombay (1846) and under the Chevalier Burnes, whom nature had bountifully endowed with all qualities requisite for Masonic administration, Scottish Masonry presented such attractions that the strange sight was witnessed of English Masons deserting their mother Lodges to such an extent that these fell into abeyance, in order that they might give their support to Lodges newly-constituted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In one case, indeed, a Lodge—Perseverance—under England, *went over bodily to the enemy.*" The italics are ours, but we think that all good Masons must deprecate the use of such a phrase, which possibly has been only used in a playful sense. Under such an union as the one we advocate, the idea which caused the use of such an epithet could not possibly arise. We could quote many instances in which this same idea has been imported into the actual life and relations of Lodges under different constitutions, but the above will suffice. Here in Madras Presidency we have no Scotch Lodges, but the Grand Master in Bombay has jurisdiction over the whole of India, and it is quite possible that some day or other a Scotch Lodge may be found working side by side with an English one. This is what is the case in Bombay, Hyderabad, and Calcutta, as also in many other parts of India. In such cases there should be no more friction between an English and a Scotch Lodge than there is between two English or two Scotch Lodges. What we want in Masonry is that it should serve only as a bond of union.—J. D. B. G., in "Indian Masonic Review."

Bro. William Mason Stiles P.M. P.Z. Grand Treasurer of England and members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, of which he is the Preceptor, will pay a complimentary visit to the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1719, at the Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, this evening (Saturday), at 8 p.m. It is hoped a large gathering will result, as the officials are desirous in every way of expressing their appreciation of the honour conferred upon the Lodge by the visit of such an illustrious Brother.

At a meeting held at Cardiff, on Thursday, 19th inst., it was unanimously decided to hold a Masonic ball early in the new year. A very large and influential Committee was formed.

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The Mayor of Southampton, Brother M. Emanuel, J.P., who is Worshipful Master of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, on Monday, 16th inst., invited those of his colleagues in the Corporation and the officials who are Freemasons to visit him at his Lodge. There was a goodly gathering, and unbounded hospitality was extended by his Worship to the Visitors.

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The annual ball in connection with the Morecambe Lodge was held in the Albert Hall, Victoria Street, Morecambe, on Wednesday, 11th inst., and was a most successful and enjoyable function. The Worshipful Master and Mrs. Baxter received the guests, after which dancing commenced, and was continued with much animation until well into the following morning, the affair having been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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The Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294, held an "At Home" on Wednesday, 11th inst., at their headquarters, the Coffee House Hotel, Wavertree, when 120 ladies and Brethren attended. The duties of masters of ceremonies were undertaken by Bros. W. Astbury and G. Turner, while the general arrangements were in the hands of a Committee consisting of Bros. J. Rigby, R. Rawlinson, T. G. Parker W.M., W. Boardman, G. Holme, and others.

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A largely attended meeting of Brethren was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Wednesday, 18th inst., under the chairmanship of Councillor H. J. Turnbull, J.P., for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Masonic ball in aid of the Masonic ward for children in the Infirmary. It was decided that the ball be held on Thursday, the 23rd January. A strong Committee was formed, with Bros. Councillor H. J. Turnbull, J.P., as Chairman, John E. Nelson Treasurer, and T. Atkinson, and Thos. Robinson as Hon. Secretaries.

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The members of the Bridgewater Lodge, with their wives and a few friends, held a social gathering on Friday, 13th inst., in the suite of rooms so well adapted for such a party in the Conservative Club, Monton Road, Eccles. The popular Master Brother Thomas Daniels was the inaugurator of the assembly, which was humourously described as a "Winter Picnic," and a fitting episode at the close of a prosperous and harmonious year. After an enjoyable repast the toast of the W.M. was ably given by Bro. McMyn W.M.-elect, and was suitably responded to by Bro. Daniels, who afterwards proposed the last toast of the evening, the Ladies, which was acknowledged by Bro. Lomas. Dancing and other amusements followed until the early hours of the morning.

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Bro. J. J. Murray, formerly W.M. of the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, has, since his return to Scotland some years since from the stewardship of the Hursley estates and his assumption of factorship of the estates of Sir Thos. Gladstone, Bart., in N.B., followed up his cultivation of the Masonic art and its virtues, and on 21st November last was raised to the highest rank in the Scottish Masonic Craft, viz., Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire, the ceremony being one of the greatest interest and honour. Bro. Murray was always a highly-esteemed Brother here in Hampshire, and was fast "rising to eminence" in the P.G. Lodge here, when he was called on to return to Scotia's sons, where he has spread the light in every direction, and achieved deserved honour, much to the delight of his former Brethren in the Province of Hampshire.—"Hampshire Advertiser."

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At the installation of Brother J. McDowell as Worshipful Master of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, at South Shields, on the 9th inst., referred to elsewhere, we were very glad to hear that in responding to the toast of his health the new W.M. told the Brethren that he entirely owed his present position in life to the education he had received in our Boys School. This is as it should be, and we trust Bro. McDowell's manly acknowledgment will be followed by many others who have received the benefits conferred by our excellent Schools. It has long been notorious that few of the ex-pupils, no matter how high they may have risen in the world, have cared to say a word on behalf of the Institution that cared for them in their earlier days, some going so far as to think that to mention such a connection would bring disgrace upon them. On the contrary, we think it would add greatly to their credit, as proof that they owed much to their personal endeavours.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## ST. JOHN CHAPTER, No. 80.

THE annual Convocation was held at Sunderland, on Tuesday, 17th inst. The Principals-elect were respectively presented by Comp. R. Hudson, and were installed as follows:—T. Gibbons Z., M. J. Todd H., and J. W. Biggam J.

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## EAST MEDINA CHAPTER, No. 175.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on Friday, 29th ult., when the following were installed: Comps. E. G. Stroud Z., A. Dashwood H., R. H. A. Woodman J.

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## ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 673.

THE installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 11th inst., when Companions Morton, Owen, and Simpson were installed in the three principal chairs, the installation being impressively performed by Companion Goodacre. Afterwards Companion W. B. Sweetman was presented with a handsome Past Principal's jewel.

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## EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 1642.

A WELL-ATTENDED convocation was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday, 12th inst., Comp. Edward Monson M.E.Z.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, and the Auditors having satisfactorily gone through their duties, the following Brethren were balloted for, elected and exalted: Bros. William Middleweek, Kensington Baths, Lancaster Road, W., Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793; Alfred Robert Finch, 63 Lancaster Road, W., Gooch Lodge, No. 1238; Henry Francis Foalé, 96 Ladbroke Grove, Kensington Lodge, No. 1381.

The ceremonies were performed in a thoroughly workmanlike and interesting manner.

After a well-served banquet by Mr. Linscott had been done justice to, the remainder of the evening was devoted to the usual toasts and some excellent harmony.

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## MARK MASONRY.

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## FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 16.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devonport, on Thursday, 12th inst., when Bro. A. Broom was installed W.M. by Bros. H. Holman and J. Bray.

The members and Visitors afterwards adjourned to the dining hall, where supper was provided.

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## BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 48.

THE regular meeting was held at East Stonehouse, on the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. Rogers Prov.G.I.G. W.M.

Brother Radmore was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, while Bro. Endicott P.P.A.D.C. was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Bartlett to that of Tyler.

There was a large gathering of Brethren on the occasion, those present including Bros. G. Dunsterville P.P.G.T., Blackell P.P.J.W., Trout P.P.D.C., H. Holman P.P.G.O., Pittrick, W. Tucker, Lathlean, Bracken, J. Jacobs, &c.

During the evening a very interesting event took place in the unanimous election, as Honorary Members of the Lodge, of Bros. Holman and Tucker, of Friendship Lodge, No. 16, and Bro. Jacobs, of Temple Lodge, No. 50.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where supper was laid and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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## DUNELM LODGE, No. 356.

