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REMOVAL OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

WE are pleased to hear that the important Province of Kent has signified its approval of the suggestions submitted by the Board of Management of the Boys School, in regard to the removal of the Institution, the following resolution having been unanimously passed at a meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province, held at Ashford, on Friday, 18th ult.:

The Charity Committee of the Province of Kent, having read and considered the statement issued by the Board of Management of the R.M.I. for Boys, desires to accord its heartiest support to the proposed removal of the School to a more healthy site, and to a building more in accordance with modern requirements and capable of extension at a future date at moderate cost. It calls upon its representative on the Board (Bro. W. Russell) to give his full support to resolutions calculated to further these important objects.

The course here adopted in order to give expression to the views of different sections of the Craft on this momentous question is no doubt a very satisfactory one, but it is not the best that could be devised, and is, moreover, merely a declaration of opinion on the part of a few representatives rather than the view of the actual Governors. What we should like to see would be a poll of the whole body of subscribers, and if that were taken we should by no means be surprised to find an overwhelming majority in support of the Board of Management, which result would not only have the effect of silencing the more active objectors to the scheme, but would induce a loyal support from those who, at present undecided how to act, will probably leave matters to take their course, and hold aloof from any active support for the School in the near future.

It will be seen from the advertisement that appears in another part of this issue, giving the items of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Court of the Institution to be held on Friday next, that the Board of Management will submit a Report as to the steps taken in reference to the acquisition of a site for the new School, so that we may expect to ere long be in a much better position to judge of what is likely to be done than has been the case in the past, with the very meagre details that have been before the Craft.

THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

NEXT week will witness the Quarterly Courts and half-yearly elections of the two Educational Institutions, the first—those in connection with the Girls School—being arranged for Thursday, and those of the Boys for the following day, the proceedings in each case commencing at 12 noon.

The Girls School has little to require attention beyond the election, and that will be a very tame affair, in view of the fact that nineteen girls can be elected from the twenty-seven who are eligible to go to the poll, one, No. 10 on the list, having unfortunately recently died.

The Boys School Court, as we say above, will attract some attention, in view of the Report promised by the Board of Management as to the steps taken in regard to the removal of the School. This matter disposed of the Court will proceed to the election of fourteen boys from a list of forty-four candidates.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on Thursday next, at the Town Hall, Hinckley, under the auspices of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, the proceedings to commence at 3.45 p.m. Among the business set down on the agenda is the consideration of the special report of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in regard to the removal of the School.

DUBLIN ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

ON the 24th ult., a special service was held in Coleraine Parish Church, in aid of the Irish Masonic Orphan Schools. The congregation was large and representative. The preacher was the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, Prov. Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of the Royal Arch of Ireland.

The Brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, and walked in processional order to the church, where they were met by the Bishop. They proceeded into the sacred edifice, and formed a passage, through which the Bishop and Clergy, Rev. I. P. Barnes carrying the pastoral staff, passed to the chancel.

All having taken their seats, the service was proceeded with, evening prayer being said by the Revs. A. J. Moore rector, and J. W. Minchin curate. The lessons were read by the Revs. I. P. Barnes and J. B. Bristow.

The service opened with the hymn, "O, worship the King," and the other hymns sung were "Oh, Lord of heaven and earth and sea" and "Christ is our corner-stone."

At the conclusion of the service the offertory was made, the Lord Bishop closing the proceedings with the benediction.—"Belfast News-Letter."

There was an assemblage of about 700 Brethren at Warrington, on Wednesday, when the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held there under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England. We shall give fuller particulars of the meeting next week.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at Macclesfield, on Wednesday, when Sir Horatio Lloyd D.P.G.M. presided in the place of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who was absent in consequence of an accident, greatly to the regret of his Province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham held its annual meeting at Hartlepool on Wednesday, Sir Hedworth Williamson Provincial Grand Master presiding.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire was held at Boston, on Thursday, 24th ult., when the Officers were appointed.

The installation meeting of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, is to be held on Wednesday next, 7th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, when Bro. Thomas J. Bolton will be installed as the Worshipful Master, the proceedings commencing at 4 o'clock. In addition to the usual work of the annual meeting, there are five candidates on the agenda for initiation, and one candidate for joining. We hope to report the meeting in our next issue.

CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at St. John's Hall, Penzance, on Tuesday, 22nd ult. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and there was a very large attendance.

Before the opening of the Lodge, Sir Charles Sawle said reports had gone out that the Provincial Grand Master was seriously ill. He was happy to say he could give that an unqualified contradiction. The Earl of Mount-Edgcombe had gone abroad for the benefit of his health, it was true, but he had had a letter from him a few days ago saying that his illness had never been dangerous, and that he was returning convalescent. He, therefore, had every reason to hope that his lordship would continue to preside over the Province for many years.

Later on Bro. Anderton read a letter he had received from Lord Mount-Edgcombe, dated Bad Manheim, Germany, 20th September. His lordship wrote:—

I am sure Sir Charles will kindly express my regret at not being able to attend the P.G. Lodge, and assure the Brethren I shall be present with them in thought on Tuesday, and have lost no part of my interest in the welfare of Cornish Masonry. I hope you will have fine weather, and am sure that everything will be well done under the genial presidency of Sir Charles.

I am getting on capitally, and am able to take long walks, and do not mind hills. I am glad to say that I shall be able to get away from here this week, but it may be a fortnight more before I start homewards.

Before the business concluded the following resolution was unanimously passed, on the proposition of the Rev. Fraser-Frizell:—"The Officers and Brethren of the Province of Cornwall, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, tender to their esteemed Grand Master their hearty congratulations on the improvement in his health, and thank him for his letter. Whilst venturing to express their regret that he is unavoidably absent from their present gathering, they earnestly trust that the Most High will speedily restore their beloved P.G.M. to health and strength, and that they may soon see him in their midst working for the good of one and all in the Province and county."

On the calling of the roll, it appeared that every Lodge was represented with the exception of Dunheved (Launceston). The Secretary said this was a very unusual exception; but Bro. the Rev. T. Kendall then said he could answer for Dunheved, as he belonged to that Lodge. The Secretary also mentioned that apologies had been received from Bros. Hughan, Frank Harvey, Revs. G. Durno and A. H. Ferris, and others.

The Treasurer Bro. G. G. Bullmore presented his report, which showed that the balance in hand was £194, against £146 last year.

The Secretary's report showed initiations 152, against 130 last year, and the total number of Masons in the Province now was 1,813—the largest number on record. The increase on the year was forty-two. The Secretary said, however, that while they might be pleased at the increase of Masonry, he knew the Prov. Grand Master would wish to impress upon all Lodges to carefully consider who they admitted. There was a fear lest some of the Lodges were too anxious to add to their numbers and through that anxiety accepted everyone who came forward. The Prov. Grand Master had several times expressed his desire that Lodges should be more careful who they admitted into Freemasonry. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master endorsed these remarks.

The Secretary mentioned that the memorial window and tablet to Bro. Chirgwin, in Truro Cathedral, were now complete. They were indebted to Bro. Silvanus Trevail, who had designed and carried out the tablet free of any charge for his personal services. Everyone who had seen it was very pleased with it.

Bro. Milford presented the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The Lodge contributions amounted to £288 8s 6d, against £244 6s 6d; increase, £44 2s. The interest on investments was £205 17s, and a Cape Bond of £200 was redeemed. The present annual charges on the Fund amounted to £300. Bro. Milford added that twenty Lodges had during the year increased their subscriptions, and the total was double what it was ten years ago when he first became Treasurer of the fund.

At this point business was suspended, and the Lodge went in procession to the parish Church (St. Mary's); the weather was tolerably propitious for this event. Only a slight shower fell, but the wind was very boisterous, and very much tried the banners of the Lodges and the Brethren who carried them. The Volume of the Sacred Law was, as usual, borne by four Lewises before the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers. The service at Church was, as is generally the case, much too long for the occasion. The sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain Rev. W. H. Millett, vicar of Millbrook. The text was Psalm cxxvii, 1, "Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it." The idea of building, he said, ran through the sacred volume. There were two builders—God was the Master Builder, the Supreme Architect; man was the workman. The

temple God had planned and they had to build was "perfect man." God, the Master Builder, would and must co-operate with them, for, except the Lord built the house, they would labour in vain. They must build, too, on the true foundation—the one foundation provided by God, even Jesus Christ. The first stone put on that foundation was faith, and the last charity. After Church, business was resumed.

Bro. Bernard Edyvean, as the charity representative to manage the votes of the Province for the great Masonic charities, reported:—

I cannot but express my thanks for the cordial support which has been rendered by the Brethren of the Province during the past year. That the Masonic Institutions have taken a firm hold of the sympathies of Cornish Freemasons is evinced by the fact that whereas in 1890 the Province held but 1,450 votes, it now possesses an annual income of 4,300, thus trebling itself in six years. During the past year I have received from the Province 1,064 girls, 896 boys, and 2,184 benevolent votes, total 4,144, an increase of 107 on the previous year. At the Benevolent election in May (kindly assisted by Bro. Hughan and members of the Cornish Lodge) I polled for the Province's adopted candidate 4,187, which placed him ninth on the successful list. There are at present from this Province three girls and four boys in the Masonic Schools. In the Benevolent Institution we have five male and three female annuitants, and although we receive the large amount of £296 per annum from this Institution, our votes have decreased by thirty-nine since 1893. This year we shall have expended no less than 8,500 votes, just double our income, and therefore every vote should be utilised in future, and forwarded to me without delay.

