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LIVING ON CAPITAL.

OPINIONS are divided as to the advisability, even as to the legality, of paying the current expenses of our Lodges or Chapters out of initiation or exaltation fees. There are many who think that these fees should be kept entirely distinct from ordinary subscriptions, and, perhaps after the payment of Grand Lodge dues, and certain fixed charges, should be used for purposes of Charity alone, or allowed to accumulate so as to form a Lodge Benevolent Fund, or a means of meeting the proverbial rainy day, should it unfortunately come. These argue that the custom of paying Hotel bills and other such charges out of the fees paid by newly admitted members of the Fraternity is bad, as it opens the door to abuses in many ways, and often makes it absolutely necessary for Lodge or Chapter members to search around for candidates, so as to keep the finances on the right side, or obviate the necessity of curtailing the pleasure of the social board, or some other feature which may be regarded as a personal enjoyment rather than a part of pure Freemasonry. This question is touched upon in the extract we print elsewhere in this issue from our Australian contemporary "Masonry," the writer in which goes over well trodden ground, and makes out a good case, were it not for one most important consideration. Freemasonry is not a benevolent society, and there is no obligation on its Lodges or Chapters to do anything more than pay their way! Of course it is gratifying to find Lodges with substantial balances in hand, and we must here confess we think it would be better for the English Craft if Grand Lodge had some little power conferred upon it, to keep a check on the financial arrangements of its subordinates, none of whom should be allowed to exist with a debit balance, without some strenuous effort being made to adjust it, but as no such power exists we think it is quite safe to leave members of individual Lodges to do as they please with their Lodge funds, no matter from what source they arise.

In taking this line, however, we recognise the necessity of exercising that caution in the admission of new candidates which is so continually urged upon the Craft. Initiates should never be encouraged for the purpose of creating a credit balance in the Lodge accounts, but with the sole object of making them more extensively useful to themselves and their fellow creatures. We admit it is a sore temptation to a Lodge with a depleted exchequer to refuse a candidate for initiation, even though a few of the members may regard him as unsuitable material to introduce, but the necessity should be honestly faced, and if it is, there need be no fear of being accused of working one's Lodge by living on its capital.

The installation meeting of the Chough Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Cannon Street Hotel.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 25th, at the National Schools, Hales Owen, and there was a large attendance.

Bro. Sir A. Frederick Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master was unable to be present, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. William Thomas Page P.P.G.Sec. presided. Bro. A. Green acted as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

It being the fiftieth anniversary of the Perseverance Lodge at Hales Owen, the Lodge was opened by Brother George Henry Dunn, and the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers were received with the customary honours.

Reports were presented showing that Freemasonry was making great progress throughout the Province. The report of the Masonic Charity Organisation Committee showed that the receipts amounted to £362, and that £42 had been given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £31 to the Institution for Boys, and £284 to the Institution for Girls. The accounts were adopted, and on the proposition of the Deputy Prov.G.M. it was decided to give £10 10s from the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds of Benevolence in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master invested the Officers for the ensuing year. It was decided, on the invitation of the members of the Godson Lodge, to hold the annual Provincial Grand Meeting at Oldbury next year.

The Brethren subsequently attended the Parish Church. Bro. the Rev. T. H. Tatham, M.A., Assistant Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. J. C. Hill, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, officiating. In the evening a banquet was held at the Drill Hall.

CONSECRATION.

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ABIFF LODGE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held in the Juvenile Oddfellows' Hall, Saxmundham, for the purpose of consecrating this new Lodge. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. presided, and there was a large attendance of Provincial Officers and other Brethren.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the acting Prov. Grand Master addressed the Brethren on the motive of the meeting, and the Founders of the new Lodge were arranged, as follow:—Bros. G. H. Garrett P.M. P.P.J.G.W. W.M., H. Calver P.M. P.P.G.A.P. S.W., R. J. Carthew P.M. P.P.J.G.W., H. Wright P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. Andrews P.M. P.G.S.B. D.C., A. F. Penraven P.M. P.P.Asst.G.D.C., T. E. Key, J. C. Ryder Richardson J.W., J. Wint S.D., J. H. Pearson J.D., A. S. Greene I.G., A. Parry Sec., W. Busby Organist, M. J. Woodard, F. B. Fisher, G. Pybus, G. B. Block.

The Petition and Warrant having been read, the Brethren signified their approval of the Officers named therein in Masonic form. An oration was delivered by the Chaplain, on the nature and principles of the Institution, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master subsequently performed the ceremony of consecration.

Bro. G. H. Garrett was installed W.M. of the Lodge, and the proceedings terminated with a banquet, excellently served by the Misses Sillett, at the White Hart Hotel.

PRESENTATION AT DURHAM.

ON Wednesday evening, 19th inst., there was a large and representative gathering of Brethren at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, at the meeting of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, the occasion being the presentation of a portrait and an illuminated address to Brother William Gray, Deputy Mayor of Durham, P.M. P.P.G.Std.B. P.P.G.J.W. for ten years Treasurer of the Lodge.

The portrait, which is a large one in carbon, and measures 26in. by 18in., was executed by Mr. Bell of Blackett Street, Newcastle, and is a good likeness of Bro. Gray. It represents our Brother attired in Court dress and wearing the Mayoral robes and gold chain of Office, Bro. Gray having occupied the Mayoralty of Durham City in 1899. At the foot of the photograph, which is enclosed in a handsome oak frame, is a shield bearing an appropriate inscription. The illuminated address, which is a very handsome piece of work, was executed by Bro. A. Brook, of the Marquess of Granby Lodge. The bordering is very fine, and within the scroll work are cleverly introduced small shields bearing at the top and bottom of the address a portrait of Bro. Gray and the City Arms respectively, and on either side representations of the Past Master's and Junior Warden's jewels. The whole work reflects very much credit upon Bro. Brock.

The text of the address sets forth that the portrait and address are presented to Bro. Gray as a mark of the esteem in which he is held. The many prominent Offices he had filled both as a public man and as a Freemason, and the brilliant manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties attached to each, in themselves bore eloquent testimony not only to his ability, but to the respect and affection borne him by his fellow-men, more especially his Brethren in Freemasonry. The address was signed on behalf of the subscribers by Bro. T. J. R. Hindmarsh W.M., Bro. T. Laidler I.P.M., Bro. Colonel Rowlandson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Bro. R. W. Salkeld S.W., Bro. R. Tyson J.W., and Bro. R. Hauxwell P.M. P.P.G.St.Br. Sec. to the Presentation Committee.

The presentation was made at the conclusion of the ordinary Lodge business by Bro. Colonel Rowlandson, who spoke of the great services Bro. Gray had rendered not only to the Norman Lodge, but to Freemasonry generally, and mentioned that only at the beginning of the present year Bro. Gray laid the Lodge under further obligations by the presentation of a handsome banner.

Bro. Gray's health was enthusiastically toasted, and Bro. Gray responded in an appropriate and feeling manner. In acknowledging the presentation, he said that was not the first time he had been honoured by the Norman Lodge. During the quarter of a century he had been connected with the Lodge he had been the recipient of a long succession of honours. Bro. Colonel Rowlandson, at the latter's installation, called him (Bro. Gray) out from the "wall flowers," and ever since that time he had not been without a collar of Office, nor had he failed in doing his duty to help forward the objects of the Order. The Masonic Order, he believed, contained those elements and principles which if practised and carried out by the world at large would soon end all those strifes and perplexities which existed and had existed since the world began. Other toasts and harmony followed, a very successful evening being spent. The portrait of Bro. Gray will occupy a permanent place in the Lodge room.

MASONIC SERMON.

THE following was delivered by Rev. Bro. A. C. Ward, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59 (U.S.A.), and the Masons of Atlanta, at Sixth Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Gen. i., 3.—"God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Our text is the beginning of time on earth. As to how long this earth and all created things about us lay sleeping in the shroud of darkness and inactivity it is necessary for us to conjecture. Suffice for us to know that in the fullness of time while darkness was upon the face of the deep God said light be and light was. From that day to the present man has ever been in search of more light. Born into an existence which is surrounded by mystery, we are constantly being overtaken and made to stumble in our blundering and mistakes. Like a blind man we know not how near we may be to the edge of a fearful pit-fall. We only know that for the present moment our feet seem to rest

on solid ground. We can only blindly feel our way, never knowing what a day or an hour may bring forth. Life is a game. An ill move may bring defeat, while the slightest gain, a single word or act, may ensure a victory. Our knowledge of to-day may become the ignorance of to-morrow. The very things which we pass judgment upon to-day may be the acts which we ourselves may be guilty of the next day.

We can never grasp a certain point in human knowledge and say, "this I know!" We know absolutely nothing as to our origin, our destiny. In the providence of God our lives are to be controlled not by sight or knowledge but by faith.

Since every star differeth from another star, no bubble on the ocean, or grain of sand on the sea shore, or leaf in the forest has its counterpart, since facility and capacity differ by circumstances, there can be no hope for impossible unity. In the congress of opinion, therefore, we must yield concessions to our fellow man. No man knows all things. It often requires more wisdom to say "I do not know," than to say "I am right." Our estimate of the right and wrong we see in others is made up from what we ourselves are. In all our decisions the felicitous words of the great law-giver apply, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

Masonry, under whose auspices we meet this morning, is but little understood. It has existed since the days of the dim past, its head is crowned with the glory of age and antiquity, but its tenets and principles are such that they will never grow old or become out of date. At times in the past it has suffered at the hands of its enemies, while at others it has been popular with the high born and rich. To-day it stands forth like a mighty army of men who form an invincible foe of many of the evils incident to human life. It wars against vice in all its forms, and it is ever ready to uphold the right, regardless of party, sect or earthly power. It recognises the good in moral, intellectual and spiritual man. Such lessons does our Fraternity teach, such principles does it uphold.