ON Friday, 13th inst., a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, when an official visit was paid to the Lodge by members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Durham and Northumberland. In the unavoidable absence of the Master Bro. W. H. Patterson, Bro. T. Bell occupied the chair.

After the ordinary business the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where an excellent repast was highly appreciated, the purveyor being Bro. W. Macfarlane, of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Durham. The usual Loyal and Mark toasts were given.

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**Lyric.**—The manager having failed to obtain a renewal of the lease of the Lyric Theatre, regretfully announces that, notwithstanding its enormous success, the run of the comedy-opera, "The Bric-a-Brac Will," at this Theatre must terminate with its sixty-third performance, this evening (Saturday), the 23th inst.

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**Parkhurst.**—The Pantomime produced here on Christmas eve was deservedly well received, and its many meritorious features should enjoy a long and successful run. The subject selected for representation is the familiar "Dick Whittington," and the whole performance may be summed up as excellent, a good company being engaged, with a large number of performers who really excel in their different parts. The dancing, perhaps, deserved the chief praise, although that feature was very closely pressed by others of almost equal merit. There were numerous encores on the first night, when the palm was carried off by two juveniles—a boy and a girl—in blue silk, who danced exquisitely, and fairly brought down the house. There is an amount of bright music and lively songs, some really funny situations, good dresses and scenery, combined with an all round joviality that should, as we have said, lead to a long continuance of appreciative audiences at this pleasant little North London house of amusement.

## BLUNDERS THROUGH PRETENDED KNOWLEDGE.

AFFECTATION in the use of language, or a pretended acquaintance with subjects where the knowledge is only elementary, or of which one is entirely ignorant, sometimes leads an unfortunate wight into committing a ridiculous blunder. An instance of this is found in the story of the Irishman who, hearing the Sphinx alluded to in company, whispered to a friend, "The Sphinx! who's that now?"

"A monster man," was the reply.

"Oh yes, of course, a 'Munster man'; but I always thought he was from Connaught," was the ready rejoinder.

It is told of a certain Glasgow Bailie (Bailie is the Scottish analogue of Alderman) that when visiting Paris as one of a deputation from Glasgow to Louis Philippe, the King, who was showing the party through his library where he kept many of the English classics, said, "You will no doubt know Milton very well?" (meaning the poet). "O, bless you, yes; bless you, yes," replied the Bailie, cheerfully delighted that something had been mentioned that he did know, "yes, your majesty, I know Milton very well; we are just building slaughter houses there," meaning a little place in the vicinity of Glasgow.

A learned barrister once quoting some latin verses to a brother "wig," who did not appear to understand them, "don't you know the lines?" interrogated he; "there are in Martial." "Marshall," replied his friend, "Marshall—oh! I know—the Marshall who wrote on the understanding." When this anecdote was related to a certain judge of the court of review he is said to have observed, "why, after all, there is not much difference between the underwriter and a minor poet."

Quotations sometimes give the reporters trouble. Mr. Bright once stigmatised the malcontents on the Liberal side of the House as the Cave of Adullam, but the reporters seemed to have but a very limited knowledge of the scriptures, or at least of that portion which speaks of the cave where David retired from the frowns of his father-in-law, for a member of the staff thus spoke to another with regard to the meaning of the speaker's illustration: "Do you think our fellows understand that quotation of Bright's?" "Oh yes," was the answer, "they understand it well enough. None of them can be so confoundedly ignorant as not to have read the 'Arabian Nights.'"

Dr. M'Cosh (President of Princeton Seminary) tells the story of a negro who prayed earnestly that he and his coloured Brethren might be preserved from what he termed their "upsettin' sins." "Brudder," said one of his friends at the close of the meeting, "you ain't got de hang ob dat dere word; it's besettin', not upsettin'."

"Brudder," replied the other, "if dat's so, it's so, I was a prayin' de Lord to save us from de sin of intoxication, and if dat ar ain't a upsettin' sin, I dunno what am."

"The Book of Rarities," by Edward Roberts P.M.

A smoking concert in connection with the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway will be given on 30th December, at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, under the direction of Bro. Albert James, assisted by Bros. Jas. Horncastle, Frederick Bevan and Arthur Thompson, together with many other well-known artistes. Mr. Arthur S. Stride, the Managing Director of the Company, will preside.

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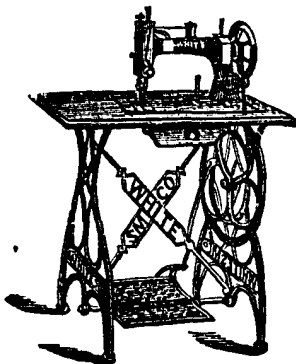
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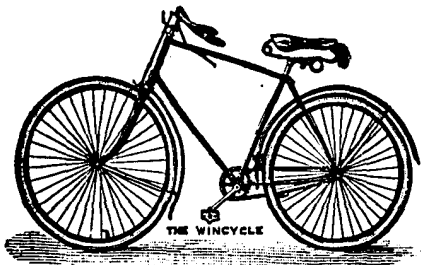
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Princess's.—7:45, A Dark Secret.  
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.  
Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Prince of Wales'.—7:35, A Woman's Caprice. 8:15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Criterion.—8:30, The Squire of Dames. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 8:50, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday.  
Garrick.—8, The Interview. 8:20, The Professor's Love Story. Matinée, To-day, 2:30.  
Avenue.—8:15, A Dangerous Ruffian. 8:50, Mrs. Ponderbury's Past. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
Daly's.—8:15, Second edition of An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday.  
Vaudeville.—8:30, Merrifield's Ghost. 9, The New Boy. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Comedy.—8, A breezy morning. 8:40, The Late Mr. Castello.  
Haymarket.—8:30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.  
Lyric.—8:15, The Bric-a-brac Will. Last matinée, To-day, 2:30.  
Savoy.—7:50, After all. 8:30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
Opera Comique.—8, Madame. 9:45, A Model Trilby. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
Strand.—8:15, A Happy Pair. 8:50, Niobe. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Adelphi.—8, One of the best.  
Shaftesbury.—9:30, A Woman's reason.  
Duke of York's.—8, Tommy Atkins. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
Royalty.—8, Kitty Clive—Actress. 8:40, The Chili Widow. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
Olympic.—7:30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer! Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1:30.  
Parkhurst.—7:45, Dick Whittington and his Cat.  
Alhambra.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8:4, Lochinvar. 10:20, Blue Beard.  
Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 7:45, On Brighton Pier. 10:15, Faunts.

Palace.—7:40, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.  
Oxford.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
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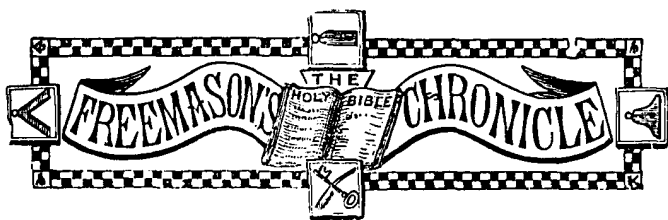
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From "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," 25th May 1895:—"The Duke and Duchess of York, with Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, on Wednesday afternoon visited THE ROYAL CYCLE RIDING SCHOOLS, 81 EUSTON ROAD. The Royal Visitors were shown over the buildings by the Manager, Mr. Brown, and before departing expressed themselves most pleased with the clever cycle-riding of some of the young ladies."



SATURDAY, 28TH DECEMBER 1895.

## FLY-LEAF FROM THE DIARY OF A NORWEGIAN CRUISE.

By Bro. John Chapman P.Prov.G.D. Devon.