The Secretary read a letter he had received from Bro. Hughan testifying to the ability, courtesy, and success with which Bro. Edyvean managed the votes of the Province in London, and he (Bro. Anderton) knew from what he heard himself in London that no manager of votes from the Provinces stood higher than Bro. Edyvean.

The Deputy Prov. G. Master enforced the necessity of their raising more money for the general charities. At present they were receiving considerably more than they gave. He fully endorsed what had been said of Bro. Edyvean's management.

Bro. Gilbert Pearce presented the report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. Principal contributions were:—Liskeard, £30; Hayle, £24; Helston, £18; Redruth, £15; Wadebridge, £15; Falmouth, £12; Millbrook, £12; Bodmin, £11. There was five non-contributing Lodges—two of them in the west of the county, and three in the east. The Western Lodges had the advantages this year. The total subscribed during the eleven years of the existence of the fund was £2,971 10s, an average of about £270. The total amount received this year was £212.

The Committee of Relief recommended that the following grants be made to Masonic charities:—To C. M. A. and B. Fund, 50 guineas; R. M. I. for boys, 20 guineas; ditto for girls 10 guineas; ditto for men, 10 guineas; ditto for widows; 10 guineas; total, 100 guineas. Temporary relief had been granted to the extent of £15.

Bro. Read proposed the election of Bro. Blamey, of Penryn, as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Blamey, he said, was a very active and useful member of the Craft, both at Penryn and Falmouth.

Bro. W. K. Baker said as they had the privilege of electing this Provincial Officer there was no reason why they should accept the first nomination put before them. He should propose Bro. Small, of Mount Sinai Lodge. A vote was taken and resulted as follows:—Small 69; Blamey 65. Bro. Small was therefore declared elected, and he returned thanks for what he said was a very unexpected honour.

A presentation of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter regalia and plate was made to Bro. Anderton in recognition of his great services to the Province. The silver salver bore the following inscription:—

This tea tray, together with the tea service, and Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Regalia, was presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent, on behalf of the Brethren of the Province of Cornwall Provincial Grand Lodge, 1896, to W. Bro. Edward Dixon Anderton P.M. 331 P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G.Sec. and P.Z. 331 P.P.G.J. Prov. G.Scribe E., on his being appointed to the office of J.G. Deacon in the Grand Lodge of England and Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Chapter of England, as a mark of their appreciation and esteem for his long and valued services for the good of the Province, and with their hearty fraternal greetings and congratulations.

Bro. Crewes said, having acted as the Secretary of the Committee for subscriptions, he asked Sir Charles, in behalf of the subscribers, to make the presentation in open Lodge. The proposal had met with the very greatest success, and though the maximum amount of individual subscriptions was 5s, no less a sum than £93 had been subscribed. This showed to some extent the esteem in which Bro. Anderton was held throughout the Province.

Sir Charles Sawle then made the presentation, and whilst regretting the absence of the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, said he felt it a privilege on his own part to make the presentation to so distinguished a member of this Grand Lodge. He wished Bro. Anderton every prosperity, and long might he continue to hold his present position in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, who wrote regretting inability to be present, added :—

"I regret my non-attendance all the more because I shall not be able to take part with the other subscribers in greeting Bro. Anderton, to whom the presentation is to be made. I consider no one has better deserved Grand regalia and plate, and it is a great delight for me to note how widespread and popular is the presentation. I wish Bro. Anderton may live long to the joy and satisfaction of us all, and may God richly bless him and his."

Bro. Anderton, received with cheers, briefly but effectively returned thanks for the presentation, and added that what he had done for the Province of Cornwall had been a labour of love.

The following Brethren were invested with Past rank :—
Bros. Dr. Hammond 510, Liskeard, J.W., J. C. R. Crewes 131 S.D., W. E. Marchent 193 J.D.

The Provincial Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follow :—

Bros. Nicholas J. West 450	-	-	Senior Warden
Percy T. Chirgwin 121	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. W. Millett 893	-	-	Chaplain
G. H. Small 121	-	-	Treasurer
E. Boase 1272 121	-	-	Registrar
E. D. Anderton 381	-	-	Secretary
J. G. Osborne 450	-	-	Senior Deacons
E. W. Carus-Wilson 1529 331	-	-	
H. Opie 589	-	-	Junior Deacons
James Pendray 1544	-	-	
Simon Kinsman 1006	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. T. Letcher 131	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Lake 496	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
W. R. Brewer 330	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. Lander 1071	-	-	Sword Bearer
Aaron Smith 75	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. H. Hosken 557	-	-	
Alfred T. Hunter 970	-	-	Organist
Joel M. Blamey 967	-	-	Assist. Secretary
J. R. Stribley 1785	-	-	Pursuivant
R. H. Williams 510	-	-	Stewards
R. S. Rundle 856	-	-	
S. Gale 977	-	-	
Robert Searle 1151	-	-	
W. E. Grose 699	-	-	Tyler.
Samuel Walters 1528	-	-	
John E. Rogers 121	-	-	

A luncheon was afterwards held, and the usual toasts proposed.—"Cornwall Gazette."

SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Albert Hall, Swansea, on Thursday, 24th ult., when there was a large gathering of Brethren. Several years have elapsed since the Loyal Masons of Swansea were honoured by a visit from Provincial Lodge, but the warm welcome given on this occasion will doubtless induce a similar visit at no distant date. The Albert Hall had been specially fitted up for the occasion by Bro. Eddershaw, of Swansea.

The Lodge was opened by Lord Llangattock Prov. Grand Master, who was supported on the dais by a number of distinguished Brethren, including the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. M. Tennant.

Lord Llangattock was escorted into the Lodge by a long procession of present and past Provincial Officers, and business began shortly before three o'clock. The roll of Lodges was called, and there was a good response from the Brethren.

Bro. Tennant proposed the adoption of the report. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Hall, the Provincial Treasurer's account was adopted; together with a vote of thanks to Bro. H. Lewis for his valuable services in the past year.

On the motion of Bro. W. H. Lewis, seconded by Bro. J. R. Davies, the Lodge confirmed the election of Bro. J. Lindley Smith as the new Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint his Officers as follow :

Bro. W. M. Grose 1573	-	-	Senior Warden
J. T. Hogg 1992	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Williams	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. J. T. Wordsworth	-	-	
J. Lindley Smith 237	-	-	Treasurer
Lewis N. Williams 679	-	-	Registrar
Walter Whittington 364	-	-	Secretary
G. H. Bedford 960	-	-	Senior Deacon
C. H. Priestley 36	-	-	Junior Deacon
George Palmer 364	-	-	Superintendent of Works
H. W. Goldsworthy 2382	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Firbank King 1578	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
D. Richards 1573	-	-	Sword Bearer
E. Traherne 1573	-	-	Standard Bearers
Chris. J. Wearn 1897	-	-	
D. Rowland Harris 651	-	-	Organist
Rees T. Heine 651	-	-	Assistant Secretary
T. P. Kernan 1992	-	-	Pursuivant
C. T. Evans 2382	-	-	Stewards
Wm. Jones 1752	-	-	
George Butterwell 237	-	-	Tyler.

Lord Llangattock next presented a jewel to Bro. J. H. Taylor (Caerleon) for his valuable services as Steward for the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund, and expressed a hope that he would continue his valuable help to the Institutions. Bro. Taylor responded suitably.

Bro. McLeod (London) thanked the Lodge for its generous vote to the Boys School. A collection was made on behalf of the local charities.

Lord Llangattock moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Brethren of Swansea, for the warm welcome given that day.

After some routine business the Lodge was closed, and a banquet was served at the Royal Hotel.

During the meeting a telegram was forwarded by Bro. Whittington P.G. Sec., on behalf of Lord Llangattock and the Officers of the Provincial Lodge, to Bro. Dr. W. W. Morgan, J.P., of Newport, and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Monmouthshire, heartily congratulating him upon his 87th birthday, and referring to the fact of his being the first Provincial Grand Secretary of Monmouthshire, under Col. Kemeys Tynte, early in the forties—1840 or 1841. Dr. Morgan's association with the ancient and honourable Craft of Freemasonry thus extends over a period exceeding half a century, says the "South Wales Daily News," and in that sense he becomes the Grand Old Man of Monmouthshire Masons. Dr. Morgan, our readers will be glad to know, on Thursday received many other messages of congratulation, and is in the enjoyment of good health.

NEW HALL AT KEIGHLEY.

A Memorial-stone was laid on Saturday afternoon with due ceremonial in the Lodge room of the new Masonic Hall, now in course of erection in Cooke-street, Keighley. The premises, which are to cost about £2,500, give accommodation for a large Lodge room and ante-rooms on the top floor: a billiard-room, conversation, news, and smoke rooms, &c., on the first floor; a suite of three offices on the ground floor; and here and in the basement apartments for the curator.