Turning now to our text, we first recognise in God the source of Light. There are some things we can live without. We might exist without darkness. We can readily see how life would be improved upon if all trouble and sorrow were forever banished from human contact. I freely confess that earth itself would be a paradise if only sin with all its attendant evils were obliterated from its boundaries. These are things we can well dispense with, but while we can do without these, light is one of the many things we must have. Like the air we breathe it is necessary to our very existence. It is God-given and like all that comes from God it is good. Our first intimation of spiritual light is through the word of God. It was this word of God that was made flesh and dwelt among us in the form of the son of God. He has revealed the light. Through this Holy Book we have revealed God's law, God's light and God's love. Without this book we are in very blackness of darkness. Without it we grope on in blindness and despair, with never a hope that the future may give a happier lot. Without the light of the Bible we are lost in a maze of doubt and spend our lives wandering to and fro upon the earth in labyrinth of mystery that will end in eternal sorrow and ruin. Even our greatest difficulties, no doubt, arise from our desire to thoroughly know and comprehend God. Many, because they cannot attain to this full knowledge, leave God out of their calculations altogether. Such persons only reach the level of the beasts of the field. They know not, neither do they seek anything beyond the present. Given the present gratifications of passion and appetite, they simply wait for the demand to arise that the same passions or appetites may be satisfied again. A whole life thus spent is a life thrown away, never to be of service to anyone but self. In self, man will never find anything beyond self. Man, as a man, never will be greater than man. Ignorance will never become knowledge, Darkness will never be light. Ignorance may and often does give place to knowledge. Darkness can be displaced and driven out by light, so man can step out of self into a divinity of life and acts that are ennobling. For this God gave us the light of reason, and a knowledge of what is right and what is wrong. Morality, through the light of God applied to man's life, can be set aside and immortality will take its place. This wonderful and desirable change cannot be brought about by human agency alone. It must come from God. Our beloved Order recognises this great principle, and to God it gives the honour of being the source of all light.

Light is the source of life. The question is often asked

do plants grow in darkness. While this is disputed we know they grow in the light. Commensurate, therefore, with this thought that light is life, comes the development and growth of all that which is true and good and beautiful in man only as he dwells in the light of God.

Looking out upon the world of philanthropy, we see schools, colleges and universities of learning. We meet eleemosynary institutions, orphan homes, homes for the friendless, places of refuge for the fallen and destitute, hospitals for the sick and afflicted, and thousands of other like charitable organisations. Masonry, while not claiming to be the parent of all these, presents a title clear to many of them. It is a significant fact that all these institutions, from the beginning to the end of the list, owe their origin to the law of charity and sympathy as taught by the Almighty Father of the Universe when he said, "Let there be Light." The light of God, therefore, meant three things, knowledge, love, which is charity, and sympathy.

When God said, "Light be," he called into existence what may be denominated as co-operative light. Himself the great source of light, He did not intend that this great light should be for himself alone. It was given for man. God had no need of more light. Man is the needy creature. He is the one in darkness. The light was given that man might reflect God. We cannot afford to lightly esteem the power of associated influence. The ocean might be filled by a single drop of water easier than we can set aside the influence we yield. From the smallest atom to the greatest mountain, from the unmeasured realm that lies between space and matter, the unexplored region between fact and fancy, between time and eternity, in all of these we cannot find a single object not dependent upon some borrowed influence. The sun shines, but it borrows its heat from some other source not yet fixed or named by human science.

Water seeks its level, but its very motive power is borrowed from the slope over which it passes, and the low elevation of the ocean into which it flows.

The cars rush through our streets, but only as they are compelled by the electric current that forces them onward. This current is dependent upon the motor which borrows its power from the heat generated by the coal. The coal in turn borrows its existence from the vegetation, the vegetation borrows from the earth, which in turn borrows from rain and heat and light, and which at first comes from God.

The necessity of knowledge in man makes him dependent upon the wisdom of others. "No man liveth unto himself." Man needs friendship, advice, assistance, and, need I add, sympathy. Did you ever stop to analyse this word sympathy? "Sighing with," not much in a sigh you say. Ah, yes, if it is a sigh from pure sympathy. A sigh for others' woe is worth more than 10,000 sighs for self. I believe in helping as we go along. We can do so much. A celebrated actor who had befriended a poor girl was laughed at, because she slipped upon the stage and handed him a flower. Rising in his manhood, he said, with startling effect, "You laughed at me because this girl handed me this flower. Back of all this is a sad story. I found her on the cold, snowy pavement, a little shivering piece of humanity. She told her story of a sick father. I went to his bed-side because he was human—he was my brother. I nursed him back to life, and this child has only spoken her gratitude to me by this flower. I know you would pile flowers on my grave if I were dead, but I had rather have this simple token of love, this one flower, than waggon-loads of flowers piled on my grave when I cannot know or appreciate them."

God intended by this light of reason that we should love one another, and by our every day acts throw flowers along the pathway of our fellow man.

Man's mission on earth is to reflect God in all he does. When God made man He made him in His own image. Is the image broken and destroyed? A small piece of broken mirror glass will reflect the whole of the sun. Only one condition is necessary. Turn its face to the sun.

The reason why so many lives are a failure is not because they are sinful, and broken like glass, but because their face is never turned towards God. "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil."

Too many of us are moral cowards. We are actually afraid to meet the foe and fight the battle of life. We let the temptation of to-day overcome us, promising ourselves that we will be stronger on the morrow and that we will win the fight. Few men give up entirely to sin. There is always a misgiving. Conscience seldom sleeps long at a time. Our

sin is ever before us. We cannot set aside the forebodings and fears as to the consequences of our wicked deeds. Oh, the folly of going to school and never learning—of always going hungry when the feast is spread for us—of remaining in nature's darkness when the light of God ever shines for us.

Let us determine, then, by the voice of God, that our life shall shine with a pure and holy lustre. God has smiled upon us, and the sanctuaries in which we worship are often architecturally complete and beautiful, so let our lives adorn the doctrines of God in all things. To this end we must dedicate and devote ourselves to God. It is a question of personal resolution and effort. The light is here, but not for us except as we appropriate it and make it our own. As every individual determines the character of the mass, all depends upon what we are as individuals.

Remember that opportunity knocks at man's door but once. If not admitted then, it passes forever. This is a most serious thought. How many of us can look back and see drops of golden opportunities which we have allowed to slip from our fingers. Each day has its work. If you neglect a duty to-day, you cannot perform it to-morrow without taking time which belongs to something else. Be on the alert, for life is short, and time is fleeting. What is done must be done quickly, for ere you are aware of it your locks will be tipped with silver and you will be called to take your narrow chamber in the silent halls of death. Fight a manly fight and do your duty nobly, so that when the web of life is woven and the bolt of your earthly deeds is folded for shipment across the dark, mysterious waters to the shore of another life, you may feel the comforting assurance that when the roll is open to the light of eternity, it will bear inspection, and not bring us to shame. As members of this great Fraternity, we are expected to do much. If our God would have us, we will one day open our eyes on a scene of glory—refreshment and our glorified Grand Master ruling among all mysteries.—"Tyler."

An enthusiastic welcome was accorded to Bro. Captain Hugh B. Protheroe Smith, at the regular meeting of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, held on Tuesday of last week, and which was largely attended, on his return from South Africa. The W.M. Bro. Tom Williams heartily congratulated Bro. Smith on the conspicuous gallantry he had shown in the field, and at his safe return after the arduous duties he had performed and the many dangers he had gone through. Bro. Protheroe Smith, in replying, modestly deprecated the estimate which those present had put upon his services, and gave a highly interesting account of the many marches and engagements in which he had taken part.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Thursday, 20th inst., was laid to rest, in the beautiful cemetery at Highgate, the remains of one who will long be remembered both in social and Masonic circles in London. Dr. Issachar Zacharie, who died on Sunday, 16th inst., at his residence, 80 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, was born at Chatham, England, in 1827, and after a lengthy professional career, which commenced with his appointment as a medical officer while yet but a boy, in the U.S. Army of the West Californian region, and continued through the Civil War, when he was attached to the division under Grant, he settled in England, and quickly won both name and fame in the special department of surgery he had chosen to cultivate. While in California, which was then but thinly peopled, he practised the ancient and mystic rite, and was duly appointed the first Grand Master of the Craft in that region. When rooms were not available, the Brethren held their Lodge in secluded valleys, stationing sentries on the summits of the neighbouring hills, or on the tops of the hills themselves, under the open canopy of the sky. The remembrances of these stirring times have been a source of never-failing interest to generations of those who have gathered round his hospitable table, where he has entertained not only many of the elite of Masonry, but frequently many of the worthiest of England's nobility. Many are the social and state secrets that have been confided to his care, and numerous are the occasions when his astuteness, dexterity and high diplomatic qualities have been brought into play to patch up a social quarrel, or to restore harmony between high personages who have, unfortunately, become estranged. But his delight was to see himself surrounded by a circle of true Masonic friends,

and on such occasions the natural exuberance of his heart was manifested. Under the influence of the cheery glass, the stores of his memory were unlocked, and the relation of some of the vicissitudes of his chequered career would afford the liveliest entertainment to his guests. He was the trusted friend of President Lincoln, and his shrewd ambassador on many delicate errands, including, in some cases, the disbursement of large secret service state funds, necessary to effect certain operations arising during the internecine conflict in which he took so distinguished a part. He had friends on both sides, and could gain a hearing from the leaders when their ears were closed to every other voice. He knew, and shared the counsels of those Masons who, while the conflict was still pending, and while the Brethren on each side were afraid to trust each other, found in conclaves of Secret Monitors (originally a Dutch Order of Masonry), after the Lodges, a means of meeting the difficulty arising from the freedom of access among Masons to each other's Lodges. The lessons then learnt bore fruit later in the re-establishment, on this side of the water, in conjunction with the late Grand Secretary Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. Sir Fras. Burdett, Richard Eve, W. G. Lemon, alas, all, alas, already snatched from us by death, Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Jas. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A. and a few others, the now flourishing Order of the Secret Monitor, of which he was for so many years the loved and honoured head. Since his serious illness some six years ago, the rule of the Order has devolved upon the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, but no meeting of the Grand Council has ever seemed complete, and few have taken place, without the presence of the venerable and ever active figure of its first chief. The body lay in state during the afternoon of Wednesday, and as it was his dying wish that the solemn funeral service characteristic of the Order should be held over his remains before they were consigned to their last resting place, which wish was respected by his family, a posse of the Members of Grand Council attended at the house before the funeral, and in the presence of his sorrowing friends the beautiful ritual of the Order he loved, prepared for such occasions, was worked by Bro. W. J. Spratling Grand Recorder, assisted by Bros. J. Tickle, J. J. Thomas, I. Kay, and F. E. Lemon as Visiting Deacons, Bro. W. J. Songhurst as Guide, and Bro. Harry Tipper as Guard. The service being over, Bro. Tickle Assistant Deputy Ruler of the Order pronounced a short oration to the following effect:—