A CRUISE through the Fjords of Norway, with the attractions of the modern steam yacht, which has now become a trip of ordinary attainment for the English tourist, and which therefore obviates the necessity for dwelling upon the preliminary of a voyage in the steam yacht, "The Midnight Sun," a fine screw steamer of 3,020 tons register, and with 2,860 horse power, that started with us from the Tyne, for her North-Sea passage, to the iron bound coast of Norway; will be the theme for a few interesting notes of novel adventure which marked my course through the land of the Vikings.

After a lovely passage of about thirty-six hours, from Newcastle, we were within the fascinating range of the snow-capped mountains of Norway. Arriving at Vik, early in the morning before we had partaken of our first meal; our boat anchored in seventy fathoms of water, which gave us an opportunity to survey the beauties of Vik, and the surrounding mountains and fjords. Hiring some Carjols (carriages), that rattled us over some five miles of fearfully rough road, we came to a small hillside hostelry where we engaged ponies for the "Voringfos"—one of the finest, if not the finest, waterfall in Norway. These sure-footed animals carried us over rickety bridges, through rushing mountain streams, and up the foot of the mountain, within easy reach of the great waterfall, where we had a magnificent view of the Voringfos. The water is gathered from the melting snow-fields some 3,500 feet high, while the lower waterfall forms a grand cataract of about 600 feet high, that leaps from a shelf in the cleft of the rock, and which receives the accumulated waters of the upper fall. The wonderful effect of this immense volume of water amply repays the tourist for his efforts. If we had been content with the view of the celebrated waterfall, at this point, and had followed the majestic rush of water that madly plunged at our feet; instead of yielding to the overtures of our guides, to scale the summit of the mountain, on our Norwegian ponies; we should have displayed an amount of discretion, at the sacrifice of a little adventure, for the tortuous and dangerous narrow path that had been excavated in zig-zags up to the fearful side of the mountain was almost too much for these clever young horses, that were trained to leap and jump from point to point like young mountain goats. In climbing up the slanting side of this unprotected ascent, that was only about three feet wide, we had occasionally to scramble over an immense unquarried rock that projected across our path, and which severely taxed

the efforts of my brave young steed. I never imagined that the dangerous path we were then ascending would be the one we should have to return by, or I should never have ventured up to the summit of the mountain. However, we eventually arrived safe at the top, where we found a refreshment booth. The magnificent stretch of scenery that met our gaze at every point of the compass, as we stood entranced with the immense snowfields, the distant snow-capped mountains, and the rushing angry waters that were leaping over the mountain gorge, made us feel that we were amply repaid for the risks we had run in making the ascent.

Having explored the interesting features of this Arctic region, and refreshed the inner man with the simple viands our worthy host had laid before us, I prepared for getting into the saddle again for the return journey. My intention evidently alarmed the owner of the pony, who seriously thought I was contemplating suicide and the destruction of his horse (for the rule on these occasions is for the tourist to walk down the mountain while the guide leads the horse), so he most imploringly said, "You are not going to ride down the mountain?" "Oh yes I am!" I said, for I felt that I was unable to get down any other way, and also feeling sure that if I could only stick on the back of my nimble young pony that it would do the return dangerous descent better than I could, so getting well fixed in my saddle I led the way down the mountain side, the rest of the company intimating that I should never see them again, and that I should never be able to escape being dashed to pieces over the fearful unprotected abyss. Nevertheless, with the courage of an old trooper I lit my pipe and led the way for our little cavalcade down the mountain, at times sliding over large pieces of smooth rock, leaping several openings in the path, or struggling through a snowfall; I stuck, however, like grim death to my charger, doing feats of horsemanship worthy of the military hero of the Alps. The ship's company who were following on foot, concluded that I was to the manner born; but after two hours' stiff ride, with all the risks of being ever and anon pitched over a fearful precipice of hundreds of feet, into the waters beneath, I arrived safe at the foot of the mountain. So severe had been the strain upon the muscle of the knees during those two hours, that when I dismounted I was unable to stand on my feet for a time, and when I made the effort to come down the ten foot rope ladder into the steam launch, it was done in such a crippled form that the Lieutenant in merry laugh said, "Why don't you come down on your horse?" evidently regarding my equestrian effort as being more brilliant than that of the rope ladder. The general topic on board "The Midnight Sun" during the dinner that evening was the pleasures and risks of the escapade, in trying to find the source of the great Voringfos.

Our contemporary, the "Graphic," devoted considerable attention to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in its issue of the 21st inst., several interesting photos being reproduced, together with a brief sketch of the Institution. The many supporters of the School throughout the country who have not yet been able to personally visit it will no doubt appreciate the faithful reproductions we refer to, which deserve to be kept as a memento of one of the finest Masonic works of the age.

## 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: METROPOLITAN.

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## MORNINGTON LODGE, No. 1672.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge (originally founded at Snaresbrook) was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at Spiers and Pond's, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when Bros. Ernest Taylor and Dennett Huber Barry were passed to the second degree by Bro. W. B. Gregar the outgoing W.M., who afterwards installed Bro. F. J. Burton as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The W.M. presented Bro. Gregar I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the Brethren.

Having adjourned to the Banqueting Room, and disposed of the good things provided, the usual Patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, interspersed with which were some excellent songs.

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## PIMLICO LODGE, No. 1772.

ON Thursday, 5th inst., the members had a very pleasant re-union and banquet, and at its conclusion paid a special visit to the Cambridge Music Hall to offer congratulations to Bro. E. V. Page on the occasion of his benefit. Bro. R. Warner, who was one of the party, was the bearer of a handsome walking-stick as a present from Bro. Harry Rickards to the beneficaire, whose worldly store was further increased by a gift of fish carvers from Bro. Warner himself.

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## GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, 14th inst.

There was a large gathering to witness the ceremony, which was impressively performed by the retiring Master Bro. C. Lock. Amongst the Officers appointed by the new Master, Bro. Percy W. Husk, were Bros. G. Tarran and B. Striem as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

Those present included a number of Grand Officers, amongst them being Bros. R. Eve Past Grand Treasurer, R. T. Pigott Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. F. Asher and T. Minstrell Past Grand Pursuivants, and G. Board Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden East Lancashire.

At the banquet held subsequently the customary toasts were honoured.

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## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

AT the Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, on the 21st inst., Bros. Fairclough P.M. and Preceptor as W.M., G. Keibell S.W., Crisp J.W., F. Islip S.D., Rusby J.D., Friedlander I.G., F. Keibell Secretary, G. Edwards Asst. Preceptor, Caton P.M., Ives P.M., Frost, Punter, J. Hands, Johnstone, Pearce, W. W. Robinson, Whittemore, F. Small, E. Johnson, Captain Schlosshauer and James Bunker.

The ceremony of Raising was rehearsed, Bro. Frost candidate, the W.M. giving the Traditional History most impressively.

The Lodge was adjourned until Saturday, 4th prox., and the annual supper is fixed for 31st January.

The thanks of the Lodge were unanimously given to Bro. F. Islip, for his generous gift of a Lodge Box.

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## CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE usual meeting was held at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., on Friday, 20th inst., Bros. O. J. von Holtorp P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middx. W.M., F. Keibell S.W., Ives P.M. J.W., Mason S.D., Calley J.D., Captain Schlosshauer I.G., Dunstan Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, George Clark P.M., Lyons.

The ceremony of Passing was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews candidate. The ceremony of Raising was rehearsed, Bro. Willsmer candidate. The W.M. delivered the Traditional History of the degree and the lecture on the Tracing Board.

A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. von Holtorp for his excellent working, this being the first time he had occupied the chair in the Lodge.

Bro. F. Keibell was elected W.M. for the next meeting, 3rd January.