The Brethren of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, assembled at the Masonic Rooms, Hanover-Street, and after the opening of the Lodge a procession was formed to the site. On arrival, after a short service, Bro. Alderman F. Binns presented mallet and trowel to the Worshipful Master, Bro. Green reading the inscriptions to be recorded on them. Bro. Roper then requested the Worshipful Master to lay the memorial-stone, which was raised under the direction of the Superintendent of Works.

The secretary read the inscription which the stone will subsequently bear, and after the Treasurer had deposited a phial in the cavity, the Worshipful Master discharged his duties in full Masonic order, the choir, led by Bro. A. Sharp, P.M., singing an appropriate ode. At the close of the Worshipful Master's address the Brethren sang "Hail! Masonry Sublime," and after being photographed returned to the Lodge rooms, where a banquet took place. Bro. J. W. Monckman P.M. P.P.G. D.C. assisted in arranging the order of proceedings.—"Leeds Mercury."

Brother Thomas Layborn, Mayor of Gravesend, gave a grand banquet at the Town Hall there, on the 23rd ult., to celebrate the occasion of Her Majesty having reigned the longest of any European Sovereign. Most of the members of the Corporation and the military officers now stationed in the Borough, besides several of the local gentry, were present. The banquet was served by Bro. John Simpson, of the Old Falcon Hotel.

At the first meeting this season of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, held, as already mentioned in our pages, at the Duval Restaurant (late Salutation), Newgate Street, it was proposed that a supper be held on Tuesday, 20th inst., to celebrate the re-opening. Any Brother desiring to join the Lodge, or be present at the supper, should apply at once to Bro. Macfarlane (Secretary), Sunnyside, Addington Road, Stroud Green. The Lodge meets every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

The constitution of the Beach Lodge, which is to be intimately associated with the London and South Western Railway, was arranged to take place at the Horns, Kennington Park, on Wednesday. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight was the Worshipful Master Designate, R. Lingley P.M. Kennington, No. 1381 M.E.Z. Kennington Chapter the S.W. Designate, and H. Almond Onslow 2234 the J.W. Designate.

ROYAL ARCH.

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DEVON.

LAST year the Provincial Grand Chapter for the Province of Devon was held at Exeter, on Friday, 22nd November. This year the honour fell to Plymouth, and on Monday, 28th ult., the usual annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square. The Chapter was convened by Comp. Walter Goddard Rogers Prov. G.H., and was attended by a goodly number of Companions.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the reports of the P.G.S.E. and P.G.Treas., who presented favourable statistics, were adopted.

The election of Comp. Geo. Dunsterville P.Z. 189 as Treasurer gave great satisfaction. Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. and Cornish P.Z. were appointed Auditors.

The appointment of the following Officers concluded the business:—

Comps. M. Fortescue 444	-	-	-	J.
John Stocker 112	-	-	-	Scribe E.
G. Whittley 156	-	-	-	Scribe N.
George Dunsterville 189	-	-	-	Treasurer
M. Baldwin 847	-	-	-	Registrar
J. Allen 1099	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
W. H. Perry 106	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. W. Parsons 105	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
H. Holman 202	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Kelland 112	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. E. Ellis 328	-	-	-	
G. Hall 1126	-	-	-	
J. R. Lord 1247	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
E. G. Dyke 70	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
J. R. Gibbard 1284	-	-	-	
R. Light 1358	-	-	-	
J. Rendle 1247	-	-	-	Organist
J. Drew 282	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
H. Shooter	-	-	-	Janitor.

Comp. W. G. Rogers, who presided, expressed the regret of all at the enforced resignation, through ill-health, of their esteemed President Lord Ebrington. He spoke of the pleasant recollections of the past under Lord Ebrington's ruling, and hoped they would continue when a successor was appointed to the high office of 1st Grand Principal for the county of Devon.

Comp. G. C. Davie, who supported Comp. W. G. Rogers, endorsed the remarks that had fallen from the President of the meeting. The customary congratulations concluded the business.

NORTH WALES.

A GRAND Chapter of the province was held at Carnarvon on the 24th ult., and was largely attended, under the presidency of Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West Provincial Grand Superintendent. The Chapter having been opened statements were produced by the Treasurer, Audit Committee, and General Committee, and were all adopted. Resolutions were passed upon the reading of communications touching the business of the Province, and a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Comp. R. Jones, of Towyn, Provincial Grand Officer.

It was announced that the next annual Provincial Grand Chapter would be held at Bangor. The officers for the year were appointed. At the close of the Chapter a banquet was held at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, where a numerous company sat down.

The same day a convocation of the Segontium Chapter was held, when Bro. Tom Armstrong and George Frederick Jackson were exalted.

SOUTH SAXON CHAPTER, No. 311.

A CONVOCATION was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., when the ceremony of installing the Principals for the ensuing year was performed: Comp. R. Weston Z., J. H. Bull H., and J. Peters J.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Brethren dined together at the Bear Hotel.

HOPE CHAPTER, No. 574.

A MEETING was held on the 17th ult., at Newbury, under the presidency of Comp. C. E. Keyser M.E.Z. Several members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope were balloted for and elected as members.

DERBY CHAPTER, No. 1055.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 24th ult., Companion John Wardle Z. After the reading and confirmation of minutes of the last convocation Bro. James Kershaw,

Concord Lodge, No. 1534, was successfully balloted for and exalted. The Treasurer's statement and Auditors' report having been submitted, Comp. John Marshall P.G.P.S., acting as Installing Principal, duly installed the following Officers for the ensuing financial year, viz., Comps. J. W. Hallam Z., W. B. Midgley H., and F. W. Maxwell J.

The other Officers were appointed and invested, after which the Companions adjoured to a very excellent supper. The loyal toasts were submitted and honoured, Comp. R. Hothersall proposing that of the candidate, who responded. Musical and other items were contributed by Comps. J. W. Hallam, J. Pollitt P.Z., S. F. Simons P.Z., and Edward Roberts.

MARK MASONRY.

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CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

BY command of the Prov. G.M. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., of Underley Hall, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on the 24th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle, under the banner of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60.

The officials for the year were appointed as follow:—

Bro. C. J. Nanson 60	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. O. Scott 151	-	-	-	Junior Warden
W. Hodgson 452	-	-	-	Master Overseer
J. F. Hope 452	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
J. P. Bennett 229	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. H. D. Rawnsley 452	-	-	-	Chaplain
G. Dalrymple 213	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. B. Thwaites 462	-	-	-	Registrar of Marks
J. Clifton Thompson 282	-	-	-	Secretary
J. Bouch 282	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Iveson 151	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Gibson 452	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
J. Wilkinson 452	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. M. Clark 213	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
H. S. Wilson 452	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
G. Brooker 452	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
G. A. L. Skerry 282	-	-	-	Organist
J. Menelly 282	-	-	-	Inner Guard
G. Johnston 151	-	-	-	Stewards
J. Muncaster 421	-	-	-	
Jos. Walker 213	-	-	-	
Isaac Parker 421	-	-	-	Tyler.
T. Morant Compton 60	-	-	-	

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, seconded by Bro. T. A. Argles, the following resolution was passed, to be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen, at Balmoral:—

"The Mark Master Masons of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, in Lodge duly assembled, in the Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle, send to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen their humble congratulations on the fact that the Great Overseer of the Universe has granted to Her Majesty a greater length of days of rule than has been granted to any other English Monarch, and pray that she may be long spared to reign over her loyal subjects in peace and prosperity.—Frederick Robertson Sewell, Colonel, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master." —"Yorkshire Daily Post."

PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

THE Lodge resumed its meetings at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on Thursday, 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser W.M. Past Grand Deacon of England. The business transacted included the election of Past Master Belcher as Treasurer.

JUBILEE AT WORCESTER.

THE members of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, have this week been celebrating their jubilee. The Lodge invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its annual meeting under its banner; and this wish having been acceded to, the members of No. 529 thought that it would be a good opportunity to invite their members and friends to assist in the celebration festivities. Invitations were therefore sent out to members of the three Lodges in the neighbourhood—Nos. 280, 529, and 1204 (Malvern)—to the present Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the principal Officers of all Lodges in the Province, a large number of whom accepted, including Provincial Grand Master A. F. Godson, M.P., Mrs. Godson, and a party of friends, and Deputy Grand Master Ottley, Mrs. Ottley, and party. The proceedings commenced on Tuesday evening with a conversazione at the Guildhall, the assembly room at which had been handsomely decorated with palms and choice plants by Mr. J. H. White. There was a concert, in which Mr. J. W. Austin's band, Mrs. Glover-Eaton, and Mr. D'Arcy de Ferrers took part. Subsequently there was dancing, which was kept up for several hours. The Charter of the Lodge, dated 4th July 1846, was granted by the Earl of Zetland the then Grand Master, and Lord Worsley, M.P., Deputy Grand Master. Mr. Joseph Bennett, a Past Master of the old Lodge, was invited to become the first Worshipful Master, and he accepted, with Mr. James McMillan first Senior Warden, and Mr. Gostling Junior Warden. The Lodge is numerically the strongest in the Province, and one conspicuously to the front in its subscriptions and donations to the Masonic Charities. In connection with the Lodge a Royal Arch Chapter was founded and consecrated in April 1890, and although the youngest is numerically the strongest Chapter in the Province.—"Birmingham Daily Post," 24th September.

CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

THE following letter appeared in the "Church Times," in answer to those we recently extracted. The Editor of our contemporary announces that the correspondence must now close:

SIR,—The answers which my letter of inquiry has elicited are interesting, in the first place, as showing the wide differences of opinion which exist among Masons themselves. Some deny indignantly that the relations between Freemasonry and Christianity present any moral difficulty whatever; others, themselves Masons and ex-Masons, admit that the problem is a grave one. Some deny that any outsider has a right to ask for information about the Craft; others admit the right and offer the information, for which I thank them.

It is instructive to note the change which has passed upon Mr. Horsley, the protagonist. At first he scornfully denied that the question presented any difficulties. Because he was himself convinced, every other priest, the Pope himself included, ought to be satisfied. In effect he said, "The Pope is not infallible, but I am. It is unpardonable that a mere Catholic herring should propound questions to those who dwell in the mountain air of Freemasonry, and I for one shall not answer him. Let the ignorant outsider take note that I and my friends are Masons, and hold his peace." The reply was not very convincing, nor was it quite the kind of answer which one priest might be expected to give to another who was endeavouring to arrive at some solution of a difficulty which is a very real one to himself and others. But at length Mr. Horsley condescended to treat the question seriously. And what is his argument? It is simply and solely the argument for undenominationalism, of which the last paragraph of his last letter is an eloquent defence. "Personally," says Mr. Horsley, "I delight in the Athanasian Creed; but am I to deny the existence of faith in all who do not accept or use it; and still more am I not to associate or unite with them in such religious or devotional acts as do not contain or require its recital?" I thank Mr. Horsley for his frankness. But I do not believe that he is logical enough to carry his argument to its practical conclusion, and in other places than Masonic Lodges—e.g., Unitarian Chapels—to "forbid the narrow spirit" to prevent his "uniting in prayer with those who differ in faith and worship."

The more courteous and reasonable communications of "Atticus" and "Catholic," admirable in tone, do not greatly aid the elucidation of the problem. They addressed themselves to several points which my former letter fully recognised, as that "in many respects the influence of English Masonry is good rather than bad," and that English Masonry has corporately repudiated atheistic Masonry. But they have not made clear what I asked to be assured, that an English Mason can have no obligations whatever towards a member of the Grand Orient body, and that he is not bound to recognise him in any way, either in the Lodge or outside it, as a Mason.

The one argument for the patronage of Masonry by English Catholics which has any real weight is that which has several times been adduced by "Catholic." Masonry, he says, is not in England anti-Christian, and since it exists, and will exist, it is better to accept it, and to prevent it from drifting into the degradation and active infidelity of some Continental Masonry. But to secure this end what sacrifices are even now necessary! As one of your correspondents tells us, a priest may be rebuked by a layman for mentioning the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, of Whom he inevitably thinks when he thinks of God at all, and through Whom all prayer is made. Of what use is it to talk about devotion to the "Great Architect of the Universe," if He "by Whom all things were made" cannot be named without rebuke? The objection is not, as Mr. Horsley seems to think, to the phrase, but to the idea which it conveys. The God to Whom Masons pray is not, it seems, to be thought of as the Christian's God. He must be addressed in terms which will offend neither Jew, Turk, nor heretic. How can a Christian Mason logically combat undenominationalism in schools when he enthrones it in his Lodge? It should be as impossible for a Catholic to take part in a religious or quasi-religious function in which the Trinity and the Incarnation are forbidden to be recognised as true articles of the faith concerning God, as for him to worship in a Unitarian conventicle. It certainly seems that even when it is granted that English Masonry is not anti-Christian, a Catholic would nevertheless have to make sacrifices and reservations which are inconsistent with the dignity of the faith, the due tenure of the creeds, and the contention for the truth to which by his Christianity he is pledged.

These are the main points. There is one other to which attention may be called for a moment. It is apparently a common saying among American Masons that "Masonry is all the religion a man needs." At any rate, the Rev. Brother Hubbard (who is, I understand, of the 33rd or highest degree, and a prominent Mason in the State of New York) considered it necessary to combat this tendency in a recent sermon in Rochester Cathedral. Masonry, he said, must be supplemented by religion. "Surely modern Masonry, if it teaches the opposite of this, must have wandered far off from its origin and pattern." The phrase is significant. Masonry, then, in America, is on the down grade.

The fact that a certain number of conscientious Catholics, including two of your correspondents, have found membership in the Craft inconsistent with their profession of the Catholic religion, may well induce those Churchmen who contemplate becoming Masons to pause before they commit themselves to a secret society whose principles they must commit themselves to before they know what they are. It would seem that many Masons, on this or other grounds, regret their initiation, or why are the ex-Masons as numerous as the active Masons? There must be some stronger reason for this than the "tomfooleries of the Lodge" (I quote the expression of an ex-Mason). And what in any case will a Churchman gain by initiation? Fresh scope for the exercise of charity and Brotherly kindness? There is no possible field of need which the Church and societies within the Church might not cover; there is no fraternity closer than the Church. To seek in Masonry what the Church can supply, to bring to Masonry what the Church needs, is to imply her weakness and to take from her resources.

May I, in conclusion, Sir, say one word to those of my critics who have scolded me for writing anonymously? I had thought, but I was mistaken, that the time for that controversial trick of the cheap sneer had gone by. I can assure my critics that it was not mere cowardice which led me to substitute for a name which very few of your readers would recognise a "nom de plume" over which I have often written in your columns. It seems that to me principles and general questions may often be discussed the more freely, and therefore usefully, because anonymously. And in the discussion of a general question it is an old and safe rule to pay more attention to what is written than to the name of the writer. The controversialist is often more concerned to demonstrate the obscurity of his opponent than to

refute his argument. It certainly does not appear from this correspondence that those who take such pride in signing their names are the most courteous and convincing controversialists; and perhaps the best answer to Mr. Horsley's taunt is to be found in the fact that the two ablest writers on his own side prefer, as I do, to sign with a "nom de plume."

OFFEIRIAD.

Modern Masonic madness is just now rampant at Aldershot, and persons are admitted as members of the Craft who do not "study every moral and social virtue," as they swear they do; and they do not "put their trust in God," according to the first answer which they give to the Worshipful Master, who, in reply, says, "Right glad am I that your faith is so well founded." The ceremony of initiation in the first degree infatuates all joining members, but when we hear of a Craft Lodge at Aldershot initiating no less than five persons at once, only a few days ago, we can only say that the beautiful ritual of the Order must have been mocked, and the rules laid down in the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions broken. As no man can serve two masters, neither can the Master of a Mason's Lodge serve five candidates at one time with the signs, secrets, passwords, and other mysteries of this Ancient and Honourable Order. Ancient, no doubt, it is, as having existed from time immemorial; and honourable it must be acknowledged to be by all who try to act up to its precepts. The above remarks do not apply to the Army and Navy Lodge.—"Modern Society."

Freemasonry teaches justice, uprightness of action, the moral virtues, on which we rest our manliness and self-respect. And what more sterling qualities can be grouped about the character of man, subject as we all are to the influence of passion, the weakness of desire, the temptation of necessity, and love of gain and the delights of life? It is true it teaches these in common with all moral schools, but none the less its work is being done in this great field of training men to so adjust their lives that progress may be possible and the world go forward toward the high standard where all men's lives shall illustrate the Godlike character marked on the face and form by the Supreme Architect Himself.—"New York Tribune."

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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To receive a Report from the Board of Management as to steps taken in reference to the acquisition of a Site for the New School.

To elect 14 Boys from an approved list of 44 Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the election of Boys will be open at one o'clock, or so soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at three o'clock precisely.

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London W.C.

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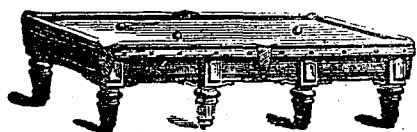
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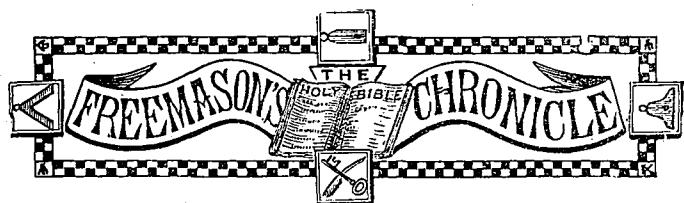
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SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 1896.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, and in the absence of the President Bro. Robert Grey Bro. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President took the chair, the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' positions being occupied by Bro. C. A. Cotterburne and Bro. James Boulton. The Grand Secretary, the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bros. W. Dodd and Recknell represented the office of Grand Secretary, and the elected members of the Board, and those who by Grand rank were entitled to be present were Bros. William Vincent, Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, William Fentiman Smithson, W. J. Mason, S. V. Abraham, George R. Langley, William Fisher, Robert A. Gowan, Thomas Webb Whitmarsh, Gen. Gadsden, W. Kipps and James Bunker.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges who attended were Bros. Henry Smith Syer, William Moulder, George Powell, James Linzell, Edward E. Ransom, W. E. Sutton, H. Massey, Frank Evans, T. H. Hobbs, Thomas Bugler, C. Wakefield, C. J. Banner, J. R. Johnson, B. Sadler Wood, James Rutherford, C. M. Coxon, F. H. Barker, and R. H. Winfrey.