We have met here to-day on a very sad occasion. I say sad, because it is the last on which we can possibly meet to do honour to a dear friend. We mourn the loss, not only of an old friend, but of an eminent citizen, and a highly distinguished Mason. Born in England, but very shortly after his birth taken to the great country on the other side of the Atlantic, Bro. Zacharie was in his early career the trusted friend of the late President Lincoln, and rose to high distinction in the Masonic world—becoming in due course the Grand Master of Freemasonry in California. Coming to England in 1875 with a great reputation gained in America, he rapidly rose to fame in his own special branch of surgical and medical science, and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of a large circle of illustrious patients; contributing also many articles of value to the Medical press. It is now many years since a few Secret Monitors of distinction, hailing from distant parts of the world, accidentally discovered each other's Masonic identity in this degree, and a subsequent meeting at his house led to the institution by Dr. Zacharie, in this country, of the Order in Masonry called by that name. Many of us remember with what enthusiasm the Order was received and adopted, and how it increased and multiplied under him as its first Grand Supreme Ruler. He was supported as such by the great ones of the Craft, and in due course of years was succeeded by its present illustrious chief the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of the Masons of England. We also remember with pride and pleasure how famous he became for the princely hospitalities he dispensed at this his home in Brook Street, Grosvenor Square. Bro. Zacharie can now be but a memory with us, for never again in this life can we look into his genial face or give him the hand-shake of good fellowship; but he will still live in our memory as we have so long known him a kind and sincere friend, a cheerful companion, and a polished English gentleman. I feel that no more words of mine can engrave his memory on your hearts more deeply than your own personal experience. I can only finally record that by his death we have each lost a dear friend, and that an able and distinguished man has gone

from amongst us and is now at rest. To his widow and the others members of his disconsolate family we all of us offer our deepest sympathy, and trust that the recollection of his highly distinguished career may be to them some consolation in their bereavement.

Then Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, as one of the oldest friends of the family, almost overcome by grief, added a few words of love and respect, before the coffin was borne to the waiting hearse. We give the following apt quotations from the funeral service, which exemplify in some measure the tenets of the Order:

Non omnis moriar: multaque pars mei
Vitabit Libitinam. Usque ego postera
Crescam laude recens."

"Absint inani funere noenice
Luctusque turpes et qucerimonice.
Compesce clamorem, ac sepulcri
Mitte supervacuos honores."

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep one's self unspotted from the world."

Arrived at the cemetery the burial service was read by the Rev. J. Gregory, M.A., of Putney, in place of the Rev. Carr Gray, an old and valued friend, and when the coffin had been lowered into the grave, and the Brethren, including those named and Bros. C. L. Nelson, John Read, J. Joseph, and several others, had deposited their Masonic emblem upon the remains, the Guard breaking the weapon he had been using at the previous service, threw it upon the coffin, and thus concluded the solemn rite. The display of beautiful wreaths spread out upon the grass was most striking; one seldom sees so many and such lovely floral tributes. The Grand Council of the Order sent an emblematic wreath, and there were those sent by the Premier Conclave, and by the Royal Sussex, No. 10, Brighton; one wreath bore the legend "Great Grandpapa," while others bore the names of intimate and distinguished private friends and relatives. We are informed a public (Masonic) "Conclave of Sorrow" is to be arranged at the Head Quarters of the Order—the Hotel Cecil—at an early date. Any Masonic friend of the late Dr. Zacharie will be able to obtain a ticket of admission on application. The date, when fixed, will be announced in due course.

THE interment of the remains of the late Bro. John Pallister, of Grosvenor House, Crook, the news of whose death in his 67th year was received with wide and deep regret throughout Crook and the district, with which he has been connected in one and another prominent capacity for years approaching the half century, took place on the 18th inst., and proved the occasion for eloquent testimony being given to the high respect and regard in which the deceased was held by those with whom and amongst whom he mixed during a long and useful life. Though the day was one of dull and threatening weather, the attendance of the public included representatives of the many different walks of life in which Bro. Pallister strove with such conspicuous success. At the head of the mournful procession walked the Brethren of the Crook and other district Lodges, behind whom followed the hearse, seven mourning coaches, and five private vehicles, the progress of the cortege en route to the Wesleyan Chapel being of sympathetic interest to large crowds of townsfolk. At the Wesleyan Chapel the funeral service was performed by the Rev. Thomas Baron, assisted by the Rev. E. S. Harland, of Waterhouses. The same reverend gentleman officiated at the graveside, the committal rites being performed under the most adverse circumstances owing to the heavy and continuous fall of rain. The Brethren of the Crook and other Lodges formed in circle about the grave, and at the conclusion of the solemn committal ceremony deposited the sprigs of acacia, which the whole of the Brethren had worn as buttonholes. The Masonic anthem was sung at the graveside, and previously, at the chapel, the appropriate hymns "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Days and Moments quickly flying" were impressively sung.

THE funeral took place at Witton Cemetery, on Thursday, 20th inst., of the late Bro. William B. Gay, who was for many years people's warden at Christ Church, Birmingham. Bro. Gay resided at Selly Park, but died at the Hydro, Blackpool, where he was staying on the advice of his medical man on account of heart trouble. The funeral was attended by representatives of our Craft, in connection with which Bro. Gay was widely known and respected.

Books of the Day.

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Carnations and Picotees for garden and exhibition, with a chapter concerning pinks. By H. W. Weguelin, F.R.H.S. (3s 6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

THIS tastefully designed volume might with advantage have been included in a deservedly popular series of primers issued by Messrs. Newnes. Under the title "The story of Carnations and Picotees" we should have welcomed it as warmly as any volume in that famous series of "Stories" which has enjoyed such a large sale. In truth, Mr. Weguelin deserves well at our hands; for he has treated his subject in a manner which is at once both lucid and exhaustive. It is only of recent years that such carefully written books on flower-culture have been prepared for us. Perhaps the more conspicuous merits of the work before us are the excellent illustrations, and the concise but sufficient descriptions of the many varieties of these choice flowers. Mr. Weguelin has bestowed great attention upon carnations and picotees before attempting to write about them, hence his work is of real value to all lovers of flowers. He tells us that there is such a great variety of carnations and picotees that it is difficult to make a satisfactory selection. This we can well believe. The making of new flowers resembles in at least one respect the making of new books—there is no end in the production. Mr. Weguelin's book has led us to believe that if ever we are desirous of "going in" for the culture of carnations we shall require a deal of space for the housing of our treasures. The chapter dealing with "carnations in the open" is of very practical use to readers who have even a small garden, where they can cultivate a few of the more hardy varieties. We should like to see all flowers—hardy or otherwise—so ably described.

How to write for the Magazines. By "£600 a year from it" (2s 6d).—Grant Richards.

THE title of this book will elicit a smile from many. It is a kindly effort on the part of a writer, who is himself successful, to teach others how to be successful too. We think we could name the writer; but as he has chosen, for obvious reasons, to remain anonymous, we must respect his wishes. This book is itself an object lesson on the subject whereof it treats; for you need not wade through many pages before discovering that you have been provided with a great deal of excellent information and advice conveyed in the fewest possible words. We must, however, in justice say that it is a book for the absolute novice only; for any young writer who has had any experience of journalism, however meagre, must know already the greater part of what is here set down. The novice, however, should profit greatly if he reads, marks, learns, and inwardly digests every word of this guide to success in a career where so many fail. The many snares and pitfalls that beset the path of the literary aspirant are so ably touched upon. We were pleased to find the writer advising his readers to produce good articles rather than bad stories, and still more pleased to note that he has given them some really trustworthy guidance as to the length of an article, the number of the illustrations, and the best magazines for certain sorts of subjects. The remarks, too, as to how to prepare a manuscript in such a manner that an editor shall not lose his temper at the mere sight of it, are so useful that they are worthy of very careful consideration. We must say that we are afraid there will be many disappointments ahead for some who shall strive to reach the author's £600 a year; but this book is certainly a reliable guide for such as decide to try.

New Century Library (2s net per vol).—T. Nelson and Sons.

The Works of WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.—Vol. v., **The Paris Sketch Book, &c.**

THIS is a very old favourite in new and tasteful garb. Thackeray is certainly of those who never come too early or too late. We will confess that for our part we are strongly partial to writings of his other than the great novels—great, as busy folk know to their cost, in more senses than one. If any books of a similar nature are more entertaining than the Yellowplush Papers, The Book of Snobs, the Paris and Irish Sketch Books, and From Cornhill to Cairo, we should much like to meet with them. Need we say, however, that there is more in this little volume than mere entertainment. On almost every page Thackeray has left the impress of a mind that regarded the world and they that dwell therein in a shrewd yet kindly manner. He can praise a Frenchman or an Irishman or an Arab if he considers praise due. Much has been said about Thackeray's cynicism by men who have a very superficial knowledge of his books; but we can heartily recommend our readers to leave sneers unregarded and to enjoy a quiet hour with "The Paris Sketch Book," which in the compass presented us by Messrs. Nelson, in their now famous "New Century Library," is of a size and weight not beyond the carrying capacity of the most exacting.