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## LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THE election meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, on Monday, 9th inst., the choice of the members falling upon Bro. T. Olver J.W. as Worshipful Master for the year, while Bros. W. F. Newman P.M. and J. N. Francis were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively.

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## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 80.

A MEETING took place on Tuesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, when a most successful gathering was held. The Worshipful Master-elect Bro. John Robertson S.W. was installed by John E. W. Walker W.M., in an able manner.

The annual banquet took place subsequently at the Palatine Hotel, the W.M. presiding, he being supported by a large number of the members of his own and other Lodges.

## PALATINE LODGE, No. 97.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on the 12th, when there was a very large attendance of Past Masters and Brethren.

The W.M.-elect Brother Thomas Robinson was presented by Bro. A. Grundy P.M., and was very efficiently installed as W.M. by Bro. R. Hudson P.G.S.

The newly-installed W.M. thanked the Brethren present, and expressed his desire to do what lay in his power to maintain the prestige of the Palatine Lodge, the charter of which dates back to 14th January 1757. The first Officers were appointed by Bro. John Thornhill, and the Lodge assumed the title of the "Sea Captains' Lodge." It continued under that title until 11th March 1830, when the name was altered to the Palatine Lodge. The date of the centenary warrant is 13th August 1864.

In the evening the annual festival took place at the Palatine Hotel, where an excellent menu was served, under the personal direction of Mr. S. Fletcher, the manager.

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## RESTORATION LODGE, No. 111.

ON Thursday, 19th inst., the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held at the Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington, when Bro. C. J. Walton S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of Brethren, including Visitors from several Lodges in the Province and distant parts.

The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. J. J. Wilkes P.M. (Mayor of Darlington), and Bro. R. Luck P.M. P.P.G.R.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Fleece Hotel, when between fifty and sixty Brethren attended the annual banquet.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and on behalf of the members of the Lodge a presentation was made to the I.P.M. Brother W. E. Brown of a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge.

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## FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 131.

THE meeting on Tuesday, 10th inst., at Truro, unanimously elected Bro. W. F. Clarke S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Tonkin P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and J. Langdon Tyler.

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## PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 135.

AT the regular monthly meeting, held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Monday, 2nd inst., Bro. W. T. Baker P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. C. Hunt P.M. was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Brother J. MacGowan to the offices of Almoner and Tyler.

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## BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

BRO. J. Endicott S.W. and W.M.-elect was installed Master on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart Street, Stonehouse.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant manner in the refectory.

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## ST. LUKE LODGE, No. 225.

THE Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of Visiting Brethren. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. G. Abbott, who installed Bro. S. Skerritt.

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## INDEFATIGABLE LODGE, No. 237.

THE members have presented to Bro. H. Simmes P.M. P.P.S.G.W., in recognition of his services as Treasurer for eleven years, a handsome silver tea and coffee service. Bro. H. J. Thomas W.M. presided on the occasion and the presentation was made by the Mayor, Alderman Bradford P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.B.

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## ST. HILDA LODGE, No. 240.

ON Monday, 9th inst., the annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, South Shields, there being a large attendance of members and Visiting Brethren. Bro. John McDowell W.M.-elect was presented for installation by Bro. W. E. Moffett D.C., and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Linsley.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. presented to Bro. Linsley a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of appreciation of his services; and Bro. G. P. Robson presented to the Lodge a framed picture of Masonic emblems.

The musical portion of the ceremony was beautifully rendered by the Freemasons' choir, conducted by Bro. Winstone, who ably officiated at the organ.

The annual festival subsequently took place in the Royal Hotel, Ocean Road, and an excellent dinner was served, under the direction of Miss Hope, Manageress.

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## ONE AND ALL LODGE, No. 330.

THE monthly meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, when Bro. Edward John Goodfellow was elected to the office of Worshipful Master, and Bro. Randall P.M. to that of Treasurer for the ensuing year.

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## UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 339.

THE annual festival of St. John was held on Monday, 9th inst., in the Lodge Room at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penrith, when Bro. J. Simpson Yeates S.W. was installed by Bros. Pearson and Rawes.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to the customary banquet.



## YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 422.

THE Brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 2nd inst., and elected Bro. the Rev. C. E. Laing, vicar of St. John's, Gainsborough, as Worshipful Master. Bro. F. J. Sowby was elected Treasurer, Bro. George Scotland Tyler, and Bros. Hanson and Adlard Auditors.

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## CLIFTON LODGE, No. 703.

ON Thursday, 5th inst., at Blackpool, the installation took place of Bro. E. Taylor S.W. as W.M., Bro. E. Wolstenholme performing the ceremony.

An excellent dinner was afterwards sat down to, and a long toast list duly honoured.

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## WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, No. 771.

THE quaint and handsome little temple in Church Street, Windsor, was full to overflowing on Tuesday, 10th inst., when several Joining Members were elected, and two well-known gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries, viz.: Mr. Edward Barry, eldest son of Bro. F. T. Barry, M.P. (who was also present as a guest of the Lodge), and Mr. Councillor G. Mitchell.

Under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. F. Hunt, of Egham, a well-served supper afterwards took place at the White Hart Hotel, and altogether a most successful and enjoyable evening was spent.

At the January meeting the Lodge will elect the W.M. for the year ensuing. Several names are down as candidates for initiation, and a busy time is expected.

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## PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 772.

THE celebration of the Festival of St. John was held in the Masonic Rooms, Glastonbury, on Thursday, 12th inst., when Bro. W. G. Cozens S.W. and W.M.-elect was installed into the chair by Brother R. C. Else D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Bright P.M. P.P.G.S.Ws., and Major G. H. Newington Bridges P.M. P.P.J.D.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation a presentation of a handsome set of jewels was made by the D.P.G.M. to the late Treasurer Bro. Dr. Bright P.M. The case containing the jewels bore the inscription:—

Presented to

W. BRO. BRIGHT P.P.G.S. of W., Somt.,

by members of the Pilgrims Lodge, in recognition of twenty years' service as Treasurer.

At the usual banquet, at the "Olde Pilgrims Inne," the W.M. was supported by a goodly number of Brethren from various Lodges in the Province.

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## DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 837.

THE annual meeting was held at the Town Hall, Ripon, when the ceremony of installing Bro. Dr. S. Jacob P.M. P.P.G. Organist as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. R. Wilkinson P.M.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Unicorn Hotel.

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## LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 897.

ON Wednesday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Hall Street, St. Helens, Bro. John Turton S.W. was installed Worshipful Master by the retiring Master Bro. Weatherill.

The members and Visitors afterwards adjourned to the Fleece Hotel, where the installation banquet was served.

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## THREE GRAND PRINCIPLES LODGE, No. 967.

ON Tuesday, 10th inst., the regular meeting was held at Penryn, when among other business the following were elected to office for the ensuing year: Bros. Harry Hill as W.M., T. Gill Treasurer, Dawe Tyler. The celebration of the Festival of St. John was arranged for the second Tuesday of the new year.

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## TRAFALGAR LODGE, No. 971.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated at Batley, on the 5th inst., when Bro. G. A. Wilks was installed as Master.

The ceremony was followed by a banquet, at which several Visiting Brethren were present from the Cleckheaton, Scarborough, and Nelson of the Nile Lodges. The usual toasts were honoured.

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## ST. THOMAS LODGE, No. 992.

THE anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, on Wednesday, 4th inst., the installation of Brother W. Martin S.W. as Worshipful Master being honoured, amongst other distinguished Brethren, by the presence of Bros. J. J. Meakin P.M. P.P.G.W., A. Middleton P.M. 645 P.S.G.D., Thos. Southern P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Thomas Pike P.M. 852 P.P.G.Std.B., C. Turner P.M. 1011 P.P.G.A.D.C., E. Williams P.M. 325 P.P.G.S. of W., and others.