There was only one confirmation of a recommendation to the Grand Master at the former meeting to be made, and this having been done the Board considered twenty-four new cases—a short list. This the Brethren disposed of in two hours and a half, and made a total grant of £555. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for a grant of £100, and one for £75. The Grand Master was asked to approve of £40 being given in two cases, and £30 in four cases. The sum of £20 was granted to each of eight petitioners, and £10 to each of two.

THE ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS.

THE Vienna correspondent of the "Standard," telegraphing on Sunday night, says the Congress, which is to last five days, was opened on Saturday in Trent. The participators are chiefly clerical, and the attendance is much smaller than was expected, amounting only to about five hundred. The lay members belong almost exclusively to the Austrian, German, and Italian nobility. Prince Lowenstein was elected President, and Count Paganuzi Vice President. The Bishop of Trent, in an address of welcome, expressed a hope that the work of the Congress would prove as beneficial to Christendom and the Church as the great Council of Trent itself. After the Brief of the Pope and several letters of approval had been read, speeches were delivered by Monsignor Smorzynski and the Bishop of Lugano, on the pernicious work of Freemasonry, and the first general sitting came to an end.

In the afternoon, sittings of the four Sections were held. The fourth Section, which is engaged in a consideration of Anti-Masonic action, resolved on International organisation against Freemasonry, with a centre in Rome, and on a propaganda with a view of enlightening the public as to the nature of Freemasonry, by books and public meetings. Medals and prizes will also be given for the best essays on the subject.

The President of the Central Committee, Commendatore Alliata, welcomed the delegates, says the "Daily Telegraph," and concluded by calling for three cheers for the Pope, and the Emperor Francis Joseph. These were heartily given, and the Congress subsequently despatched telegrams of loyal devotion to his Holiness and the Emperor. It was decided that the deliberations should be conducted in French and Italian.

The Comte de Mun has addressed a long letter to the French Organisation Committee of the Anti-Masonic Congress to be held at Trent. He regrets that he will be prevented by pressing engagements previously made from taking part in the Congress, but he assures the Committee that he is in cordial agreement with its object. The struggle against Freemasonry he does not hesitate to declare presses as a public necessity not only upon Catholics, but upon all who are desirous of preserving religious belief and the bases of moral and social order. He thinks that Masonry has already thrown down the mask and stands as the avowed enemy to Catholicism. Its all-permeating influence, open and secret, can only be counteracted by counter Christian influences equally widespread. Nothing better could be conceived for the determination and spread of these counter influences than an International Anti-Masonic Congress, such as it is designed to hold at Trent. It will bring into light the international and destructive aims of Freemasonry, which is the enemy not only of Christianity, but also of civilisation itself, by its appeal for independence from all supernatural law. Catholics, by partaking in the Congress, will range themselves alongside with the utterances of the Popes against Masonry. By arresting its march they will perform a social work of the greatest use.—"Tablet."

There is a good deal of gossip about the Anti-Masonic Congress at Trent, which might have been recorded as a mere speck on the horizon if its mission had not been aided by the blundering of the Grand Orient of France. The French Masonic Lodges are evidently losing the traditions of the great Craft which, though not impeccable, has been the greatest benevolent association since the Great Revolution. Interference in religious matters in the sense of aggressive and doctrinal atheism caused a split with the Lodges of other countries. And now this has been capped by the transformation of the Lodges into political agencies. From a Masonic point of view, all this is downright heresy, and it is not surprising to find French Ministers who are good Masons but who absolutely decline to accept the dicta of their Brethren in politics and in the giving of places. The Anti-Masonic Congress would have had no arguments outside the usual reactionary shibboleths about secret societies. The Grand Orient of France has given it a chance to prove its case.—"Sunday Times."

The organisers of the Anti-Masonic Congress seem to be disappointed with the result. It was a promising idea. Upon the one hand, are swarming millions of Freemasons, uncounted, but a prodigious host; on the other, devout Catholics, perhaps as numerous, who regard the Society as representative of Anti-Christ. Between the two, surely, a mighty gathering could be collected, such as would draw the notice of the universe, and strike terror into heretics in general. The Freemasons would come, because everybody likes to be present when he is cursed;

and the devout, because it is edifying to hear fellow-creatures consigned to perdition. Yet only about 500 persons have put in an attendance, and most of them are ecclesiastics. Moreover, "the lay members belong almost exclusively to the Austrian, German, and Italian nobility." This is worst of all, for at the present day any cause specially favoured by nobles and priests is always rejected by the vulgar. But they kept up their spirits. The Bishop "expressed a hope, in his address of welcome, that the work of the Congress would prove as beneficial to Christendom and the Church as the great Council of Trent itself." Thinking persons of every creed agree that the Council of Trent was the most disastrous failure in the history of the faith, to which the hopeless division of Christianity in the West is due. But if these good people are content with the prognostic, that is well. Then a brief from the Pope was read, and several letters of approval, and a Monsignor chorussed a Bishop in denouncing the pernicious effect of Freemasonry. And so the first general meeting came to a cheerful and practical conclusion. But four sections are busy. One of them is going to establish an International organisation against the evil thing. It is awful to speculate what the three others may devise.—"Evening Standard."

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Freemasons in England have by no means gauged the depth of the suspicions entertained against the Order by the mass of Catholics abroad. Some few Catholics at home are even found to aver that devil worship is a common feature of the Lodge meetings. The Anti-Masonic Congress is sufficient proof of the antipathy of Continental Catholics. The trenchant article in the "New Contemporary" deserves, therefore, widespread attention. Mr. Legge shows conclusively that it is to M. Leo Taxil that we owe the fabrications as to devil worship at the Lodges. M. Taxil is, of course, the infamous anti-clerical writer who made himself conspicuous about seventeen years ago. He was—save the mark!—"reconciled" to the Catholic Church in 1885. Since then he has gained his living mainly by libelling Freemasonry for the edification of innocent priests and their guileless flocks.—"Sheffield Independent."

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The Anti-Masonic Congress to-day (29th Sept.) agreed to the project for the formation of a series of Roman Catholic societies, the sole object of which shall be to fight against the Masonic Lodges. It was also decided to make an appeal to the members of all Parliaments asking them to intervene with their respective Governments with a view to the dismissal of all employees or functionaries who should be affiliated to Freemasonry.—"Galignani Messenger."

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A clerical correspondent writes to us as follows:

Our Holy Father, Leo XIII, has given his blessing to the Anti-Masonic Congress to be held at Trent from the 26th to the 30th of September.

The Grand Master of the Freemasons of Italy, "noting the fact with a profound calm," in a Circular Letter dated from Rome on 15th September, pours forth his derision and invective against it.

As usual, Freemasons are represented as a long-suffering and much calumniated body. They never cease to be the Lamb, incessantly maligned by the Wolf. And they bear the accusations with an unexampled patience, reposing "in the integrity of their conscience." "With lofty brow and with serene conscience they carry on their work for the public good," while the storm is gathering against them. "The attack," says the Grand Master, "will not be only upon Masonry in Italy, but will be extended to the whole of universal Masonry (*a tutta la Massoneria universale*). It is sad to think that English Masonry, so distinct from foreign Masonry and so innocent of anything that might be reprehensible, may be the victim of these attacks. For are not the accusations, so far at least as English Masons are concerned, such as "every impartial and honest conscience even now rejects (*accuse che ogni imparziale ed onesta coscienza or mai rigetta*)"? So we are told; and of course it must be true.

But if Masonry is such a beneficent institution as the Grand Master would have us believe, if it inspires the Brethren with such lofty designs for the purifying and the amelioration of the human race, what reason is there for preserving a secret? A secret there is; Grand Master Nathan renews his public testimony to the fact in the Circular just issued: ". . . the Masonic Secret, kept in order to protect from cowardly ambushes or from stupid mistrust our Brethren who are working for the pure idealism of fatherland and of humanity." Similar words he used in his Circular of 12th June last: "The day will come, we hope it may be near, when consciences shall have penetrated the truth . . . then it will be time to determine in what

way the honourable Secret, which guards malignity from doing injury to our Brethren, may be abandoned." Observe that there is but one secret spoken of: there is one Secret which belongs to Universal Masonry all the world over. It is not some foolish little secret confided to the "uninitiated": it is the one great secret which is of the very essence of Masonry as understood in its highest grades. It is the key to the identity of the Great Architect of the Universe, a key which is only confided, with great care and precaution, to the select few who have proved themselves ripe to receive it. (See the Instructions issued by Albert Pike in union with the ten members of the Most Serene Grand College, and dated 4th July 1889.)