Jan Oxber. by Orme Agnus. Illustrated by Bertha Newcombe (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

IN literature, as in other avocations, the merit of a man's work is to be measured by the difficulties overcome in the execution. This is, perhaps, a truism, but truisms, as W. M. Rossetti has told us, must sometimes do duty as first sentences. The volume before us contains some of the best short stories we have met with for some time; we observe that the publishers speak of it as the success of the season, and are not surprised. Mr. Orme Agnus has encountered many difficulties, and has overcome them all. It is no

easy matter to write of Wessex life and scenes after Mr. Thomas Hardy; but we are confident that we do Mr. Hardy no injustice if we say that, in many passages of Jan Oxber, Mr. Orme Agnus has proved himself as skilful a delineator of human foibles as the author of "Tess of the Durbervilles." Jan Oxber and his mother, the clergyman and the squire, and the miller and his daughter Ruth, are the characters in this rural drama. What a world of pathos is called up, as by the wand of a magician, by the few conversations here narrated and the few acts that here transpire! We have been reminded of the finest passages in many classics; we have found that Mr. Orme Agnus has added one more volume to that beautiful village literature of which we think when we meet with Goldsmith or George Sand or Mary Wilkins. Nothing is here for tears; for while Jan Oxber is, Heaven knows, touching enough, we are nevertheless rejoiced to know that those touches of nature which make the whole world kin can be so inimitably portrayed. The two best books published this year by Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. are "A man of his age," and "Jan Oxber," unless our taste is greatly at fault.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE for October introduces us to some "Rustic spots in London Parks" which will probably surprise some of the residents of the great metropolis who imagine it is compulsory to go far afield for examples of the beauties of nature. The illustrations are from photos specially taken by Messrs. Cassell for the article, but they represent well known parts of our public playgrounds, and anyone who is not acquainted with the originals might profitably devote a few spare hours to their inspection—it will be found, in these instances, that art has not added to the charms of nature, but has only introduced us to really lovely spots at our very doors. Another realistic contribution is that dealing with the "Great Railway Stations of London," many of the illustrations of which contain features we should admire if we saw them in a foreign guide book, but which almost escape notice in the busy rush of our every day home life. The number contains, in addition, five complete stories (one of them being for children); a contribution to the series of "National Defence" articles—"No. v.—A visit to a Gun factory;" and other interesting matter, the whole of the subjects being well illustrated, and thereby rendered particularly interesting.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Sir Stamford Raffles. England in the Far East (Builders of Greater Britain series). By Hugh Edward Egerton, M.A. (5s).—T. Fisher Unwin.

Henry Knox. A soldier of the revolution, Major-General in the continental army, Washington's chief of artillery, first Secretary of War under the Constitution, founder of the Society of the Cincinnati (1750-1806). By Noah Brooks, illustrated (American Men of Energy series). (6s).—G. P. Putnam's Sons.

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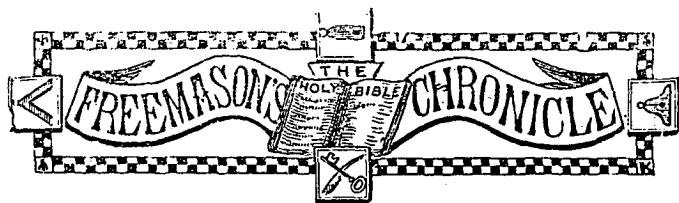
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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on THURSDAY, 11th October 1900, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; and to Elect 24 GIRLS into the School from a LIST of 33 APPROVED CANDIDATES. The Election will commence at One o'clock or immediately after the conclusion of the General Business, and close at Three o'clock precisely.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
27th September 1900.

* * The 113th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in May 1901, under the distinguished Presidency of The Right Hon. the Earl AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov.G.M. of Kent. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.



SATURDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 1900.

ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONRY IN VICTORIA.

IT is much to be regretted that more encouragement is not given to Royal Arch Freemasonry. The tendency seems to be to discourage it and place as many difficulties in the way of interest being taken in it as possible. The new Constitutions appear to be inspired throughout with a feeling of distrust. The powers of the First Grand Principal are as far as possible curtailed, and the legislation as to private Chapters formulates such restrictions that hardly anything can be done for fear of infringing some of these needlessly profuse regulations. Except in the way of this kind of restriction (even in the most trifling matters) the Grand Chapter appears to take very little interest in the private Chapters. It does not even exercise the powers it possesses of insisting that the fees should be paid. What right has a private Chapter to misappropriate money paid to it for a definite purpose. Out of the amount paid as exaltation fee a certain amount does not belong to the private Chapter, but is paid by the candidate through the Chapter to the Grand Chapter for his certificate, and in ordinary business transactions if the agent, to whom money is paid for a certain purpose to be handed over to someone else, diverts that money to his own purposes, he becomes liable to the criminal law. This fact is too much lost sight of in the administration of the affairs of both Lodges and Chapters, and the lesson should be determinedly inculcated that this portion of a candidate's fees is trust money and therefore sacred.

Is Freemasonry more lax in its moral code than the ordinary law of the country? A Lodge or Chapter should not depend for its current expenses upon joining fees or the fees of exaltation. The expenditure and amount of subscription should be so arranged as to balance; the surplus of the fees, after deducting the amount for Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge Certificates, should be considered as a sort of insurance fund or suspense account to compensate for fluctuations in the number of subscribing members. If Grand Chapter would insist upon this, as we have often urged the Grand Lodge to do, it would only be doing its duty and really promoting the interests of the private Chapters.

Grand Chapter does not appear to consider that it is a duty to visit private Chapters. Members will occasionally

visit if they have a special invitation, but it is the Chapters which are most in need of being visited which would fail to give the invitations. A Chapter in which the members are not perfect in their work will hesitate to invite the Grand Chapter to witness work which members know is not perfect, and whilst it is waiting to become more perfect new Officers come in who also have to learn their work under the consequent disadvantage of imperfect predecessors, and they never feel themselves in a position to exhibit their working. If a Chapter knows that at any time the Grand Chapter may pay a visit, it would be an additional incentive to Officers to learn their work and to have it done in a way which would do them credit. It would also induce Chapters to provide some sort of work in the form of lectures or other instruction for the evenings when there was no candidate, and would make it more careful to ensure that no meeting should fall through either for want of proper notice, or owing to non-attendance of Officers or for any other cause, so that if the Grand Chapter should happen to pay a visit it would not have to take the trouble for nothing. Such visiting would also have a tendency to prevent innovations and promote uniformity, as those who are fond of introducing changes and so-called improvements would hesitate before doing so in the presence of Grand Chapter, though they might like to exhibit them before the Companions of their own Chapter. Thus there would be greater uniformity in the ceremonies, and all additions and innovations would be introduced merely as lectures, explanations or instructions, and kept as they should be, distinct from the ceremonial ritual.

The increase of the exaltation fees neither increases the number of desirable members who would wish to join, nor will it in any way keep out those who may be undesirable. It has an exactly opposite effect, and has a tendency to reduce the numbers by keeping out many who have entered Freemasonry to benefit their fellow creatures, and with the intention of studying and acting up to the principles inculcated in the various degrees, and extending their studies upwards as far as possible, and to deteriorate the character by admitting those whose only qualification is that they are able to pay the fees. Of course, the ballot can keep out such as these, but it cannot admit those whose finances will not allow them to undertake the liability for payment of the higher dues. The proper exercise of the ballot is the only restriction necessary upon admission to the higher degrees, except that it may be desirable that the Grand Chapter should say that no one shall be admitted without paying such an amount as may be fixed for his certificate to Grand Chapter. It would, therefore, be perfectly justifiable to say, the fee to Grand Chapter being 15s, no one shall be admitted for less than 21s. Anything further is a useless interference with the rights of private Chapters. Each Chapter can fix its own exaltation fee or joining fee.

If a Chapter desires to restrict membership by charging £2 2s, £3 3s, £5 5s, or more, for the joining fee, it is at liberty to do so, but it seems unwise for Grand Chapter to restrict admission to the Order. So long as a private Chapter has a sufficient income to pay its Grand Chapter charges on each member, and pays that amount over at once, we do not see that Grand Chapter has anything at all to do with the question as to whether they have a large or small income in addition. If it is considered that no one should be admitted to the R.A. unless he has paid, at least, £8 8s, the time to make the increase is on initiation, when £7 7s might be required. There would be something to be said in favour of this, though personally we should not approve, as it might be said that unless a man were in such a position as to enable him to pay a certain amount, whether £5 5s or £10 10s, he would be likely to come in more for what he could get, either pecuniary or otherwise, rather than for the opportunity of doing good to others; but once having entered the Craft it should not be a question of buying his way up into the higher degrees—all advancement should be by merit.