The first business was that of admitting Bro. Holmes, Harmony Lodge, 935 as a joining member, and of afterwards initiating Mr. W. J. Smith, this ceremony being ably performed by Bro. T. M. Johnson W.M.

A Masters' Board was then formed, as follows:—Bros. T. M. Johnson Installing W.M., W. Hawkins as S.W., W. H. Southern as J.W., and H. Y. Rutter as I.G.

Bro. H. Fisher, acting as Installing Deacon, then presented Brother W. Martin to receive the benefits of installation. The Working Tools in each degree were presented by Bro. Hawkins. The investiture of Officers was undertaken by Bro. Millward, on behalf of Bro. Hancock, as follows: Bros. A. B. Wightman S.W., J. Mumby J.W., J. Hancock P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., J. Millward P.M. P.G.S. of W. Sec., H. Y. Rutter P.M. D.C., J. J. Millsom S.D., A. Collins J.D., R. Taylor I.G., G. Owen Org., A. G. Thompson,

F. D. Dean, D. A. Osborne, H. Mason, W. Mann, J. Gilmour Stewards, and J. Johnson P.M. Tyler.

The concluding offices were well carried out by Bros. Millward and S. Moore, and altogether the ceremony bore traces of careful preparation and was ably done.

Afterwards the Brethren, to the number of sixty upwards, sat down to an excellent banquet admirably served by Brother W. Ollier P.M. P.G.A.P. After the usual Loyal toasts Brother T. M. Johnson gave that of the Worshipful Master, saying the Lodge had now for a number of years made steady progress, and had shown a remarkable amount of unanimity and good feeling. He felt sure that in Bro. Martin they would have a Master fully alive to the traditions, and a worthy successor in every way to the array of Past Masters who had occupied that position in the Lodge.

Bro. Martin, in reply, thanked the Brethren for their kind reception of his name, and hoped that the zeal of the old Past Masters of St. Thomas Lodge would incite him to use every endeavour to justify the Brethren's choice of himself as their present ruler. He hoped by emulating their worthy examples to the fullest extent to ensure the continued harmony and prosperity of the Lodge.

Bro. Fisher then said he had to ask Bro. Hancock to accept as a small token of esteem and gratitude for work which should not be allowed to go unrequited, a portrait of himself (Bro. Hancock). He alluded to the twenty-seven years of membership during which Brother Hancock had endeared himself to every Brother, and to his worthy fulfilment of the post of Treasurer for the last eight years. He hoped the portrait would be as an heirloom in his family to show succeeding generations the esteem and affection they had always felt towards him.

Bro. Hancock, deeply moved, thanked Bro. Fisher for his kind remarks, and the Brethren generally for their kind sentiments towards him, commending strongly the continuation of harmonious working of the Brethren as their only sure guide to continued prosperity.

Bro. J. J. Meakin then presented Brother T. M. Johnson with a Past Master's jewel in solid gold, suitably inscribed, at the same time remarking that he hoped this mark of respect on behalf of the Lodge would serve always to remind Brother Johnson of the happy year of office which he had just closed with such distinction.

Bro. Johnson acknowledged the testimonial in appropriate terms.

Brother Meakin, in giving the toast of the Masonic Charities, spoke eulogistically of the position held by the Lodge in the East Lancashire Charities in particular; after which, with several speeches from the Visiting Brethren and others, the evening was brought to a conclusion.

Several songs and recitations were contributed during the course of the entertainment, by Bros. Beardmore, Turner, Taylor, Bradbury, and others, Bro. H. Mason acting as accompanist. Amongst the many Visitors besides those named above were Bros. R. B. Robinson W.M. 852, W. F. Farrington P.M. 1633, A. Hibbert W.M. 325, J. Robinson P.M. 1219, H. Richardson W.M. 935, J. W. Hallam W.M. 1055, W. Baron W.M. 1219, E. S. Done W.M. 1534, J. Clough W.M. 1773, &c.

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## ROYAL EDWARD LODGE, No. 1088.

THE annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Market Street, Stalybridge. Bro. Charles Arthur Wood was installed as W.M. by Bro. G. Wagstaff P.M. P.P.G.S.

At the close of the ceremonies the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Boar's Head Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, after which the Brethren again adjourned to the Masonic Rooms, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

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## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1247.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, when the Officers were elected for the year, the choice falling upon Bros. J. Bishop as W.M., J. R. Lord Treasurer and Representative on Committee of Petitions, H. J. Barter Charity Steward, and W. H. Phillips Tyler, the three latter being re-elected.

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## NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Wednesday, 16th inst., when there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge in addition to Visiting Brethren.

After the transaction of ordinary business, the Lodge proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Brother Colonel C. Rowlandson P.M. P.P.G.S.W. was elected. Bro. Councillor W. Gray P.M. P.P.G.St.B. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Councillor James Seyburn J.W., and J. A. M. Scobie Auditors.

At the conclusion of the business the members sat down to an excellent repast.

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## EQUITY LODGE, No. 1384.

THE annual "social" in connection with the Lodge was held at Brother Forster's Central Hotel, Widnes, on Thursday, 12th. The gathering was limited to Brethren of the Lodge and their families, and numbered about ninety. The guests were received by the W.M. Bro. Thomas Minton and Mrs. Minton.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, consisting of dancing, interspersed with singing and miscellaneous entertainments given by Professor Brother Wyman, Professor St. Clair, and Mr. Lofthouse.

The catering was carried out by Bro. G. A. Forster, who placed the whole of the hotel, except the ground floor, at the disposal of those present, and great praise is due to him and Mrs. Forster for the excellent arrangements they had made for the comfort and enjoyment of everyone.

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## FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation of Brother F. C. Rudd took place at the Masonic Hall Thirsk, on Thursday, 12th inst. There was a good attendance. The ceremony was performed by Brother T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.B. England P.P.S.G.W.

After the ceremony a banquet was held at Bro. Hall's, the Fleece Hotel, when the usual toasts were honoured.



## CLAUSENTUM LODGE, No. 1461.

THE installation of Bro. H. B. Rohss as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday, 4th inst.

The installation ceremony was admirably performed by the outgoing Master Bro. S. B. Crook.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Crook for his services during the year, and also as Installing Master, his work being highly complimented.

The Brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Henley, the usual toasts following.

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## VERNON LODGE, No. 1802.

THE anniversary festival was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Retford, on Monday, 9th inst., when there was a large attendance, including several Visitors from the adjoining Provinces of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Dr. George Thompson was installed Master, and invested the Officers.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Criterion Hotel.

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## EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE annual meeting was held at Ebrington Masonic Temple, Stonehouse, on Tuesday, 10th inst., when Brother W. O. Hosking was installed Worshipful Master.

The popularity of Bro. W. O. Hosking was testified by the fact that of about one hundred and twenty Brethren present fifty were Past Masters—many of whom were Provincial Officers. Bro. Hosking deserves to be congratulated on securing such an efficient staff of Officers as those appointed to act during his year.

The banquet was fixed for 8th January, at the Freemasons' Club. £5 5s was unanimously voted for the purchase of a testimonial to the retiring Master, in recognition of his valued services as W.M.

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## STANFORD LODGE, No. 1947.

THE annual installation was held at the Town Hall, Hove, on Wednesday, 11th inst., when Bro. Walter Potter was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Brother W. E. Hughes, who was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the manner in which he carried out his duties during the past year.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M.

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## MINERVA LODGE, No. 2433.

THERE was a full muster of members at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton Street, Birkenhead, under the presidency of the W.M. Brother William Fernside Robinson, on Friday, 6th inst.