Let the "Most Illustrious, Most Powerful, and Divinely inspired Brother Limmud-Ensoph (the late Albert Pike), Grand Master Keeper of the Sacred Palladium, Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry" be our guide to the Secret. Acting with full solemnity and assisted by the Most Serene Grand College, he issued (15th August 1871) instructions to Mazzini, as President of the Supreme Executive Directory of High Masonry, as to the tactics to be adopted "in the double work of the destruction of the temple of Adoni and the building of the temple of Lucifer." Near the beginning of the Letter occur these words: "in order that . . . the same movement that shall annihilate it (the temple of Adonai) may disclose, to the eyes of humanity duly prepared, the temple of our Divine Master, up to that time Hidden. Lucifer, God-King, will then see the whole world consecrate itself to him and adore him; his religion will from that time forward be truly Catholic."

There is the Secret. The temple of Lucifer, the altar of Satan, the worship of the Devil, is to be kept as secret as possible till it be deemed that the world is prepared for it. Then the Secret may be abandoned, so that all the world may bow down to the Devil as their Lord and Master.

Grand Master Nathan, born in England and naturalised in Italy, deserves the gratitude of Englishmen for one thing. In his recent Circular he contrasts Masons with Catholics. He ranges them on opposite sides, as an army drawn up in battle-array; and he bids us choose our sides.

I thank him for this. We are no longer to be told, not even by Catholic Englishmen, that Freemasonry is harmless and unopposed to Christianity.

Masonry, throwing off its veil, is showing itself in its true colours. The Standard of Masonry is for Masons: our place is on the opposite side.—"Tablet."

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English Freemasons are only academically interested in the Anti-Masonic Congress at Vienna. However certain Catholic prelates may rage together, this movement is too palpably silly even for the Pope to bless it, and it will fall through if the Pope does not. Anybody who wants to know what the Congress is really directed against should read an excellent article by Mr. F. Legge in the "Contemporary Review," on Devil-Worship. English Masons are not conscious of worshipping the Devil; but that is what the Congress alleges, besides accusing Masonry of being a deliberate attack on the purity of women, fostered by the Prince of Wales and other reprehensible persons. The fact is, that one or two clever booksellers and unscrupulous writers are making a very good thing out of the campaign against Masonry, by mixing it up with "Satanism," and playing upon the spiritualistic fears of the Continental "degenerates." Their books sell like wildfire, and nothing is too gross to be stated and believed. The Congress at Vienna yesterday "investigated" the revelations of Miss Diana Vaughan, who is supposed to be a converted female Mason and Satan-worshipper. Miss Vaughan was not there. In fact, she probably does not exist at all, but is one of the many doubles of the anti-Masonic maniac who is engineering the whole thing. But the Congress is convinced that she must be genuine—because she has written a book. As a matter of fact, every traceable person who has been given as a reference to her existence has denied all knowledge of her.—"St. James's Gazette."

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At the Anti-Freemasons' last meeting the question of Miss Vaughan's book and of the reality of her existence was again discussed. A German priest the day before declared those revelations to be apocryphal, and expressed very serious doubts that such a person exists at all. This priest, whose common-sense and courage in such surroundings cannot be too much admired, is Monsignor Kratzfeld, the representative of the Archbishop of Cologne. He said he did not like to draw the person of Miss Vaughan into the discussion, but he did not believe that the revelations published under her name were genuine. Monsignor Kratzfeld said, "There is no such person. He who wrote those revelations is a man who makes use of his knowledge of Freemasonry to give himself an air of truthfulness, but his aim is first to deceive the Catholics, and then after a while to publish

a second book in which he proves that it was all an infamous lie. The whole thing would be a defeat of the Catholics and Anti-Freemasons." This speech was interrupted by indignant cries from several persons in the assembly, especially from a French priest who is known to be an intimate friend of the man who writes under the pseudonym of Leo Taxil, and who, in Monsignor Kratzfeld's opinion, is the author of Miss Vaughan's revelations. To-morrow the Abbé de Bessonne will attempt to show the reality of Miss Vaughan, but only to eleven persons of confidence.—"Daily News" (Vienna telegram of 1st October).

The International Anti-Masonic Congress, which was opened at Trient yesterday, is attended, among others, by twelve archbishops, twenty-eight bishops, some 500 clergy of various sorts, and about fifty of the clerical aristocracy from Italy, France, Austria, and Germany. On one point all the orators agree, and that is in their vituperation of Freemasonry. Prince-Bishop Valussi no doubt gave expression to the opinion of many present when he described Freemasonry as "a serpent from hell." For the purpose of attacking the Craft, an international committee has been formed. The Congress gravely discussed the question of the genuineness of the rumoured discoveries of Miss Vaughan and the Abbé Bessonne, of Paris. Although the cock-and-bull stories narrated by Miss Vaughan, even supported by the documentary evidence she produced, are not taken seriously by the bulk of the clerical party, the silly fables were again laid before this distinguished assembly.—"Daily Chronicle."

Pope Leo XIII. appears to be fired with the ambition of setting the world to rights. Having just decided that Englishmen have no true Church, he has turned his attention to Freemasonry, and convened a Congress at Trent for the purpose of exposing and combating its iniquities. That is no new thing, of course. Just a hundred and sixty years ago Masons were excommunicated by the Pope of the period, and Pius the ninth again formally condemned the Craft and its adherents in 1865. It is a pity, for the sake of his own reputation, that the present incumbent of the Holy See should have been persuaded into a repetition of the folly of his predecessors. The Congress has not, indeed, been a striking success, even from the point of view of numbers, while its composition stamps it as a failure. Out of 800 members, more than 600 are ecclesiastics, mainly, it would appear, Italian priests. Nothing could emphasise more strikingly the indifference of the Roman Catholic laity to Papal pretensions to rule in secular affairs. Educated Roman Catholics know as well as Protestants that the Craft against which the Holy Father has set his face is neither a rebellious, nor atheistic, nor immoral society. The attempt to identify it with the vagaries of Devil worship, as that crazy cult has lately been developed in France, is too ridiculous to impose upon any but the most ignorant. It seems to have been resented even in the Congress itself, the delegate of the Archbishop of Cologne protesting against discussion of the sensational tales put forth by the lady who calls herself Miss Diana Vaughan. That alleged prophetic of the Evil One has, it appears, given a wonderful account of her interviews with Lucifer, who is "both handsome and young," and men, presumably sane, are asked, at the close of the nineteenth century, in the name of morality and religion, to take her seriously. The gathering is a grotesque anachronism, which can have no sort of influence even in the most benighted countries which acknowledge the Pope's authority. Elsewhere, of course, if it has any result at all, it will tend rather to the advantage of the society which it is its purpose to discredit and destroy.—"Globe."

Freemasonry is a potent force in France, and on occasion is quite ready to exert its strength and influence. An occasion of this kind has just come about. One M. Monteil, an official of the Ministry of the Interior, was recently transferred to a post which he considered beneath his dignity. M. Monteil, who is a leading Freemason, communicated the fact of his translation to the Brethren of the Masonic Lodge with which he was connected, and now the whole body of Freemasonry in France is in arms against the Minister of the Interior and the Government. Freemasons openly state that unless justice be done to M. Monteil they will use their best efforts to turn out the existing Government.—Arthur Lynch, in the "Daily Mail."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of Bro. T. M. Hamer took place on the 23rd ult., at Tamworth Cemetery. The Brethren of the two local Masonic Lodges, to the number of about thirty, joined the procession from the church to the cemetery. They wore sprigs of acacia, which they deposited on the coffin.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when there was a large attendance under the presidency of Bro. W. S. Mills W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. C.uer S.W., T. Taylor J.W., S. Symons Treas., F. Burgess Sec., D. A. Langdon I.P.M., F. W. Driver P.M., J. C. Cobb P.M., E. H. Done P.M., T. Ockelford S.D., E. J. Stafford J.D., Armfield I.G., T. L. Dennett Organist, John Jenkinson, Emerson and C. Pond Jones Stewards, E. Mullett P.M. Tyler, Longridge, Berry, Inchbold, Sedgwick, G. Smith, C. T. Brown, W. Rake, A. Davies, W. Sammes, A. Preeger, A. Whitley, Fidler, Atkins Smith, and several other members, with the following visitors: James Taylor P.M. 758, W. Hollingshurst, Sutton Abbott, D. A. Shepperd, Munday, Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. advanced the Lodge, and proceeded to raise Bro. J. J. Berry to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Bro. W. Bassitt was passed to the Fellow Craft degree, this ceremony and the preceding one being worked in an excellent and most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, who had the great advantage of able assistance on the part of his Officers.

Other items of business being concluded, including the proposition of two Brethren as joining members and two gentlemen as initiates, the Lodge was closed in regular form, the company adjourning to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was awaiting them. The service was under the supervision of Bro. James Marchant, and everything in connection with the dinner was of the usual excellent character for which this famous old Masonic house has long enjoyed a reputation.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Master gave the usual toasts, specially referring to Her Majesty's long reign when submitting that of the Queen. This toast, together with that of the Grand Master, was cordially received, and followed by musical honours.

The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so spoke of the way in which the present ruler of the Lodge managed its concerns, and the ability he displayed in the work of the Craft on this, the first meeting night after his installation. He predicted that the Lodge would lose none of its old reputation while under the guidance of Bro. Mills.