The regulations as to the formation of new Chapters are almost prohibitory. What object can there be in requiring a recommendation from a Chapter 100 miles away or more, which knows nothing of the neighbourhood or the people? Why should not the recommendation be from the nearest Lodge or Chapter? In the case of the recommendation by a Lodge it might be added that it must be accompanied by a letter from the 1st Principal of any Chapter within a certain distance, say, twenty or thirty miles, stating either that there was no objection, or naming any objections to its formation,

Then how is it possible for the First Principal of a Chapter perhaps 100 miles away, totally unacquainted with any of the Brethren signing the Petition, or with the locality, to certify as to the character of the petitioners or the suitability of the building? If he can certify on the assurance of some mutual friend, why could not the Grand Chapter accept that assurance from any member of Grand Chapter (in whom it had confidence), who could give it from his personal knowledge? When delays should be avoided if a petition is sent in seven weeks before the meeting of Grand Chapter (twenty-eight days is required by the regulations). It should be compulsory that it be put before the next meeting, and if postponement is necessary, it should be done by Grand Chapter itself. There are many other points in which alteration would be desirable for the sake of encouraging the progress of R.A. Freemasonry, but the above are sufficient to consider for the present. Over legislation is worse than none at all, and Grand Chapter legislation is much overdone.—"Masonry."

RESTORATION OF BRECHIN CATHEDRAL.

THE Grand Master Mason of Scotland, supported by a large number of Brethren, and in the presence of the Executive Committee and a full and varied representation of the citizens of Brechin, laid the memorial stone in connection with the restoration of Brechin Cathedral, on Saturday afternoon.

About two o'clock the Grand Master and the deputation from Grand Lodge were, on the invitation of the Executive Committee, entertained at luncheon in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute. There was a large company of Freemasons and others. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. James A. Campbell of Stracathro, M.P., the Chairman of the Restoration Executive Committee, and he was supported on the right by the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

After luncheon, the Chairman gave the toast of the Queen, after which Mr. H. Johnston, Q.C., Sheriff of Forfarshire, proposed that of the "Church of Scotland," to which Rev. Dr. Scott replied.

The Chairman gave the toast of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and said that outsiders such as he had the opinion that, whatever Freemasonry was, its objects were Brotherhood and Benevolence.

The Grand Master, in acknowledging the toast, said Freemasons not only took an interest in the building of schools, but a special interest in religion altogether. He had attended many a Masonic function, but did not remember one, away from headquarters or Glasgow, where he had seen so many distinguished Masons gathered together. He concluded by proposing the health of the Chairman.

This was heartily received, and was suitably acknowledged, and then the company separated.

The Masons mustered at the City Hall. The Provincial Grand Master welcomed the Grand Master, thanked him for the honour conferred on the Province, and made a short statement as to its position.

The Grand Master, in replying, congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on having a large and influential deputation there to honour him, for their attendance was a compliment to him. In signing the minute of this Grand Visitation, the Grand Master gave his congratulations on the excellent condition in which the minutes and books of the Province had been kept, and the manner in which the work was conducted.

The members of the Daughter Lodges meantime formed into processional order and marched past the Hall; and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master and his deputation then joined in. All the Brethren were in Masonic costume. The Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master were specially laden with their emblems of position. The former was preceded by the Acting Sword-Bearer, who carried a beautiful Damascus blade, but found no cause in Brechin for bringing it into a condition of activity. Preceded by a band, the Masons formed a long line of procession. There were deputations, headed generally by the R.W.M. of each Lodge, from twenty-eight Daughter Lodges. There were between 300 and 400 Masons in the procession, but it would be difficult to estimate how many spectators witnessed the proceedings, for the holiday ordinance was in force at the time, and all the town seemed

to be eager to see what was to be seen. The line of procession was crowded, windows and other good places were filled, and the precincts of the Cathedral were crammed with old and young. On arriving near the Cathedral they halted, and the members of the Lodges opened up to right and left so as to leave room for the Grand Master and the Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge to pass up the centre to their places near the memorial stone. Daughter Lodges followed, and took places in the nave.

The proceedings were commenced by the band playing the National Anthem, then "O God of Bethel" was sung, and the Rev. Dr. Colin Campbell, Dundee, Grand Chaplain, offered up prayer very appropriate to the occasion.

At this stage Mr. J. H. White, of Messrs J. H. White and Sons, Glasgow, the contractors for the work, stepped forward and presented to the Grand Master the trowel and mallet to be used in the ceremony. The trowel was of massive silver, with a handsomely carved black handle, and on the back had a beautiful engraving of the coat of arms of the old Chapter of Brechin Cathedral, and bore the following inscription on the front:—

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The Grand Master suitably acknowledged the present, and afterwards said that he would leave the trowel and mallet in Brechin for some time, to allow the people of the town an opportunity of seeing them.

The Grand Officers then proceeded with the function. In a cavity of the memorial stone were placed a jar containing papers relative to the restoration, a copy of the "Dundee Advertiser," and of the Cathedral Parochial Magazine and other papers. Then the 100th Psalm was sung, the stone was "laid in its bed according to the rules of Masonry," the Grand Master gave three knocks, and said—"May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking and crown it with every success." Corn—the emblem of plenty and abundance of God's good gifts—was then thrown on the stone, wine and oil were poured upon it, and then the ceremonial was closed.

The Grand Master thanked the Executive for the privilege granted the Masons of taking part in the ceremony. It was interesting because of the antiquity of the building now being restored, because the genius of the architect was bringing back much of the beauty of the Cathedral as it stood in old days, and because the restoration was really and truly a national restoration. All denominations had contributed to make the scheme a success, and everybody had given according to his means, from princely donations—one by Mr. Campbell and another by one who had determined to remain anonymous—down to the more humble offerings of goodwill. Most cordially did he congratulate all concerned, and, above all, the ministers of the church upon the splendid success that had attended their glorious efforts; and most earnestly did he trust and pray that in the future, as in the past, this Brechin Cathedral might be the centre of Christian life and thought for many and many a year to come.

The Right Hon. J. A. Campbell, M.P., thanked the Masons for their assistance. They had had a most impressive ceremonial in connection with the restoration of perhaps not one of the greatest Cathedrals, but certainly one of the most beautiful in Scotland. He gave a review of the steps taken to secure this, and stated that the subscriptions had now reached the sum of £10,130, leaving £1,900 yet to collect. The congregation had done its best, and the Committee had had sympathy and encouragement from the people in Brechin and connected with it and with the district, belonging to all classes and to all denominations. It had been taken up as an object of national concern and of general interest. Many had replied to the Committee's appeals that they were fully occupied with the war funds, but he hoped that was only postponed, and that now, when the raising of war funds was at an end, or nearly so, their friends would bethink themselves of the claims of the Brechin Cathedral restoration, and give them the £1,900 as soon as possible.

Provost Scott said that, as Provost of the Ancient City of Brechin, he was glad to be able to congratulate the gentlemen who conceived the idea of restoring their old Cathedral on the success of the scheme in so far as it had been carried out and the certainty of its being completed.

Thereafter the Grand Master, remarking that they had enjoyed Queen's weather, called for three cheers for Her Majesty, and that was cordially responded to; the band played "Rule, Britannia," and the Cathedral bells rang.

The procession then returned to the Hall in inverted order. The Grand Master announced that Captain Hope of Bridgecastle had resigned the Office of Deputy Grand Master, and that he intended to appoint the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay to that Office. This was received by the Brethren with much applause.

The proceedings then closed.—"Dundee Advertiser."

On Tuesday Bro. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Vaughan Morgan received at the hands of the Rev. Richard Lee, the Headmaster, in the Court Room of Christ's Hospital, the Sheriff's chain and badge, presented to him in honour of his accession to that dignity. As the Sheriff-elect has been for many years Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, the list of subscribers to the presentation included the names of many Governors of that ancient foundation, as well as members of the Amicable and Benevolent Societies of Blues, friends in the Ward of Cordwainer, and Brother Masons. The chain and badge are fine examples of goldsmiths' work, and bear on shields Masonic emblems, Welsh emblems in honour of the Sheriff's nationality, and the arms of his Companies, Christ's Hospital, and the City. With the balance of the presentation fund it is intended to place a portrait of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan on the walls of the Court Room. The presentation was made on behalf of the two hundred and forty-three subscribers. Alderman Vaughan-Morgan, in accepting the gift, said he appreciated the great compliment paid him, and only wished he deserved it more. The links of the chain would bind him more closely to his old school and old friends. The chain has been designed after the style of the Italian chains of the Middle Ages, in a continuous band of scrolls, these supporting the shields referred to. On the badge, which is in the same design, are placed the Alderman's arms, supported by those of the City, the Cutlers' and the Loriners' Companies, while below are further Masonic emblems, the base being a key denoting Alderman Vaughan-Morgan's rank of Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge. The chain is 42in. in length, and is of 18-carat gold. A vote of thanks to Dr. Lee and the Committee concluded the proceedings, which were largely attended.

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The Marquess of Zetland has become a Vice President of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London, and the membership has been increasing so rapidly, writes the London correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post," that it has been determined to issue a supplementary list to the one published only a few months ago. A movement is on foot to establish in connection with the Society a Masonic Lodge. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. J. Barker, of Raynes Park, is a well-known Mason, and is strongly supporting the scheme.

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We reproduce elsewhere an article from "Masonry," headed "Royal Arch Freemasonry in Victoria," for the reason that very much of what is there written applies directly to the management of Masonic affairs in the home country, and indeed generally. The heading is decidedly local, but it will be found the facts and general views set out are certainly cosmopolitan.

NOTTINGHAM RACES AND GOOSE FAIR.—In connection with these important events the Great Northern Railway Company are making special arrangements for the conveyance of passengers from London. On 1st and 2nd October special first and third class luncheon and dining car express will leave Kings Cross (G.N.) at 10.33 a.m., and arrive Nottingham at 1.0 p.m., returning each day from Nottingham at 4.50 p.m., due Kings Cross (G.N.) 7.30 p.m. On the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, cheap excursions will leave Kings Cross at 8.45 a.m., for 1, 2, 3, or 4 days, and on the 6th from Kings Cross at 8.45 a.m., Finsbury Park 8.50 a.m., for 1 day. A special cheap half day trip will be run from Kings Cross at 1.0 p.m. on Saturday, 6th October, arriving at Nottingham at 4.10 p.m., and returning same night, from Nottingham at 11.55 p.m. For this trip the special low third class return fare of 4s 3d will be charged.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679.