On the last day of the Mastership of Bro. Sam Jones P.M. P.Prov.J.G.D., which closed a few weeks ago, the happy gentleman was presented with a son, and his Brother members determined to commemorate the event by the presentation of a silver cradle, which took the form of a very handsome silver loving cup, suitably inscribed and embellished with appropriate Masonic emblems. The cup was designed and manufactured by Messrs. Elkington and Co., Liverpool, and is a copy of an old Irish pattern made in the reign of George I.

Bro. Robinson W.M., in making the presentation, dwelt at length on the great services rendered by Bro. Jones to the Craft, and expressed the warmest wishes of himself and members towards him.

At an earlier stage of the proceedings a paper was read by Bro. Captain J. Macnab P.Prov.J.G.W. West Lancashire, on "The origin and perpetuation of Masonic symbolism."

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## MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 13th inst., Bro. W. B. Akerman W.M. There were also present: Bros. C. H. Arnold I.P.M., Thomas Plumpton S.W., W. Charlton, J.P., J.W., Wm. A. Boyer Treas., Arthur C. K. Smith Secretary, Edward A. Eason S.D., Alfred B. Smith J.D., Wm. Ed. Davies I.G., J. A. Thompson Std., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Adam Still, A. Barlow, F. J. Burt, F. J. Large, and John Thompson.

Visitors:—Bros. E. Williams P.M. 32 P.P.G.S. of Wks., John Wardle P.M. 1534, and J. Laurisch J.D. 2359.

Five ceremonies were due, and in order to accomplish such a quantity of work the Lodge had been called for 4.30 p.m. After the confirmation of minutes, the first business taken was that of initiating Mr. Samuel Dawson Ward, who had been balloted for on a previous occasion. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Harry Thompson, Secretary, Sale, and being successful, he was duly initiated. This was followed by passing Bro. Francis John Burt to the degree of F.O., the three ceremonies being performed by Bro. Akerman W.M., assisted by Bros. Charlton J.W., and Smith Secretary, the latter delivering the antient charge in the first degree, and the former presenting and explaining the Working Tools in both degrees.

Bro. Arnold I.P.M. now came upon the scene, and raised Bros. Arthur Barlow and Adam Still to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At the festive board which followed the various toasts were relieved by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Eason, Burt, A. B. Smith, J. Thompson, A. Jeffreys, Wardle and Roberts, a pleasant evening being spent.

Bro. Arnold proposed the health of the W.M., who replied in a neat and effective speech, saying he would always endeavour to do his best for the Manchester Lodge, no one being more desirous than he to perform the ceremonies, and to do them effectively and well. Bro. Akerman concluded by proposing the health of the I.P.M., praising him for his attention to Lodge duties, and extolling his mode of performing ceremonial in whatever degree it might be required.

Bro. Arnold I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions of good feeling, and the Brethren for having received them so heartily and enthusiastically. His intention in joining the Lodge was to make it a success, and he would never rest until it became one of the first in the Province.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers, to which Bros. Plumpton S.W., and Charlton J.W. responded.

## 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.

62 Social, Manchester  
148 Lights, Warrington  
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1688 Buxton, Buxton  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton

## Tuesday.

160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford  
310 Union, Carlisle  
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield  
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead  
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent  
789 Dunheved, Launceston  
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe  
1193 Doric, Wymondham  
1214 Scarborough, Batley  
1358 Torbay, Paignton  
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle  
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington  
1942 Minerva, Fenton  
2358 Mona, Castletown

## Wednesday.

1298 Royal Standard, Highbury  
1306 St. John, Gresham Street  
1687 Rothesay, Frascati  
2484 Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons'-hall

74 Athol, Birmingham  
94 Phoenix, Sunderland  
137 Amity, Poole  
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse  
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth  
168 Mariners, Guernsey  
279 St. John, Leicester  
282 Bedford, Tavistock  
287 Unanimity, Stockport  
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield  
298 Harmony, Rochdale  
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol  
327 St. John, Wigton  
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton  
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  
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
929 Waveney, Bungay  
970 St. Anne, East Loos  
992 St. Thomas, Lower Broughton  
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey  
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man  
1010 Kingston, Hull  
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool

1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1085 Hartington, Derby  
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
1205 Metham, East Stonehouse  
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich  
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-St.  
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone  
1335 Lindsay, Wigan  
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh  
1403 West Lancaster, Ormskirk  
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
1478 Longleat, Warminster  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock  
1532 Bective, Carlisle  
1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, Camborne  
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool  
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington  
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh  
1736 St. John, Halifax  
1808 Suffield, North Walsham  
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden  
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson  
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells  
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton  
2250 St. Nicholas, Thorne  
2334 Jersey, Bicester  
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge, Cheshire  
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff  
2464 Longsight, Longsight

## Thursday.

538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-h.  
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury  
1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square  
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate  
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
1950 Southgate, New Southgate  
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell  
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford

24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
31 United Industrious, Canterbury  
38 Union, Chichester  
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath  
57 Humber, Hull  
110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil  
114 British Union, Ipswich  
132 Unity, Ringwood  
195 Hengist, Bournemouth  
215 Commerce, Haslingden  
219 Prudence, Todmorden  
230 Fidelity, Devonport  
249 Mariners, Liverpool  
254 Trinity, Coventry  
266 Naphthali, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Blackburn  
289 Fidelity, Leeds  
295 Combermere Union, Maccles'd  
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
305 Apollo, Beccles  
309 Harmony, Fareham  
317 Affability, Manchester  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
360 Pomfret, Northampton  
361 Industry, Hyde  
362 Doric, Grantham  
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton  
446 Benevolent, Wells, Somerset  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter  
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
509 Tees, Durham  
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
539 St. Matthew, Walsall  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
633 Yarrowburgh, Manchester  
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, Blackpool  
761 St John, Dursley  
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby  
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
913 Pattison, Plumstead  
971 Trafalgar, Batley  
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton  
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury  
1231 Savile, Elland  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle  
1324 Okeover, Ripley  
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington  
1384 Equity, Widnes  
1473 Bootle, Bootle  
1500 Walpole, Norwich  
1504 Red Rose Lancaster, Padiham  
1513 Friendly, Barnsley  
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield  
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham  
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm

## Friday.

90 St. John, Albion  
554 Yarrowburgh, London Tavern  
2076 Quatuor Coronati, F.M.H.  
2488 Eccentric, Café Royal  
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney

44 Friendship, Manchester  
242 St. George, Doncaster  
306 Alfred, Leeds  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
574 L. Berkshire of Hope, Newbury  
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop  
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford  
751 Eastnor, Ledbury  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester  
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1405 Southwell, Nottingham  
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton  
1993 Wolsley, Manchester  
2380 Benevolence, Daventry  
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead  
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield

## Saturday.

1572 Carnarvon, Albion  
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell  
1388 Canynoges, Bristol  
1458 Truth, Manchester  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth

## ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON, in the "Masonic Review," July 1895.

THE Grand Lodge of Ireland had never published its proceedings and hence, with the exception of the dates of its Constitutions, very little was known of the history of Irish Masonry. Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, the present Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, seems to have broken the ice for the first time. I was very much pleased to receive from the said Brother a pamphlet, divided into four parts, altogether containing about eighty pages of printed matter. The first part is called "Caemtaria Hibernica." The second part is headed, "Grand Lodge of Munster, 1726." The third part he calls, "Our Lost Archives"; and the fourth part he names "Irish Constitutions, 1730," &c., &c. Inclosed in the pamphlet I found the following very flattering letter:

### GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

From W. J. Chetwode Crawley S.G.D.,

Secretary Grand Lodge of Instruction:

With fraternal compliments from the Senior Grand Deacon of Ireland, whose opinions differ widely, on many points, from those of Brother Jacob Norton, but who gladly seizes the opportunity of testifying in this small way his warm appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. Jacob Norton, master of the Craft,

5th May 1895, 11 Merrion Square, Dublin, Ireland.