The Brethren received the toast with hearty enthusiasm, wishing the W.M. the best of good health. Bro. Mills replied, thanking the Brethren for their continued manifestations of approval, and promising to do all that lay in his power to further the interests of the Lodge and advance the welfare of its members.

The visitors were welcomed in a hearty toast, and each of them acknowledged the compliment.

Other toasts followed, including that of the I.P.M., who, in his response, hoped the W.M. might have a successful year while in the chair. He also had much pleasure in mentioning that the Lodge had provided the necessary funds to secure the admission of a son of a late Brother into the Orphan School, at Watford, and he had hopes they would be able to achieve a like result for a girl at no very distant date.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly increased by the vocal efforts of several of the Brethren, among those who contributed songs being Bros. Whitly, Spencer, Tom Burgess, and others. The Tyler's toast concluded a most successful gathering.

REGENTS PARK LODGE, No. 2202.

A VERY large attendance of members and their friends took place on Thursday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., under the presidency of Bro. George Clappitt W.M., who was most ably supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Ward S.W., Adcock J.W., Pointer I.P.M., Dr. Goodchild P.M. Treas., C. Sheppard P.M. Sec., Wilson S.D., Bowles J.D., Sims I.G., Edmonds Tyler.

The Lodge was opened, and, after a few preliminaries, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. Frederick Day, John Taylor and Walter Lloyds, which work was followed by the initiation of Messrs. Charles Schneider, Henry John Bowles, Charles William French, James Brown and Herbert Edward Inker. Great praise is due to the W.M. for his excellent and perfect rendering of these ceremonies.

After the transaction of other business, including the proposition of new members, the Lodge was closed and the company adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid repast awaited them, the service and everything connected with the dinner being of the customary "Frascati" excellence.

After the banquet the W.M. submitted the usual toasts, specially referring to the record reign of the Queen, which toast was received with musical honours, as also was that of the Prince of Wales.

The health of the W.M. was submitted by the I.P.M. Bro. Pointer, and the W.M. responded in his usual eloquent manner.

The toast of the Past Masters was given from the chair and duly responded to, this being followed by the toast of the Initiates, who expressed their gratification at joining the Lodge.

The Visitors were not forgotten, but were heartily welcomed from the chair, and they suitably responded.

Other complimentary remarks followed, the usual list being brought to a conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

An excellent musical programme was provided, several of the Brethren giving capital songs and recitations. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel, the Worshipful Master Bro. William Close Smith presiding.

The Master initiated five gentlemen into the mysteries of the Craft, and afterwards installed as his successor Bro. James Frederick Percival, says the "City Press."

A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the Master of the past year.

INSTRUCTION.

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ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

ON Tuesday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., Bro. Nicholls W.M., M. McVey S.W., Williams J.W., Brickdale S.D., Phillips J.D., Heap I.G., J. Blundell P.M. Treas., Casely P.M. Sec., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Preceptor, Mart P.M. D.C., Billy, Ridgway, Pettit, Cross, Mullins, Roberts, Johnstone, Cogliati, Wynman, and others, including several visitors, the whole attendance numbering forty-five.

Bro. Shales answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which the Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Pettit acted as candidate while the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Both ceremonies were impressively and correctly given, to the great satisfaction of all present.

Bro. Dyke was elected a member, and Bro. McVey W.M. for next meeting.

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

AT the Café Royal, on Wednesday, Bro. Winkler W.M., Taylor S.W., Walker J.W., L. Marks S.D., Ashplant J.D., Goldner I.G., Smith P.M. Preceptor, Brander P.M. Treas., Swift Sec., Hall, Feldman, H. Marks W.M. 1563, Long, Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hall candidate; the Lodge was called off and on, and on resuming to labour, Bro. H. Marks W.M. of the Mother Lodge, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture, after which the Preceptor worked the second section.

Bros. Hall, Feldman and Watts were unanimously elected members and suitably responded. The S.W. will preside at next meeting as W.M., and we hope he will have a good attendance.

A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., he occupying the chair for the first time.

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CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

THE re-opening of this Lodge took place on Friday evening, 25th ult., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, E.C., under the able Preceptorship of Bro. C. Weedon P.M. 813. Bro. J. Speller P.P.G.D. Essex W.M. 2874 P.M. 1677 2256 M.E.Z. 2374 1471 P.Z. 2256 1685 presided, and regularly opened the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. S. Robson W.M.-elect 1693 was presented and took the obligation of W.M.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. installed into the chair and saluted according to ancient custom. The Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. appointed as his Officers: Bros. A. W. Cooper W.M. 1693 S.W., A. White J.W., U. B. Ladler S.D., Burns J.D., E. Henry I.G., W. J. Hunter W.M. 1677 Treasurer, E. Dimes Sec. Bro. Speller in a very able and perfect manner rehearsed the three addresses.

Bro. A. W. Cooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Speller for his kindness in rehearsing the installation ceremony, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until Friday, 2nd October, when, after the business of the Lodge, the Committee of the Crusaders Charitable Association will meet, and two ballots will take place.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE first meeting of this Instruction Lodge for the season was held on Monday, at Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, when there was a large attendance. Bro. G. S. Daunton acted as W.M., with J. Bell S.W., A. Collins J.W., C. Spreag S.D., H. Cullingham J.D., H. R. Shaw I.G., R. Poore P.M. Preceptor, E. Hoare acting Sec., C. Davis, T. Hawkins, J. W. Franklin, E. A. Harrington, E. Linfoot I.P.M. 1298, J. W. Nash, J. Wynman, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hoare candidate, and then opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. J. W. Nash was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being afterwards rehearsed.

The W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board, and then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Bell, who invested the Officers, Bro. Daunton acting as D.C.

Bros. Davis and Nash were elected members, and Bro. Bell to occupy the chair at next meeting.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON Friday, 26th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, Bro. Feistel W.M., Friedlander S.W., Lamigeon J.W., Dunstan Preceptor, Bird Treasurer, Willsmer Secretary, Calley S.D., Hazell J.D., Larner I.G., Witte, Bishop, Jones, Matthews, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Geo. Clark then took the chair, opened in the second and third degrees, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising.

A meeting of the Masonic Charities Association was then held, Bro. Dunstan President in the chair.

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and three more were balloted for on this evening, making forty-one Life Subscriberships, including two not yet allotted.

Bros. Gower, Jarvis and Mantell were the successful members on this occasion.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting took place at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris Stockport, on Monday, 21st ult., Bro. Geo. Ben Goodfellow W.M. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. James Bertram Oldham

was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Capt. E. G. Lingard P.M. P.P.G.W. S.W., whilst Bro. Thos. Knott P.M. Sec. rendered the address in the S.E. very effectively.

The election of Officers then took place, Bro. James W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C. being unanimously chosen to preside over the destinies of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months, and we are sure that under his able guidance it cannot fail to make important progress.

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WAVERLEY LODGE, No. 1322.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bro. W. Rawlinson W.M., S. Grundy S.W., Geo. W. Davies P.M. P.G.S. as J.W., W. Newton P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., W. Eastwood P.M. Sec., A. Cooper S.D., J. Travis J.D., Tom Ogden I.G., Robt. Wood Steward, Dan Birkby Tyler; Smith P.P.J.G.D., Wood, Jones, and A. Sumner, Past Masters; Bros. Cole, Adams.

The business included the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the Brethren falling unanimously upon Bro. Grundy S.W., who through the whole of the offices filled by him has manifested such interest in the ceremonial of the Lodge as to eminently qualify him for the position.

Touching allusion was made to the death of a respected townsman, the D.P.G.M. Bro. Mellor, and a letter of condolence and sympathy was directed to be sent to his widow and family.

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LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., when Bro. J. W. Armour, of Brentwood, W.M. performed the ceremony of inducting Bro. J. S. Hammond into the chair.

Bro. Child I.P.M. was presented with a handsome testimonial, and Bro. J. W. Armour with a P.M.'s jewel. Music was contributed by several of the company.

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BRAMSTON BEACH LODGE, No. 2101.

THE installation meeting took place on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Godalming, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. Gibbs P.M. The Lodge was honoured by the presence, for the first time since his appointment, of the Grand Master of the Province of Surrey the Earl of Onslow, who was accompanied by Bro. C. T. Tyler Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. W. T. Pitchers was installed Worshipful Master and invested the Officers.

After the ceremony the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. J. J. Taylor P.M. The Worshipful Master presided, supported by the Earl of Onslow and other Visitors, the Brethren also mustering in strong force.

An interesting feature of the evening was a musical programme organised by Bro. Haig-Brown, and among the Brethren giving their services were Bro. P. V. Sharman and Bro. G. H. Robinson Organist of the Lodge.

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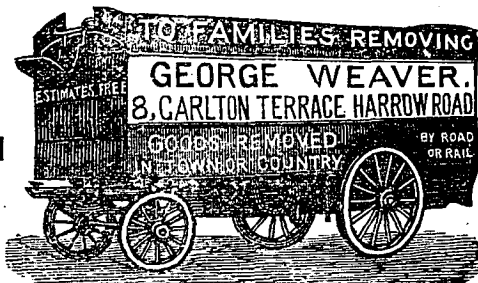
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NEXT WEEK.