MUSIC hath charms to—interest and entertain a jovial band of Brothers who, but for its "persuasive sound" might probably have found it somewhat difficult to keep in check the exuberance of their good nature and jovial feelings. Such, at least, was our opinion after spending an hour or two last Saturday evening with the disciples of "Old Mug," better known to-day as members of 1679—the Lodge named after the worthy old friend of our younger days, who was then about as fair a specimen of the hearty, jovial Freemason as it was possible to find. Like father, like son, we are told, and certain it is that the present generation of members of the Henry Muggeridge follow in the footsteps of the worthy old Brother to whom they owe their name.

The meeting of Saturday last was held at the regular quarters of the Lodge, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was presided over by the W.M. Bro. T. F. Strutt, who had ample opportunity on the occasion to display his great ability as a worker and ruler in the Craft. He was supported by Bros. John Worthington I.P.M., R. M. Crompton S.W., C. J. Sowton P.M. acting J.W., Alfred Sack P.M. Treas., W. Boyce P.M. Sec., A. E. Patman S.D., A. W. Page acting J.D., Percy Gayer I.G., Sidney Roberts Organist, J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters S. Stampfer, G. Clark, A. J. Street, C. J. Sowton, J. W. Gomm, T. Sibley; Bros. E. F. Herring, H. R. Edwards, W. Roberts, W. L. Stone, R. Love, George White, W. Tipton, P. Page, H. Franklin, G. Bernard, W. Richmond, and others; together with the following Visitors: O. Hill 144, D. G. Simmons 1853, H. Dawkes 2625, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. Bro. John Worthington I.P.M. kindly officiated as Organist, in the temporary absence of Bro. Sidney Roberts. Bros. W. Roberts, H. Franklin, F. W. Herring and W. Richmond were passed.

The ballot having been proved favourable for their admission, three candidates were received, and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, these being Dr. William Stanley, Mr. G. B. J. Annegarn, and Mr. R. W. Duce, who were heartily welcomed on their initiation by the members and visitors of the Lodge.

Some other business having been disposed of, the Brethren repaired to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent banquet was served, and at its conclusion the W.M. submitted the usual Loyal toasts, Bro. Worthington singing the National Anthem after that of the Queen.

The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master. The Lodge had been in existence for many years, and had good reason to be proud of its present Master, whose rendering of the two degrees that day had really been something to be proud of. Personally he had never heard the second degree better delivered, while the initiation of the three candidates had been most impressive, including as it did the Charge. He felt the Master would be very pleased to see the members of the Lodge attend regularly and punctually, and bring him as much work as possible during his term of Office.

The W.M. said he could hardly thank the Brethren enough for the way in which they had received the toast of his health. He thought he had said nearly all he had to say at the last meeting, when he was installed as their Chief Officer. As head of the Lodge he felt, as he had said before, that he had every member with him, and if they would only continue in that course he was sure the Lodge would go on and prosper. As a Lodge they wanted to do all they could for the Charities; they endeavoured to have all they could wish for their personal enjoyment and comfort, but at the same time they must not—nor did they wish to do so—forget the Charities. Judging from what had been said he felt the Brethren were pleased with his working, and if that was the case he was more than delighted.

In submitting the health of the Initiates the W.M. said he regarded it as really the chief toast of the evening. More particularly addressing himself to the newly admitted Brethren Bro. Strutt said it was pretty generally known that Masonry was a very great and good organisation in this country. It induced friendliness, and made them feel that anyone met as a Mason was one on whom they could rely. If the new Brethren would only act up to the ritual of Freemasonry they could not fail to become better men and better citizens of the world.

In response, Dr. Stanley thanked the Brethren sincerely for the great honour they had done him that night in admitting him as a Freemason. He hoped to make such progress as would demonstrate to the members that they had not done wrong in admitting him a member of the Brotherhood.

Bro. Annegarn said it was difficult for him at the moment to find words to adequately thank the Brothers of the Lodge for having received him as a member, and for the kind welcome he had had that night. The events of that evening would never be effaced from his memory, and he trusted that in years to come he might prove to the Brethren that they had done well in making him a Freemason.

Bro. Duce said he had sung at more than one or two Masonic Lodges, and from what he had then experienced he had long desired

to become associated with the Order. He hoped to become a good sailor in the most noble Craft of Freemasonry.

In giving the toast of the Visitors the W.M. said it was one always honoured with enthusiasm in the Henry Muggeridge Lodge. They were honoured that night by the attendance of several guests, and on behalf of the members he offered them a hearty welcome, and trusted they would be able to come again on some future occasion. Were it not for the practice of visiting, members of the Craft would not have the opportunity of seeing the sort of work going on in other Lodges, and would not have any examples of excellence to emulate in their own. Bros. Simmons and Dawkes responded.

The toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters was next given, including the Treasurer and Secretary. The W.M. hardly knew what could be said in submitting this toast, as the Brethren it included wanted nothing to recommend them, and even if they did, the members knew their qualifications as well as he did. He did not know where the Lodge would have been that night—with the Junior Warden and the Junior Deacon ill—if they had not had Past Masters able and willing to fill their places—indeed the Lodge could not get on without its Past Masters, who were good and capable Masons, Brethren who had done good suit and service in their time and were ready to do it again if needed.

The Treasurer was the first to respond. He said the Past Masters were proud of the W.M. that day. Bro. Strutt was one of the initiates of the Lodge, and now he had the honour of being its Master, and not only so but he was W.M. of another London Lodge also—a compliment very rarely conferred on a member of the Craft. He had been delighted to hear Bro. Strutt give the Charge as he had done that day, and also to witness the way in which he studied the interests of the Lodge at the after proceedings. Really he regarded him as an ideal Master, recognising that it seldom happened that a Lodge got a good worker, and one who studied the expenses of the Lodge, and also supported the Charitable Institutions of the Craft at the same time. He considered this latter qualification most essential, for as Masons they ought not really to exist without looking well after the Charities; it was through them the outside world looked at Freemasonry, and formed its opinion of the Craft. One could not go to either of the Institutions without being proud of what they saw there. Recognising all this, and that it was the general desire of the members to carry out the principles of the Craft, he could but believe that at the end of the present year's Mastership the Lodge would find they had done better than ever on behalf of the Charities of the Order—in truth, that they really had an ideal Master in Bro. Strutt.

Bro. Clark endorsed the remarks of the Treasurer, and felt they had really come direct from his heart, especially what he had said in regard to the Institutions of the Craft, in which he took so great an interest. The present W.M. had worked hard in the Lodge, from even its junior Office, and he did not think any member had really done more for it than he, while he was convinced his year's presidency would prove an acquisition to the Lodge. He had been very much impressed with the behaviour of the three gentlemen initiated that evening; he had attended them as one of the Deacons, and felt they were the right sort of men—the sort wanted in Freemasonry; men who would do something in their time to uphold the grand principles of the Order.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, regretting that ill health prevented the attendance of the Junior Warden and Junior Deacon. All hoped they would be sufficiently recovered to attend at the next meeting. He had very great pleasure in testifying to the efficiency of the Brethren who had supported him that evening—their work had been most creditable, especially that of the Inner Guard. As evidence of his sincerity Bro. Strutt further honoured the toast by giving a song.

After the reply of the Officers the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

As we have said, Music occupied a prominent place in the day's programme, and it was of such a high quality as to really become a memorable feature. The I.P.M. said there was not another Lodge like it in the world, for he believed that one or other of its members could bring all the instruments that David could have desired played at the dedication of the Temple—and play efficiently on all of them. The Initiates did their share, the older members likewise contributed, and the rank and file made additions to one of the most enjoyable musical evenings we have ever listened to. So much so that we came away from the Lodge fully convinced that there is music—and MUSIC.

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Commemoration Lodge, No. 2663.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER THOMAS FEISTEL.

THE installation of Bro. Feistel as the fourth Master of this flourishing Lodge took place at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, 11th instant, when a large number of Brethren and Visitors attended.

The installation ceremony was admirably carried out by Bro. Henry Garrod P.G.P., who rendered the addresses in a very impressive manner. The investiture of Officers by Bro. Feistel was very much appreciated, it being rather more effective than the customary phraseology.

The following were appointed and invested: Bros. John Sulley I.P.M., John Ellerton S.W., H. Chappel J.W., R. S. Murray Treas., W. Clarke Saunders Sec., Dr. John Goodfellow S.D., C. Franklin I.D., J. Foley I.G., E. S. J. Flaxman Organist, C. Hubbard P.M. D.C., R. M. F. Robertson and R. A. Jack Stewards, and S. Ellis Tyler.

At the banquet table Bro. Feistel proved himself a very able President, one who will carry out the duties attached to his high and important Office with credit to himself; and we firmly believe great satisfaction to the Brethren of the Lodge.

During the evening Bro. Sulley I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a very handsome box of silver knives and forks, they being voluntarily subscribed for by the members, as a mark of their appreciation of the good work he had done for the Lodge. Bro. Feistel remarked it was the conception of Bro. Sulley to form a Lodge composed of members of the Confectionary business (the only one of its kind, we believe), and it was due to him and Bros. Clark Saunders, Chas. Hubbard, C. F. Webster, the present Master, and others that the Lodge was formed, and has in this comparatively short time become one of the most successful Lodges of the London district.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Samuel Masters, with Bro. Arthur W. Briggs P.P.G.Org. Bucks at the piano, assisted by the Misses Gertrude and Florence Feistel, Miss H. Hudson, and J. Harvey.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE working of the Fifteen Sections at this Lodge—which took place at the weekly meeting on Wednesday, at the Bunch of Grapes, 14 Lime Street, E.C.—attracted a large gathering of Brethren, and proved to be one of the most successful in its history. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dave Moss P.M. 1275 2607 P.D.G. S.B. of the Transvaal, supported by Bros. L. A. DaCosta P.M. S.W., J. Oxley P.M. J.W., Metcalfe Baillie acting Sec., C. Goovearts Tr., S. Lothiem S.D., W. Pegg J.D., W. H. Latham W.M. 1962 I.G., G. J. Davey P.M. Sec. of the Mother Lodge, Haughton, F. Haines P.M., M. DaCosta P.M., H. Crook, H. Rowland, G. F. Carr, W. H. Johns, J. A. Hobday, G. Bushell, S. Forman, J. Davis, W. Andrew, J. Done, T. Goodchild, A. Davis, H. J. Huggett, J. Jackson, H. Saunton P.M., J. Wynman, R. Roper, J. Cohn, and several other members and visitors.

The Sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. I. Davis, I. Richmond, S. Emden, I. Richmond, S. Lothiem, N. Goldman, and L. Simmons. Lodge was then called off and regularly resumed, when the remaining Sections were worked, those of the second degree by Bros. John Durrell, M. DaCosta, J. Goldston, J. Oxley, and N. Goldman; and those of the third degree by Bros. J. Goldston, L. DaCosta, and J. Davis.

The work was splendidly done, and reflected the greatest credit on the Brethren who assisted with the different answers, but more particularly on the worthy President Bro. Moss, who did much to ensure the success of the meeting, by the great ability he displayed in the chair. We need hardly allude to any part of the working, indeed, as the Brethren concerned are famed for their ability in this particular part of the work of Freemasonry, and were as good as usual on this occasion.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and some twenty Brethren elected as members of the Lodge, the acting Master saying that Bro. Spice, the Preceptor, was one of the most efficient tutors of the Craft, and hoping the new members would attend as often as possible, so as to profit by his experience.

Bro. George Spice I.P.M. 193 Preceptor of the Lodge proposed that a hearty vote be passed, and recorded on the minutes, thanking the Chairman of the meeting and the Brethren who had helped him, for so kindly working the beautiful Sections of the three degrees, especially those who had been called upon at short notice and had filled the place of others unfortunately prevented from attending as they had intended. Bro. Metcalf Baillie supported the proposition and further proposed that the chief Officers of the evening should be elected honorary members of the Lodge, which was agreed to.

Bro. D. Moss returned thanks for himself and the other workers. He had much pleasure in calling to mind the fact that he was himself Preceptor of the Lodge twenty years ago. He regretted his old friend Bro. Secretary Pitt was not present that evening, and promised that on some future occasion the Brethren who had been elected honorary members would render further assistance to the Confidence Lodge.

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Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

AN exceptionally good meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Houndsditch. Those present included Bros. D. J. George W.M., Stocks S.W., Henshaw J.W., T. Cowell P.M. Pres., M. McNish P.M. Sec., L. Norden S.D., Butlin J.D., Andrews I.G., L. DaCosta P.M., J. Hammersley, J. Norden, Taurmac, J. Cohn, Mahany, J. Mitchell, Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. Cohn kindly offered himself as candidate. The ceremony was perfectly rendered, and then the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree and asked the questions leading to the third. The Lodge was resumed to the first, and by general desire the worthy Preceptor Bro. Cowell gave the ancient charge in grand form. Bro. Cowell proceeded to work the third section of the lecture, whilst Bro. DaCosta was as usual ready to render any assistance the Brethren might require. Bro. DaCosta worked the fourth section, assisted by Bro. Cowell, which working was highly appreciated by the Brethren.

Bro. Mitchell, of the Friars Lodge, No. 1349 and J. Hammersley, of the Mother Lodge, No. 554, were unanimously elected members, which compliment was acknowledged. Bro. Stock was chosen W.M. for Tuesday next.

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City of London Lodge, No. 901.

ON Tuesday, 25th, at 6.30 p.m., at the King's Arms, Shoreditch, Bro. W. Reeves J.W. of the Mother Lodge as W.M., T.

Arment S.W., Dr. S. Walshe Owen J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Prec., W. Grant S.D., J. Wynman J.D., S. W. Henderson I.G., W. H. Haylock W.M. 901, A. E. Purkiss P.M., J. Hopper, and others.

After formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Haylock acting as candidate. Bro. Grant answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. W. R. Haylock was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Haylock, who advanced, and closed down in the various degrees.

Bro. Arment was elected W.M. for Tuesday next.

This being the first occasion on which we have had the pleasure of seeing Bro. W. Reeves in the chair, we cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting him on his work. Both the ceremonies were accurately rendered by Bro. Reeves, who we are pleased to say is a regular attendant, not alone at the Mother Lodge, but at the Instruction one also, he believing in the old motto that practice makes perfect.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

ON Thursday, 20th inst., at 7 o'clock, at Bro. H. J. Huggett's, the Red Cross Tavern and Restaurant, Paternoster Square, E.C., Bros. J. K. Gwyn P.M. 1194 Preceptor of the Lodge W.M., W. Tomes S.W., J. Phillips J.W., F. E. Bailey acting Preceptor A. Davis W.M. 1194 Sec., C. K. Jones S.D., W. H. Gissing J.D., Hill Hartland I.G., C. H. Phillips P.M., J. H. Guyton P.M., W. G. Hale W.M. 1446, Swan, Martin, Richardson, Hellyar, J. R. Gissing, Francis, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being duly formed was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation, Bro. J. H. Guyton P.M. acting as D.C., whilst Bro. C. H. Phillips P.M. took the chair of S.W. The Worshipful Master-elect (Bro. Tomes) was presented, obligated, regularly installed, and saluted in the various degrees. He then proceeded to invest the Officers of the Lodge, which was done in a faultless manner. Bro. Gwyn delivered the three addresses in good form, and to the great delight of every Brother present. We may add we have seldom heard the work more impressively rendered; it was a great credit to all concerned.

The Lodge was called off and on resumption Bros. C. Richardson 147, Reginald Richardson 2458, W. Tomes 1194, and W. G. Hale W.M. 1446 were unanimously elected members. Bro. Tomes specially thanked the Lodge for their kindness in having installed him as W.M. that evening, and also thanked the Brethren for their indulgence and encouragement, in allowing him to rehearse the investiture of Officers.

Bro. C. H. Phillips P.M. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Sympathy Chapter, No. 483.

A CONVOCATION was held on Tuesday, at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, when Comp. R. J. Beamish M.E.Z. presided for the first time after his installation. He was supported by the Officers, and a good number of the members.

Bro. Dr. Herbert Leslie Thurnell, who was approved at the previous meeting, being in attendance, was admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree. The ceremony was admirably carried out by Comp. Beamish, assisted by his co-Principals, who gave the lectures: Comp. Gillett P.S., and Comp. Percy Bowen, who kindly undertook the Office of S.N.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Comp. J. P. White P.Z., and showed an excellent balance, with no liabilities. The M.E.Z., with a few flattering remarks presented a P.Z. jewel, voted by the Chapter for his services while in the Chair, to Comp. Orilton Cooper, for which the recipient returned his sincere thanks.

Another candidate for exaltation was proposed, so that the Chapter will be provided with work at its next meeting, in November.

READING MASONS.

IT is beyond dispute that Masons are poor readers of Masonic literature. Upon the principle that the shoemaker goes barefooted, the hatter hatless and the tailor without clothes, as it were, so also does the average Mason think he mastered his trade when he was "raised," therefore it is presumption to attempt to enlighten him. His spattering of ritual and limited knowledge of the esoterics is entirely sufficient for him to pose as a bright Mason. This seems to satisfy his ambition, and by a glib use thereof he succeeds in impressing the non-reading contingent with his importance and through their credulity rides the average members of the Craft with whip and spur. When we say "average Mason," we mean no disrespect; we simply mean the Brother who does not read and study for himself.

We are led to these remarks by one of the Craft who declares himself thus: "I do not claim to be a reading Mason; I do not want to be a student, but I do claim to be a ritualist, and upon my reputation as such will I stand"—and thereby pose as a bright Mason, we presume. It seems to us that ambition alone would cause him to read, in order that he might at least be consistent in his ritual by being enabled to

present his work historically correct, especially so when he has occasion to present it in the presence of those who are as "bright" as the actor.

We have noticed all through our Masonic life that a large majority of the Craft seem to think that the whole of Masonry is contained in the secret degrees and a proper rendition of the ritual. Never was there a greater mistake, and if they would just think for a moment they would soon discover it. If you profess religion and join a church, and are honest in your intentions, your first desire is to subscribe to some church paper and read the standard works on the history of the church of your choice, so that you may be enabled to discuss the matter intelligibly. If you are a farmer, and are honest in your profession, you, of course, post yourself by reading agricultural journals, in addition to the practical knowledge you receive by personal contact with the hoe. If you are a politician, daily do you devour everything pertaining to your party that you find in the secular press, thereby enabling you to successfully parry the darts of your adversary. If you are a minister your constant study is the Bible, so that you may be enabled to put to flight "the ignorance of foolish men" in their arguments. And so might we continue through every trade, profession and calling, and show that this progressive world has published literature to reach all conditions and classes of men, and further, that all progressive men, especially those who rise to eminence and distinction, do so through the reading of literature pertaining to their especial case.

This being so, we are at a loss to know why it is that Masons do not read and study more than they do. Surely it is not for want of literature. There are more books by double published on Masonry than all other secret societies combined. —Bun F. Price, in "Memphis Commercial Appeal."

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of the new musical novel (published by Sands and Co.) entitled "A439, being the Autobiography of a Piano," written gratuitously by "twenty-five Musical Scribes." The profits go entirely to the Orphanage of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, which was founded at the time of Her Majesty's first Jubilee. A letter dated the 21st instant, from the Private Secretary to the Editor, Mr. Algernon Rose, says that "The Queen desires her thanks to be returned for the book."