The author's introduction to the first part shows that he was naturally reluctant to discard old traditions, but common sense had mastery over him, on some points. He says:

"The tradition which places a general assembly at York under Prince Edwin, as Grand Master, A.D. 926, is so ancient and so wide-spread, that we would fain accept it, but we are reluctantly compelled to admit that the most diligent historical research has found no contemporary evidence to confirm it. On the other hand no fact, absolutely inconsistent with the tradition, has come to light."

I must, however, remind my good Brother that no fact absolutely inconsistent with the stories in the Arabian Nights has ever come to light, and is that any reason why we should believe in the said stories?

On page 5, our Brother remarks:

"Some of these visionary historians, like Lawrie, begin with the Chasidim; many, like Fellows, begin with the pagan mysteries; some, like Oliver, and Coppin, connect our symbolism with the Tower of Babel; some, like Holland, with the Pyramids; some, like Anderson himself, with the First Man,—and, at last, finds the principles of Freemasonry pre-ordained before the creation of the Universe. Their common ground lies in a mode of reasoning that runs on all fours with the immortal arguments by which Captain Fluellen proved that Alexander the Great was a Welshman. Such speculations have drawn from Hallam, the most judicial of all historians, the chilling and contemptuous criticism that the curious subject of Freemasonry has unfortunately been treated only by panegynists and calumniators, both equally mendacious. To attempt a summary of these fanciful hypotheses would be worse than useless."

"The authentic school, submitting itself to the ordinary canons of criticism, takes no fact for granted until proved, and less grandiose in its methods, tries to piece out in these verified facts the story of the oldest and noblest Brotherhood that the world has ever seen. This school is yet in its infancy, and may be said to have been founded within the present century."

Here again we see that Bro. Crawley is not quite cured from the hankering desire to make the Masonic organisation older than it is; and while eulogising the "authentic school" for not taking anything for granted until it is proved, he seems, however, to take things for granted without any proof. For instance: I opened promiscuously his pamphlet, and found on page 15 (first part) where, referring to the operative pre-1717 Lodges which have never joined the Grand Lodge of England, he says:

"They seemed to have called themselves, and to have been called by others, St. John's Lodges."

Now, with all due respect, I venture to say, that our good Brother had no authority or reason for making the above statement. For, in the first place, I have stated again and again that not in a solitary pre-1717 Masonic ritual is the name of St. John mentioned. And it is certain that neither of the Saints John were regarded by Masons as patron saints of the Masonic Craft. For instance: I have before me a book called Sacred Archaeology, by Mackenzie C. Walcott, D.D., in which I find more particulars about Patron Saints, of Guilds, of countries, and of certain classes of individuals than I found in any other book. I found in that book that St. Eloi was patron saint of hangmen. That Saints Bride and Apa were patron saints of common women, and that St. Mathurin was the patron saint of fools. But Dr. Walcott evidently did not know that the Saints John were patron saints of Masonry, for on page 433 I find that "IV. Coronati (were the patron saints) of Masons and builders." Even Dr. Oliver did not know that the pre-1717 Lodges either called themselves, or were called by others, "St. John's Masonry," for, in his Dictionary of Symbolic Masonry, he says:

"Originally there was only one kind of Freemasonry, but when the Scottish and other higher degrees were introduced, the three first degrees received the name of St. John's Masonry."—Godicke.

And in Kenning's Cyclopædia, I find as follows:

"St. John's Masonry. The name given by the Lodge of Scotland to the three first degrees."

Of the two above quoted theories, I think that Godicke's opinion is the most probable; for, as the Grand Lodge of Scotland never adopted the Saints John's days as Masonic festivals, I therefore can see no reason for its naming the three first degrees as "St. John's Masonry." But, anyhow, unless Brother Crawley can give a reason for his theory, that the operative Lodges, who remained independent of the Grand Lodges, called themselves "St. John's Masonry," I must place his theory side by side with the Prince Edwin of York story.

But here is another question, viz: Can Bro. Crawley prove that any English pre-1717 Lodges whatever failed to enroll themselves under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England after the said Grand Lodge was organised in 1717? We have records of two operative Lodges which were organised after the Grand Lodge was organised in 1717, but I doubt whether either of the said independent Lodges adopted the name of St. John's Masonry, or St. John's Lodges.

On page 7 (first part), Bro. Crawley says:

"The earliest written records of our English organisation consist of two manuscripts, which were written about 1400 A.D.—the Halliwell (or Regius) MS., and the Matthew Cooke MS. These appellations they derive from the names of their first editors, though the reproductions of fac-simile, issued under the auspices of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, have quite superseded the original editions. In this series, the Regius or Halliwell MS., edited by Bro. R. F. Gould, with all critical apparatus that had long been supposed to be the exclusive property of the Scholiast and the Ancient Classics; nay, in right classical fashion, he added to his commentary more than the Excursers of the elaborate edition. Owing to the mis-reading of a crucial passage by its first editor, the Cooke MS. was long assumed to be the junior of the two; yet, for all practical purposes, these two MSS. may be taken to have been transcribed about the same period of our literary history. This much, at least, has been settled by the dictum of the highest living authority on British paleography, Mr. A. E. Bond, late Librarian of the British Museum, as well as by the convergence of all the internal and other evidence we have on the point. Both documents are transcripts, and though indicating a far away common original, are perfectly independent of each other, in form, style and treatment of subject."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Crawley, I differ with him as to the period when the MSS. were written. He says that both MSS. were written about the year A.D. 1400. I am of the opinion that neither of the MSS. were written as early as A.D. 1400. I also believe that the poem, known as the Halliwell MS., is older than the Matthew Cooke MS. Thus, the poet begins his history of Masonry from the time of Euclid—that is, about seven hundred years after Solomon built his Temple; but the author of the Matthew Cooke MS. begins the history of Masonry with Lemach, a grandson of Adam, which was about two thousand years before Solomon was born.

Again, our Masonic poet was totally ignorant of Bible history, and he may never have heard that such a person as King Solomon had ever existed. He seems, however, to have heard a priest say something about "Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babel," and he also had heard about a "Tower of Babel," and, in accordance with true Masonic-author fashion, he jumped to the conclusion that "Nobocodonozor built the Tower of Babylon." We may, therefore, conclude that the Masonic poem was written before the Bible was printed. But the author of the Cooke MS. wrote after the Bible was translated into English, and hence, in beginning his history of Masonry from Lemach, he refers to the 4th chapter of Genesis, and when he comes to Nimrod, he mentions that it may be found in the 10th chapter of Genesis. The Masonic poet doubtless wrote before the religious reformation, and the author of the Cooke MS. was evidently a Protestant. Thus, the poet gives a full account about the four holy martyrs, or Quatuor Coronati (as they were called), who were the patron saints of Masonry, and his Masonic prayer was addressed "to God the Almighty and his modder Mary bright"! But the author of the Cooke MS. makes no allusion to any patron saints whatever, nor to the Virgin. In the Charges of the poet the Mason is told to love God and the Holy Church, but the author of the Cooke MS. makes no allusion to the "Holy Church." I could point out many other facts which, I think, clearly prove that the two oldest Masonic MSS. were not written by contemporary authors, and that the author of the Masonic poem wrote his poem about seventy years before the Cooke MS. was written.