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Monday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons'-hall
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall
2020 St. Botolph, Albion
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amhurst, Stoke Newing.
2578 National Artillery, Criterion
- 53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimbome
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1070 Starkie, Southport
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2322 East Lanc. Cent'rion, M'chester.
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

- 9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.
217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Southwark
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1693 Kingsland, Highbury
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2032 Richmond, Richmond
2128 U. N. Counties, Inns of Crt. Htl
2150 Tivoli, Frascati
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2469 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall
- 47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford

- 364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, Erith
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beam'ster.
1488 St. Eleth, Almweh
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avn
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2490 Amphthill, Amphthill
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

Wednesday.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevo-
lent Institution, F.M.H., at 4
- 511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenaeum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
2484 Second Mid. Artillery, F.M.H.

- 74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Boston
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Looe
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

- 2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

- Quarterly Court, Girls School, at 12
- 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Southwark
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Highbury
1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mb'rwell
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1708 Plucknet, North Finchley
1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall
1804 Coborn, Bow
1820 Sir Thomas White, Café Royal
1987 Strand, Piccadilly
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith

- 35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
191 St. John, Bury
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterboro'
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Gnisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
816 Royd, Littleboro'
945 Abbey, Abingdon
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lancaster
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1911 De la Pré, Northampton

- 1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shaldon, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man
2529 Abbey, Whalley
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

- Quarterly Court, Boys School, at 12
- 177 Domatic, Anderton's
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall
1559 New Cross, Greenwich
Anchor, Café Royal
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke N'gton
- 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
64 Fortitude, Manchester
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
680 Sefton, Liverpool
786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
815 Blair, Manchester
916 Hartington, Eastbourne
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 176 Cavea, Albion
1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
1612 West Middlesex, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion
1685 Guelph, Leyton
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h.
2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
- 1347 Lorne, Sutton
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
1423 Era, Twickenham
1637 Unity, Harrow Station
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
2095 Caterham, Caterham
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
2326 Wigan, Wigan
2359 Doric, Didsbury

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WOMAN AND MASONRY.

IT is too much of a fashion in some jurisdictions for women to assert a claim to Masonic recognition. We are one of those Freemasons that believe in the ancient customs, usages and landmarks of the Fraternity. We believe, also, that they are "established" by the continued adherence to them since they were canonised by the fathers as indestructible. When, therefore, plausible and persistent effort is made to evade these established regulations, it is a source of peril to the very foundations on which Freemasonry was built up, and which we have received, under the solemn obligation to maintain, support, and abide by them. This woman sufferance is one of these perils. There is an organisation known as the "Eastern Star." It is very well for women to unite in associations within the strict limits of their relation to the social organisation in which they live. As to that we have nothing to say. But when this association, or any such association adopts those features of Masonry that are to it especial and particular, and then ask to use the Lodge room of Masons, which they expect will be freely afforded, it is time for our Craft to put an end, finally and conclusively, to this sort of combination. It weakens Masonry. It is contrary to the very spirit of its organisation. A free man is the only constituency that Masonry ordains, or can directly or indirectly recognise. To make a sort of partnership with those who never can be Freemasons, by tolerating their pretensions, when coaxed and coddled, to be a secret society with which Masonry ought to fraternise, is testing Masonic courage to do right, and it would seem in some cases almost succeeding in overturning Masonic common sense.—Richard Vaux, of Penn., in "Canadian Craftsman."

MASONIC HOMES IN ABERDEEN.

PREPARATIONS are being hastened forward for a grand Masonic bazaar, which is to be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of this month, in the Music Hall, Aberdeen, with a view of wiping out the remaining debt on the Masonic property in the city. Prior to the year 1849—as runs a statement in the forthcoming "Bazaar Book"—the Lodges forming the Aberdeen City Province had no common meeting place, but certain of them, such as Aberdeen, St. Machar, St. Nicholas, St. James, and St. George, had at various times erected or purchased suitable halls for their own special use. By that year, however, these separate meeting-places had been disposed of by the respective Lodges, and they then met in premises temporarily rented. This system had serious drawbacks, and, in 1849, several of the Lodges joined together and rented the premises, now numbered 115 Union Street, which were fitted up as a Masonic Hall. After a period of sixteen years it was found that the requirements of the Lodges had outgrown the accommodation, and, in 1865, they removed to the hall, presently numbered 41 Queen Street, which had been originally built in 1776 by St. Machar Lodge as their meeting-place. These premises were recognised as the headquarters of Masonry in Aberdeen until the present Masonic Hall Buildings were erected in 1872, by the Aberdeen Masonic Hall Company, Limited. In 1876, a lease was entered into for nineteen years, under which the Company let the various Masonic rooms to a Committee of Management, representative of the Lodges, and this arrangement continued to exist till the expiry of the lease in 1895. The Masonic Hall Company at the end of this period found themselves in financial difficulties, and by the consequent winding-up of the Company the buildings came into the market for sale. No united action had been taken by the Lodges to secure the property, and it was taken out by private enterprise, but was subsequently offered to the Province at the purchase price. This offer was gladly accepted, and after considerable trouble and expense the buildings were put into a state worthy of Masonry and the Aberdeen City Province. Handsome contributions were made by the various Lodges, the Provincial Grand Master, and others, towards the furnishings and liquidation of the cost, but notwithstanding this the sum of £2,000 still remains a debt on the property, and forms a burden seriously affecting the efficiency of the Province. The present effort and appeal to the Masonic body and their friends is made with a view to the extinction of this heavy debt, and the appeal is made in the confident assurance that the response will be liberal. The consequent relief effected thereby would enable the funds of the respective Lodges to be more fully applied to their proper Masonic objects—benevolence and charity.—"Aberdeen Free Press."

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Shaftesbury.—The new edition of "The Little Genius," together with the engagement of Miss Florence St. John and the popularity of "La Goulue" Moulin Rouge Quadrille has caught on so strongly here that Mr. Brickwell, the manager for Mr. Love, is now advertising that seats may be booked three months in advance.

Parkhurst.—A new musical comedy was produced here last week, under the title of "En-Route" that should become popular among those who love bright and tuneful music, combined with life and activity on the part of the performers. The comedy is written by Cecil Maxwell, and the music composed by Ernest Bucalossi, the lyrics being by Walter Parke, and additional numbers by Roland Carse and P. Bucalossi. The first act introduces us to the deck of the S.S. "Planet," which is "en route" from India, with the usual mixed company of passengers, several of whom while away the tedium of the voyage by flirtations of a mild or serious character. Thus we have Colonel Curryman, of the Bengal Busters (Mr. Herbert Shelley), vigorously besieged by a bold American damsel, admirably portrayed by Miss Stella May, who adds to her other attractions an ability for dancing which alone should secure her success. Mr. John T. Smithe—lately in the "Egg line"—and Mrs. Smithe, represented by Mr. A. E. Chapman and Miss Minnie Clifford respectively, supply the comic element, being supported in that direction by Mr. Sam Wilkinson as Pat Cafferty and Miss Ada Lee as Lizzie. Other characters are well sustained by Messrs. Richard Temple jun., J. Willes Irwin, E. Webster Lawson, E. Ernest Boyd, Reginald Clayton, and Walter Gibbens, with Mesdames Evie Green, Emilie Wade, Margot Frewin, Hilda Henley, Geraldine Nelson and Alice Ancliffe. The second act takes place at an Hotel close to the Bay of Naples, and here we have many of the characters in carnival dress, which provides the means of displaying the many pretty costumes that are provided. The piece was admirably mounted, and was heartily received throughout, several encores being demanded.

The Theatres, &c.

Drury Lane.—8, The Duchess of Coolgardie. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Lyceum.—8, Cymbeline.
Strand.—8-10, Dream Faces. 9, Teddy's wives.
St. James's.—On Tuesday, 20th October, The Prisoner of Zenda.
Globe.—8, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—The White Silk Dress.
Gaiety.—8-15, My Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Adelphi.—8, Boys Together. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Avenue.—8-15, Monte Carlo. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Little Genius. 10-30, La Goulue. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Lyric.—8-15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Savoy.—7-30, Weather or No. 8-30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Comedy.—8, A White Stocking. 8-50, Mr. Martin.
Criterion.—8, The Backslider. 8-20, Outward Bound. 8-45, A Blind Marriage. Matinée, 2-30. (Last day.) On Tuesday, Rosemary.
Terry's.—8-20, The Man in the Street. 9, My Artful Valet. (Last day.)
Opera Comique.—8, Newmarket. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Garrick.—8, Lord Tom Noddy. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Daly's.—8-15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Vaudeville.—8-15, Papa's wife. 9, A night out. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Saturday, 2-15.
Parkhurst.—Popular companies and newest pieces, changed weekly.
Alhambra.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. 8-15, Irish Ballet Divertissement. 10, Rip Van Winkle. 9-30, The Animatographe.
Empire.—7-40, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. Cinematographe. Second edition of Faust.
Palace.—8-0, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30.
Oxford.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
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