The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—7.30, The Price of Peace. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30.
Duke of York's.—8.15, The Lackey's Carnival. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8.30, The Wedding Guest. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Globe.—8.30, Colonel Cromwell. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Gt. Queen Street.—8.15, A Boer Meisje. 9, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Haymarket.—8.30, Sweet Nell of Old Drury. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Lyceum.—On Saturday, For Auld Lang Syne.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Prince of Wales.—8.30, English Nell. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
St. James's.—8.30, A debt of Honour. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Savoy.—8.15, The Outpost. 8.45, The Pirates of Penzance. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8.15, The Casino Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, Punctured. 9, In the Soup. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.45.
Terry's.—On Thursday, A Parlour Match.
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Yellow Peril. 9, Self and Lady. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, Florodora.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, The Gay Grisette.
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, Night Birds of London.
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, On Her Majesty's Service.
Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment, Soldiers of the Queen, &c.
Aquarium.—Varied performances, daily.
Empire.—8, Variety Entertainment. Sea-side, War Pictures, &c.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Palace.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. A Galaxy of Stars. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Agricultural Hall.—Saturday, 8, Mohawk and Moore and Burgess Minstrels.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions. Siberia, Sandow, &c.
St. James Hall.—8 (except Saturday), Mohawk and Moore and Burgess Minstrels. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 3.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Café Chantant. The Lumini-
scriptor. Wireless Telegraphy, &c.
Earl's Court.—Woman's Exhibition.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.

**MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.
Monday.**

- 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall
69 Unity, Westminster Palace Hotel
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall
1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall
2020 St. Botolph, Albion
2098 Harlesden, National Schools, Harles.
2242 Tyssen Amherst, Stoke Newington
- 113 Unanimity, Bull, Preston
135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgwater
119 Sun, Square & Compasses, Whitehaven
156 Harmony, F.M.H., Plymouth
251 Loyal, F.M.H., Barnstaple
328 St. John, F.M.H., Torquay
331 Phoenix of Honour & Prudence, Truro
428 Sincerity, Angel, Northwich
431 St. George, F.M.H., North Shields
467 Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham
482 St. James, Wretham Rm., Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Worcester
622 St. Cuthberga, F.M.H., Wimborne
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Bell, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
959 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Ipswich
977 Fowey, F.M.H., Fowey
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
1051 Rowley, F.M.H., Lancaster
1071 Zetland, F.M.H., Saltash
1211 Goderich, F.M.H., Leeds
1239 Wentworth, F.M.H., Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Exeter
1264 Neptune, F.M.H., Liverpool
1280 Walden, Rose & Crown, Saffron Walden
1399 Marlborough, Mlb. Arms, Woodstock
1573 Caradoc, F.M.H., Swansea
1954 Molesworth, F.M.H., Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, F.M.H., Sunderland
2078 St. Lawrence, F.M.H., Scunthorpe
2166 Cotehele, F.M.H., Calstock
2497 Carville, F.M.H., Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 Prince Wales, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
2533 Fitzwilliam, F.M.H., Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, F.M.H., Scarborough

Tuesday.

- 9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tav.
1381 Kennington, Horns, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Clarence Hall, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Nth. Woolwich
1803 Cornhill, Cafe Monico
2128 Un. North. Counties, Inns of Court
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall
2460 Hortus, Freemasons' Hall
2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's
- 52 Union, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, F.M.H., Bristol
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Durham
158 Adam, Britannia, Sheerness
160 True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford
262 Harmonic, F.M.T., Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, F.M.H., Keighley
315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364 Cambrian, F.M.H., Neath
393 St. David, F.M.H., Berwick
421 Loyal Industry, F.M.H., Southmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
484 Faith, Gerard's, Ashton-in-Makerfield
493 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, F.M.H., Liskeard
558 Temple, F.M.H., Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, F.M.H., Belvedere
624 Abbey, F.M.H., Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
673 St. John, F.M.H., Liverpool
734 Londesborough, F.M.H., Bridlington
789 Dunheved, F.M.H., Launceston
804 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Havant
814 Parrett & Axe, Town Hall, Crewkerne
847 Fortescue, F.M.H., Honiton
910 St. Oswald, F.M.H., Pontefract
960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff
967 Three G. Principles, F.M.H., Penryn
974 Pentalpha, F.M.H., Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal, Crewe
990 Neyland, New Masonic Hall, Neyland
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, F.M.H., Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley

- 1244 Marwood, F.M.H., Redcar
1336 Square & Compass, F.M.H., Wrexham
1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
1780 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, F.M.H., Padstow
1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms, Bedlington
1908 Cholmondeley, F.M.H., Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, F.M.H., South Shields
1981 Arnold, Castle, East Molesey
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Town Hall, Bakewell
2595 Trinity, Assembly Rm., Buckfastleigh

Wednesday.

- 511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel
1298 Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn Rest.
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
2032 Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
2484 Second Middlesex Artillery, F.M.H.
2615 Zodiac, Denmark, East Ham
2739 Verity, Cafe Monico
2764 St. Olave, Tower Bridge Hotel
- 74 Athol, F.M.H., Birmingham
86 Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, Lanc.
94 Phoenix, F.M.H., Sunderland
137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
159 Brunswick, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
282 Bedford, F.M.H., Tavistock
287 Unanimity, White Lion, Stockport
298 Harmony, Masonic Room, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, F.M.H., Bristol
327 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
633 Yarborough, Grand, Manchester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
681 Scarsdale, F.M.H., Chesterfield
970 St. Anne, F.M.H., East Looe
992 St. Thomas, Griffin, L. Broughton
1003 Prince of Wales, Mas. Tem., Jersey
1010 Kingston, F.M.H., Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool
1085 Hartington, F.M.H., Derby
1091 Erme, F.M.H., Ivybridge
1167 Alnwick, F.M.H., Alnwick
1193 Doric, White Hart, Wymondham
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-St.
1335 Lindsay, F.M.H., Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, F.M.H., Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, George, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, F.M.H., Woolston
1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, F.M.H., Frizington
1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax
1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
2283 Euston, New Inn, St. Neots
2368 Alan, Queens, Alderly Edge
2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head, Uckfield
2453 Duke of York, F.M.H., Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Club House, Longsight
2560 Earl of Lathom, Royal, Bury
2684 St. Ivo, Mas. Temple, St. Ives, Hunts.
2690 West Kirby, Tynwold Hall, W. Kirby

Thursday.

- 27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel
45 Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant
192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel
227 Ionic, Criterion
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall
742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
820 Lily of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel
1216 Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall
1425 Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1765 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville Place
1772 Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant
1950 Southgate, Beale's Restaurant
2150 Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant
2202 Regents Park, Frascati Restaurant
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel
2291 West Ham Abbey, Town H., Stratford
2411 Clarence and Avondale, Leytonstone
2512 Fulham, Town Hall, Fulham
2580 Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate
2665 Past and Present, Freemasons' Hall
2675 Diamond Jubilee, Castle, Woodford
- 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-on-T.
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull
110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil

- 123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorks.
195 Hengist, F.M.H., Bournemouth
219 Prudence, F.M.H., Todmorden
230 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devonport
249 Mariners, F.M.H., Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Freemasons' Arms, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Volunteer Hd. Qts., Blackburn
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
289 Fidelity, F.M.H., Leeds
294 Constitutional, F.M.H., Beverley
295 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
317 Affability, F.M.H., Manchester
362 Doric, F.M.H., Manchester
446 Benevolent, Vicar's Hall, Wells, Som.
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves, Accrington
509 Tees, F.M.H., Stockton
531 St. Helen, F.M.H., Hartlepool
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, F.M.H., Blackpool
856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton
1164 Eliot F.M.H., St. Germans
1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Elland
1304 Olive Union, F.M.H., Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Masonic Room, Ripley
1384 Equity, Central, Widnes
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton
1473 Bootle, F.M.H., Bootle
1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham
1513 Friendly, F.M.H., Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, F.M.H., Lymm
1790 Old England, Art Gallery, Croydon
1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1874 Lechmere, F.M.H., Balsall Heath
1899 Wellesley, Wellington, Crowhurst
2169 Osborne, F.M.H., East Cowes
2195 Military Jubilee, F.M.H., Dover
2317 Bisley, F.M.H., Woking
2321 Acacia, F.M.H., Bradford
2350 Corinthian, Bird i' th' hand, Hindley
2386 Clarence, F.M.H., Chester
2433 Minerva, Bank Bldgs., Connah's Quay
2496 Wirral, Cloughton Hall, Birkenhead
2651 Charity, F.M.H., Warrington

Friday.

- 554 Yarborough, London Tavern
890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Rest.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall
2488 Eccentric, Cafe Royal
2511 St. John at Hackney, Finsbury
2772 Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall
- 44 Friendship, Albion, Manchester
242 St. George, F.M.H., Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, F.M.H., Leeds
355 Royal Sussex of Emulation, Swindon
426 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Spilsby
445 Fidelity, Pomfret, Towcester
521 Truth, F.M.H., Huddersfield
712 Lindsey, F.M.H., Louth
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal, Boston
1230 Barnard, F.M.H., Barnard Castle
1232 Hereward, Angel, Bourne
1375 Architect, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, F.M.H., Nottingham
1547 Liverpool, F.M.H., Liverpool
1648 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Bradford
1664 Gosforth, F.M.H., Gosforth
1739 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Swadlincote
1754 Windsor, F.M.H., Penarth
1993 Wolseley, Trevalyan, Manchester
2290 Fairfield, Alexandra, Liverpool
2491 White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield
2569 St. Trillo, Oxford Bldgs., Colwyn Bay
2680 Swinburne, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne

Saturday.

- 1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall
1949 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel
2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall
2661 Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant
2728 Muswell Hill, Frascati Restaurant

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