About the age of the Halliwell poem opinions differ. Thus, C. W. Moore, in 1843, made the poem five hundred years old. The late Rev. Bro. Woodford, for some years claimed that the Masonic poem was written in 1390 A.D. Mr. Halliwell thought that the poem was written at the close of the fourteenth century, &c., &c., but the keeper of the MS. in the British Museum said that the Masonic poem was written about A.D. 1450. True, that the poem, as well as the Cooke MS., are transcripts. But what of it? We may naturally suppose that both authors wrote in an ordinary style of handwriting, but the poem, as well as the Cooke MS., were written by artistic penmen, the words and letters are decorated with ornamental flourishes, made with black, blue, or red ink; hence, the artistic penman must have transcribed the MSS. from the original written copies of said MSS., and it does not, therefore, follow that the transcripts were written long after the authors wrote the original copies.

But I shall call attention to another fact, viz.: The poem contains a code of thirty regulations or laws, all which laws the poet imagined were written by King Athelstan or Prince Edwin at York, in the tenth century, Fifteen of the said regulations he calls "Articles," and fifteen laws he calls "Points." All which laws the poet ascribed to King Athelstan or Prince

Edwin, at York, from whom the Masons received them in the tenth century of the Chistian era. Now, the twelfth "Point" reads as follows:

"The twelfth point is of great royalty.  
There, as the assembly holden shall be.  
There shall be Masons and fellows also,  
And other great Lords many more.  
There shall be the Sheriff of the County,  
And also the Mayor of the City.  
Knights and Squires there shall be,  
And other Aldermen, as you shall see.  
Such ordinance as they make there,  
They shall maintain whole together."

The above quotation indicates that it refers to a Masonic Grand Lodge, at which were present great Lords, Squires, Mayors, Sheriffs, &c. And further on, the poet says:

"The fourteenth point is full of good law,  
To him that would be under awe,  
A good and true oath he must swear there.

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And all these points here before,  
To them thou must need be sworn.

And all shall swear the same oath,  
Of Masons, be they willing, or be they loth.  
The fifteenth point is full of good lore,  
For them that shall be sworn there.  
Such ordinance at th' assembly was lay'd,  
Of great Lords and Masters before said," &c., &c.

All the above quotations imply (as already remarked) to Masonic assemblies or Grand Lodges. But in 1875 I happened to examine the Acts of Parliament relating to labourers and wages, and I found that up to the year 1378 the law was that a freestone mason's wages was four pence a day, a wrought-stone mason's wages was three pence or two pence a day, and an apprentice had one penny a day. Now, I must here add, that Edward III. debased the currency to a considerable extent, and we in America know by or from experience, that we can buy more goods for a sound dollar than we can for a debased dollar; the labourer could not, therefore, buy as much bread for his penny after the coin was debased as he could before it was debased. Again, in years of scarcity the loaf of bread advanced to a higher price, while wages of workmen continued the same. This injustice to the working men was not discovered by the rulers of England until after the Wat Tyler riot was suppressed, and in 1378 it was ordained that in each city, town, and county some magistrates should meet twice a year, who were to decide the amount of wages to be paid to working men, in accordance with the price of food in the said districts. And to this kind of assembly the poet refers in his twelfth Point, the presiding officers of which in a city were the Mayor, Sheriff, and Aldermen. In county meetings a Lord or Squire presided, who ordained how much wages to workmen were to be paid in his county.

In 1406 a law was made that the working people should be present at the biennial meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs in cities, and at the assemblies in counties, and the working people should swear to abide by the decision of the presiding officers of the said assemblies; and this new law is referred to in the fourteenth and fifteenth points, viz.: "A good and true oath he must swear." And again: "And all shall swear the same oath." \* \* "Be they willing, or be they loth." Now, as the last law was not enacted by Parliament before 1406, it must have been inserted into the Masonic code after 1406; and as the poet ascribed all the "Articles" and "Points" to King Athelstan, he must have written his Masonic poem many years after those laws were inserted by Masons into their code, when no one remembered the reason as to when or why the Masons adopted the said regulations, and hence, the poet ascribed, with impunity, all the laws in the Masonic Constitution that he got hold of to King Athelstan. I, therefore, think that the custodian of the manuscripts in the British Museum was right in saying that the Halliwell poem was not written before the middle of the fifteenth century.

I will now call attention to another fact, which I think will prove that the Halliwell poem is not as old as some claim it to be. Thus, Mr. Halliwell naturally supposed that the Masonic poem, consisting of seven hundred and ninety-four verses, was the composition of one and the same poet; and as the 629th verse of the said poem contains the following words, viz.: "And when Gospel we rode (read) schal," Mr. Halliwell supposed that the poem was written by a priest. Since then, however, a poem was discovered, called "Myre's Instruction to Parish Priests," and the Early English Text Society fixed the date of Myre's MS. to 1420 (see Masonic Magazine, London, Vol. 2nd, page 130), where Bro. Woodford called attention to the fact that part of Myre's MS. is incorporated into Halliwell's poem. Thus, from line 620, which reads, "And put away all vanity," to the line 695, was transcribed into the Masonic poem from Myre's poem: and as Myre's poem was not written before 1420, Halliwell's poem must have been written after 1420.

But that is not all, for Bro. Woodford calls attention, in the same volume, page 163, to another poem, which is called "Urbanitatis." The said poem is devoted to teaching good manners, and has nothing whatever to do with Masonry. Now, from line 695, which reads, "When thou comest before a lord," to the last line in Halliwell's poem, was transcribed from the last named poem, and as the said poem, according to authorities given by Bro. Woodford, was not written till about 1460, hence, Halliwell's poem, containing 794 lines, could not have been written before 1460. Looking, therefore, at the question about the age of the Halliwell MS., from the various above given authorities, I cannot see any reason for Bro. Crawley's opinion that the Halliwell poem was written about A.D. 1400.

I notice some other points in which Bro. Crawley and I disagree. Thus, he believes in Masonic ancient landmarks. He also believes that Dermott's Masonry was ancient, and that the Royal Arch degree is ancient, but as I have already discussed these questions with Bro. Sadler, there is, therefore, no need to say more about them now. I must, however, add: that if Bro. Crawley really prefers the modern system of Masonic criticism to the criticisms of Anderson, Oliver, and other Masonic writers of the old school, he will have to abandon his belief in "ancient landmarks," in Dermott's "Ancient Masonry," in the age of the old Masonic manuscripts, and his belief about the origin of the phrase, "St. John's Masonry." That is, if he can give no better reason for his belief than he did.

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 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.  
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8  
 548 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, 8  
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 8  
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction  
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6-30  
 1349 Friars, Plough Tavern, Bow Road, 8  
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, W., 8  
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7-30  
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 7-30  
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney  
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8-30  
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
 1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30  
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., 7-30  
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7  
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8  
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N., 8

## Tuesday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., Holborn, 7  
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30  
 188 Joppa, City Boundary, 109 Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7-30  
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st and 3rd Tuesday), 6-30  
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 7-30  
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30  
 733 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Ter. N., Harrow Road  
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 7  
 820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8-30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
 933 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, 8  
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8  
 1155 Excelsior, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7-30  
 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7-30  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington  
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6-30  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.  
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd. 8  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6-30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill 8

## Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7-30  
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Strbet  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Crown, Lambeth Road, S.E., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7-30  
 813 New Concord, Farleigh Hot., Amhurst Rd., Stoke Newington, 8  
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 871 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton Road, Deptford, 8  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7-30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8

- 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7-30  
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Amhurst Club, Amhurst Road, Hackney, 8  
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- 70 Plymouth, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, 8  
 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7-30  
 167 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, 7-30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8  
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8  
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Rooms, White Hart Hotel, Lewisham, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime house, E., 7-30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
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 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6-30  
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7-45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30  
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 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7-30  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 2202 Regents Park, Frascati, Oxford Street  
 R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

## Friday.

- Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
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 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, 8-30  
 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, 8  
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney Church), 8  
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 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, New Cross House, New Cross, 7  
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